

## **Terms and Conditions**

Any adventure activities such as hiking, trekking, rock climbing, ice climbing and general mountaineering often pose dangerous hazards and could bring injury or death. All participants must be aware of such risks and remain alert during training period. Participants should understand the risks whatsoever and be responsible for their own fate. Despite of overall supervision of the guide instructors on the training site, trainees should also be responsible for self-take care of their own safety and security during training as well as travelling. HCMS will strive to mitigate any visible and invisible threats throughout the training.

## **HCMS liabilities**

- HCMS will oversee the overall training and management.
- HCMS will be responsible for the support staff, transportation, lodging/ camping and food management throughout the training.
- HCMS is responsible for the hiring of certified guide instructors.
- HCMS is responsible for the safety and security of all the participants within the organizational guidelines that respect local norms and culture.

## **Liabilities and responsibilities of participants**

- 25% of total training fee deposit to be paid two months prior to the alpine training for administrative and logistics management purposes such as obtaining permits to the concerned peaks and national park.
- Total training fee deposit to be paid prior to the training for multi-days Rock climbing begins.
- Travel insurance, personal accident, medical, search and rescue insurance should be produced while taking admission to the training.
- There should be a strict adherence to HCMS Training Rules and Regulation with signed statement of the participants.
- Participants are liable for any kind of conduct detrimental to training especially damage to third party property, local culture and environment.
- There should be proper health certificates, clothing and technical gear according to HCMS guideline.
- HCMS has fixed minimum age bar 18 years to be applied for the multi-day training such as rock climbing, ice climbing and general mountaineering.

## **Training cancelation by participants**

- Training cancellations must be in writing or email and confirmed by Himalayan Climbing and Mountaineering School.
- Deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable. Participants will be fully refunded the course fee after deducting 25% of the deposit amount if cancellation is made prior to 4-week deadline.

- 50% of the total course fee where cancellation takes place within the period of 4 weeks before the commencement date of the course. If the course begins, there will not be any refund on the course fee in case any candidate wants to discontinue in the middle of the training period.

### **Training cancellation by HCMS**

- HCMS assures participants for successful completion of the course, if there such situations arise beyond the control of HCMS due to unsuitable conditions or threats. In this case the organization on reasonable ground, participants will be notified of the cancellation of the training program. And refund the money in full if the training has not commenced.
- If the training is cancelled at any point after the commencement due to natural disasters (earthquake, avalanche, flood, etc) and other unseen factors (political crises, strikes and border closures etc.) beyond the control of HCMS, the organization will calculate the total cost incurred during that period and refund the remaining amount to the participants.
- In the event of cancellation due to HCMS reason, participants will be offered the choice to book the training on a different date.
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### **Insurance**

- Course fees do not cover insurance for loss of equipment, delays in transportation beyond the control of HCMS, accidents, personal injury or death.
- As such, it is mandatory for the participants (Foreign Nationals) to ensure proper coverage with quality High Altitude Trekking, Climbing including search and rescue insurance. For Nepalese nationals, HCMS requires participants to carry Insurance Coverage as per the policy of the Government of Nepal for high altitude Trekking, Climbing and Mountaineering activities.
- HCMS will not be liable for loss of damage to personal property, environmental damages caused by the participants and participants will be liable to payment of damages if found guilty.