

Approved by the board decision of  
“Avalon” Historico-Geographical Society PA  
on October 7, 2015

**Provision about the membership in  
“Avalon” Historico-Geographical Society Public Association**

1. This provision has been introduced in compliance with Clause 4.2. of the Charter of “Avalon” Historico-Geographical Society Public Association (hereafter referred to as “Society” or “Association”), is based on the provisions of the Charter and addresses the membership matters which are not otherwise regulated by the Charter.

2. Aside from the rights stipulated by the Charter of “Avalon” HGS, all members of the Society shall be entitled:

- to gain support from the Society in the preparation and implementation of the expedition, sporting and other projects (if they correspond to the Society’s mission), including but not limited to the right to receive travel documents, recommendation letters and other documents of this kind;
- to participate in special ceremonies, expeditions and other by-invitation-only events organized by “Avalon” HGS. This being said, rules of participation in event may stipulate that a member of “Avalon” HGS may bring one non-member to by-invitation-only event;
- to use the symbols of “Avalon” HGS (including expedition and other flags, granted for a limited period of time during particular events, as well as patches and other individual symbols, worn permanently) in the order determined by Provision about the symbols of “Avalon” HGS;
- to have a priority, all other things being equal, for participating in the projects and current activities of “Avalon” HGS and “Avalon” PF (including the cases when salaries and payments of various kinds are received);
- to receive annual Members Bulletin (either in its paper or electronic form, as requested);
- to use information databases (paper and electronic ones, including GPS-coordinates and tracks) of “Avalon” HGS free of charge;
- to receive a 50% discount on participation fees charged for sporting or other events hosted by “Avalon” HGS (races, contests, etc.);
- to receive a 10% discount on participation fees charged for educational courses (language courses, survival courses, etc.) hosted by “Avalon” HGS and “Avalon” PF;
- to receive a 30% discount on printed materials produced by “Avalon” HGS and “Avalon” PF independently or in cooperation with their partners (maps, guide-books, cards, etc.);
- to receive a 20% discount on travel equipment rental (tents, sleeping bags, camping mats, walkie-talkies) in “Avalon” HGS and “Avalon” PF. This being said, one person may receive a discount for renting one set of equipment (e.g. 1 tent, 1 sleeping bag, 1 camping mat, 2 walkie-talkies, etc.) at a time, all additional equipment items are rented out at a regular rate. Exceptions to this rule are made with the special consent of the administration of “Avalon” HGS and “Avalon” PF.

The list of above mentioned rights (as well as the list of discounts given to members of “Avalon” HGS by organizations-partners determined by a different document) shall always be available on the official website of “Avalon” HGS in the section on “Privileges of the full and associative members of “Avalon’ HGS”.

3. Private individuals are initiated into associated members of the Society based on the candidates’ written application. This application shall be addressed to the President of the Society and shall

indicate the applicant's written consent with the Charter of the Society. Upon filing the application private individuals should pay a membership fee. This being said,

3.1. Within 5 days after the submission of application and payment of membership fee, the administration of the Society shall process application and issue a document proving the applicant's initiation into members of the Society.

3.2. In certain circumstances, the Society may turn down a membership application with no reason given. If this is the case, the applicant shall be informed about the refusal within 5 days after the submission of application and the membership fee shall be returned to him/her.

4. Identification document stating membership in the Society shall be granted after the payment of membership fee for the current year. The identification document is valid until the end of the calendar year in which it had been issued.

5. Annual membership fee comes to 2400 (two thousand and four hundred) KZT. This being said, membership fees shall be paid in accordance with the established procedure:

5.1. The first membership fee shall be paid simultaneously with the submission of membership application to "Avalon" HGS. This payment shall be made for all the remaining months of the current year.

5.2. Each following membership fee shall be paid annually not later than April, 1 of the year, for which payment is made. The Society accepts the payment of membership fees for several years in advance.

5.3. In certain circumstances, with the prior consent of the administration of "Avalon" HGS, payment of membership fee may be delayed or made in kind (services, barter, etc.).

5.4. Membership of a private individual who had not paid membership fee within the time limits set (and had not requested payment extension or payment in kind) shall be temporarily terminated until the payment is made. This being said, the rights, stipulated by the Charter of "Avalon" HGS and this Provision shall be temporarily denied.

5.5. In the event of membership termination or voluntary withdrawal from membership in the Society, membership fees, including the fee paid for the current year, shall not be returned to the respective member.

6. Voluntary withdrawal from membership in the Society will result in the respective individual's inability to file another membership application to the Society within 2 years after withdrawal from membership.

7. Membership termination of full or associate members on the grounds stipulated in the Charter, will result in the respective individual's inability to file another membership application to the Society within 5 years after membership termination