

INDOOR WALL CLIMBING INFORMED CONSENT, ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS, AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

In this Agreement the term “Climbing Activities” includes any and all use of the indoor climbing wall, whether for climbing, bouldering or otherwise, as well as all climbing and bouldering activities, programs, drop-ins, club climbing times, open climb time and services that are provided, arranged, organized, conducted, sponsored or authorized by the University of Manitoba, but is not limited to: use of any and all of the University of Manitoba’s facilities and equipment; orientation and instructional courses and sessions; and other such activities, events, services and facilities in any way connected with or related to any of the foregoing.

DESCRIPTION OF RISKS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

I understand that there are many possible risks, dangers and hazards associated with Climbing Activities, including the possible risk of severe or fatal injury to myself or others.

These risks include, but are not limited to:

- all manner of injury resulting from falling and hitting the floor, climbing wall faces, protruding holds or ledges, or other climbers;
- rope abrasion, entanglement and other injuries resulting from activities such as climbing, belaying, rappelling, rescue systems and any other rope technique;
- injuries resulting from failure of ropes, slings, harnesses, climbing hardware, anchor points and any part of the climbing structure;
- injuries resulting from falling climbers or dropped items such as ropes or hardware; and
- cuts and abrasions from skin contact with climbing panels and various holds, ledges, edges and any fixtures, including injuries to the joints and knuckles of my hands
- Negligence of other participants, third parties or the University of Manitoba

I AGREE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MYSELF AND MY CHILD (IF APPLICABLE). I will (or I will direct my child) to obey all climbing wall rules and instructions received from University employees, climbing wall instructors, or volunteers. I acknowledge on my behalf (or my child’s behalf) that the University will not be responsible for any injury that occurs as a result of my (or my child’s) not following instructions. If, applicable will direct my child to obey all instructions that my child receives from University employees, climbing wall instructors, or volunteers.

I agree and acknowledge that my (or my child’s) involvement in the Climbing Activities has been undertaken voluntarily without any representations or inducements by the University of Manitoba. I understand agree that there are risks associated with the Climbing Activities, as described above. By participating voluntarily in Climbing Activities, I (or my child’s) may be exposed to these risks and hazards. I agree to accept them and be responsible for any injury or other loss, which I (or my child’s) might receive while participating in Climbing Activities.

In consideration of the opportunity to participate in climbing activities offered through Recreation Services at the University of Manitoba I agree that if something happens to me, I, on behalf of myself (or my child), my heirs, executors and assigns, release and save harmless the University, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers (collectively, the “University”) from and against any claims, demands, actions and costs, which might arise out of my participation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY PARTICIPANT

I acknowledge that I have read the above and that I fully understand, appreciate and accept the physical risks associated with my participation in the Climbing Activities offered by the University of Manitoba, and that I am of the full age of 18 years and legally competent to sign this release.

OR

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY PARENT/GUARDIAN OF MINOR PARTICIPANT

I acknowledge that where the Participant is less than the age of 18 years, the parent/guardian must sign below showing that the parent/guardian has read, understood the risks and agrees with all of the above for their child to participate in the Climbing Activities.

Climbing Wall Rules

Climbing Area

- The climbing wall supervisor/instructor has the authority to ask anyone to leave if behavior is deemed unsafe or in violation of the rules.
- No personal items, cell phones or electronic devices (i.e. head phones/mp3), cutting devices (knives, keys), food, drink or gum allowed in the climbing area at any time.
- Shoes are required at all times when climbing. No bare-foot climbing allowed. Hiking boots and sandals are not allowed while climbing.
- Any open wounds are to be covered prior to climbing. If you start bleeding while on the wall, you must attend to the wound before continuing.
- Only U of M Climbing instructors may provide instruction at the wall.
- No personal equipment other than harness, shoes and chalk bag are allowed while climbing.
- Do not step on any ropes at any time.
- Avoid obstructing any path of a climber and belayer. Do not pass underneath the ropes of a climber on the wall.
- All participants must have completed a waiver form.
- Children 6 to 14 years old must be with a parent/guardian while in the climbing area.

Bouldering

- Climber's shoulders/armpits are the highest point of their body shall not exceed bouldering limit.
- Crash pads are mandatory, if bouldering on the climbing wall.
- Climbers who are bouldering must give the right of way to roped climbers.

Roped Climbs

- You must take a Climbing Orientation prior to use the Auto Belays and climb at any Open Climb time. To belay and Top Rope climb, you must have taken the Climbing Fundamentals course or have taken and successfully passed a Belay Test. To lead belay or lead climb, you must have taken the Introduction to Sport Climbing Course or have taken and successfully passed a Belay Test.
- Climbers wishing to climb above the marked bouldering limit must be belayed by a certified belayer. Solo climbing is not permitted and all climbers must be protected by either a climbing rope or auto belay system.
- All top-rope climbers must tie into the rope using a figure-8 follow-through knot.
- All belaying of climbers must be done using a functional belay device, attached to the belayer's belay loop on his/her harness by means of a locking carabiner.
- Always double check the climber's knot, harness and belay system before each climb. If in doubt ask a climbing wall supervisor or climbing instructor for an inspection prior to climbing.
- Belayers must not allow excess slack in the rope.
- All chalk must be in chalk bags. Climbers are not allowed to use loose chalk.
- Avoid pulling down top ropes when lead climbing.
- While lowering, do not push off the wall. No swinging.

I, HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO FOLLOW (OR DIRECT MY CHILD TO FOLLOW) THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA CLIMBING WALL SAFETY RULES, AND UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF CLIMBING PRIVILEGES.

Electronic Signature Consent

Completing this document electronically, you are consenting to the use of your electronic signature in lieu of an original signature on paper. After consent, you may, upon written request to us, obtain a paper copy of this electronic document.

Notice Regarding Collection, Use, and Disclosure of Personal Information by the University

This personal information is being collected under the authority of The University of Manitoba Act. The information you provide will be used by the University for the purpose of obtaining your consent to for you or your child to use the indoor climbing wall. This personal information will not be used or disclosed for other purposes, unless permitted by The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA). If you have any questions about the collection of your personal information, contact the Access & Privacy Office (tel. 204-474-9462), 233 Elizabeth Dafoe Library, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 2N2

Name:
Last name First name

Address:
Address City Province Postal code

Phone: Date of Birth:
day/month/year

Email:

Signature: _____ Witness name: _____
Signature must be of Parent or Legal Guardian if participant is under 18 printed

Witness signature: _____

Parental/Guardian Information (required if student/participant is under 18)

Name: Phone number:

Address:
Address City Province Postal code

Emergency contact:
Last name First name Relationship Phone

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STAFF USER ID: DATE: