

# **INVERNESS BACKCOUNTRY SNOWSPORTS CLUB**

## **- CONSTITUTION -**

1. The club, formerly known as the 'Inverness Nordic and Ski Touring Club', and since the 1st June 1998 incorporating the former Ross-shire Cross-Country Ski Club, will be known as the "**Inverness Backcountry Snowsports Club**".

2. **The aims of the Club are;**

a) **to promote and encourage backcountry snowsports in their various forms**, including cross-country, ski-touring, telemark, snowboard-touring, freeriding, snow-kiting and igloo-building/camping.

b) **To bring an awareness** of the sports in its different forms to interested parties.

c) **To communicate and co-operate** with bodies such as farmers, landowners, local authorities, Forestry Commission and the like in order that the needs of the backcountry snowsports activist can be recognised and met.

d) **To provide club facilities for all members, offering a 'communication network'** or platform for exchange of ideas, information and snow conditions etc., and to organise Club events such as outings, weekend trips, shows, presentations, talks, demonstrations and social gatherings.

e) **To organise contact with other clubs, organisations, professional bodies and individuals** allied to the sports, to the benefit of the Club by providing facilities and useful information and promoting "outside the piste" snow-based activities.

f) **To affiliate to the Snowsports governing body** and any other appropriate bodies for the benefit of members, as shall be decided at the General Meeting of the Club.

g) A "Child Protection" policy as required by The Highland Council will be operated by the Club. By default, this will be the policy adopted by The Highland Council, but it may also be the policy adopted by the Governing Body mentioned in 2.

e), above, or a policy developed by the club, which meets the requirements of the aforementioned bodies.

3. **Membership shall be open to any person aged 18 years or older** regardless of race, religion, gender, and without restriction on place of residence. The Committee reserves the right to withdraw or refuse membership to any person who has brought, or may bring, the Club into disrepute, or guilty of anti-social behaviour which threatens the well being of Club members.

4. **The Club's affairs shall be managed by a committee** to a maximum of eleven (11) committee members in total; three (3) will form a quorum at any meeting. The Committee is elected by the previous General Meeting or a Special General Meeting held for that purpose, and will stand for one (1) year.

5. **The Committee will have the power to co-opt members** to fill casual vacancies arising within the committee; they also have the power to co-opt members for any special purposes as they see fit. Sub-committees may from time to time be appointed as required

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## 6. Finances

**a) The financial year of the Club will run from the First (1st) of June to the Thirty-first (31st) of May of the following year;**

**b) The annual subscription**, fixed each year by the Annual General Meeting, will be due on or before the Thirty-first (31st) October of the year running;

**c) The rates of subscription** will be that of i) "adult" ii) "Student/unemployed" and iii) "senior over 60".

**d) An individual, other than the treasurer**, to be known as the "Independent Examiner", shall be appointed before the Annual General Meeting for the purposes of scrutinising the year's accounts for presentation at that meeting;

**e) All monies received and payments due shall be in the hands of the Treasurer** who will issue receipts and make payments on the Club's behalf. The Treasurer will also be responsible for a complete and full account to be rendered at each Annual General Meeting for the seasonal year in which he/she has held the office of Treasurer, to be examined by the Independent Examiner as per 6.d), above.

**7. All members and others who attend Club events or meetings do so at their own risk** and neither the Club nor its Office-bearers can accept any liability whatsoever for any loss or injury of any kind sustained while engaged in Club activities.

**8. In the event that the club ceases to operate**, after fulfilling all obligations to outside parties, the remaining assets will be offered to the Inverness Area Sports Council to dispose of as per written guidelines.

**9. The Constitution will be altered only by the Annual General Meeting**, or a Special General Meeting, called for that purpose; and then only by the assent of two-thirds of those members present or voting by proxy.

(As amended at the Annual General Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015)