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This principle of reciprocity is dear to the Club's heart and one it is pursuing with vigour. It benefits Club members when they climb overseas and is one of the ways we can encourage overseas climbers to visit New Zealand. It includes use of huts.

NZAC has specific hut reciprocity agreements with some clubs and federations which are members of UIAA, as well as some other clubs. These generally give NZAC members discounted or members' rates at overseas huts and, for members of the relevant overseas clubs, members' rates at our 17 huts.

Where there is no agreement in place it is worth asking if you are planning to stay in huts, refuges and lodges overseas. Presenting your current NZAC membership card (which includes the UIAA logo) may give you members' rates or a discount.

Specific arrangements are summarised below:

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Alpine Club of Canada (ACC)

<http://www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/>

The Club's agreement with ACC entitles NZAC members to members' rates at all ACC accommodation facilities on payment of the Huts Option fee, currently Canadian \$24. (ACC members also pay this fee separately from their subscriptions). The Huts Option fee can be paid by contacting ACC. Evidence of current NZAC membership will be required. ACC has 28 huts and a clubhouse at Canmore.

ACC members are entitled to members rates at all NZAC-owned huts. Evidence of current ACC membership must be available.

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European Alps and Pyrenees

- [German Alpine Club \(DAV\)](#)
- [French Alpine Club \(CAF\)](#)
- [Italian Alpine Club \(CAI\)](#)
- [Austrian Alpine Club \(OeAV\)](#)
- [Swiss Alpine Club \(SAC\)](#)
- [Spanish Mountaineering Federation \(FEDME\)](#)

These clubs have a reciprocity agreement among themselves, which they have extended to NZAC members via [purchase of an annual hut sticker for NZ\\$85](#). That gives members' rates in huts managed by these clubs. Stickers are valid for the calendar year in which they are issued and are purchased from the NZAC National Office, or online via the [shop](#).

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Great Britain

The Club has full reciprocal arrangements with the following English and Scottish clubs which own huts:

- [The Climbers Club](#)
- [Fell & Rock Climbing Club](#)
- [Scottish Mountaineering Club](#)

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Norwegian Alpine Club – Norsk Tindeklub (NK)

<http://www.ntk.no/>

The Club's agreement with NK entitles NZAC members to members rates at all [huts owned by NK](#). Evidence of current NZAC membership may be required.

NK members are entitled to members' rates at all NZAC-owned huts. Likewise, evidence of current NK membership must be available.

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Mountain Club of South Africa (MCSA)

<http://cen.mcsa.org.za/>

The Club's agreement with MCSA entitles visiting NZAC members with valid membership cards to all privileges of a visiting member to any of MCSA's 14 sections. This will include access to MCSA's properties and any discounted hut fees, but will require adherence to local rules. Because of the federal nature of MCSA, a visiting NZAC member is advised first to contact the Central Committee Secretary who will pass him or her on to the most appropriate host(s) of the Sections he or she wishes to visit.

MCSA members are entitled to members rates at all NZAC-owned huts. Evidence of current MCSA membership must be available.

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Polish Mountaineering Association (PZA)

<http://www.pza.org.pl/index.acs>

The Club's agreement with PZA entitles NZAC members to members rates at all huts owned by PZA. Evidence of current NZAC membership will be required.

PZA members are entitled to members' rates at all NZAC owned huts. Likewise, evidence of current PZA membership must be available.

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Romanian Alpine Club – Clubul Alpin Roman (CAR)

<http://www.clubulalpinroman.ro/wordpress/organizare/>

The Club's agreement with CAR entitles NZAC members to members' rates at all huts owned by CAR. Evidence of current NZAC membership will be required.

CAR members are entitled to members' rates at all NZAC-owned huts. Likewise, evidence of current CAR membership must be available.

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Alpine Association of Slovenia (PZS)

<http://www.pzs.si/>

The Club's agreement with PZS entitles NZAC members to members rates at all [huts owned by PZS](#). Evidence of current NZAC membership will be required.

