

Constitution of the **Climbing Club of SJSU**

5/14/23

Article I - Name

Section 1. This organization will be known as the Climbing Club of SJSU at San Jose State University.

Article II - Purpose

Section 1. The Climbing Club of SJSU's purpose is to help students discover the fun and active lifestyle the sport provides and foster a community around climbing.

Section 2. This purpose is to be achieved through fellowship in events and activities organized by the club and engage others that may be interested.

Section 3. We intend on reaching out to other climbing related institutions and organizations to create more of these opportunities.

Article III - Affiliation

Section 1. The Climbing Club of SJSU is a separate entity and has no affiliation with any local, state, or national organization.

Article IV - Membership

Section 1. Regular Membership in the organization is open to anyone currently enrolled or matriculated at San Jose State University. There shall be no other requirements to be admitted to join the Climbing Club of SJSU.

Section 2. Regular Members are not required to meet any attendance to maintain membership, but are encouraged to participate.

Section 3. All members' priorities should be to maintain an inclusive (see Inclusivity Clause) and positive attitude with one another.

Inclusivity Clause:

The club will prohibit illegal discrimination based on age, race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or gender expression, marital or veteran status, and physical or mental impairment.

Failure to acknowledge the **Inclusivity Clause** or harassment can result in termination of membership

Section 4. Eligibility for membership or appointed or elected student officer positions shall not be limited on the basis of race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, color, age, gender, gender identity, marital status, citizenship, sexual orientation, or disability. The organization shall have no rules or policies that discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, color, age, gender, gender identity, marital status, citizenship, sexual orientation, or disability (Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Section 41500).

Section 5. No member of this organization shall engage in hazing, participate in hazing, or commit any act that causes or is likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to any fellow student or person attending this institution (California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Article 2, Standards for Student Conduct, Section 41301(b)(8)). Individual students may be disciplined for hazing under Section 41301(b)(8).

Section 6. This organization shall comply with Title 5, Section 41301, Standards for Student Conduct.

Section 7. Students must acknowledge that their actions could impact their own & others' safety when conducting club activities and events.

Article V - Officers

Section 1. The Executive board member positions of this club shall be President, Vice President, Social Media coordinator, Event coordinator, Graphic Designer, & Treasurer.

Section 2. All officers of this organization must be matriculated and currently enrolled at San Jose State University. The President and Treasurer of this organization must maintain a minimum overall 2.0 grade point average, must be enrolled in at least 6 units, and must be in good standing with San José State University during their term of office.

Section 3. The Executive board members will hold office for a single term - one year.

Section 4. Elections will occur at the end of every April by voting within The Climbing Club of SJSU. Final decisions and transfer of offices will be made at the end of each spring semester.

Section 5. Any vacancies during the fall or spring semesters will be announced to all members of the club. If no candidates come forward, officers have the option of appointing a willing member of their choice.

Section 6. An inactive officer may be removed by club officers. Removal can only be initiated by current active officers and must be passed by a two-thirds majority vote.

Section 7. Officer positions can be created and destroyed by the executive board members. Existing positions that are not filled over the period of 2 years will be considered non-essential to the success of the club and can be openly discussed for termination. All officer positions should be annually reviewed between academic years for effectiveness and necessity. New officer positions will be made based on how necessary they are for the club to function efficiently.

Article VI - Duties of Officers

Section 1. All club officers are encouraged to participate in meetings and club events as often as possible. Active Club officers should contribute in developing activities, events, and ideas for fostering the growth of the club.

Individual Roles

Section 1. President

The President is the chief executive of the organization and will supervise the affairs and activities of the club. They are responsible for public relations, working with the faculty advisor, and coordination for the duties of all other officers.

Section 2. Vice President

The Vice President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President and support in the tasks when necessary. The Vice President will supervise and relay membership promotion to the rest of the organization.

Section 3. Social Media Coordinator

The Social Media Coordinator shall preside and monitor over the organization's online presence and platforms by helping announce events and coordinate activities on and off campus. In addition the Coordinator will also handle promotion with the President and communicate with the organization's graphic designers when needed.

Section 4. Event Coordinator

The Event Coordinator will be responsible for communicating with the rest of the executive members and planning for club events. Events may range from off campus expeditions and trips to on-campus climbing wall plans or campus club tabling.

Section 4. Graphic Designers

The Graphic Designers' responsibilities will encompass creating visual assets for the organization's social media platform pages and promotional materials. This includes any sort of fliers, business cards, banners, shirts, buttons, stickers, & etc. Graphic Designers can notify the executive members if additional help from others is needed and enlist up to 2 others after approval from the President.

Section 5. Treasurer

The Treasurer's responsibility is handling the financial record pertaining to the club. The treasurer will be familiar with the Associated Students Finance Committee, and is the primary account holder and contact for the club treasury in accordance with them. Treasurers should be aware of all transactions involving the club account and should handle reimbursements whenever necessary.

Article VII - Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominations will come from the floor and be open to any member of the club. Volunteers are welcome.

Section 2. Nominations will occur 2 weeks before the elections (end of April).

Section 3. Voting membership is restricted to current enrolled students of San Jose State University

Section 4. All officers will be elected by plurality vote or chosen selection.

Section 5. All candidates will be equally and fairly judged.

Article VIII - Advisors

Section 1. The organization must have a University advisor. This person must hold at least a bachelor's degree and be employed as a faculty or staff member by San Jose State University. A Graduate Assistant / Intern may assume the advisor role if approved by the Student Involvement staff.

Section 2. The advisor is a non-voting member of the organization.

Section 3. The duties of the advisor are to:

Assist the organization in fulfilling their mission and purpose. They should be knowledgeable of the organization's constitution and bylaws and assist the organization's members in interpreting them. Advisors should also be knowledgeable of University policies and procedures regarding student Organizations and ensure organization compliance to the best of their ability. In addition the advisors should be aware of the organization's activities.

Article IX - Meetings

Section 1. There will be biweekly meetings for executive members - every other week of the month that will be determined by their availability times.

Section 2. The President has the right to call special meetings

Section 3. Meetings can be conducted by any means online or in-person by majority decision.

Article X - Committees

Section 1. The President has the authority to create and organize committees if necessary.

Section 2. There are no regular committees.

Article XI - Dues and Fees

Section 1. There will be no mandatory dues/ fees to be a member of the club- only voluntary donations.

Article XII - Amendments

Section 1. Any executive member can bring forward an amendment addition or change that they view as beneficial to the club.

Section 2. Amendment discussion will take place during club meetings to discuss the pros and cons. Voting will happen at the end of the meeting and will be conducted by a plurality vote of two-thirds.