

**Associations**

**Policy Statement**

It is the policy of The Mountaineers that the club may join associations, federations, societies, leagues, coalitions and similar groups to further the purposes of The Mountaineers.

**Application**

1. The board of trustees shall approve any new affiliation with an association or similar group.
2. The Mountaineers shall abide by the bylaws, rules, and regulations of such associations, subject to these limitations:
  - Club financial responsibilities shall be specified for a definite time period.
  - All affiliations must provide a reasonable means for terminating membership.
3. The club shall not affiliate with:
  - An association where the Mountaineers would be liable to pay for special assessments.
  - An association that is not incorporated or organized to exclude the Mountaineers from any legal liability for any wrongful or negligent acts of the agent or agents of any such organization.

**Responsibilities**

The executive director is responsible for administering this policy.