PZS members are entitled to members' rates at all NZAC-owned huts. Likewise, evidence of current PZS membership must be available.

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American Alpine Club (AAC)

<http://www.americanalpineclub.org/>

The Club's agreement with AAC entitles NZAC members to members' rates at accommodation facilities owned by AAC and certain other facilities where AAC has negotiated discounts for its members. These are currently few but AAC has recently extended this network. Evidence of current NZAC membership will be required.

AAC members are entitled to members' rates at all NZAC-owned huts. Likewise, evidence of current AAC membership must be available.

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Reciprocal arrangements with other clubs

This page is updated as new reciprocal arrangements are put in place. But if you wish to stay at a hut not owned by one of the clubs listed above, it is still worth trying your luck by presenting your current NZAC card.

SWISS ALPINE CLUB T&C

General Terms and Conditions (GT&Cs) of SAC Huts

Valid from summer 2011

The General Terms and Conditions apply to all reservation enquiries and reservations in SAC Club Huts (henceforth called SAC Huts) on the basis of the SAC Hut Regulations of 2006 (item 5.3.1).
Guest contract and reservations

1. The guest contract is finalised directly and exclusively between the person making the reservation (the guest) and the SAC Hut of their choice.
2. Reservations at SAC Huts are essential; they not only guarantee a sleeping place but also help the Hut management plan ahead.
3. Reservations for individuals and groups of up to 6 persons can be made by telephone or in writing; those for groups of 7 or more persons should preferably be made in writing to the chosen SAC Hut. A reservation is regarded binding when it has been confirmed either verbally or in writing. The General Terms and Conditions come into force upon confirmation of each reservation.

Deposit

Each SAC Hut is entitled to demand a deposit of up to the amount of the maximum charge of the booked services. The deposit must be paid by the agreed date. Otherwise, the reservation becomes null and void. Deposits shall only be reimbursed if the cancellation is made within the time limit stipulated in the Terms of Cancellation (below).

Terms of Cancellation

1. Cancellations and reservation changes such as postponements by individuals and groups of up to 6 persons must be submitted by 17.00 hours on the day before the night booked.
2. Cancellations and reservation changes such as postponements by groups of 7 and more persons must be submitted by 17.00 hours on the date two days before the night booked.
3. Payment is due in the case of late cancellations, late reservation changes and no-shows. The SAC Hut is entitled to invoice an amount of up to the equivalent value of the booked services.
4. No payment is due in the event of an unforeseen incident or emergency (e.g. accident, act of God etc.) during the journey to the Hut. In this case, the Hut management or section must be informed immediately.
5. Disputes regarding reimbursement arising from late cancellations are to be submitted for judgement in the first instance to the lawyer on the SAC Central Managing Committee.

Obligation of identification

1. Members' rates shall only be granted on presentation of a valid identity card.
2. Special rates require a relevant and valid form of legitimation (e.g. SAC tour leaders, children and young adults, SAC Hut pass etc.).
3. Free overnight stays for mountain guides and trainee mountain guides shall only be granted on presentation of a valid IVBV identity card.

Prices and payment

1. All prices are quoted in Swiss francs (CHF) and include statutory value-added tax (VAT). Prices remain subject to change.
2. Charges for board and lodging are to be paid at the SAC Hut in cash by the date of departure at the latest. Electronic payment can be made where available.
3. In unattended SAC Huts, payment can be deposited in cash in the designated cash box or be made by payment slip.

Disclaimer

All written and verbal information (e.g. on route conditions, avalanche and weather conditions, route information etc.) is provided by the Hut with the best possible care and to the best of its knowledge. However, the managers of the Hut do not assume any liability for it. All decisions regarding tours, routes etc. are the guest's sole responsibility. Any liability of the Hut management for damages of any kind incurred by the guest as a result of information or advice received is excluded.

Berne, 26 February 2011 / SAC Hut Committee