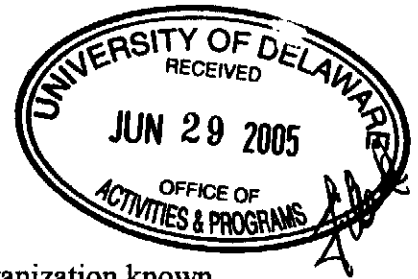


Bylaws for Club Sport Climbing at the University of Delaware

February 18, 2002



Preamble

We, the students at the University of Delaware, do hereby form the Organization known as Rock Huggers for the purpose of exposing the University community to new experiences within the sport of rock climbing.

Article I **Name**

The Organization shall be known as Rock Huggers.

Article II **Objective**

The objective of this Organization shall be:

- a) to provide for the attendance of clinics, competitions, trips to indoor and outdoor climbing sites, and other like activities;
- b) to create a friendly atmosphere in which interested parties of all skill levels may improve their climbing abilities.

Article III **Qualification for Membership**

Any full-time matriculated undergraduate student of the University of Delaware who agrees with the objective of this Organization may become a member. There will be no tryouts. All skill levels are welcome and all members must complete a University rock wall orientation before participating in any of the club activities.

Article IV **Officers and Elections**

Section 1: President

This Organization shall have a President with the duties of calling and running meetings and handling day-to-day affairs. This person will be the liaison with the Office of Club Sports.

Section 2: Vice-President

A Vice President shall serve the role of president if the president is absent, unable to service the duties of president, or if the president resigns. At least two Vice-Presidents and no more than three shall be designated to oversee the following areas:

- a) Indoor and Outdoor Competitions;
- b) Outdoor Trips;
- c) Intramural and Intermural Activities and Competitions.

Section 3: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for all group expenditures and revenues. The Treasurer will be the main liaison with the Office of Club Sports in coordinating all business transactions for the Organization.

Section 4: Secretary

The Secretary shall record the events of all meetings of this Organization and shall maintain minutes of those meetings. The Secretary shall take attendance of those present at group meetings as necessary.

Section 5: Qualification for Officership

All officers must be full-time matriculated undergraduate students at the University of Delaware. For safety reasons, the president and vice-presidents in particular must display competence and experience in the sport of rock climbing, and have the complete confidence of the voting members.

Section 6: Elections

Only full-time matriculated students at the University of Delaware may vote in elections; only active members may be considered voting members.

To provide competency and continuity in leadership, a system of seniority will be employed in the filling of officerships. Once elected, officers reserve the right to remain officers until:

- a) they no longer remain full-time undergraduate students;
- b) they choose to resign their position;
- c) they are removed by a 2/3 vote by those voting members present.

An available Presidency shall first be offered to a Vice-President, followed by the Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, should the promotion be refused by the Vice-President. In a similar manner shall Vice-Presidencies be filled.

The positions of Treasurer and Secretary may be filled by active members who volunteer or are nominated for officership in the club. Nominees will be announced at least one week before the occurrence of the meeting in which voting shall take place.

Elections of officers shall be held by secret ballot as needed.

Ties shall be broken by appointing the academically senior person to the position in question.

Article V

Meetings and Attendance

Officers shall meet as often as they deem necessary. General meetings shall occur at least twice per month, and always before the occurrence of a planned activity.

Attendance will not be enforced, but regular attendance of meetings and activities will be viewed favorably as training for service as an officer.

Article VI **Dues**

Section 1: When Due

Dues are payable at the start of each academic year. They will be due by the second meeting of the fall semester and they will be deposited in the club account with the University of Delaware. Exceptions to this rule will be made by a vote taken among the officers.

Section 2: Penalty for Non-Payment

There will be no penalty for non-payment, as activities will still be on a “pay-as-you-go” basis. However, members who pay dues will be:

- a) the only members eligible to vote, or in other words, the only members considered active members.
- b) given membership benefits, which, established by the officers at the start of each semester, may be financial or otherwise in nature.

Section 3: Reimbursement of Dues

The payment of dues implies a commitment to the club; there shall be no reimbursement for those who break that commitment.

Article VII **Bylaws**

Section 1: Authority

This Organization shall establish written rules for the Organization to follow that will be enforced by the officers. These rules shall be known as the Organization’s bylaws.

Section 2: Approval of Bylaws

Bylaws and changes to bylaws shall be approved by 2/3 of the body of voting members, and by 2/3 of the officers.

Article VIII **Procedure**

The rules contained in these bylaws shall govern the Organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the policies of the University of Delaware or the special rules of order for registered student organizations/clubs.

Article IX
Ratification

These bylaws shall be ratified annually by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the membership of this Organization, and by approval of this Organization's registration by the Office of Club Sports.

Article X
Amendments

Amendments to these bylaws shall require a 2/3 approval by those voting members present, in addition to a 2/3 approval by the officers. Advance notice must be made of proposed changes to the bylaws.

Ratifying Signatures: