

# **The University of Utah Climbing Team**

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### **Article I – Name & Purpose**

This club is named the University of Utah Climbing Team and was formed as a charitable organization to educate students on rock climbing technique and mastery, climbing ethics, and environmental stewardship, and to promote personal development including building self-confidence and community involvement. Secondly, the purpose of the team is to compete at local, national, and international competitions to develop student's abilities and confidence.

### **Article II – Membership**

1. All University of Utah students, male or female, undergraduate or graduate, are qualified for membership.
2. To be recognized as a full member of the rec team, a student must pay a one-time club fee of \$50. This fee gives members access to gym memberships, team events, gear, and outdoor trips.
3. To be recognized as a member of the comp team members must pay an additional amount of 100\$. Full members of the comp team get access to USA Climbing competitions, access to team-specific events, additional funding, and comp-specific gear.
  - a. In addition, for a student to join the competitive section, they must obtain a Collegiate competitor membership through USA Climbing and pay the organization's fees in full.
4. A full member has the right to attend all practices, community events, and competitive events as long as dues have been paid and are in good standing with the club.
5. Membership may be rejected if a student displays unsportsmanlike conduct, ignores climbing ethics presented by the club, or does not participate in team meetings and practices.
- 6. This organization agrees to keep its membership primarily to currently enrolled students at the University of Utah. Faculty, staff, and community members may participate in the organization, but club leadership must consist of all currently enrolled students at the university.**
- 7. This organization does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, age, or status as an individual with disability, or as a protected veteran, and any other status protected by applicable state or federal law. (University of Utah, Policy 6-400, Section II-E)**
- 8. We agree to abide by all regulations described in the Guidelines for Recognized Student Organizations, all University policies, in addition to all federal, state, and local law.**

### **Article III – Meeting**

1. Team practices will be held at least once a week throughout the fall and spring semesters, except on University breaks such as Fall break, Thanksgiving, Christmas Break, and Spring Break. Additionally, informational club meetings will be held on campus at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters.
2. Team practices will be held at the Bouldering Project on a weekday evening according to availability throughout the fall and spring semester, except on University breaks such as: Fall break, Thanksgiving, Christmas Break, and Spring Break.
3. Special meetings may be called in advance of competitions by any executive member via text, email, or GroupMe messaging.

4. Special events such as crag clean-ups, movie screenings, guest speakers, outdoor climbing trips, etc. may be called by an executive member.

#### **Article IV – Executive Board**

1. The executive board will be composed of 7 positions: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Team Coach, Assistant Team Coach and Outdoor Trip Manager.
  - a. The President - Has the responsibility of deciding admittance to the competitive team and oversees inter-club communications, sponsorships, and club meetings.
  - b. The Vice President - In charge of communication with the rest of the team. This includes running the team's social media accounts and sending out team emails.
  - c. Treasurer - Has the responsibility of being second in deciding admittance to the competitive team and oversees club dues, travel arrangements, and special events.
  - d. The Team Coach - Organizes all team practices, coordinates with gyms for competitions, creates individualized training plans, and is the third in deciding who receives admittance to the competitive team
    - i. Assistant Team Coach- assists the Team Coach
  - e. Outdoor Trips Manager- has the responsibility of planning and coordinating outdoor trips. Is in charge of booking housing for longer trips such as fall or spring break..
2. If there are vacancies within the executive board, a member may be appointed immediately by the other two executive members pending general election at the next club meeting.
- 3. This organization agrees to provide a clearly defined outline of the process for removing officers, including a statement explaining why an officer may be removed.**
  - i. e.g. inadequate fulfillment of duties, violation of laws or regulations, etc.
  - ii. Student organizations may change their officers for any reason other than a discriminatory reason.
- 4. Grounds for removal include the inadequate fulfillment of aforementioned duties or the violation of regulations described by University policies or any federal, state, or local laws.**
5. The removal process of officers requires >51% majority vote from current team members.

#### **Article V – Elections**

1. General elections will be held in May of each academic year for all executive positions for the following year. The elected officials will serve a term of one year.
2. The 5 most senior members of the team will privately slate a member for election to the executive board. At this point, the election floor will be open to general nominations by any member of the climbing team. Elections will be held the week after nominations and will be based on a majority vote of all members in attendance of the aforementioned meeting.

#### **Article VI – Funds**

1. Club funds will be collected from each member before they can attend their third practice. Funds for the rec team will total 50\$ per person. Funds for the comp team will total 150\$ per person but may be subject to change.
2. A bill will be written for funds from ASUU each semester.
3. Funds will be used for transportation to special events and national competitions. Funds will be used for the purchase of safety equipment and any excess funds will be used to purchase apparel to represent the climbing club and the University.

**4. This organization agrees to practice fiscal responsibility and manage club funds in ways that are ethical, transparent, and compliant with state and federal law as well as University policy where applicable.**

## **Article VII – Committees**

1. Committees will be organized and appointed by the president and vice president on a special-case basis.

## **Article X – Ratification**

1. The constitution will be ratified by the three founding members: Stefan Fellner, Vincent Burns, and Amanda Brownstein. Following the founding years, if ratification is necessary, it will be done by the current executive board members.

## **Article XI – Amendments**

1. An amendment can be presented by any member at any regularly scheduled meeting. If an amendment is presented, the executive board will appoint a diverse committee of members to become the amendment committee. The member will present the amendment to the committee. Upon committee approval, the president has the opportunity to veto the amendment. Upon presidential approval, the amendment committee will appoint one member to write the amendment into the constitution. The amendment will be ratified by the current executive board members.
2. This organization agrees to submit its constitution for approval by the Department of Student Leadership & Involvement as part of the annual re-registration process.

## **Article XII – Bylaws**

1. A bylaw committee will be appointed by the president to handle any rules and regulations if necessary.
2. We agree to abide by all regulations described in the Guidelines for Recognized Student Organizations, all University policies, in addition to all federal, state, and local laws.