

**Club Standards**

**Policy Statement**

It is the policy of the Mountaineers to establish standards of personal conduct for participants in club activities.

**Application**

1. Participants shall exercise personal responsibility and conduct themselves on club activities and premises in a manner that will not impair the safety of the party or prevent the collective participation and enjoyment of others.
2. Participants shall:
  - Respect private property.
  - Obey federal, state, and county, and municipal regulations.
  - Treat everyone with respect – harassment shall not be tolerated.
3. Participants shall minimize the environmental impact on the outdoors by practicing Leave No Trace principles.
4. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on club activities and premises when such use would affect the safety of the party or the collective participation and enjoyment of others.
5. Firearms excepting firearms carried by law enforcement officers and illegal drugs are strictly prohibited on club activities and on club premises.
6. Pets are not allowed on Mountaineers premises or club activities with the exceptions of service animals and activities specifically planned to include pets, such as “Hikes with Dogs.”
7. Participants shall comply with any rules established by board, branch, division, or committee policies or procedures.

**Responsibilities**

All participants in club activities are responsible for complying with this policy.