

The Mountaineering Council of Scotland
Climbing Rock and Ice Advisory Group Remit

This remit was approved by the MCofS Board on 22 February 2011

1.0 Purpose

The Climbing on Rock and ice Advisory Group (CRAiG) seeks to advise the MCofS in identifying areas of Climbing to further expand participation and achievement levels within Scotland and by our inhabitants travelling abroad to climb. Climbing outdoors has many forms; we seek to take an overview of all these activities, each with different development requirements, in order to maintain the unique adventurous nature of Scottish climbing in the mountain environment and aid the inhabitants of Scotland in their aspirations to climb in mountain ranges across the world.

2.0 Background

The MCofS aims include:

- To engage all ages from youth to adult in long term participation
- To develop grass-roots participation to elite performance
- To generate a higher and positive profile for climbing in Scottish society and of Scottish climbing and climbers internationally
- To promote the aims of the Active Nation initiative to improve the health and fitness of the population of Scotland
- To remove barriers to participation in line with MCofS Equity Statement of Intent
- To increase membership of the MCofS as the representative body for mountaineering in Scotland

Based on these priorities, a costed and resourced annual operational plan for climbing development is created jointly by the Mountaineering Development Officer, the Director for Development and the Chief Officer, and submitted to the Board for approval. The achievement of the plan is monitored by the Board by reference to the operational plan.

3.0 Constitution of the Advisory Group

The Chair, as a Director of MCofS, is elected annually by the membership at general meetings and eligible for a four-year term of office. Membership of the Group includes representatives from MCofS members with relevant skills and experience. Members of the Group are selected and invited by the Chair, who also determines the number of members of the Group.

Other organisations which have an interest in the work of the Advisory Group may receive papers and minutes.

4.0 Advisory Group Remit

The remit of the group is to identify ways to further develop the activity of climbing in the outdoor environment. Climbing has many forms, including climbing on rock, snow and ice; and participants often aspire to climb in more isolated and difficult to access areas of Scotland as well as the greater ranges of mountains across the world. The spirit of adventurous climbing has long been associated with Scottish climbers. This group will aim to identify ways to help enable climbers from Scotland to further develop their activities and push the horizons of Scottish climbing.

5.0 MCofS Responsibilities

The Mountaineering Development Officer (MDO) is responsible for informing group members concerning progress against operational plan targets, including elite development and performance, the coaching programme, and related initiatives at climbing walls; for identifying new development opportunities; and acting as secretary to the Advisory Group.

6.0 Advisory Group Responsibilities

Group members should follow the requirements of the two forms of contribution as below:

6.1 Requests for advice will be made by the MDO as and when required. The members have the option to reply or not, depending on whether they feel they have the necessary knowledge and understanding for their comments to be of assistance. All members should endeavour to respond as soon as practicably possible, or inform the MDO that they will be unable to respond, or offer a timescale in which they can respond. This is to ensure that work is not needlessly held up. Advice offered may be used in the way deemed most appropriate by the MDO, Advisory Group Chair and MCofS Board.

6.2 Members may be appointed to represent the MCofS on external groups, organisations or by drafting responses to ongoing issues. Members are only representing MCofS where this has been agreed as necessary for the operational plan by the MDO and the Advisory Group Chair. Where a member represents the MCofS as agreed, they should provide any date of meetings in advance and minutes and agendas to the MDO as they receive them. All written representations on behalf of the MCofS should be agreed with the MDO prior to being sent externally. If it has been agreed in advance that this will not be possible, then another person will be identified to cross-check before send out. Representatives are encouraged to discuss any issues with the MDO such that they can be supported in their role as representative, and in order to co-ordinate

activities. Whenever representing MCoFS, group members must make it clear to the external organisation or group that the member is representing MCoFS; they must represent the interests of MCoFS and follow relevant position statements. Where there is doubt about their meaning or applicability, or the group member has personal conflicting views, the group member should discuss this with the MDO or Chief Officer of MCoFS before making statements on behalf of MCoFS. Representatives will be offered reasonable expenses. Any extraordinary travel expenses should be agreed in advance or they cannot be guaranteed to be paid.

7.0 Mode of Functioning

Correspondence among the group will be by e-mail where possible. At least three meetings will be held per annum. Nominated representatives of the group will attend meetings as required. For meetings, reasonable expenses will be offered in line with MCoFS policy.

Martin McCallum
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