

Surf Club Constitution 2024

Article I: Name of Student Organization

The organization shall be called Surf Club.

Article II: Statement of Purpose

The goal of Surf Club is to bring together students from all corners of UCSD who are excited about the sport of surfing. The organization will help students of all surfing skill levels find surf buddies and mentors, so that everyone who wants to surf can maximize their enjoyment of the San Diego waves. In particular, Surf Club will strive to create a surf scheduling and ride sharing system to help members without cars or equipment get to the beach and surf. Surf Club at UC San Diego will be an inclusive, non-cut club that will allow members with little experience to learn in an encouraging, open-minded environment.

Article III: Nonprofit Statement

Surf Club at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

Article IV: Requirements for Membership

Any and all undergraduate students at UC San Diego can become a member of the Surf Club. An annual membership fee of \$35 is required to remain a member of the club, and this fee will cover club t-shirts as well as fuel reimbursements and extra equipment purchases for members.

Article V: Frequency of Organization Meetings

Surf Club will aim to have weekly sessions for beginners at locations such as La Jolla Shores and Scripps Pier. The frequency of these sessions may vary depending on wave forecasts and conditions. Meetings for more experienced members are flexible, and will occur based on group consensus and wave conditions. Club meetings that occur on dry land will occur more infrequently, and will be informal social gatherings to help members get to know one another. Minutes will not be taken for these gatherings, and attendance at any of these gatherings is optional.

Article VI: Qualifications for Holding Office and Methods of Selecting and Replacing Officers

Only registered UC San Diego students may hold office in the organization. Only registered UC San Diego students may vote in elections for the selection of the organization's officers. Surf Club will have 7 primary board members. Additional officers may be added to aid in running club activities and events.

The President's duties will be to organize club meetings in and out of the water and make executive decisions regarding the club's structure and events. The President will also be in

charge of maximizing member stoke with respect to surfing.

The Treasurer will handle all club finances, which will include tracking member dues, fuel reimbursements, t-shirt and apparel purchases, and equipment purchases for club members.

Events Chair will be in charge of checking wave forecasts and scheduling all surfing and/or beach events accordingly.

The Social Chair will be in charge of organizing the details of all out-of water social gatherings for club members, including transportation, and locale.

The Safety Officer will be in charge of educating all club members about general water safety and surf etiquette, as well as overseeing the safety of all members out on the water.

The Branding Chair will be responsible for seeking out club-use endorsements from San Diego based businesses.

The Communications Chair is responsible for sending out email information about events, as well as responding to any and all students, faculty, and businesses who have questions about the Surf Club.

New officers will be elected at the end of each year during spring quarter to replace graduating officers or officers who voluntarily resign their posts. Officers who plan to continue their studies at UC San Diego can choose to retain their positions should they desire. All elections will be determined by popular vote among the existing officers.

Article VII: Risk Management

Surf Club is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not a part of the university itself.

Surf Club understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

The primary risks associated with surfing are water safety related. The ocean can deliver powerful swells to the beaches close to UCSD, resulting in conditions not fit for individuals lacking a certain degree of swimming skill and confidence in the open water. In addition, animals such as stingrays can pose threats to individuals who are unsure of how to best interact with wildlife out on the water.

To mitigate the risks to surf club members, all beginner sessions will be held during times when

the waves are gentle (1-3 feet maximum) and the tide is low. Beginners will also have a more experienced surfer with them, such as one of the officers or an experienced member of surf club, to assist them with wave judgment and wave riding. This buddy system will ensure that no beginners get pulled out to sea, and that all members will be learning in comfortable, safe conditions until they feel ready to progress to more intermediate conditions.

In addition, all beginners will receive a safety briefing from one of the officers before all beginner sessions, to ensure that they are informed on proper surf etiquette and surfing safety techniques, as well as procedures to handle interactions with wildlife. In this way, Surf Club will ensure that all its members, regardless of skill level, can maximize their fun in the ocean without getting hurt.

Article VIII: Fundraising

Surf Club will be financially independent for the most part, but may take advantage of financial resources from A.S. as necessary to fund catering for on campus meetings. As a nonprofit organization, the club does not have a financial account. Surf Club may submit a budget to A.S. as needed for any planned events. All funds collected from students' annual fees will go directly back into the club in the form of trips, merchandising, club-use boards,