



Cave Diving Group Rules

Administration of Membership

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1. CDG Membership is as stated in the Constitution.
2. Regional Sections are responsible for the administration of membership including the acceptance of new members and matters of expulsion.
3. Regional Sections will maintain accurate memberships records. The details will be made available to officers of the Central Section for purposes of administration of the Group.
4. There are four classes of membership:
 - Diving
 - Non-diving
 - Honorary
 - Temporary
5. There are two classes of Diving Member:
 - Qualified Diver
 - Trainee Diver
6. All Diving Members must have attained 18 years of age.
7. All Diving members must be physically fit and not suffering from epilepsy.
8. All new permanent and temporary members must apply to join a Regional Section of the Cave Diving Group as either a Trainee Diver or a Non-Diver. If joining as a Trainee Diver the member must hold a SCUBA certification equivalent to CMAS one star or be able to demonstrate equivalent skills to the satisfaction of a Section Examiner.
9. Two Qualified Divers must sponsor all new permanent members and their acceptance is subject to approval by a simple majority vote at a Regional Section meeting.
10. Temporary membership is granted by a Regional Section committee.
11. All members must sign the RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT.
12. All members must pay the appropriate membership fee at the start of each calendar year. If the membership fee is not paid by the 1st of January, then the membership will be deemed to have lapsed.

13. Lapsed members may rejoin the Group by paying the appropriate annual membership fee and any additional re-joining fee.
14. Trainees joining the group are given 5 years to obtain Qualified Diver Status. If they fail to reach qualified diver status within this period they will be transferred to non-diver status. Any member wishing to maintain trainee diver status past the five year limit must re-apply annually. Continued trainee diver status will be awarded at the discretion of the section qualified divers.
15. Qualified Divers seeking re-admission to the group after a period of lapsed membership of 5 or more years must rejoin the group at trainee status.