

CONSTITUTION

of the

Climbing Club at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

ARTICLE I – NAME

The official name of our club is the Climbing Club at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of the Climbing Club is to unite climbers, introduce climbing to new people, promote safe climbing and environmental stewardship, and to purchase and maintain gear for club use.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership in the Climbing Club is limited to UIUC students, faculty, staff, and their spouses.
- B. Membership begins upon payment of club dues to the treasurer, and can be initiated anytime during a semester.
- C. Club dues are set at the cost of \$25.00 per year and \$10.00 for Spring semester. Club dues will only be accepted in cash or check form, and are non-refundable. Elected club officers are not required to pay dues.
- D. Termination from the club is possible if a member is found to be behaving in a manner deemed “dangerous to others” by a vote of the present club members. Dangerous behavior constitutes all the following behaviors, but is not limited to them.
 - i. Climbing Unroped (Not reasonable bouldering)
 - ii. Belaying Improperly
 - a. Repeatedly taking the break hand off the rope
 - b. Being inattentive while belaying
 - c. Not locking off or lowering properly
 - iii. Purposely throwing anything off a cliff
 - iv. Giving improper instruction to other club members
 - v. Littering/vandalism/theft
 - vi. Using damaged or unsafe gear
 - vii. General dangerous behavior endangering yourself, others, and equipment.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Officers of the Climbing Club shall be a President, Vice President/Equipment Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Social Chair, and Technology Chair. This group also constitutes the Officers Committee.

- A. The PRESIDENT shall-
 - i. be elected for a term of one school year (2 semesters and the summer previous to the fall semester they are elected for)
 - ii. be elected to office by a majority vote of club members present at the election.
 - a. There will be no limitation as to how many terms an individual can hold this position.
 - b. To be eligible for this position, one must be a member of the Climbing Club for at least one full semester prior to the election.
 - c. To be eligible for this position, one must have a valid netID with the university.
 - iii. be responsible for administering all club meetings.

- iv. be responsible for delegation responsibilities among the other officers and club members.
 - v. be responsible for overseeing the duties of all other officers.
 - vi. In the event of a tie vote among group members, cast a tie-breaking vote.
- B. The VICE PRESIDENT/EQUIPMENT CHAIRPERSON shall –
- i. be elected for a term of one school year (2 semesters and the summer previous to the fall semester they are elected for)
 - ii. be elected to office by a majority vote of club members present at the election.
 - a. There will be no limitation as to how many terms an individual can hold this office.
 - b. To be eligible for this position, one must be a member of the Climbing Club for at least one full semester before the election.
 - iii. assume the duties of the president in the event of his/her absence.
 - iv. Be the officer most directly responsible for communicating with the president, showing him or her guidance.
 - v. be responsible for the purchase, storage, upkeep, inventory, and distribution of all club owned gear.
- C. The TREASURER shall –
- i. be elected for a term of one school year (2 semesters and the summer previous to the fall semester they are elected for)
 - ii. be elected to office by a majority vote of club members present at the election.
 - a. There will be no limitation as to how many terms an individual can hold this office.
 - b. To be eligible for this position, one must be a member of the Climbing Club for at least one full semester before the election.
 - c. To be eligible for this position, one must have a valid netID with the university.
 - iii. be responsible for keeping an accurate record of all club funds.
 - iv. be responsible for collecting dues money from all members.
- D. The SECRETARY shall –
- i. be elected for a term of one school year (2 semesters and the summer previous to the fall semester they are elected for)
 - ii. be elected to office by a majority vote of club members present at the election.
 - a. there will be no limitation as to how many terms an individual can hold this office.
 - b. to be eligible for this position, one must be a member of the Climbing Club for at least one full semester before the election.
 - iii. be responsible for keeping an accurate and up to date list of all club members.
 - iv. be responsible for informing the club members of meetings and planned outings through email and other forms of communication.
 - v. be responsible for keeping accurate club minutes of all meetings, both general and officer.
- E. The SOCIAL CHAIR shall –
- i. be elected for a term of one school year (2 semesters and the summer previous to the fall semester they are elected for)
 - ii. be elected to office by a majority vote of club members present at the election.
 - a. there will be no limitation as to how many terms an individual can hold this office.

