CLIMBING WALL POLICIES

Open Bouldering Policies:
1. All boulderers must check in at the Rec. Center Front desk before climbing.
2. You must be 14 years old or older to use the CSM climbing wall.
3. Do not climb while impaired.
4. No loose chalk allowed. Chalk use is limited to chalk balls.
5. Do not boulder above the marked boulder line or under another boulderer.
6. It is recommended to have a spotter when bouldering.
7. Shirts and close-toed footwear must be worn at all times.
8. No food or drink outside of water is allowed at the wall.
9. All injuries - no matter how minor must be reported to the Rec. Center Staff and climbing wall management. No one will be allowed to climb with open sores, actively bleeding wounds or any medical condition that could contaminate the wall and/or cause injury to another person or further injury to oneself.
10. Any climber that sees, hears or is aware of an unsafe condition in the climbing area must report the unsafe condition to the Rec. Center Staff immediately.
11. No loose chalk may be used on the wall; chalk balls only.
12. No jewelry is allowed in the climbing area.
13. No cursing, loud or offensive language is permitted.
14. No horseplay or rough-housing.
15. The Climbing Wall and Facility Staff have the right to remove anyone from the Climbing Wall for any violation of these regulations.
16. Climb at your own risk.

Supervised Climbing Rules:
1. All climbers must check in at the climbing wall desk before climbing and out when leaving.
2. The wall must be open and climbing wall staff members must be present in order to climb using ropes.
3. Do not climb while impaired.
4. You must be 14 years old or older to use the CSM climbing wall.
5. You must sign a climbing wall specific waiver before climbing.
6. No personal ropes are allowed; however you may use your personal harness, belay device and carabineer as long as it passes our equipment inspection once a semester.
7. You must wear climbing shoes or tennis shoes to climb. No sandals or open toed shoes.
8. No loose chalk allowed. Chalk use is limited to chalk balls.
9. Anyone wishing to climb or belay must first pass the appropriate ORC belay test.
10. The B.U.S. belay method is the only approved belay method to be used at the CSM climbing wall. Using a munter knot and/or a figure eight belay device are not acceptable ways to belay.
11. Shirts and close-toed footwear must be worn at all times.
12. No headphones while climbing.
13. No climbers are allowed to access the elevated platform area, no rappelling, no climbing on or above the belay bars or anchors. No climbing is allowed inside of the climbing wall structure, behind the structure walls or over the top of the wall. Exceptions may occur when a climber is participating in a supervised climbing class.
14. All injuries - no matter how minor must be reported to the Climbing Wall Staff. No one will be allowed to climb with open sores, actively bleeding wounds or any medical condition that could contaminate the wall and/or cause injury to another person or further injury to oneself.
15. Any climber that sees, hears or is aware of an unsafe condition in the climbing area must report the unsafe condition to the Climbing Wall Staff immediately. This would include unsafe belaying by others, spinning or loose holds, damage to the wall, sticking gates on quick draws, etc.

16. Only Climbing Wall Staff may move or tighten holds and/or quick draws on climbing routes unless permission is granted by the Climbing Wall Staff.
17. Bouldering is allowed in the entire climbing area. Do not boulder under roped climbers or another boulderer. It is recommended to have a minimum of one spotter per climber when bouldering. Do not boulder above the marked boulder line (stay below the first row of bolt hangers).
18. No food or drink outside of water is allowed at the wall.
19. No jewelry is allowed in the climbing area.
20. No cursing, loud or offensive language is permitted.
21. No horseplay or rough-housing.
22. The Climbing Wall and Facility Staff have the right to remove anyone from the Climbing Wall for any violation of these regulations.
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**Lead Climbing Policies:**

