

CLIMBING WALL RULES

WARNING: Rock climbing, bouldering, belaying, and related activities are inherently dangerous and may result in serious injury, paralysis, or death. Participation in climbing activities at the climbing wall is voluntary. All participants assume all risks associated with climbing activities, including the risk of equipment failure, falling, and the actions or negligence of themselves or others. All users are responsible for reading, understanding, and following all posted climbing wall rules and policies.

WAIVER REQUIRED

All participants must have a current climbing wall waiver on file before participating in any climbing wall activity, including climbing, bouldering, belaying, instruction, or staffed programs. Participants under 18 must have a waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian.

AGE POLICY

- Participants must be at least 4 years old to use the climbing wall.
- Participants aged 13 years or younger must be supervised by staff, parent/guardian or responsible adult age 18 or older for all climbing activities.

GENERAL SAFETY RULES

- Only UIAA certified climbing equipment may be used.
- Clean closed-toe athletic shoes or climbing shoes are required.
- Climbers must tie directly into the harness tie-in points using a figure-8 follow-through knot with at least 6 inches of tail. Clipping into the rope with a carabiner is not allowed.
- A partner safety check is required before every roped climb. Belayers are responsible for checking the climber's harness, knot, and system setup before climbing.
- No self-belaying. All roped climbers must be belayed by a certified belayer.
- Maintain adequate spacing between climbers, stay clear of all climber fall zones, and do not climb under or over other climbers or walk in front of active belayer.
- No running, horseplay, food, drink, loose chalk, or unsafe behavior in the climbing area.
- Only climbing wall staff may change holds, bolts, anchors, ropes, or other wall equipment.
- Only approved climbing wall staff or instructors may provide instruction related to climbing wall safety, belaying, or equipment use.
- Staff may enforce or amend rules as needed and may restrict or revoke climbing privileges at any time.

BOULDERING (NO ROPES)

- Participants ages 13 and younger must be directly supervised and actively spotted by a parent, legal guardian, staff member, or responsible adult age 18 or older while boulder.
- While bouldering, the use of a spotter is highly encouraged for all those over age 13.
- While bouldering, the climber's head may not pass above the designated red bouldering line.
- Downclimb whenever possible. Do not jump from height.
- Maintain adequate spacing for other climbers, stay clear of all fall zones, and do not boulder under, above, or too close to other climbers.

TOP ROPE BELAYING

- Top rope belaying is permitted only for users aged 14 and older who have passed the Top Rope Belay Test and have received a top rope belay card.
- Belay Cards must be visibly displayed on the harness whenever the participant is top rope belaying.
- Tube-style belay devices and Assisted Braking Devices (ABDs) used in accordance with manufacturer instructions are permitted for top rope belaying.

LEAD BELAYING / CLIMBING

- Lead belaying and lead climbing are permitted only for users age 16 and older who have passed the Lead Belay/Climb Test and have received a lead belay/climb card.
- Lead Belay/Climb Cards must be visibly displayed on the harness whenever the participant is lead belaying or lead climbing.
- Lead climbing is only allowed at designated lead stations.
- Do not pull-down top ropes.
- Tube-style belay devices and Assisted Braking Devices (ABDs) used in accordance with manufacturer instructions are permitted for lead belaying.
- Lead belayer's/climbers must supply their own rope for lead climbing.