

# CLIMBING WALL

## CONDITIONS OF USE

**The Centre for Sport wishes to bring to your attention the following statement from the British Mountaineering Council: "The BMC recognises 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."**

We would further advise climbers that any ability to climb in the Centre for Sport does not necessarily translate to an ability to climb on natural rock, quarries, cliffs or mountains. In particular, *traditional and adventure climbing* require skills that *cannot be learnt indoors*.

1. The facilities of the Centre for Sport are used at your own risk. UWE Centre for Sport does not accept any responsibility for any accident or loss / damage to personal possessions.
2. During busy periods the user can only use the wall for a maximum of 2 hours so that other users can use the wall.
3. You are informed that climbing is a potentially dangerous sport. Any persons climbing beyond their capabilities or using climbing equipment incorrectly are warned that personal injury may result.
4. When using these facilities please **BE AWARE OF OTHER CLIMBERS, THERE IS ALWAYS A RISK OF SOMEONE OR SOMETHING FALLING** eg **CLIMBERS FALLING AWAY FROM WALLS**. Please give way to climbers in a higher position.
5. ANY problems, accidents or incidents must be reported immediately to a member of staff.
6. When on site please inform staff of any pre-existing medical conditions that may have bearing on your abilities to climb.
7. Prior to climbing you must complete a registration form, which declares your competence to use the centre. Novice climbers and those unable to satisfy the minimum requirements for entry must be under constant supervision by an approved instructor, or competent adult member at all times whilst in the centre. You must present your membership card at reception before starting to climb on every visit or when asked.
8. All roped climbing must be carried out using an appropriate climbing harness. The rope must be attached to this using an appropriate knot, as indicated by the harness manufacturer. When belaying you must use an appropriate belay device and method. Waist belaying or belaying whilst sitting down are not permitted. Belayers should remain attentive at all times. You must not untie from the rope at any time whilst climbing on the walls. We advise you wear a helmet when using the wall.
9. Leading is only permitted on routes that are equipped with a clippable lower off. When leading you must use your own dynamic climbing rope(s). All quick draws must be used and clipped in sequence. When seconding or top roping a lead climb both lower off karabiners must be clipped and sufficient quickdraws clipped to prevent a significant swing in the event of a fall.
10. Fixed top ropes must not be removed from any climb and leading is not permitted on routes with fixed top ropes. If a top rope is removed for leading then it must be replaced at the end of a session.
11. Climbers should be aware that there is a risk of holds spinning or breaking. If a hold is loose please report it to a member of staff immediately. No attempt should be made to alter or interfere with holds or features.
12. Group leaders are responsible for the safety and behaviour of their groups. Individuals signing in novice or junior climbers are responsible for their safety and behaviour. Group leaders and individuals should, where relevant, make everyone for whom they are responsible aware of the conditions of use.
13. Junior climbers aged 15 or under must be accompanied by a responsible adult or be under instruction; 16 & 17 year old climbers who have been satisfactorily assessed in basic skills may climb without adult accompaniment at the Duty Manager's discretion provided parental / guardian's consent form has been completed.
14. When not actually climbing / belaying keep clear of hazard areas. Non members and spectators are not permitted in the climbing area. A maximum of 27 members are allowed in the climbing area at any one time. Please keep receipts for inspection.
15. The use of loose chalk is not permitted, chalk balls or liquid chalk should be used as an alternative.
16. Personal belongings and bags must be stored in changing room lockers.
17. No food or drink allowed in the climbing. Please use the café sport for refreshments
18. Customers are asked to familiarise themselves with fire exits and fire and accident procedures posted around the building. Smoking is not permitted in the Centre for Sport.
19. The climbing walls are unsupervised. However, climbing activities are monitored and Centre for Sport staff reserve the right to stop individuals climbing if their behaviour or actions are considered unsafe to themselves or others. Furthermore, we reserve the right to refuse entry to any individual.
20. Centre for Sport reserves the right to change these conditions of use. The current conditions of use are displayed throughout the centre and copies are freely available. It is the responsibility of users of this Climbing Wall to ensure they are familiar with their content.