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## **Trip Leaders' Criteria**

The Committee of Management has the absolute discretion to approve or reject potential Trip Leaders. In exercising their discretion, the Committee will take into account the following criteria:

1. All Trip Leaders must be a member of the Club and over the age of 18 years.
2. A Trip Leader should be familiar with the location of the planned trip, range of climbs available, potential hazards, and any special considerations, such as access requirements. In special cases, this requirement may be waived – for example, in the case of an exploratory trip to a new location; but in such cases, the Trip Leader will take extra consideration in approving intended participants.
3. A Trip Leader should have sufficient knowledge of the location and of climbing skills/techniques relevant to that location to be able to provide guidance to participants on the options available within the capacity and ability of the participant.
4. A Trip Leader should have knowledge of basic rescue techniques and be able to render assistance to participants should the need arise.
5. A Trip Leader should be familiar with basic first aid.
6. A Trip Leader must be willing to follow the Trip Leaders' Guidelines.
7. The Trip Leader must attend the trip. If unable to do so, another person who meets these criteria must assume responsibility for the trip. Where no suitable leader is available the trip shall be abandoned.

# **Trip Leaders' Guidelines**

## **Leaders**

The Committee must know of the leader or potential leader and have satisfied themselves that he or she is a person of sufficient experience and expertise to lead the particular trip involved.

## **Participants**

Leaders should reject intending participants if the leaders, in their absolute discretion, are not satisfied that those participants have the necessary level of skill and equipment or are otherwise unsuitable.

Minors (i.e. any participant under 18 years of age) may attend if and only if accompanied by a parent or guardian.

## **Registration**

Leaders must obtain and record the name of each intending participant and emergency contact details; have the participant or parent/guardian sign the register; and promptly pass the trip register to the Committee at the completion of the trip.

## **Guests**

Non-members may attend 2 Club trips as guests, after which they will be required to become members to attend further Club trips.