

PROTOCOL FOR ADVERTISING MEMBERS' EVENTS NOT ORGANISED BY THE CLUB (MENOCs)

In most cases the events appearing in the Newsletter Calendar, and on the website, are official Club events – embracing lectures, day walks, meets, tours, mountain biking, training, and events such as the AGM weekend. However the Club offers members the opportunity to advertise certain events that they organise themselves, but which the Club would not ordinarily choose to run as an official Club event. These events appear in a separate section headed “MENOCs”, with appropriate disclaimer as described below. Such events will fall into one of the following categories:

- 1. Events that are not packages but involve commitment to expensive accommodation, and thus do not fall within the criteria for Club meets or tours as set out in the Meet Organisers Guidelines or the Tour Leaders Guidelines.**
- 2. Events that are packages as defined by the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 (PHR).**

Members advertising MENOCs are expected to investigate and comply fully with these regulations. More information can be found on the following links:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/package-holidays-complying-with-regulations-guidance-for-businesses>

<https://www.abta.com/tips-and-advice/is-my-holiday-protected/new-package-travel-regulations>

Website and Newsletter advertisements for MENOCs

The following wording must be used as a preface:

Members intending to participate in these non-Club events must accept that any arrangement is between them and the organiser of the proposed event, not with AAC(UK). When such an event is arranged through, and monies paid to a tour operator, the tour operator is the organiser, not the member initiating the event. If the event is a package within the definition of the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 (PHR), AAC(UK) recommends that such an organiser should be a PHR-compliant tour operator and, if appropriate, ATOL bonded (where a UK tour operator includes air travel in the package).

AAC(UK) cannot vouch for the validity of any information provided for these events. Nevertheless, members wishing to invite other members to join them on specific events by advertising in this section of the Calendar should send their Calendar entry, and a copy of the information they will be supplying to enquirers (this is purely to check that the Club's name is not misused), to the AAC(UK) Office on aac.office@aacuk.org.uk

Disclaimer

The Club, its officers, Board and Alpine Team members and persons acting on behalf of the Club cannot be held liable for any loss or injury occurring to any participant while taking part in these non-Club activities.

MENOC advertisers must agree to the following:

No documentation associated with the event should be headed with “Austrian Alpine Club (UK)”, “AAC(UK)”, “Sektion Britannia” or any Club logo, or contain any other phrasing which might infer that the event is a Club event.

If members seek advice on how they should organise events outside the Club, more information can be provided on a personal basis from knowledgeable Club members – email aac.office@aacuk.org.uk for details.

Revision History

Revision	Description	Date By
30/4/2017	Revisions	DPS
08/05/2017	Revisions	PCH
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	Minor updates on 29/5/2018, 30.5.2018, 3.6.2018, 13.12.2018, 27.6.20	
01/07/2020	Incorporate Mills & Reeve advice	TCM
02/07/2020	Add descriptions of types of MENOC	DPS
07/07/2020	Simplifications	TCM
21/07/2020	Revisions, clarifications and formatting	MDG
22/07/2020	Add links to package holiday regulations and changed email addresses	TCM
22/07/2020	Formatting	MDG
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22/04/21	Removal of first paragraph of disclaimer	MDG/SW