

**SPORT CLIMBING STUDENTS'
SOCIETY, HKUSTSU**

CONSTITUTIONS

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Section One: Definitions

1. “the Society” shall mean the Sport Climbing Students’ Society, HKUSTSU.
2. “the Committee” shall mean the Executive Committee of the Sport Climbing Students’ Society, HKUSTSU.
3. “the University” shall mean the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.
4. “General Meeting” shall include the Annual General Meeting and any Extraordinary General Meetings of the Society.

SECTION TWO: GENERAL

Article 1: Name

1. The name of the Society shall be Sport Climbing Students' Society, HKUSTSU
2. The name of the Society in Chinese shall be 香港科技大學學生會運動攀登學生會

Article 2: Objectives

1. To cultivate and promote the interest in sport climbing among the students of the University.
2. To promote the unity and welfare among the members of the Society

Article 3: Society Session

Each Society Session shall begin with the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting and shall terminate with the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the following year.

Article 4: Official Language

English shall be the official language of the Society in which all official correspondence, official notices, and official meetings shall be conducted.

Article 5: Affiliation

The Society shall be affiliated to the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Students' Union.

SECTION THREE: MEMBERSHIP

Article 1: Membership

1. Full Membership

All undergraduates and postgraduates who are the full members of the University Student Union are eligible to become full members of the Society on payment of the prescribed fees.

2. Honorary Membership

Honorary Membership can be conferred upon any person being elected as such in Annual General Meeting upon nomination by the Committee.

3. Associate membership

All students, alumni, and staff of the University can become associate members of the Society on payment of the prescribed fees.

Article 2: Privileges of Degrees of Membership

1. All members of the Society shall enjoy the following privileges:

- a. To use all facilities (except climbing equipment) provided by the Society for general use for its member
- b. To attend functions and activities organized by the Society

2. All members of the Society shall have the right to attend and to participate at General Meetings, only full members shall have the right to vote, to make any formal motion, to nominate or to be nominated as candidates in the election of the Committee.

3. All full time students of the University shall be eligible to join the Sport Climbing Team if they pass team selection exercise.

Section Four: General Meeting

Article 1: Authority

The resolution of a General Meeting shall be regarded as having the highest authority in all matters affecting the Society.

Article 2: Notice

The official notices and agendas of all General Meetings of the Society shall be posted seven clear days beforehand. Postponement of any General Meeting shall be announced at least three clear days beforehand.

Article 3: Annual General Meeting

1. The Annual General Meeting shall be held within the first 5 weeks of the Spring Semester of each academic year.
2. The Annual General Meeting shall be convened by the Society Chairperson.
3. The agenda of the Annual General Meeting shall be:
 - a. To receive and adopt the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
 - b. To receive and adopt reports from the members of the Committee
 - c. To receive and adopt year plan for the coming year
 - d. To receive and adopt the budget for the coming year
 - e. To elect the Committee
 - f. To amend the constitution, if any
 - g. To elect Honorary Members, if any
4. No A.O.B. other than those listed in the agenda can be discussed in the Annual General Meeting.

Article 4: Vote of Non-Confidence

A vote of Non-confidence for infringement of the constitution, negligence of duties or unbecoming attitude may be moved against any member of the Committee at an Extraordinary General Meeting held especially for that purpose. A vote so passed by a two-thirds majority shall call for the resignation of the person.

Article 5: Quorum

1. At all General Meetings, 20% of the full members of the Society shall form a quorum.
2. If the quorum cannot be formed within 20 minutes from the beginning of General Meeting all present full members shall form the quorum.
3. No business shall be discussed at any General Meeting unless half of the Committee is present at the time when the General Meeting proceeds and continues to be present until the conclusion of the meeting.

SECTION FIVE: GENERAL POLLING

Article 1: Authority

The vote of General Polling of the society shall be regarded as having the same authority as the vote of General Meeting. The resolution of General Meeting or General Polling can only be revoked by a subsequent General Polling or General Meeting

Article 2: Notice

Notices of all General Polling of the Society and the motion or motions to be voted on shall be posted seven clear days beforehand

Article 3: Voting

1. The Society Chairperson shall stage the General Polling
2. Voting shall take place in the Annual General Meeting.
3. The result of the polling shall be declared valid provided the number of valid votes cast is no less than 50% of the number of full members who attend the Annual General Meeting

SECTION SIX: THE ELECTION

Article 1: Nomination

1. The nomination of Committee for the new session shall be commenced at least fourteen clear days and terminated at least seven clear days before the Annual General Meeting of the current session.
2. The nominated Committee shall be in the form of a cabinet.
3. The nomination form, which should include the full name and signature of at least five nominators, shall be submitted to the current Committee

Article 2: Election Board

1. The Committee in session is responsible for forming the election board to hold the election.
2. The election board should consist of at least one Committee member and one full member of the club that is not a member of Committee in session.
3. Nominators and nominees cannot be members of the election board.
4. The election board shall be set up at least five clear days before the nomination period starts.

