



## **UR Rock Climbing Club**

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the **UR Rock Climbing Club** of the University of Rochester and enact this constitution for its government. Failure to follow this constitution could result in revocation of Students' Association recognition of this organization.

### **Article I. Purpose of Organization/Mission Statement**

*The purpose of the UR Rock Climbing Club is to promote the sport of rock climbing at the University of Rochester. We seek to establish a community of people who engage in and appreciate rock climbing, by bringing together both experienced and inexperienced climbers and by introducing undergraduates and others in the community to the sport.*

### **Article II. Membership**

#### ***Section A. Membership***

1. Eligibility – All Students' Association members shall be eligible for membership. An SA Member is a University of Rochester undergraduate of the College who has paid their SA activities fee. All University of Rochester faculty, staff, graduate students and Eastman students shall be eligible for associate membership. All members and associate members shall be listed on the organization's Campus Club Connection site.
2. Definition of active member – A member of the UR Rock Climbing Club is an eligible person as defined in Article II Section A.1 who has paid dues, either an annual amount or per semester. All Executive Board members are not subject to this payment and retain their membership. Members may purchase discount memberships to local climbing gyms through the club. Members are eligible to vote in elections and are capable of being elected to the Executive Board.
3. Definition of associate member – An associate member may be any non-University of Rochester undergraduate who meets the above requirements in participation of an active member. An associate member may also be any University of Rochester student who participates in some club activities but does not pay dues. An associate member may not vote and cannot serve on the executive board.

### **Article III. Meetings and Voting**

***Section A.*** A meeting shall be valid if a quorum, plus one officer is present. Quorum is defined as 1/2 of the organization's active membership.

#### ***Section B. Voting***

1. Voting on any issue shall be official only if the meeting is valid.
2. All members shall have equal voting power.
3. Procedure – All decisions shall be arrived at by simple majority using a hand vote unless otherwise specified by the presiding officer. The President shall only vote to break a tie.

### **Article IV. Officers and Qualifications**

***Section A. Officer Positions***

President  
Vice President  
Business Manager  
Publicist  
Programming Coordinator

***Section B. Duties of Officers***

1. All officers shall be members of the Students' Association.
2. All officers shall promote active recruitment of new members.
3. All officers shall enforce this constitution.
4. All officers shall be responsible for knowing the sections of the Students' Association constitution and bylaws that apply to this organization.
5. The President shall preside over the meetings and shall maintain organization within the club, communicate with other officers and delegate duties to maintain a functioning club that fulfills the purposes set forth above. The President shall also be responsible for maintaining climbing gym memberships including but not limited to negotiation with gym faculty, maintaining discounted memberships and collecting names of the people interested in these memberships.
6. Vice President shall be responsible for maintaining a current copy of this constitution open to inspection by all members of this organization, Senators, and all members of the Students' Association. This person shall also take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members, collect liability forms and take, maintain, and inform members of meeting minutes.
8. The Business Manager will be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions, including but not limited to: funding from the Student Association, private donations, expenditures for transportation and future outdoor climbing excursions, and potentially subsidized group climbing memberships.
9. The Publicist shall be responsible for advertising of the club. This includes but is not limited to website design and creation, management, distribution of posters, online media and helping the Programming Coordinator publicize events and fundraisers.
10. The Programming Coordinator shall be responsible for actively planning events and the fundraisers for those events. This person will work closely with the business manager during fundraisers to ensure success of any and all fundraisers.

***Section C. Nominations and Elections***

1. Nomination and Elections Procedure – All club officers must be active members nominated by at least two other active club members. Elections will be by secret ballot and Club Officers shall be elected only by at least one-half majority. All present active members may vote, except for the incumbent President, who may only vote in the event of a tie.
2. Timing of Elections – Elections shall take place between March and early April. This is done to ensure ample time for proper training of the incoming officers to take place.
3. Term of Office – Term of office is one year to date of the election period.

***Section D. Vacancies, Resignations, and Removals***

1. At the valid meeting following a vacancy of an office, the position is to be filled by the same manner described in the Nominations and Elections Procedure.
2. A vote of no confidence is a vote to remove an officer. Such a vote shall require a 2/3 majority of the active membership to pass the motion.
3. If a vote of no confidence on any officer is to take place, it must be given an official meeting's notice. Any member of an organization can call for a vote of no confidence.
4. An office shall be declared vacant as the result of a vote of no confidence.

#### **Article V. Committees**

Not-applicable.

#### **Article VI. Finances**

*Section A.* Students' Association members shall receive priority at SA-funded events conducted by this organization.

*Section B.* The UR Rock Climbing Club shall be eligible for SA funding.

#### **Article VII. Classification**

*Section A.* UR Rock Climbing Club shall be classified as a/an: Club Sport. A club sport shall be any SA-recognized organization that is overseen by the Club Sport Council.

#### **Article VIII. Adoption of the Constitution**

*Section A.* Two-thirds of the active membership, or more if the organization decides, must approve the constitution.

*Section B.* This constitution will be ratified upon approval of the Senate and the signature of the Speaker.

*Section C.* This constitution shall not conflict with the Students' Association constitution or by-laws.

#### **Article IX. Amendments**

*Section A.* Adoption and ratification of amendments to this constitution shall follow the same procedure as adoption of the entire constitution.

#### **Article X. By-laws**

*Section A.* At least a 2/3 majority of the active membership must approve the by-laws and any amendments.

*Section B.* By-laws should not conflict with this constitution or the SA constitution or by-laws.

#### **Article XI. Hazing Policy**

Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or organization, is not permitted by the UR Rock Climbing Club. Behavior prohibited under this rule includes actions threatening substantial risk of physical or mental injury; actions exposing the individual to distressing, repulsive, or alarming situations or sensations; forced consumption of alcohol or drugs; actions in the form of social pressure which might cause harm to an individual.

**Article XII. Discrimination Policy**

The UR Rock Climbing Club of the University of Rochester does not discriminate against any individual or organization of individuals on the basis of age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, or political affiliation.

Alayna Callanor 4/2/2012  
Signature of Officer Date  
Submitting Constitution

Aimee McE 4/2/2012  
Signature of SA Speaker Date  
Granting Recognition