

Rock Climbing Club at Ohio State

Student Organization Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

Rock Climbing Club at Ohio State

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

The purpose of Rock Climbing Club is to foster a supportive environment for bettering our skills as climbers, sharing best practices for staying safe while climbing outdoors, and making lasting social connections. Our club aims to provide a safe and inclusive environment for all skill levels, where members can create lasting friendships and grow as climbers and as people.

ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct

Rock Climbing Club at Ohio State *agrees that it will not engage in sexual misconduct nor any harassment or discrimination on the basis 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 basis in accordance with the Student Organization Registration Guidelines.*

Section B. Hazing

Rock Climbing Club at Ohio State *agrees to maintain a zero-tolerance policy for hazing, in compliance with Ohio State University and Collin's Law. All members must conduct themselves in a manner that supports an environment free from hazing. Hazing includes any activity, regardless of consent, that causes or creates a substantial risk of physical, mental, or emotional harm or humiliation to any individual as part of membership or affiliation with the student organization. If found responsible for hazing, members and/or the organization may face disciplinary actions.*

Section C. Bylaws

Rock Climbing Club at Ohio State *retains the right to maintain separate bylaws to outline the day-to-day operations of the organization and to clarify policies and procedures otherwise not included in the previous articles. Bylaws and/or other guiding documents may not take precedence over the requirements set forth by local, state, and federal laws, The Ohio State University's regulations, policies, and procedures, and the Council on Student Affairs (CSA) Student Organization Registration Guidelines. Organizations may make amendments and changes to the bylaws without consulting the Ohio Union & Student Activities department, and changes to bylaws do not require approval. All elements of organizational bylaws shall be consistent with the organization's currently approved constitution on file and CSA constitution requirements.*

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Membership Eligibility and Timeline

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 B. Member Selection

Members shall be in good standing if they meet practice (see Section C) and due requirements. Members in good standing are eligible to vote and propose constitutional amendments, submit reimbursement requests, and apply to become an officer. 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.

Section C. Membership Timeline

Prospective members may join the organization at any point throughout either semester.

Members are required to attend three practices a semester 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.

Section D. Member Removal

Any officer or member that violates the By-Laws will be considered for removal from the organization. In either case, all members will vote to remove the member or officer. The members are required to have two thirds in favor of removing the officer or member to successfully remove them. 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

Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities

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.

Section B. Advisor Term

Advisor terms are indefinite unless at the advisor's request or a member vote of a two thirds majority votes to remove.

Section C. Advisor Selection

Advisors of student organizations must be members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff.

Section D. Advisor Replacement

In the case of advisor replacement, current officers of the club will send out forms to all members with advisor recommendations. Officers will then use this feedback to select and ask a candidate for a new advisor.

ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

Section A. Officer Positions

The Rock-Climbing Team will have at least six officers. They are as follows: President, Vice President, Treasurer, PR/Social Media Chair, Competition 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 the 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 maintaining active club roster and waivers, 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 of 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 club's Facebook, Instagram, and website (if applicable), as well as coordinating the design 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 Competition Chair shall be responsible for advertising local and USA Climbing competitions and coordinating travel (if required). In addition, they must become CPR and med kit certified or ensure at least one competition attendee is certified to ensure club members' safety during competitions. Optionally, the competition chair may organize mentor programs or coaching sessions involving the more experienced club members as coaches/mentors and newer/less experienced members as mentees.

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 the officer team and general body.

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.).

Section B. Officer Eligibility

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. Officers' 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.

Section C. Officer Selection Process

Officers will be elected by club members in January of every year. Officers will be elected by the voting members of the organization. A plurality is needed for each position.

Section D. Officer Removal

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ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION

Section A. Dissolution Requirements

A decision to dissolve will be held by member vote with a required three fourths majority to pass. If the measure passes, the Rock Climbing Club at Ohio State will be dissolved and cease to exist.

Section B. Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts

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 VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section A. Amendment Process

The constitution of the Rock-Climbing Team can only be amended by a two-thirds majority vote. The amendment will be voted through a voting form to be sent in the officer-announcement channel in the discord.

This form will have a week-long time limit. Any votes past the deadline will not be counted. 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.