

## **Rock Climbing Team Constitution**

### **Article I - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization.**

Section 1: Name: Rock Climbing Team

Section 2 - Purpose: The purpose of the Rock-Climbing Team is to teach general safety guidelines for climbing and host practices for recreation and training for competitions. Ultimately, it is desirable to have members grow and learn enough to feel confident climbing both indoors and outdoors, as well as in competitions or climbing outside.

Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy: The Rock-Climbing Team and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

**Article II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.** Voting membership is limited to currently enrolled Ohio State students, but alumni and advisors are encouraged to give advice/guidance as non-voting members. For the competition team, a yearly collegiate membership with USA Climbing is Required.

Section 1 - Good Standing: Members shall be in good standing if they meet practice (see Article VI) and due (Article II, Section 2) requirements. Members in good standing are eligible to vote and propose constitutional amendments, submit reimbursement requests, and apply to become an officer.

Section 2 - Dues: Dues shall only be required if fundraising is inadequate or unavailable and shall not exceed a limit greater than 50 dollars a year. The cost of dues shall be proposed by the Treasurer in the fall semester proposed budget.

**Article III - Organization Leadership:** The Rock-Climbing Team will have at least five officers. They are as follows: President, Vice President, Treasurer, PR/Social Media Chair, and Outdoor Chair.

The President shall be responsible for coordination of officers, meetings/practices. This role will plan club objectives for each semester, and communications with advisor. Other duties include maintaining carpool spreadsheet, practice schedule, registration for involvement fair, coordination of merchandise order, and new member orientation. The president will fulfill the duties of any officer absent or unavailable with due notice.

The Vice President shall be responsible for maintain active club rooster and waives, record keeping of club schedule and team programs. This role will be key to organize programming events, volunteering, and clinics with the other officers, and act as the liaison to the Mountaineers at OSU. If the president is absent or unavailable for any reason, the vice president shall take on the duties of president.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for ensuring the financial well-being of the club and maintain proper records of all transactions. The treasurer will handle any monetary business, including collecting dues to maintain team roster (if applicable), merchandise, and travel fees. In addition, the treasurer shall propose a general budget once a semester to be approved by the club. The treasurer is responsible for the approval and submission an operating funds request twice per year and the submission and approval of programming events/funds as planned.

The Social Media Chair/Outreach shall be responsible for maintaining and updating the clubs Facebook, Instagram, and website (if applicable), as well as coordinating the desing of any club merchandise (as approved by the majority of the club). In addition, the social media chair shall be responsible for contacting and maintaining club relations with outside groups, including Vertical Adventures or other climbing interest groups for competitions, volunteer or social events.

The Outdoor Chair shall be responsible for coordinating trips or volunteer activities that require travel to offsite (off campus) locations with the exclusion of team practice. This includes planning a top-rope/lead outdoor trip and a bouldering trip each semester during a weekend or academic spring and fall breaks. This officer will coordinate with other officers and qualified trip leaders for trips available. Other duties include organizing a lead-clinic with an established safety curriculum with other officers and leaders. In addition, the outdoor chair is responsible for maintaining any team gear including, but not limited to ropes, crash pads, and belay devices, guidebooks, and first aid kits. This officer will also propose a gear loaning plan to be approved by officer team and general body.

These officers will be elected by club members in January of every year. To be eligible for an officer position an individual must have been an active member of the club for at least one semester and meet all the requirements set forth by the University. Officer's terms are to be limited to one year unless extenuating circumstances require the term to be extended. These circumstances will be evaluated by the voting members of the club.

Any decisions that are non-constitutional changes or otherwise defined by the constitution shall be at the discretion of the leadership to make, these include but are not limited to: appointing committees or committee chairs for special events, qualifications for reimbursement, and team communication platform (email, Facebook, Discord, etc.).

**Article IV** – Officers will be elected by the voting members of the organization. A majority is needed for each position. If a member is running unopposed for an officer position a vote will still take place and the unopposed candidate must still receive a majority “yes” vote.

Any officer or member that violates the By-Laws will be considered for removal from the organization. In either case, the four officers will vote to remove the member or fellow officer. In the case that a member or officer fails to meet the requirements set forth by the university or club they will be considered for removal.

**Article V** – Advisor(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria. Advisors of student organizations must be members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. The organization’s expectation of the advisor is to approve or veto major decisions and goals made by the officers and to act as a resource for local climbing information.

**Article VI** – Meetings of the Organization: Members are required to attend three practices a semester in order to maintain good standing with the club. It is expected of members who will be competing at regionals that they attend at least one practice per week, with a maximum of three excused absences. Excused absences include school, sickness, or injury.

**Article VII** – Method of Amending Constitution: The constitution of the Rock-Climbing Team can only be amended by a two-thirds majority vote. The amendment will be voted on during the subsequent

mandatory meeting. Amendments can be proposed by any member in good standing in writing and must be submitted to leadership for distribution to the club in a timely manner.

**Article VIII** – Method of Dissolution of Organization: The organization will not undertake any project that will put the organization in debt. Any such project will be rejected immediately. If the organization must dissolve all remaining funds will be donated to a charity of the majority’s choice.

**Article IX** – All members participating in organized trips will be compensated in some form for travel expenses within 10 business days after the last day of the event, or within the duration of time that members have consented to in writing prior to the start of the event. For outdoor trips, current arrangement details an equal split of gas expenses by car to the driver.