

## Membership Application: Adults

Thank you for your interest in joining the Magaliesberg Section of the Mountain Club of South Africa (MCSA). We look forward to welcoming you into the club and to many years of your association.

Submit this completed and signed application form together with a JPEG-format photograph (explained below) to the administrator at [admin@mag.mcsa.org.za](mailto:admin@mag.mcsa.org.za). You must **sign** in two separate places: the **Signed Commitment** and the **Indemnity Form**.

In addition to its administrative content, this document contains four **very important sections** which you need to read and understand:

1. The Objects of the Mountain Club of South Africa,
2. The Code of Conduct of the Magaliesberg Section of the Mountain Club of South Africa,
3. Indemnity form and
4. Signed commitment

Once you have submitted this application document, your application will be reviewed by the committee and announced in the weekly electronic newsletter for one week. You will only be required to pay the membership/joining fee once your application has been accepted by the committee and provided there are no other objections raised by any other club members following the announcement in the newsletter.

Date of submission \_\_\_\_\_

### 1 Personal Details

Attach a recent electronic photo of yourself (JPEG format) together with this emailed application document. The photo should be similar to a colour ID-photo, showing head and shoulders, with length-to-width ratio of roughly 3-to-2 (the photograph is needed for your membership card).

Please complete this section as **fully as possible**. Compulsory fields have been marked with an asterisk\* (the information is used for the member database).

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|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|--|
| <b>SURNAME*</b>       |  | <b>PREFERRED NAME</b> |  |
| <b>TITLE*</b>         |  | <b>FULL NAMES*</b>    |  |
| <b>DATE OF BIRTH*</b> |  | <b>ID NR.*</b>        |  |
| <b>POSTAL ADDRESS</b> |  | <b>HOME ADDRESS*</b>  |  |

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|-----------------|--|-----------------|--|
| TEL (home)      |  | CELL PHONE NR.* |  |
| TEL (work)      |  | E-MAIL*         |  |
| SINGLE / COUPLE |  | OCCUPATION*     |  |
| HOME LANGUAGE*  |  | GENDER*         |  |

*I undertake to notify the administrator should any of my personal details change in future.*

## 2 Evidence of Required Activities for Membership

I have attended the following presentations/activities as compulsory requirements for membership:

| Presentation / Activity | Date | Name of presenter / leader confirming attendance |
|-------------------------|------|--|
| One Briefing session    |      |  |
| One Club evening        |      |  |

## 3 Club Memberships and Mountaineering Experience

*Delete your Yes/No answer for electronic editions or circle the applicable answer for printed paper editions.*

Are you currently a member of any other MCSA Section?

Yes / No

If Yes MCSA Section and Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been a member of an MCSA Section in the past?

Yes / No

If Yes MCSA Section and Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been a member of any other hiking/mountaineering club?

Yes / No

If Yes Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Level of involvement/participation  
e.g. committee member, portfolio \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been refused membership by this or any other Section of the MCSA, or of any other mountain club or had your membership been suspended?

Yes / No

If Yes Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Give a brief description of your mountaineering experience (if any):

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#### 4 MCSA Annual Member Duties

Choose one or more activities that you would like to be involved with during your first year of membership:

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|--|--|
| Patrolling of MCSA properties                      |  |
| Clearing of alien vegetation                       |  |
| Work meets (path restoration; cutting fire breaks) |  |

A convenor will make contact with you based on your choice of activities to facilitate your involvement.

#### 5 Collection and Lawful Processing of Personal Information

The MCSA Magaliesberg respects your privacy and recognises the importance of protecting your privacy in respect of your personal information and in compliance with the POPI Act. By applying to become a member of the club we will collect or verify and process your personal information for the purpose of club membership administration, club activities and associated communications.

Upon receipt of your membership application, we will collect or verify your personal information, including but not limited to: full names, residential address and postal address, email address, telephone/cell number, gender, date of birth, marital status, occupation, home language, details of prior club memberships, related mountaineering activities and experience.

Members shall at all reasonable times have access to their personal information collected by the club and retrieve it in full via an email request to the administrator at [admin@mag.mcsa.org.za](mailto:admin@mag.mcsa.org.za).



The Mountain Club of South Africa  
Magaliesberg Section

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[admin@mag.mcsa.org.za](mailto:admin@mag.mcsa.org.za)

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## 6 Membership Proposer and Seconder

The following members, who have belonged to the Magaliesberg Section for more than one year, propose and second my application for membership:

*We, the undersigned, are satisfied to recommend this applicant for membership of the Magaliesberg Section of the MCSA. We confirm that the applicant is aware of the undertaking to read, understand and commit to the Objects and Code of Conduct explained in this document.*

**Proposer**

**Seconder**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Member No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## 7 The Objects of The Mountain Club of South Africa

The club is a non-profit organisation established for the sole object of promoting the interests of mountaineering, primarily in South Africa, as a recreational pastime and on a non-professional basis conducting all its activities in a manner that is for the benefit of, and widely accessible to, the general public.

