

Constitution of The Bouldering Community

Preamble

The Bouldering Community, henceforth referred to as TBC, is an organization dedicated to creating an environment that promotes bouldering, learning, and fun.

Article I: Membership

Anyone is welcome to join TBC; however, a member may have their membership revoked, suspended, or denied based on:

1. An unwillingness to comply with the safety guidelines of the climbing facility TBC is attending.
2. A breach of any following portion of this constitution's guidelines for members.

Any member of TBC that has broken the prior guidelines set forth for members will be subject to a hearing by the TBC administrative board. The board will meet prior to this hearing to determine what the infraction entails for the future of the individual's membership. where the board will inform them if their infraction warrants a:

1. Warning: the individual in question is given a verbal warning by the board.
2. Suspension: for a period no less than one week, the individual in question is not allowed to be present for or attend any TBC functions
3. Termination of Membership: the individual in question is no longer allowed to be present for or attend any TBC functions.

Article II: University Compliance

This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state and federal laws.

Article III: Executive Officers

The student administration of TBC consists of a president and a vice president. The president and vice-president must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, have at least 1 semester of attendance to the organization where they were present for at least 5 meetings, and have a recommendation from at least two other members.

The president's responsibilities include:

1. Scheduling administrative meetings and speaking directly with the advisor.
2. Ensuring that nominees meet the qualifications required for their position of interest and seek out people to nominate if necessary.

3. Deciding if new management positions are necessary, whether the new position(s) should sit on the TBC administrative board and getting approval for the position(s) and finding member(s) suited for that position.
4. Organizing the election process.
5. Participating in the TBC administrative board.

The vice-president's responsibilities include:

1. Ensuring that there is a time and location for the weekly meetings.
2. Reaching out to the members of the organization to keep them informed.
3. Handling any monetary affairs.
4. Participating in the TBC administrative board.

If an executive officer is in violation of the rules set forth for any member as given in **Article I: Membership**, that officer is subject to a hearing as detailed; however, the current advisor must be present for the hearing and will make the final decision as to what is warranted by the infraction. Any executive officer that receives a suspension or termination of membership can no longer serve in the position they currently hold. The responsibilities of the position will be temporarily distributed amongst the remaining officers until a new member is elected to that position.

Article IV: Advisor

A new advisor is required to serve for a minimum of one semester and encouraged to serve at least one year. More than one advisor can work with TBC; however, more than one advisor is not required. If an advisor steps down, they are required to serve at least 4 weeks or until the president has found another advisor to fill the position.

The advisor's responsibilities include:

1. Reviewing and approving when TBC's administrative board is revising or creating any organization document(s) or other publicly displayed items (i.e. changes to the constitution, posters, logos, club apparel, etc.).
2. Approving nominees for positions on the administrative board.

If an advisor is in violation of the rules set forth for any member as given in **Article I: Membership**, that advisor is subject to a hearing as detailed; however, an advisor cannot be suspended. An advisor is either found to be in violation and terminated or not found to be in violation.

If an advisor will be leaving the position for the following semester, they must notify the administrative board a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the end of the current semester; however, further notice is always preferable. If TBC does not have multiple advisors, and thus, a new advisor must be found, the president and current advisor are tasked with reaching out to find a suitable replacement. Upon a candidate having been chosen, they are reviewed by the current

advisor and administrative board. If they have no outstanding reasons to be turned down for the position and the administrative board and current advisor(s) are in agreement that the individual is well-suited for the position then they will be instated as an advisor at the beginning of the coming semester.

Article V: Supervisors

At each meeting, there must be one supervisor present for every 15 students. Supervisors will ensure that attendance is taken at meetings, members present are adhering to the guidelines put forth and that TBC is a welcoming environment for all. At least one supervisor must be present at every meeting; however, the president or vice-president can fill this role if there are no available supervisors at the time of a meeting.

Article VI: Meetings

TBC will attempt to have a designated meeting time once per week for one hour. The location and timing of the meetings will be determined by the Vice President after gauging what works best for active members and approved by the President. Emergency meetings may be called by the President or Vice President. Any meeting notifications will be handled by the Vice-President. Attendance will be recorded by the present Supervisor(s).

Article VII: Elections

Election Rules:

Elections for all roles that need to be filled will occur at the last November meeting of the Fall semester and the second meeting in April for the Spring semester. Voting will be done with an open show of hands, and the winner(s) will be the person(s) who have more votes than any other person vying for the position(s). No number of members is required for a valid vote so long as the president, vice-president, any other members of the current executive board, and all nominated candidates are present.

In the event of a tie, TBC's current administrative board will vote again, and if this administrative vote is a tie, the current president will choose which individual will fill the position from the tied individuals.

In the event that an officer is no longer in position in the duration of a semester an emergency vote may be held with a minimum of a one week notice prior to the election.

Voting/Nomination Requirements:

Any member who has attended at least one meeting prior to the election is eligible to participate in the voting process.

Any member who has attended at least five meetings in the prior semester and acquired two recommendations from active members may seek nomination from the president. It falls upon the president to seek out members to nominate for elected positions if no one has actively requested a nomination. After the president has screened the potential nominees to ensure that they fulfill the described requirements, the nominees must be approved by the advisor.

Article VIII: Non-Hazing

Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger, abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

Article IX: Dues & Budgets

TBC does not and will not charge dues for membership. If the group ever has need for a budget, the vice-president is responsible for creating and maintaining said budget as well as revising the budget at a frequency decided by the administrative board should a budget ever be created.

Article X: Finances

The vice-president oversees all financial affairs. The group does not plan on applying for a Student Organization Account. Any monetary intake by TBC must be for an approved and specific use (i.e. if the group is to purchase t-shirts for members, they would take orders first, and print the exact number of shirts needed at no profit). This intake and subsequent spending is to be well documented by the vice-president.

Article XI: Personal Gain Clause

This organization, if raising funds, shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to either the organization or to members who provide a service that directly benefits the organization. Individual members may not receive compensation from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.

Article XII: Amendments

After any amendment, members will be notified via email, and it will be covered in the next meeting. To ratify an amendment a simple majority of TBC's administrative board and the approval of the advisor is required.

Article XIII: No Travel Clause

TBC will not endorse or organize any travel off campus for bouldering activities.

Article XIV: Misconduct Clause

Anyone attending a TBC function or associated to TBC cannot infringe on another individual's Right to Freedom from Discrimination or Right to Freedom from Harassment as detailed by the Indiana University Student Code found at the following link: <http://studentcode.iu.edu/about/index.html>. Additionally, any individual in attendance of a TBC function is obligated to treat other individuals with respect.

Article XV: Safety Procedures

TBC and all of its members must adhere to the policies held by IU Outdoor Adventures or whatever facility it is operating at. For Outdoor Adventures' current safety policies in regards to bouldering, please refer to the following link: imu.indiana.edu/activities/outdoor-adventures/bouldering-wall.html. Additionally, at each meeting, there must be at least 2 members of TBC's executive board or set of supervisors present with first aid/CPR/AED certifications.