

Terms and Conditions of Membership

Club structure

1. The Austrian Alpine Club (UK) - or AAC(UK) - is a Private Company Limited by Guarantee with no share capital. It is a “not-for-profit” organisation. All adult “club members” are “company members”.
2. All members are subject to the AAC(UK) Articles of Association and Bye-Laws, and the Standing Orders.
3. “Company members” must guarantee to pay up to GBP1.00 should the company be wound up while you are still a member, or within one year of leaving.

Becoming a Member

4. Your membership of AAC(UK) (and the insurance cover as provided by the OeAV) begins at midnight Central European Time (CET) on the day payment is received, either online or by the AAC(UK) Office, and continues to midnight on 31 December of the membership year(s) paid for. If you are renewing your membership in advance for the following year, then that membership begins at 00:01 CET on 1st January of that year.
5. Physical membership cards are usually sent out from the AAC(UK) Office within three working days, but digital membership cards will be available as soon as payment is received, and are widely accepted in Alpine huts and by rescue services.
6. Family Membership: membership cards will be issued for each member of the family and show individual membership categories. *Childrens’ cards should be signed by a parent or guardian.*
7. Long Membership Badges: Members who have been in continuous membership of the ÖAV/AAC(UK) for 25, 40, 50, 60, or 70 years qualify for an honorary badge at each of these milestones. If you qualify for any of these badges, please notify the AAC(UK) Office.

Refunds

8. Requests for membership fee refunds will be considered if made in writing/by email within 14 days of the membership being processed. In this event, membership cards must be returned.

Communication with members

9. Members who join online and provide an email address accept that the Club will communicate with them by email.
10. Members have the opportunity to opt out of receiving “automated emails” (electronic news and notifications of forthcoming events) if they so wish, by following the “unsubscribe” instructions in those emails.
11. By law, the Club may only send “company documents”, such as notices of AGMs and AGM papers, by email if members have given explicit permission to do so, otherwise they must be sent in hard copy. Sending them by email saves the Club costs and is kinder to the environment so we ask you to choose this option if possible.

Your personal data

12. Members’ personal data will be stored according to the AAC(UK) Privacy Notice.

Insurance

13. The insurance cover included in membership is provided via the Alpenverein Weltweit Service (AWS) of the ÖAV, not by AAC(UK). The insurer is an Austrian insurance company. It is governed by Austrian law.

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14. This cover is primarily for mountain rescue – it is not comprehensive travel insurance. Please read the description carefully and then decide whether it is appropriate for your needs.
15. Insurance cover for one year's membership extends into January of the following year, but, if you make a claim for a January incident, you must renew your membership for that year by 31 January.

Voluntary Donations

16. AAC(UK) Hut Fund: The ÖAV Mountain Huts belong to individual ÖAV sections. Each section is responsible for the maintenance of its own huts. As AAC(UK) does not have any huts or waymarking / path responsibilities, we have a Hut Fund through which we contribute to specific projects. Our members have contributed generously over the years, and we hope you will continue the tradition.
17. AAC(UK) Expedition Fund: Donations to this fund enable our section to help finance expeditions by AAC(UK) members.

Club Activities

18. Climbing, hill and country walking, hiking, scrambling, mountain biking, mountaineering, Klettersteig and snow sports (and any other similar activities) (the "Activities") organised by AAC(UK) are physically challenging and carry risks that AAC(UK) cannot entirely eliminate. These include the risk of personal injury or death. In taking part in any Activities you acknowledge and accept these risks, being responsible for your own actions, involvement, health condition and safety.
19. During a Club Activity, all participants must follow any safety warnings or instructions displayed or given to them by a leader or organiser (and ask a leader or organiser if anything is unclear). In the absence of any breach of duty by AAC(UK), participation in the Activities is entirely at participants' own risk.
20. The Club, its officers, committee 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 any activities not specifically advertised as a Club Activity, including any event organised through Club members' social media groups.

Agreements

21. By completing this application form, you confirm that you:
 - a) are at least 18 years of age;
 - b) are completing this application on behalf of all applicants;
 - c) have permission from each applicant to handle their personal data; and
 - d) believe the information provided in this application is true and accurate,
22. Any breach of the conditions set out above may invalidate the membership(s) and associated benefits.
23. This agreement and any dispute or claim (including non-contractual disputes or claims) arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of England and Wales. Each party irrevocably agrees that the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any such dispute or claim.

Links:

AAC(UK) [Articles of Association](#) and [Bye-Laws](#), and the [Standing Orders](#).

AAC(UK) [Privacy Notice](#)

[Alpenverein Weltweit Service \(AWS\)](#)