Without limiting its general nature, the objects shall be to, inter alia, include:

- Organise and Facilitate Mountaineering
- Procure and Protect Real Rights in and Access to Mountains and Mountain Areas
- Initiate and support Actions towards Protecting the Natural Beauty and Wilderness Character of Mountains and to Promote their Effective Conservation Management
- Promote the Safety and Training of Mountaineers
- Organise Search and Rescue Parties
- Promote the study of Mountains and their Environments, the Preservation of Historical and Archaeological Sites thereon and the Dissemination of Information on Mountains and Mountaineering

## 8 Signed Commitment

- 1) I have read and understood the **Constitution** and **Objects of the Mountain Club of South Africa (MCSA)** – Magaliesberg Section, as well as the rules, expectations, values and principles set out in the section's **Code of Conduct**.
- 2) I undertake to maintain the spirit and promote the reputation of the MCSA, uphold at all times, support the objectives of the club and abide by the rules, expectations, values and principles as set out in the Code of Conduct.
- 3) I understand that, as a club member, I carry responsibility to participate in various club activities such as joining meets, serving on the committee or leading meets.
- 4) As a member of the MCSA I undertake to fulfill the following mandatory club duties annually:
  - a. Conduct at least one official (1) patrolling day at either Dome or Grootkloof in accordance with established club guidelines /or
  - b. Attend at least one (1) official MCSA weed control (e.g. removal of invasive plants) or work meet (e.g. path restoration, cutting fire breaks) in the Magaliesberg.
- 5) I acknowledge that the Committee of the MCSA Magaliesberg section may terminate my membership should:
  - a. I be guilty of serious misconduct or
  - b. My membership fees be outstanding for six months.

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SIGNATURE

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NAME AND SURNAME (PLEASE PRINT)

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DATE

## The Code of Conduct of the Magaliesberg Section of the Mountain Club of South Africa

The Code follows the spirit of the Silver Rule "Do no harm". Where applicable, assist and encourage others to adhere to the code of conduct.

### Safety

By its nature MCSA activities involve an element of risk. By participating in club activities you accept these risks.

- Make sure you are familiar with safety concerns. You are responsible and accountable for your own safety and must not endanger those around you.
- If unsure it is your responsibility to find out what risks are involved. Do not undertake activities for which you are not prepared or experienced enough.
- Improve your knowledge by attending training courses or relevant talks.
- Plan ahead for bad weather conditions or medical emergencies, such as bee allergies.
- Cooperate with the meet leader. Respect the leader's decisions and adhere to all reasonable instructions given by him or her. Any good leader will value your input, but a stubborn or defiant approach to disagreements poses a major safety risk.

### Access

The MCSA owns some properties and servitudes. Land ownership brings with it responsibilities. The MCSA also organises access to privately and publicly owned land. Access to areas not owned by the club can be difficult to obtain and easy to lose. Even when visiting club-owned properties be aware that there often needs to be interaction with neighbouring landowners on whose properties we park or traverse to access club-owned land.

Always respect the rights of Nature Conservation organisations, authorities, landowners and the access and permit arrangements.

- Always carry your membership card on all outings.
- Do not trespass on property where the club does not have access arrangements.
- Respect arrival and departure deadlines; privacy of landowners, farm fences and gates, parking fees and parking places.
- Do not share access details to non-members.
- Members are expected to patrol club-owned properties and to assist in the management and conservation of the properties by, but not limited to, attending work meets.

### Streams and water

Water is precious and we must treasure our still-pristine streams:

- Correct toilet manners in the bush are crucial to keeping streams unpolluted (see below).
- Swim downstream from water collection points.
- Wash with water only and well away from camps and water sources.
- The use of soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc. near water is polluting and can be harmful to sensitive ecosystems.
- Apply sunscreen **after** swimming instead of just before.
- Use sand, grass or heated water instead of dishwashing liquid, and do not empty dirty water into rivers.

### Human waste

- Go at least 50m away from water or drainage courses, paths, camping spots, huts or caves when relieving yourself.
- Excreta and toilet paper must be buried in a small deep hole (about 15cm).
- Carry a small spade or trowel to dig the hole – avoid damaging plants in the process.
- Fill the hole with the original soil and place a large stone or two on top.
- Tampons and pads are non-biodegradable and should not be buried but carried out; please carry small plastic bags for the purpose. Zip-loc type bags are ideal.
- Wet wipes must be carried out and may not be buried or discarded outdoors.

### Camping and hiking

- Leave only footprints and take only photographs!
- Tread softly and look where you place your feet.
- Prevent soil erosion by staying on paths where available and avoid creating new paths or taking short cuts.
- Make use of designated campsites. Do not clear vegetation, make trenches or level ground.
- Camping inside kloofs causes disturbance to leaf litter and soft soil; this is very detrimental and causes erosion.
- Do not throw or roll rocks off cliffs.
- Respect other visitors by refraining from making loud noise.