Article 3: Election

1. The election shall be held during the Annual General Meeting for the new session.
2. Shall there be only one nominated cabinet, that cabinet shall automatically become the new Committee. If there is more than one nominated cabinet, the one with the highest number of votes cast by those attending the Annual General Meeting will become the new Committee.
3. If there is no nominated cabinet at all, the current Committee shall continue to fulfill their duties until the next Election held at the next Annual General Meeting.
4. The results of the election shall be announced within five clear days after the election.
5. If no complaints are received within ten clear days after the election, the results of the election shall be considered valid.

SECTION SEVEN: THE COMMITTEE

Article 1: Composition

1. The Committee shall consist of at least the following four members:
 - a. Chairperson
 - b. Internal Vice-Chairperson
 - c. External Vice-Chairperson
 - d. Financial Secretary
2. The maximum number of the Committee members shall be eight.
3. No member of the Committee shall take more than one position in the Committee.

Article 2: Function

1. The functions of the Committee shall be:
 - a. To formulate policies and organize activities of the Society in accordance with its objectives
 - b. To carry out the resolutions of General Meetings and the General Polling
2. The Committee shall be responsible to the Society for all its action

Article 3: Committee Meeting

Two or more of the Committee members shall form the quorum at all Committee Meetings

Article 4: Duties of Individual Committee Member

1. The Chairperson shall be the chief executive of the Society and represent the Committee and the Society in all their affairs.
2. The Internal Vice-Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson on internal affairs and shall act as the Chairperson when he is unavailable.
3. The External Vice-Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson on external affairs.
4. The Financial Secretary shall keep account of all income and expenditure of the Committee, draft the Annual Budget, and prepare the Annual Financial Report.
5. The Internal Secretary shall be responsible for minutes, official correspondence, documents and the general administrative duties.
6. The External Secretary shall assist the External Vice-Chairperson on external affairs.
7. The Promotion Secretary shall be responsible for the Society promotion and publication affairs.
8. The Marketing Secretary shall be responsible for the Society sponsorship affairs.

Article 5: Vote of Confidence

Any Committee member who ceases to be a Full Member of the Society during his own term of office in a session may continue to hold office until the end of that session upon a vote of confidence by a two-thirds majority at a General Meeting.

Article 6: Vacancies and Resignation

1. Shall any member of the Committee wish to resign from his position, he or she shall present a written request, which shall include reasons for resignation, to the Committee at least two weeks before the Committee Meeting in which the resignation can be recognized and approved by a two-thirds majority vote.
2. Shall the position of Chairperson become vacant, the Internal Vice-Chairperson shall become the Chairperson.
3. Shall any Committee position become vacant, other than the position of Chairperson; the vacancy shall be filled through co-option of any full member of the Society by the Committee and shall be approved at Committee Meeting by a two-thirds majority vote, or left vacant.
4. Official notice on any changes of officer-bearers should be posted within seven clear days after the change is recognized.

SECTION EIGHT: CONSTITUTION

1. The Committee shall have the sole right to interpret this Constitution.
2. This Constitution can only be amended during General Meeting with two-thirds of votes for the amendment.
3. Any changes to this Constitution shall be announced with an official notice within seven clear days after the amendment is passed.

SECTION NINE: FINANCE

1. The Financial Year of the Society shall coincide with that of the Society Session.
2. The fee for a Full Membership shall be 50 HKD per year
3. The fee for a Associate Membership shall be 50 HKD per year
4. The Society shall not apply for or accept any loans outside HKUSTSU.
5. The Committee shall prepare the Annual Financial Report to be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

SECTION TEN: DISSOLUTION

1. The Society shall only be dissolved by a resolution of General Meeting with at least 80% of voting members present in its favor.
2. In the event of dissolution, all assets after the satisfaction of all the debts and liabilities of the Society shall be given to the Student Affairs Office of the University.