

Crannagh Ramblers Constitution

1 Name

- 1.1 The name of the Club shall be Crannagh Ramblers hereinafter referred to as the Club.

2 Objectives of the club

- 2.1 To facilitate and increase the enjoyment of mountaineering activities by members of the Club.
- 2.2 To act as the collective voice of Club members.
- 2.3 To assist in the work of the Mountaineering Ireland aimed at maintaining access to, conservation of and protection of the cliff and mountain environment.
- 2.4 To encourage Club members to train to be capable of ensuring their own safety in the mountain environment.
- 2.5 To make information on responsible use of the mountain environment available to Club members.
- 2.6 To promote the Mountaineering Ireland's Children Policy and the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children as general principles within the Club.

3 Membership of the club

- 3.1 Membership of the Club shall only be open to individuals who recognise that Hill walking and Climbing are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Members shall be aware of, accept these risks, and agree to be responsible for their own actions and involvement.

4 Management of the club

- 4.1 The club will be controlled by its members acting in General Meeting. One of these meetings will be the Annual General Meeting at which Principal Officers of the Club will be elected.
- 4.2 Management of the Club, between General Meetings, shall be entrusted to the elected committee, who must act in accordance with the Constitution and the Rules of the Club. They may make decisions on matters not covered by Constitution or Rules but these must be approved by the next General Meeting.

5 Officers of the club

- 5.1 The Principal Officers of the Club shall be elected by the members at an Annual General Meeting and shall be the Chairperson, the Secretary and the Treasurer.
- 5.2 Principal Officers are eligible to serve a term of two years on the club committee. After a term of two years, Principal Officers must step down. If a Principal Officer wishes they may seek re-election to either the same role or another role on the Committee but they may only hold the same office for no more than two consecutive terms unless over-ruled at the AGM.

6 Committee of the club

- 6.1 The Chairperson of the Club will normally preside at and chair all meetings of the Committee and General Meetings of the Club and shall be responsible for reporting to the Membership at the Club's AGM.

- 6.2 The Committee shall be composed of the Principal Officers of the Club plus the Environmental and Training Officers and four members without a specific role.
- 6.3 The Committee shall nominate representatives of the Club to attend Mountaineering Ireland General meetings to represent the views of the Membership and vote on behalf of the Club.
- 6.4 The Club Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence relating to Club affairs and for giving notice of General and/or Committee meetings and the writing and distribution of minutes from those meetings. The Secretary shall give at least 30 clear days notice of such a General meeting and its agenda. Items for inclusion should be submitted at least 15 days prior to the AGM and communicated to the members at least 7 days before the AGM. (These time limits should be adjusted depending on the size and complexity of the Club and will be different for General and Committee meetings).
- 6.5 The Treasurer shall collect subscriptions and account for all income and expenditure of the Club. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the payment of membership subscriptions to Mountaineering Ireland. The Treasurer shall keep records of the Membership of the Club and report the details of members to Mountaineering Ireland as required.
- 6.6 The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional non-voting members.
- 6.7 A quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be half of the elected voting members (nine) rounded up to the next whole number. The Committee shall hold at least two meetings each year.

7 Club subscriptions

- 7.1 A General meeting shall have the power to set membership subscription levels for the Club.

8 Rules of the club

- 8.1 A General meeting shall have the power to set Club rules. Such rules shall be in accordance with the articles of the Club's Constitution and the policies of Mountaineering Ireland.
- 8.2 Any paid up member of the club is entitled to vote at General meetings.
- 8.3 Votes will be decided on a show of hands basis.

9 Amendments to the constitution of the club

- 9.1 This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting. Notice of any proposed amendment must be delivered as set out in section 6.4.
- 9.2 The Club rules may be amended by a simple majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting. Notice of any proposed amendment must be delivered as set out in section 6.4.

10 Dissolution of the club

- 10.1 The Club can be dissolved by two-thirds majority vote carried out in accordance with Article 9 whereupon the Committee will arrange to discharge any assets equally amongst the Members (donated to Charity, Mountaineering Ireland Environmental Defence Fund, Mountain Rescue or any other body voted on by the club membership). Any liabilities at the time of dissolution shall be the joint responsibility of all Members.