

CONDITIONS OF USE OF NORTH COAST INTEGRATED COLLEGE CLIMBING WALL

Risks - "The British Mountaineering Council 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."

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

The soft flooring under the wall is designed to provide a more comfortable landing for climbers falling descending from the wall. **THE SOFT FLOORING DOES NOT MAKE THE CLIMBING ANY SAFER.** Broken and sprained limbs are common on this type of climbing wall despite the soft landing. **Uncontrolled falls are likely to result in injuries to yourself or others.**

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.

Our Duty of Care - The rules of the college 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 user, 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 wall. Statements of 'Good Practice' are posted around the centre

adjacent to the relevant facilities. These describe the accepted methods of use and how user would normally be expected to behave towards each other.

Unsupervised Climbing - Before you climb without supervision the college expects you to be competent in the use of a safety harness, a suitable knot to attach a rope to the harness and a belay device to secure a falling climber or lower a climber from the wall using a rope. You are required to register to say that you know how to use the equipment, that you are prepared to abide by the Rules below and that you understand the risks involved in your participation.

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 instruction in the use of equipment or climbing techniques will only be provided where it has been organised in advance. 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.

Supervised Climbing - An adult who has registered with the college may supervise up to two novice climbers as long as they are prepared to **take full responsibility for the safety of those people.** Groups of three or more novices must only be supervised by an instructor holding the relevant Mountain Leader Training qualification.

Children - All children in the centre must be supervised by an adult unless they have been assessed by the management and registered for unsupervised climbing.

RULES

General Safety

- Always report to the session supervisor before you climb.
- You must exercise care, common sense and self-preservation at all times.
- Report any problems with the walls, equipment or other climbers' behaviour to a member of staff immediately.
- Be aware of the other climbers around you and how your actions will affect them.
- Do not distract people while they are climbing or belaying.
- Stand well back from the climbing walls unless you are belaying or spotting a climber. Never stand directly under someone who is climbing.
- Leave bags and gear along the stage wall

Top Roping

- All of the climbs on the wall have top ropes already in place. Do not take them down to use on other routes.

Leading

The wall is not designed for use as a lead climbing wall.

When Belaying

- Always use a belay device attached to your safety harness with a locking karabiner. 'Traditional', or 'body' belaying is not acceptable.

- The attachment points on the floor are provided to give support to people belaying a climber who is much heavier than they are. Direct belays from the attachment points on the floor are not acceptable.

- Always pay attention to what the climber is doing.
- Always stand as close to the climbing wall as is practical unless you are using one of the attachment points on the floor. Sitting or lying down are not acceptable.

When Climbing

- The tall walls are designed to be climbed using a rope for protection. Solo climbing is not acceptable on these walls. Always use a rope to protect yourself on these climbs.
- Always use a safety harness to attach yourself to the rope.
- Always tie the rope directly into the harness using a suitable climbing knot. Clipping in with a karabiner is not acceptable unless managed by a qualified leader.

Traversing

- No un-roped use of the wall above the marked level
- Always climb within your capabilities and descend by down climbing, jumping or, at the very least, a controlled fall.
- Never climb directly above or below another climber



Parental Consent Form

Child's Details Age: Years ___ Months ___

First name		Last name	
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All details below to be completed by parent/guardian

Parent/guardian name(s)			
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Work tel		Home tel	
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Mobile		Email	
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Emergency Contact Details

Full name		Emergency contact number	
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Medical Matters

Does your son/daughter have any medical problems you feel we should know about? (include all details about Asthma, Diabetes, Epilepsy if applicable)

Please include below details of any allergies e.g. penicillin, plasters etc or other treatment necessary

Allergies

Other treatment

Parental Consent

I am aware that climbing, hill walking and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. I have understood the nature of the activity and accept the risk involved. I confirm I am the parent/guardian of the above named child and that I consent for him or her to take part in supervised use of NCIC Climbing Wall. I consent to any emergency medical treatment necessary during the course of the events including the administration of anaesthetics. I have received and read the NCIC 'Conditions of Use' page.

SIGNED (parent/guardian only)

Date

BMC Participation Statement

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