

# Ouray Ice Park

## Rules & Regulations (v. 9/1/00)

**The Ouray Ice Park, Inc. superintendent or any Ouray Ice Park, Inc. board member can enforce the following rules with back up by the Ouray County Sheriff's Department**

### **General :**

- (1) Crampons are required for all persons (climbers or otherwise) in the established and posted "climber only" areas. Crampons and a helmet are required for all persons while climbing or in the bottom of the gorge.
- (2) All persons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult in the Ouray Ice Park.
- (3) Dogs must be leashed while in the Ouray Ice Park and no dogs will be allowed in the bottom of the gorge.
- (4) No anchoring to any manmade structures including the handrock Park, Inc.

### **Large non-commercial groups:**

These groups are to be defined as follows:

- (1) 8 or more persons
- (2) Non-commercial (i.e. not paying anyone within the group for instruction)

### **Rules:**

- (1) Groups may not occupy more than two climbing routes in any one specific area.
- (2) The maximum amount of time a group may occupy any one route is 3 hours.
- (3) No unattended fixed top-rope lines.

### **Commercial guiding operation (CGO):**

- (1) Only CGO with a Ouray County Commercial Ice Climbing Guiding Permit may operate in the Ouray Ice Park.
- (2) Any one CGO may not occupy more than two routes in any one area.
- (3) CGO may not exceed a four-to-one client to guide ratio.
- (4) CGO's as a whole may not occupy more than four routes in the "Schoolroom" area at any one time.
- (5) The maximum amount of time a CGO may occupy any one route is 3 hours.
- (6) No unattended fixed top-rope lines.

## OIPI Guide Service Management Plan

### A. Eligibility:

1. Commercial guiding operation (CGO) that is permitted by the Montrose Ranger District to guide ice climbing on the Uncompahgre National Forest.
2. Individual guides who are certified as an "Alpine Guide" or as a fully certified UIAGM guide by the American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA). \*

### B. Required Documentation (annual):

1. Copy of USFS permit, if applicable to permit.
2. List of all guides and copies of their current first aid certification.
3. Copy of liability insurance coverage naming the County of Ouray as an additionally insured party; \$300,000 in coverage.
4. Copy of AMGA certification, if applicable to permit.
5. Signed copy of agreement to abide by all rules and regulations as they pertain to CGO's as well as general OIPI rules.

### C. Permit Renewal:

1. CGO permit is on a temporary basis and is renewed annually based upon compliance with the above criteria.
2. The County of Ouray reserves the right to withhold renewal of a permit for any reason it deems necessary.

\* The permit for AMGA certified guides is for those individual guides only and the permit does not allow for other non-certified guides to be operating in conjunction with the certified guide. Failure to comply by this or any other rule may result in loss of future guide permit consideration.