

I, the undersigned, apply for membership of Sydney Rockclimbing Club Inc (hereinafter referred to as 'the Club') and confirm:

1. I am 18 years or over and have experience in rock climbing and related outdoor activities (referred to hereunder as "rock climbing activities").
2. I understand that the Club encourages the use of safe climbing practices and aligns club climbing practices to the Australian Adventure Standard with Risk Management Plans created for each climbing trip. Any rock climbing activity I undertake with the Club is at my own risk.
3. I understand that the Club and its members will not instruct me in the sport of rock climbing.
4. I understand that leaders of rock climbing activities are volunteers.
5. I understand that the Club and its members do not provide equipment for climbing and I will be responsible for providing and maintaining my own equipment.
6. Any advice or recommendation on rock climbing equipment given to me by the Club and its members is not intended to be taken as any warranty that the equipment is fit for the purpose of rock climbing or of the performance of the equipment.
7. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to ensure that my equipment is fit for the purpose of rock climbing.
8. I understand that Club rock climbing activities are not insured for public liability.
9. I understand and acknowledge that rock climbing activities are an intrinsically dangerous activity and involve recreational rock climbing on outdoor rock cliffs, at times in remote areas which may expose me to risks that could lead to injury, illness or death or to loss of or damage to my property.
10. The trip Risk Management Plan for each climbing trip will be made available to me via email and details the risks that are being managed for each climbing location on the day of the climb. In addition, the Trip Leader briefing will help identify risk areas that the group need to pay heed to, including weather, loose rock and other hazards known in the area.
11. To minimise these risks I will endeavour to ensure that when I attend trips:
  - (a) I will wear and carry suitable clothing and protective gear.
  - (b) I will ensure I have sufficient competence and experience to participate safely in trips.
  - (c) I do not take any medication that may impair my capabilities.
  - (d) I will advise the leader of any illness/injury which requires medical attention which may affect my ability to participate during the trip.
  - (e) I will carry a First Aid kit on the trips and be proficient in its use.
12. I agree by signing this waiver that I waive any claim for injury or damages arising from rock climbing or related outdoor activity/ies that I may have against the Club and/or its members and/or other participants in tort or contract.
13. In the event of my death, this waiver will bind my estate.
14. I consent to receive medical treatment which may be deemed necessary in any event of injury, accident or illness during Club activities.
15. I agree to abide by the following:
  - (a) Never climb unroped, or above 4.5 metres when bouldering, and never move away from a climbing group in order to climb or abseil alone.
  - (b) Do not stand closer than two body lengths from the edge of the cliff, unless firmly and safely belayed.
  - (c) At the start of each climb, check all climbing equipment for damage. If the equipment appears faulty, seek advice immediately.
  - (d) Once tied into a climbing rope/team, do not untie either the rope or the belay system until it is safe to do so. It is your responsibility to check the adequacy of all ropes, knots and belay systems.
  - (e) Do not dislodge and/or throw objects off any cliff. If a rock is accidentally dislodged, immediately call out loudly 'below' or 'rock'.
  - (f) Never stand under others who are climbing, belaying, or are walking on a ledge above in case rock or other objects are dislodged. Always wear a safety helmet whenever you are near a cliff or climbing.
  - (g) When communicating with others in your climbing team, always speak clearly, concisely and loudly. Use the correct terms and conventions, and use personal names if the area is crowded.
  - (h) When belaying another climber it is imperative that your complete attention be given to the task. Always keep one hand on the safe side of the rope and do not attempt to participate in any other activity.
16. I acknowledge that the Club has warned me of the risks involved in rock climbing.

I have read and understood the above terms and conditions of my membership of the Club. All references above to the Club shall also extend to any and all members of the Club.