



Hut and Tariff Regulations for Alpenverein Huts (HÜOTO) from 2024

Hütten- und Tarifordnung für Alpenvereinsshütten (HÜOTO)

of the German (DAV) and Austrian (ÖAV) Alpenvereine

Preamble:

The *Alpenvereine* (Alpine Associations) AVS, DAV, ÖAV, provide, sometimes under very difficult conditions, about 550 category I and II mountain huts which offer all mountaineers and mountain walkers shelter and accommodation and also, so long as the huts are manned, catering. The furnishings and fittings are mostly simple and original in character. Essentially Alpenverein members support the upkeep of the huts through their membership fees and therefore enjoy benefits in comparison with non-members. This also applies to the members of other alpine associations that have a reciprocal rights agreement with the AVS, DAV and ÖAV.

The following hut and tariff regulations apply to all hut guests and define their rights and obligations. Observance of the rules should ensure successful communal living and safety (eg: fire protection). In addition to this, the statutory regulations not mentioned separately here apply.

The *Alpenvereine* also run some Mountain Inns (Category III huts) to which these regulations do not apply except that members and those with reciprocal rights are entitled to a reduced bed night tariff (see section 3 below).

1. Registration requirements and Membership Cards

1.1 Signing in the Hut Book

All overnight guests must sign in the hut book on arrival and if applicable comply with further registration requirements.

In order to make it easier to find casualties and missing people, it is recommended that all hut guests give the destination of their mountain tour and their mobile telephone numbers in the hut book.

2. Entitlement to Sleeping Places

2.1. Priority Entitlement to Sleeping Places

The following have prior claim on sleeping places before all the hut guests:

- sick or injured people who cannot be expected to descend or be taken down to the valley.
- Members of rescue teams on duty

2.2. Hygiene Regulation

The use of a hut (sheet) sleeping bag is compulsory in all sleeping places.

2.3. Reservations and Cancellation Fees

The hut guardians may accept pre-bookings up to a maximum of 90% of the sleeping places. The hut guardians are entitled to levy a deposit, and in the event of cancellation or non-arrival an appropriate cancellation fee may be charged. Details can be obtained from the hut guardian.

3. Overnight Tariffs

3.1. Overnight tariffs for Alpenverein members and those with reciprocal rights

Alpenverein members and those with reciprocal rights are entitled to reduced overnight tariffs. Members and those with reciprocal rights can only receive the privileges and reductions on production of a valid membership card.

The overnight-tariffs include the travel baggage insurance; extra AV-specific taxes, service charges and surcharges must not be levied.

Proof of purchase (eg a sales receipt or 'sleep voucher'), specified by the section that owns the hut, must be given in return for payment of each overnight tariff. This proof of purchase is also valid as confirmation for the travel baggage insurance.

Linking the reservation of an overnight place to a catering offer (eg half board) is not permitted.

**Upper limits for overnight tariffs for Category I Huts
(non-members to pay at least €12 extra)**

Members tariffs, Cat. I		Adults (from their 25 th birthday)	Young Adults (from their 18 th birthday)	Children and youths (from their 6 th birthday)*	Children (up to their 6 th birthday)
Two-bedded room**	max.	36€	36€	17€	10.00€
Multi-bedded room	max.	25€	25€	13€	8.00€
Matratzenlager/Winter room	max.	15€	12€	7€	0.00€

* *Jugendleiter* and *Jugendführer* are also entitled to the *Jugend* (youth) tariff on presentation of their *Jugendleiter/Jugendführer* identity cards with a valid current year's stamp.

** If two-bedded rooms are available, they constitute an exception and the price quoted above may be charged.

Over-night tariffs for Category II Huts

The overnight tariffs for members must be at least €12 less than those for non-members.

The maximum over-night tariff for members between 0 and 25 years of age should be no more than those fixed for the equivalent categories in the Category I huts.

Over-night tariffs for Category III Huts

Members receive at least 10% discount for over-night accommodation in Category III huts.

3.2. Privileges for hut owning sections

The members of the hut owning section must not be allowed any additional privileges whatsoever in comparison with other Alpenverein members.

3.3. Overnight stays free of charge

The following are entitled to free overnight stays free of charge: mountain rescue service members on duty; support persons of people with disabilities with an appropriate disability ID card; *Tourenführer*, *Ausbilder*, *Fachübungsleiter*, *Jugendführer*, *Jugendleiter*, and *Familiengruppenleiter* of the ÖAV, DAV and AVS, provided they can identify themselves as such, and are en-route in their role with a group of at least five people (5 plus 1).

3.4. Overcrowding

Overcrowding does not justify a tariff reduction.

3.5. Overnight tariffs for organisers

The overnight tariffs for organisers must not be lower than the overnight tariffs for members.

Organisers (legal entities and similar institutions eg a school) can be granted a discount on the overnight tariffs by the hut owning section. The booking, processing, and invoicing are the responsibility of the section.

