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Membership Application Notes

General information

Deadlines for submission of applications: There are 2 intakes of applications every year, at the March and October committee meetings, with the deadline for all forms to be with the Membership Secretary at the end of January and end of August.

Please use these notes together with the LSCC Full Membership Guidelines to complete the form. Your proposer and seconders, and the Membership Secretary, can help and are happy to read through a first draft before you submit the final form. If you need some additional support around making a membership application, including in other formats, please talk to the Membership Secretary in advance.

For the demonstration of your skills, we ask that at least one activity in each section has been with a member(s) who has observed you and can vouch for your skills and competency. Ideally, these members would be your proposer and/or seconders. Please give the names of the members you have been out with when describing your activities. This is very helpful to the Scrutineers.

Notes to help with the completion of the application form

Note 1 It is helpful to give a mobile number

Note 2 (*If upgrading you don't need to fill in this section*). Give a brief description of your activities when on meets – Which routes or mountains did you do? What were the conditions? Did you actively participate in decision-making? Did plans need to change for any reason? What mountaineering skills did you need to use on those days?

For example:

“I was part of a group of 6 and we climbed Buachaille Etive Mor by Curved Ridge. Weather was settled and dry. I had read about the route but was glad other members were with me as I think it would have been difficult route finding the start. We scrambled to the top of the mountain and I practiced taking a bearing to find the way down to Coire na Tulaich.

“I walked as a party of three into Coire-an-t-Sneachda in Spring, there was good snow cover and the avalanche forecast was stable. We ascended to the plateau by the Goat Track using crampons and ice axe, finding good hard neve. We navigated to Point 1141 and descended from there using crampons and ice axe again as the terrain was steep and a bit icy.”

For the Meets attended please tell us if this involved a weekend where you stayed overnight with members of the Club. Applicants for Membership must have attended a

minimum of 8 days with the Club. This must include at least two multi-day meets, over a minimum period of six months and a maximum period of two years. No multi-day meet will count for more than 2 days towards the 8 days.

For example, your 8 days might be made up as follows:

2 weekend meets = 4 days, PLUS 4 day walks = 8 days total

3 weekend meets = 6 days, PLUS 2 day walks = 8 days total

A week Alpine meet = 2 days, PLUS 2 w/e meets (4 days), PLUS 2 day walks = 8 days total

4 weekend meets = 8 days total

Note 3 Applicants for Graduating Membership will tend to have 12 mountain days in Scotland. Applicants for Full Membership tend to have more than 50 days in Scotland in the mountains, which should cover many areas in various conditions throughout the year.

Note 4 Select some days/expeditions in Scotland to show the range of your competence in:

- different weather conditions
- types of terrain (rocky ridges, featureless plateau, steep ground, snow)
- situations when you needed to use navigation skills
- situations when you used general mountaineering skills

Also provide a few sentences to indicate your overall mountaineering competence. For graduating membership some basic competence in navigation is expected.

The committee is especially interested in your activities within the last ten years. If many of your activities are over ten years ago, please indicate why e.g. family commitments, living elsewhere.

Note 5 Provide a few sentences on your overall winter competence. For full membership, competence in Scotland in winter is required, which includes the use of ice axe and crampons. Include situations when you needed to use Winter navigation skills. Pitched snow and ice climbs are not necessary. You might wish to mention any times you had to take into account avalanche risks, or deteriorating weather conditions, and you decided to change your route in order to stay safe. You may mention any courses you have attended giving brief details. You may add additional information about experience outside Scotland.

Note 6 For full membership, an applicant should have experience of climbing some routes in Scotland; at least one of the multi-pitch routes should be in Scotland and should be climbed with a member who can vouch for your skills.

(See details in Full Membership Guidelines)

State clearly:

- the route and grade
- whether you led or seconded, or swung leads on the route not needed
- if it was single or multi-pitch
- the weather conditions
- whether you completed the climb, or had to abandon it

We don't expect every climb to be a success story, and do tell us about your skills in backing off climbs safely. Other rock climbing experience outside Scotland may be included. Mention briefly any courses you may have attended. Provide a few sentences on your overall rock climbing competence including any abseiling, belaying and rope skills

Note 7 This section is optional.