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## **Board Policy: Associations**

### **Policy Statement**

It is the policy of The Mountaineers that the organization may join associations, federations, societies, leagues, coalitions and similar groups as appropriate to the furtherance of the purposes of The Mountaineers.

### **Application**

1. The board of directors shall approve any new formal affiliation with an association or similar group.
2. Any Mountaineers' financial responsibilities resulting from the association shall be limited to a defined period of time.
3. All such affiliations must permit a reasonable means for terminating membership.
4. The Mountaineers shall not affiliate with an association where The Mountaineers would be liable to pay for special assessments.
5. In entering into association agreements, The Mountaineers shall seek to include indemnification or other measures that are designed to protect the interests of The Mountaineers. Association agreements must be approved by the CEO or board. Participation in any legal action initiated by an association shall not occur without the prior approval of the board and CEO.

**Policy Owner:** Chief Executive Officer