

Climbing Wall Policy

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CLIMBING WALL POLICIES

- Climb at your own risk.
- Climbing wall is included in the cost of membership for the Recreational Center.
- Climbing is only permitted when the wall is open for recreational climbing.
- Climbers are expected to observe posted safety protocols and to be respectful and aware of the actions of other climbers.
- Staff members must be present in order to use the climbing wall.
- Never place fingers, hands, or feet on the metal bolt hangers.
- Three falls are allowed on a route and then exchange positions if people are waiting.
- No eating or drinking in the climbing wall area except for water bottles.
- Never climb past the bouldering line without a rope.
- Climbing commands must be used at all times.
- The belayer must remain standing while the climber is on belay.
- Staff has the right to check your personal climbing equipment for safety concerns.
- Staff has the right to enforce any additional rules if they feel the situation is unsafe.
- Do not pass between the wall and a belayer when moving about within the area without a belayer's knowledge and consent.
- Bare feet not allowed.

BOULDERING PROCEDURES

- Bouldering is allowed as long as climbers' feet stay below the marked line.
- Climbers are permitted to boulder if there are no climbers above them.
- Crash pads must be used under bouldering area.
- Bouldering is not permitted unless supervision is present.
- Do not put fingers in a bolt hanger.
- Be aware of all other climbers before attempting a route.

ATTIRE

- Shirts must be worn at all times.
- Climbing barefoot is not allowed.
- Only climbing shoes or athletic style shoes must be worn. Boots or sandals are not permitted.
- **SOCKS MUST BE WORN WITH CU SHOES.**
- All large jewelry, watches, earrings, bracelets, necklaces, etc. must be removed prior to climbing (items can be secured in the coin lockers).
- Rings must be taken off.
- Helmets are available on a first come – first serve basis.

YOUTH ROCK WALL POLICIES

In addition to the policies listed above, the following apply to youth participants:

- Youth under the age of 18 must have a waiver signed by their parent or legal guardian.
- Parent or legal guardian must be present at all times for climbers under the age of 18.