## Climbing Wall Conditions of Use

**Risks** - Climbing and abseiling are activities which involves risk of serious harm or loss of life, particularly resulting from falling from height. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement. Clients should be aware that the operator cannot guarantee your safety.

Although the climbing wall is an artificial environment the risks involved are no less serious than when climbing on a crag or mountain. There is an additional risk that bolt-on holds can spin or break.

**Climbing beyond your capabilities** on any wall is likely to result in a **fall**. Any fall may result in an injury despite the safety systems in place to avoid it. You must make your own assessment of the risks whenever you climb. Uncontrolled falls are likely to result in injuries to yourself or others.

**Our Duty of Care** - The rules of the climbing wall set out below are not intended to limit your enjoyment of the facilities. They are part of the duty of care that we, as operators, owe to you, the customer, by law. As such they are not negotiable and if you are not prepared to abide by them then the staff must politely ask you to leave.

**Your Duty of Care -****You also have a duty of care** to act responsibly towards the other users of the centre. Statements of ‘Good Practice’ are posted around the centre adjacent to the relevant facilities. These describe the accepted methods of use and how customers would normally be expected to behave towards each other.

Anyone who has not registered is classed as a **novice** and **must not** climb without supervision.

Unsupervised climbing is just that! Staff will provide whatever help and advice they can, but please bear in mind they are responsible for other users as well. If you are not confident in the use of any climbing equipment or technique, then do not attempt to use it without the supervision of someone who is competent to do so.

**Children –** All under 14’s not part of a YMCA HB recognised programme in the centre must be supervised by an adult.

* Everyone using the wall (climbers and belayers) must check in with the supervisor and pay prior to climbing
* Climbers must be registered to climb at YMCA HB Climbing Tower
* Climbing is permitted only when a climbing wall supervisor on duty.
* Please remove all jewellery while climbing.
* Climbing barefoot is not allowed. Closed toed and closed heel shoes are required.
* Belayers must be at least 14 years of age and pass the belay skills test to receive approval to belay.
* **Never** place fingers, hands, or feet on or in the metal bolt hangers; you could seriously damage your fingers if you fall
* Except while bouldering, if climbers are off the ground, they must always be attached to a rope and on belay .
* Climbers should not to climb too fast for their belayer. If the belayer is not able to keep up, he/she should tell the climber to slow down.
* Report any problems with the walls, equipment or other climbers’ behaviour to a member of staff immediately.

## Registration Form

### Unsupervised Climbing – Under 18’s

#### Participation Statement

“YMCA HB recognise that climbing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement.”

Students Details - Please notify us of any changes to these details

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| First Name:  |  | Last name: |  |
| Address |  | Date of Birth |  / /  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Post Code |  | Email address |  |
| Parent/Guardian/Emergency Contact 1 |  |
| Name |  | Cell number |  |
| Landline numbers |  |
| Parent/Guardian/Emergency Contact 2 |
| Name |  | Cell number |  |
| Landline numbers |  |

Conditions of Registration

Once you have read the **Conditions of Use** **and Rules** of the climbing centre, you must answer the following questions by writing either “**YES**” or “**NO**” then sign the declaration at the bottom of the form. Only climbers who give satisfactory answers to the questions will be registered and allowed to climb unsupervised.

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| Have you and your child read, understood and agreed to abide by the conditions of use and rules of the centre?  |  |
| Does the child have any medical conditions that may affect their ability to climb? |  |
|  If so, please explain |

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| Do you understand that failure to exercise due care and could result in your child’s injury or death?  |  |
| Do you have any questions regarding the application or the conditions or use or rules?  |  |

**Declaration of Fitness**

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, my child does not suffer from a medical condition, which might make it more likely that my child may be involved in an accident, which could result in injury to others or themselves.

**Declaration of Fact**

I ………………………………………… (full name) take full responsibility for the named person on this form and am competent to do so.

I also confirm that the above information is correct and if any information changes I will notify the centre:

Signature (of parent/guardian) …………………………………… Date …………………………………

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| THIS PART TO BE FILLED IN BY RECEPTION STAFF |
| Registration Number |  | Registration Type |  |
| Staff name |  |  |  |
| Signature |  | Date |  |