

Leadership Status Policy

To remain a current climb leader (alpine and crag), a leader must organize and lead at least four club climbs, crag outings, or other intensive training events every two years.* To remain an assistant climb leader, an assistant must assist at least two climbs or crag outings every two years.** In the event a leader or assistant leader fails to do so, he /she /they will lose leadership status. Losing leadership status means an inactive climb leader or assistant climb leader becomes a member of the general climber group with an opportunity to request reinstatement or re-apply for a level for which requirements have been met by said leader or assistant. The current climb leaders have absolute discretion to determine the requirements for reinstatement to a previously-held position (as opposed to applying anew for that position), which may involve provisional leads or other remedial activities depending on the situation.

*For purposes of maintaining climb leader status under this policy, a "lead" includes:

- Organizing and leading an intensive club-sponsored training event, such as intro to rock climbing, intro to sport climbing, anchor building, intermediate snow skills, avalanche and companion rescue training, crevasse rescue, high angle rock rescue and the like
- Supervision and observation of a climb organized by a provisional alpine leader or crag leader
- Serving as a Climbing Committee Co-Chair
- Serving on the Climb School Committee
- A weathered-out climb or cancellation due to a forest fire, landslide, or other similar event closing the area, but only if the leader has previously posted the climb on the club website, selected a team and prepared a prospectus prior to the cancellation (a climb with such preparation that needs to be canceled for illness or other extenuating circumstance may be recognized as a lead depending on the circumstances)
- A weathered-out provisional climb or cancellation that effectively prevents an observing climb leader from leading their own climb on the same dates

**For purposes of maintaining assistant climb leader status under this policy, an "assist" includes serving as a Climb School volunteer at the rock and/or snow-day field sessions.

Any dispute or disagreement as to whether a particular event counts as a lead or whether a climb leader or assistant has lost leadership status shall be resolved by a majority vote of the current climb leaders.

Any climb leader whose wilderness first aid certification has expired (or assistant climb leader whose basic first aid/ CPR certification has expired) shall not lead or assist a climb until the leader or assistant submits evidence of re-certification to the current Climbing Committee Co-Chairs.

This policy is effective as of January 1, 2024.