

CONDITIONS FOR ASSESSMENT BY ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY

1. The members of the panel are volunteers, who willingly undertake to assess ventures, but they cannot accept liabilities. A supervisor must accompany a group into the area, and while not participating in the venture, must hold himself readily available for the welfare and safety of the group.
2. Each requirement must have completed satisfactorily all the training requirements listed in the Award Handbook.
3. Equipment should be as recommended in the "Expedition Guide" and "Safety on Mountains" booklets.
4. It is the Operating Authority's responsibility to ensure that participants are prepared, adequately equipped, and fit in all aspects to carry out their venture. Each young person should be seen by a suitable experienced person (such as a holder of the Mountain walking Leader qualification), with the clothing and equipment they will take on the venture before the certificate in the Record Book is signed.
5. In the venture area, the assessor should be shown the Record Books with the sections on preliminary and further training entered and signed. Assessors will take into full account any previous checks which have been made and certified in advance locally, but must retain the prime responsibility for conducting whatever checks of equipment and training deem necessary when meeting the group on arrival.
6. Identity cards should be provided for those undertaking the ventures. This is particularly important in National Park areas.
7. No charge is made for the assessment of Gold qualifying ventures. If the panel agrees to assess Bronze or Silver ventures, the organization concerned must undertake to reimburse the expenses involved if requested to do so.
8. To comply with the requirements set out in the Award Handbook and to enable a thorough check of routes, etc. The following must be submitted to Panel at least four weeks before the date of the venture:
 - a. Notes or any prepared material for the purpose of the venture,
 - b. Complete details of the route including map references, bearings, daily distance and timing, alternative routes and camp sites in case of bad weather and where help will be sought in the event of an accident.
 - c. Details of meals and supplies to be carried.
 - d. Details of personal and group equipment to be carried.



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ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY SECTION NOTIFICATION OF VENTURE IN WILD COUNTRY

Notification of all ventures in designated 'wild country' as defined in the Award Handbook, are to be submitted in advance to the Award Programme Adventurous Journey Panel for the area. The purpose of the notification is to enable an up-to-date expert local advice on matters concerning safety, relations with landowners and farmers, as well as the suitability of plans for achieving a satisfactory Award venture. To be passed back to the Operating Authority or Group will be advised of the status.

THE AWARD OFFICE STRESSES THE SERIOUSNESS OF FAILING TO NOTIFY ADVENTUROUS JOURNEYS OF VENTURES IN WILD COUNTRY, AND IN SUCH CASES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTIONS THAT MAY BE APPROPRIATE, INCLUDING THE INVALIDATING OF VENTURES FOR AWARD PURPOSES.

This form, which is standard for all Adventurous Journeys, is to enable operators of the programme to give proper notification, and to apply for assessment of ventures by the Panels if required. In each case, two completed forms must be sent to the Panel Secretary (names and addresses in the annual Staff List) and one retained for reference. Separate forms must be used for each group.

Certain Award operators may, however, negotiate blanket agreements with the Panel on an annual basis. Details of this are given in the Award Handbook, Chapter 5.

Access to Private Land

Groups are reminded that at all times the consent of landowners or their agents must be obtained before ventures enter private land. Failure to do so may result in the Operating Authority becoming involved in disputes that could destroy the good relationships, which the Award Programme seeks to establish.

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