- b. to be eligible for this position, one must be a member of the Climbing Club for at least one full semester before the election.
 - iii. be responsible for organizing social events for the club.
- F. The PHILANTHROPY CHAIR shall –
 - i. be elected for a term of one school year (2 semesters and the summer previous to the fall semester they are elected for)
 - ii. be elected to office by a majority vote of club members present at the election.
 - a. there will be no limitation as to how many terms an individual can hold this office.
 - b. to be eligible for this position, one must be a member of the Climbing Club for at least one full semester before the election.
 - iii. be responsible for organizing philanthropy events for the club.
- G. The TECHNOLOGY CHAIR shall –
 - i. be elected for a term of one school year (2 semesters and the summer previous to the fall semester they are elected for)
 - ii. be elected to office by a majority vote of club members present at the election.
 - a. there will be no limitation as to how many terms an individual can hold this office.
 - b. to be eligible for this position, one must be a member of the Climbing Club for at least one full semester before the election.
 - iii. be responsible for maintaining the club website and other electronic communications.
 - iv. be responsible for helping other officers and members with technology.
- H. The OFFICERS COMMITTEE shall –
 - i. consist of the President, Vice President/Equipment Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Social Chair, Philanthropy Chair and Technology Chair positions.
 - ii. The purpose of the Officers Committee shall be to vote to an end issues related to constitutional amendments, membership termination, and other club issues.
 - iii. Each member of the committee shall receive one vote.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

- A. Meetings shall be held twice a month throughout the school year.
- B. The place of meeting shall be agreed upon and announced no later than a week prior to the meeting.
- C. Every meeting will be opened with a welcoming by the president of the club and then a trip report time, immediately followed by a trip announcement time. After that, the scheduled meetings activities will follow.

ARTICLE V – FUNDING

In order to continue the operation of the Climbing Club, one of the main focuses of the club will be to raise money for the club to cover the expenses that are incurred throughout the year.

- A. All funds raised through dues, fundraisers, donations, etc. will be kept by the treasurer of the club.
- B. Any dispersal of club funds, must first be approved by the club officers by a majority vote .

ARTICLE VI – INSTRUCTORS

- A. The climbing club takes the position that none of its members are qualified to instruct. Instruction may be offered in the form of advice, or demonstration, but in no way constitutes formal instruction or certification. It is always up to the member to be responsible for his actions and understanding of what he is doing.
- B. On the same note, any member is welcome to offer a class or workshop to other members after first giving a description of the class/workshop to the club officers.
- C. No personal funds can be raised through a workshop or class. If there is a charge for the course, any money made should be given to the club treasurer.

ARTICLE VII – GEAR

- A. Only club members can check out club gear.
- B. Club call-out trips or club climbing clinics will always have priority to gear over personal trips.
- C. Gear can be reserved up to 60 days in advance. Reservations are on a first-come first-serve basis. Conflicts for gear at the 60-day mark will be addressed during the following meeting. Each party will be given a chance to plead their case and a 50% majority vote excluding involved parties will resolve the conflict.
- D. Traditional climbing gear will only be lent to members who have taken a class, clinic, or course on traditional climbing or have submitted a resume of ten traditional leads to the vice president. The resume must include route name and grade. If approved by the vice president, the member can checkout traditional climbing gear.
- E. Gear lost by a member must be replaced within one month of the checkout date.
- F. Gear will only be lent after reading and signing in agreement the Gear Care Policy.
- G. Anything that happens to the gear affecting its condition (lead falls, drops, accidents, etc.) will be reported to the Vice President.

ARTICLE VIII – RATIFICATION AND AMENDMENTS

- A. The Climbing Club should always be what the club members want it to be. Seeing as the club's member pool is a very dynamic one, the possibility of change in the club needs to be left open.
- B. Any club member can suggest an amendment to the constitution anytime.
- C. To be ratified, the amendment must first pass with a two-thirds majority vote by the club members present at the designated voting time. If such a vote is reached, it must then pass through a majority vote of the Officers Committee to be ratified.