

CONDITIONS OF USE OF BOULDERWORLD BELFAST

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 the climbing centre 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 bouldering walls is designed to provide a more comfortable landing for climbers falling or jumping from the bouldering 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 climbing centre 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. You **MUST** abide by the rules of the centre at all times. They are there not only for your safety but also for the safety of others. Statements of 'Good Practice' are posted around the centre adjacent to the relevant facilities. These describe the accepted methods of use and how customers are expected to behave towards each other.

Unsupervised Climbing - Before you climb without supervision the centre expects you to understand the dangers involved with bouldering and accept the risks involved.

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 booked and paid for 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 at the centre may supervise up to **two** novice climbers (including children) 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. One registered adult can supervise two children.

RULES

General Safety

- You must report to reception on each visit 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 spotting.
- Stand well back from the climbing walls unless you are spotting a climber. Never stand directly under someone who is climbing.
- If walking on the matted areas always check for people climbing above you. This is especially important under overhangs and the central arch.
- Please do not bring food or drinks onto the matted areas.

Bouldering

- Always climb within your capabilities and descend by climbing down if possible. Remember that a fall or jumping off may result in an injury to you or another climber.

- Always check that the area under you is clear before climbing.
- Never climb directly above or below another climber.
- Do not sit or stand under the wall when people are bouldering.
- When walking on the mats never walk under overhangs without checking that no one is climbing above you.
- Boulder Problems finish on the last obvious hold. **DO NOT** grab or touch the top of the wall, or any girders, metalwork or lights.
- Do not boulder with hardware hanging on your clothes or chalk bag.
- Keep the mat free of objects and obstructions like bags, clothing, chalk bags, brushes, shoes etc.
- No food or drink on the mats.
- **THE SOFT MAT DOES NOT MAKE BOULDERING ANY SAFER.**

REMEMBER – the rules are in place for your safety **AND** that of your fellow wall users. Thank you.