### Rubbish

- Carry out all rubbish – yours and anyone else's.
- If you need to dispose of leftover food, either carry this out or bury this away from campsites and as deeply as possible.
- Cigarette butts (and some peels) take very long to disintegrate; carry them out.
- Inspect campsites for rubbish before leaving.

### Fire and cooking

The utmost care must be taken to prevent veld fires; by law we are responsible if fires spread to surrounding properties from ours.

- Fires should not be made except in places where there are built fireplaces.
- When using your stove, keep it away from vegetation and watch it at all times.

### Fauna and flora

- Try not to disturb wildlife and do not feed animals. Store food securely.
- Take care to not damage plants or break branches.
- Graffiti on any surface and of any kind is prohibited.

### Climbing

- Minimise the visual impact of fixed protection and rap points.
- Co-operate with managing authorities and recognise and respond to their concerns.
- Do not bolt without contacting the sport climbing sub-committee. NO bolting in Magaliesberg kloofs.
- No climbing or opening of climbing routes near areas with rock art
- Rock climbing may have impact on nesting sites of birds; be aware of any restrictions that may be in place regarding placing of routes and the times when routes may not be climbed.

### Cultural considerations

- Leave cultural artefacts, bones or pottery where they are found for others to see, enjoy and study: disturbing cultural sites may render them useless for study and observation in the future.
- Do not touch or wet rock art, or camp in caves with rock art.
- Respect local cultures, their heritage and traditions.

**Indemnity form for members, prospective members and guests  
of the MCSA, Magaliesberg Section and persons participating in activities  
organised by or on behalf of the MCSA, Magaliesberg Section**

*See the notes at the end of this form explaining which parts need to completed.*

**PART 1**

I, the undersigned \_\_\_\_\_ (full names)  
residing at \_\_\_\_\_ (full residential address)  
having been born on \_\_\_\_\_ (full date of birth)

and duly assisted herein by my guardian if I am a minor, do hereby agree and undertake in favour of the Mountain Club of South Africa, its national, regional and local committees, members, servants and agents (herein referred to as “the club”) that:

- I am aware of the dangers of personal injury or death inherent in mountaineering, hiking, scrambling, bouldering, rock climbing and activities incidental thereto to which I may be exposed as a result of my participation in club activities and activities organised by or on behalf of the club and I understand and accept that my participation in any such activities is at my own risk for which I accept all responsibility.
- I, accordingly, hereby irrevocably waive, relinquish and abandon all claims of any nature whatsoever which I may have against the Club or any of its members, arising out of my participation in club activities and activities organised by or on behalf of the club, for loss or damage to property, personal injury or loss of life, howsoever caused and irrespective of whether the loss or damage occurred as a result of negligence.
- Should I be injured whilst participating in club activities or activities organised by or on behalf of the club, I hereby appoint and authorise the meet leader (or such other person who is co-ordinating the activity on behalf of the club) to consent to my undergoing surgical or other medical treatment which in the opinion of the attending medical practitioner is necessary. I further undertake to pay the cost of such treatment.
- I agree that the terms and conditions contained herein will remain binding upon me, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

SIGNED AT \_\_\_\_\_ ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE UNDERSIGNED WITNESSES (below)



**PART 2**

DULY ASSISTED / REPRESENTED \* BY \_\_\_\_\_ (FULL NAME)

IN MY CAPACITY AS GUARDIAN OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED MINOR

- I confirm that the minor referred to in Part 1 hereof is participating in Club activities with my consent and that I am aware of the dangers of personal injury or death inherent in mountaineering, hiking, scrambling, bouldering, rock climbing and activities incidental thereto to which the minor may be exposed as a result of his/her participation in club activities and activities organised by or on behalf of the club and I understand and accept that his/her participation in any such activities is at my own risk for which I accept all responsibility.
- I, accordingly, hereby irrevocably waive, relinquish and abandon all claims of any nature whatsoever which I may have against the Club or any of its members, arising out of the minor's participation in club activities and activities organised by or on behalf of the club, for loss or damage to property, personal injury or loss of life, howsoever caused and irrespective of whether the loss or damage occurred as a result of negligence.
- Should the minor be injured whilst participating in club activities or activities organised by or on behalf of the club, I hereby appoint and authorise the meet leader (or such other person who is co-ordinating the activity on behalf of the club) to consent to the minor undergoing surgical or other medical treatment which in the opinion of the attending medical practitioner is necessary. I further undertake to pay the cost of such treatment.
- I agree that the terms and conditions contained herein will remain binding upon me, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

SIGNED AT \_\_\_\_\_ ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ IN THE PRESENCE OF THE UNDERSIGNED WITNESSES

GUARDIAN (signature)

WITNESSES

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\*Note

- Only Part 1 is to be completed if the members / guest / participant is over 21 years of age
- Part 1 and Part 2 are to be completed where the member / guest / participant is between 7 and 21 years of age
- Part 1 does not need to be signed where the guest / participant is less than 7 years of age
- Where the guest / participant is less than 7 years of age the word "assisted" is to be deleted.