

SKIGÅ CONSTITUTION

Article I Name: This organization shall be named: Skigå: the Middlebury Nordic Ski Club.

Article II Purpose: The purpose of Skigå is as follows:

1. To provide Middlebury College students and faculty with an active winter sports community with whom they may participate in Nordic skiing in a community-based environment.
2. To encourage community members with all levels of experience to be athletic in the winter by participating in cross-country skiing, and to provide informal peer-to-peer instruction and possible professional instruction so that all members may improve their techniques.
3. To organize participation in a limited number of races and other events throughout the season for interested members, and to assist in such costs as transportation and entry fees for such events.
4. To offset the cost of equipment through the purchase of some group equipment (including waxing materials and rental skis for beginners).
5. To provide regular training and instructional opportunities at Rikert Ski Touring Center for members throughout the winter (around four times per week).

Article III Membership: Membership is open to all Middlebury College students interested in pursuing active winter sports.

Article IV Officers: Officers of this organization must be Middlebury College students. The officers are as follows:

Co-presidents: Together, the presidents of the club will be responsible for coordinating the efforts of the club, in order to maximize both participation and the availability and quality of events. One president, the race coordinator, will organize competitions and training for those members interested. The other president, the events coordinator, will organize fun and social events for the group such as moonlight skis and technique clinics.

Treasurer: This is the financial liaison between the club and the SGA Finance Committee. He/she will be responsible for procuring funds for activities and equipment, as well as ensuring there is money available for necessary purchases.

Equipment: The Equipment officer will be responsible for buying and maintaining any equipment owned or used by the club. Rentals will be organized by the equipment officer; the care of any skis, waxing products, or other accessories owned by the club.

Community Outreach: This officer will coordinate community service activities such as trail work at Rikert Ski Touring Center and the Catamount Trail, skis with the middle and high school ski teams and kid ski days. With the hopes of developing the winter sports community, events will be highly publicized and an

emphasis placed on introducing new members to the plethora of experiences available during the winter.

Transportation: The Transportation officer will be responsible for coordinating transportation to all events that cannot utilize the ACTR buses: races, clinics and group skis at ski areas other than Rikert Ski Touring Center. This will include supervising and keeping track of all members with van licenses, and making sure that the necessary transportation is provided.

Article V Elections: Elections for the officer positions will be decided by a majority vote at the November organizational meeting. Two-thirds of the membership must be present at the election.

Article VI Meetings: Meetings for the Skigå will begin in early November with an informational meeting for all interested students. Following the informational meeting the group will meet on campus bi-weekly in order to plan events. When the winter season arrives and there is ample snow, members of Skigå would travel to Rikert Ski Touring center four times a week.

Article VII Committees: This organization will form committees only as informal groups to organize events.

Article VIII Faculty Advisor: The membership agrees to maintain an advisor from the faculty or staff, as required.

Article IX Affiliations: This organization will not have any long term affiliations with outside organizations. It reserves the right to affiliate with certain groups for certain events if the need arises.

Article X Non-Discrimination Policy: This student organization operates in full accordance with Chapter Four, Section II, A of the Middlebury College Handbook concerning Student Organization Policies of Discrimination, Freedom of Association, Anti-Hazing, Freedom of Inquiry and Expression, Student Publication, Funding, Advertising, and Scheduling. Any and all changes made to the Student Organizations Policies section of the Middlebury College Handbook will immediately become policies adopted by Skiga: the Middlebury Nordic Ski Club.

Article XI Ratification:

- A. The constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the membership.
- B. The constitution must be approved by the Student Government Constitution Committee.

Article XII Amendment:

- A. The constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the membership.
- B. The constitution must be approved by the Student Government Constitution Committee.

Approved as to Form: November 15, 2005