



# UQMC Membership Agreement

**While all care is taken by the members of the University of Queensland Mountain Club Inc (hereafter called UQMC or club), the following agreement MUST be read carefully and signed:**

## Terms and Conditions

These Terms and Conditions are in place for your safety and that of the equipment. If adhered to, they will ensure the quality of the equipment for its life expectancy and subsequently yours.

**Rock climbing and bush walking can be a dangerous activities and safety practices must be followed at all times.** Rock climbing should only be undertaken with proper training, experience, and skill regarding both your safety and the use of equipment.

### 1. **Safety:**

To ensure that you have a satisfactory level of safety knowledge and skills in accordance with the rules of this club, please see a club executive for instruction.

- All club members are to undergo safety instruction and display a sufficient level of competency before any unsupervised activities.
- Always double check that all knots in a climbing system are tied and harnesses are worn properly. All other safety equipment is used properly as instructed.
- The climber in charge of setting up climbs, must be responsible and of sufficient competency.
- Where possible, try to keep the ropes (or tape) away from sharp edges and points of great friction as this will result in considerable wear, very quickly.
- Always check your own equipment for correct use. Always look out for the dangers and omissions of fellow club members and correct them, regardless of whom they are.
- Helmets have been provided for your safety and should always be worn when participating in climbing, abseiling, and belaying or associated activities. Helmets must be worn if instructed to do so by a club executive or an appointed representative.
- All reasonable safety instructions from executive members of the club must be followed. Failure to do so will result in exclusion from the activity until the member is deemed capable and satisfies the rules of the club.

### 2. **Equipment:** Maintenance of equipment is critical for the safety of club member's and equipment longevity.

- All club members will be instructed in the use, maintenance, and storage of the equipment. If you have not received this yet, please see a club executive.
  - All climbing metals are to be passed at ground level. DO NOT drop or throw them.
  - DO NOT stand on the ropes.
  - Club members are responsible for the replacement of all lost or intentionally abused/damaged equipment that has been lent out to them in their care.
  - Always use a ground sheet at the belay point where possible, to protect the rope from dirt.
  - Any equipment found to be damaged should be reported to an executive straight away. You will not be held accountable for finding/reporting damaged gear. It is for your own safety and the safety of others that it is.
3. **Consequences:** Failure to comply with any of the above rules will endanger yourself and other members. The UQMC executives or their nominees will deal with omissions, oversights, accidents, or breaches of the rules appropriately in a manner best seen fit.
4. **Other:**
- All club members must know that they are not insured for any unsanctioned club activities, such as high-lining or other non-approved and unplanned climbing and hiking trips, other than is in the Activity Plan and Risk Assessment approved by UQ Sport.
  - During UQMC related and organized events, pictures and videos may be taken of the members during an event. UQMC holds the right to these pictures and videos, may use them for UQMC social media purposes, and can share these pictures and videos with UQMC-associated sponsors and other third parties, such as UQ Sport. More information on this can be found on the publicly available Privacy Policy, available on the UQMC website.

**By clicking the agree button, I confirm that I have read and understood this continuing agreement prior to clicking the agree button. To the extent permitted by law, I agree that this document will be binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and permitted assigns.**