

Skydiving at MIT

MIT Skydiving Club: CONSTITUTION

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1. Name:

MIT Skydiving Club

2. Purpose:

To give the members of the MIT community a chance to experience the thrill of skydiving and to provide a forum for people interested in the sport to share experiences and further the bond that jumping out of perfectly good airplanes creates.

3. Membership:

Anybody who is interested, including off-campus community members, can become a member of our organization. One is considered a member of this organization in any given term if he/she has attended at least one club activity in the preceding or current term. At all times, the membership of this organization will contain at least 5 MIT students. We will also ensure that at any given time, at least 50% of our members are members of the MIT community as well.

We will not have according to Massachusetts State Law; we will not restrict membership based upon race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, religion, age or handicap.

4. Officers/Elections:

The Skydiving Club will have a minimum of two officers:

The club will be run and overseen by a President. The president shall be the official representative of the group to any other organization and to MIT. The president is responsible for scheduling meetings and publicizing this to the group.

A Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the group. The Treasurer is required to sign all checks/vouchers of the group.

All offices must be filled by members of the MIT community. Other offices which may be added include Publicity Chair and Transportation Coordinator.

The collective efforts of these officers should ensure the smooth running of the club. Their responsibilities include to keep the club in good standing with the MIT community and ASA, manage club funds, continuously seek new members and interested parties, and to facilitate trips to the Drop Zone for jumping whenever weather permits!

The President and other officers will be elected in the late spring for the following academic year. Any member of this organization is eligible to run for office. Quorum for elections is one quarter of all members. Any member is elected if he/she wins a majority of the voting members. If more than two people are running and no one wins a majority, then the person with the fewest votes is dropped from the ballot and votes are recast.

Officers may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members.

The only requirement of experience for the President is that they have been a member of the club for at least 1 year and have completed a United States Parachute Association (USPA) accredited basic skydiving instructional course.

5. Meetings

There will be a general club meeting held once a term on the MIT campus. Meeting shall be organized and presided over by the president, unless he/she is absent; in such case, the treasurer shall preside. Quorum will be a quarter of the total membership. All decisions shall be made by a majority vote of the members present. There we will decide when to go out to the Drop Zone. DZ trips will be held at least once a month.

6. Constitutional Amendments

Amendments shall be presented by any member of the organization. Any constitutional amendments will be made by a vote during a general meeting of the club. Quorum for amending the constitution shall be one quarter of all members of our organization. All decisions shall be made by a majority vote of the members present.

7. ASA God Clause

As an MIT student organization, we agree to abide by the rulings of the ASA (Association of Student Activities) and the ASA Executive Board. This constitution, amendments to it, and the by-laws of this organization shall be subject to review by the ASA Executive Board to insure that they are in accordance with the aforementioned rules and regulations.

8. Financial Matters

Finances will be obtained through MIT student activity funding, general membership dues, if so applied, and other club approved, low risk fund raising activities.