The organisers tariff is a 'can do regulation'. This means that sections that see problems with the specified arrangements, must proceed on a basis of the overnight tariffs given above. In this case a clear distinction must be made between members and non-members (tariffs).

4. Catering**4.1. Availability of supply**

At least between 12.00hours and 20.00hours a minimum of one hot meal must be offered.

The hut guardians will provide breakfast and *Teewasser* (hot water for tea) at a time that suits local mountaineering needs.

4.2. Catering for Mountaineers

At least one '*Bergsteigeressen*' (mountaineers' meal) will be offered to members and those with reciprocal rights at a reduction of at least 10%, and in any case it must not cost more than €11. The *Bergsteigeressen* will be one vegetarian dish at least and will be identified on the menu.



There must be an alcohol-free drink offered at a price at least 40% less than the same quantity of beer.

Only members have the right to buy *Teewasser* for €3/litre (including 2 cups)

4.3. Contribution to the infrastructure (remains with the hut guardians)

Providing your own food is not allowed. An exception is made, for members and those with reciprocal rights, in a designated self-catering dining area. Day guests must pay a fee of €2.50, and overnight guests €5/night, for the use of the hut infrastructure. Children and young people up to 18 years of age are exempt.

The consumption of self-supplied alcoholic drinks is not normally permitted.

5. First Aid Equipment

For every hut sufficient first aid equipment should be provided by the section.

6. Behaviour in the Hut and in its vicinity

6.1. Considerate behaviour and refuse disposal

Every visitor has a responsibility to behave considerately in the hut and its surroundings so that they do not disturb other people.

The hut and its surroundings are to be kept clean, and all guests should take their own rubbish back to the waste disposal facilities in the valley in order to protect the mountain environment.

6.2. Hüttenruhe – lights out

Normally silence should prevail in the hut from 22.00hours to 06.00hours. The hut guardians can, with the agreement of the section, allow a later start to *Hüttenruhe* (hut quiet or lights out) however this must not be later than 24.00hours.

The actual time of *Hüttenruhe* should be clearly displayed. Early risers must behave such that the *Hüttenruhe* is not disturbed.

6.3. Playing musical instruments and concerts

The playing of musical instruments is only allowed with the hut guardians' permission. Musical performances for which an entry fee is charged are absolutely not allowed.

6.4. Radio, TV and musical equipment

Radios, Televisions and Music players may not be used either in the day areas, or in the sleeping areas, or anywhere on the hut premises.

The exception is the use of audio equipment with headphones for the reception of Weather and Avalanche forecasts outside *Hüttenruhe* hours.

The guardians can allow exceptions for certain isolated areas if they can guarantee that the guests in the rest of the hut will not be disturbed.

6.5. Smoking

Smoking is forbidden everywhere in the hut.

6.6. Restrictions in the sleeping area

In the sleeping area neither cooking nor eating is allowed; mountain boots and ski boots may not be worn. Using naked flames (candles, gas cookers etc) is not permitted.

6.7. Restrictions due to limited places

Due to limited places, seats in the guest area cannot be reserved in advance; consideration is to be shown to those who are waiting.

6.8. Bringing domestic animals and pets to huts

It is forbidden to take animals into sleeping areas unless, by special arrangement, an area is designated for mountain rescue dogs or a blind person's dog (etc) to spend the night.

Accommodation for animals must in every case be cleared in advance with the hut guardians.



Additional Rules:

If domestic animals are allowed:

- An appropriate cleaning charge of at least €10 can be levied.
- They must be clean and dry when they come into the hut.
- For reasons of hygiene, they must not get into the bed or lie on the AV-blankets.

The animal owners must bring an appropriate pet blanket with them.

6.9. Damage

Those responsible for any careless or deliberate damage to the hut or its furnishings and fittings must bear the cost. The behaviour of children is the responsibility of the parents or the people accompanying them.

7. Supervision, Complaints

7.1. House Rules

The hut guardians implement the house rules on behalf of the executive committee/board of the hut owning section.

7.2. Violation of the hut regulations

Anyone who does not observe the hut regulations can be asked to leave the hut.

7.3. Handling of complaints

Objections and complaints should be dealt with on the spot. If that is not possible they can be addressed in writing to the section that owns the hut. The complainant can appeal against their verdict, to the Präsidium of the Bundesverband (DAV) or of the Hauptverein (ÖAV), if they think the section has infringed the rules and regulations of the Alpenverein.

8. Final Regulation

A copy of these hut regulations must be kept in every hut and must be available on request for inspection by any guest.

An extract with the most important regulations of concern to the hut guests (eg overnight tariffs) must be displayed in a prominent place.

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Adopted by the Verbandsrat of the Deutschen Alpenverein (DAV) in Autumn 2023 and by the Bundesausschuss of the Österreichischen Alpenverein (ÖAV) on 01.12.2023

NB: These Hut Regulations have been translated from the German language original. Whilst every care has been taken, in the event of any conflict the German language version shall take precedence.