1. Anyone wishing to lead climb or lead belay must first pass the ORC’s top rope belay test and lead climbing belay test.
2. Only specified ORC lead climbing ropes will be allowed to be used.
3. Lead climb only during supervised hours
4. You can only lead climb on the sections of the wall that have gym draws and lead climbing anchors.
5. You MUST clip at every bolt (gym draw).
6. You MUST clip both anchors at the top of each climb (opposite and opposed).
7. You MAY NOT lead belay with Sum’s or Figure Eight belay devices.
8. No intentional falls (unless during a belay test).
9. One must be able to successfully complete a 5.8 climb to qualify to lead climb at the ORC Climbing Wall.
10. No grabbing the gym draws or bolt hangers.
11. Please yell “rope” when pulling your lead rope and allow time for people to get out of the way.
12. Please coil lead ropes and return them promptly after use and return them to the Climbing Wall Staff.
13. All climbers must check in at the climbing wall desk before climbing and out when leaving.
14. The wall must be open and climbing wall staff members must be present in order to climb using ropes.
15. You must be 14 years old or older to use the CSM climbing wall.
16. You must sign a climbing wall specific waiver before climbing.
17. No personal ropes are allowed; however you may use your personal harness, belay device and carabineer as long as it passes our equipment inspection once a semester.
18. You must wear climbing shoes or tennis shoes to climb. No sandals or open toed shoes.
19. No loose chalk allowed. Chalk use is limited to chalk balls.
20. Anyone wishing to climb or belay must first pass the appropriate ORC belay test.
21. The B.U.S. belay method is the only approved belay method to be used at the CSM climbing wall. Using a munter knot and/or a figure eight belay device are not acceptable ways to belay.
22. Shirts and close-toed footwear must be worn at all times.
23. No headphones while climbing.
24. Do not climb while impaired.
25. No climbers are allowed to access the elevated platform area, no rappelling, no climbing on or above the belay bars or anchors. No climbing is allowed inside of the climbing wall structure, behind the structure walls or over the top of the wall. Exceptions may occur when a climber is participating in a supervised climbing class.
26. All injuries - no matter how minor must be reported to the Climbing Wall Staff. No one will be allowed to climb with open sores, actively bleeding wounds or any medical condition that could contaminate the wall and/or cause injury to another person or further injury to oneself.
27. Any climber that sees, hears or is aware of an unsafe condition in the climbing area must report the unsafe condition to the Climbing Wall Staff immediately. This would include unsafe belaying by others, spinning or loose holds, damage to the wall, sticking gates on quick draws, etc.
28. Only Climbing Wall Staff may move or tighten holds and/or quick draws on climbing routes unless permission is granted by the Climbing Wall Staff.
29. Bouldering is allowed in the entire climbing area. Do not boulder under roped climbers or another boulderer. It is recommended to have a minimum of one spotter per climber when bouldering. Do not boulder above the marked boulder line (stay below the first row of bolt hangers).
30. No food or drink outside of water is allowed at the wall.
31. No jewelry is allowed in the climbing area.
32. No cursing, loud or offensive language is permitted.
33. No horseplay or rough-housing.
34. The Climbing Wall and Facility Staff have the right to remove anyone from the Climbing Wall for any violation of these regulations.
35. Climb at your own risk.

Outdoor Bouldering Rules:
1. No one should jump off the top of the boulder for any reason. If a climber finishes a problem or wants to come down from the boulder for any reason they must down climb.
2. Do not climb while impaired.
3. You must wear climbing shoes or tennis shoes to climb. No sandals, open toed shoes or bare feet. Shoes must be worn at all times on the boulder.
4. All injuries-no matter how minor-must be reported to the ORC or Rec Center Staff. No one will be allowed to climb with open sores, actively bleeding wounds or any medical condition that could contaminate the wall and/or cause injury to another person or further injury to oneself.
5. Anyone that sees, hears or is aware of an unsafe condition in the boulder area must report the unsafe condition to an Outdoor Rec. Center staff member, Recreation Center staff member or campus police. This would include unsafe use of the boulder, loose holds, vandalism etc.
6. It is recommended to have a minimum of one spotter per climber when bouldering. A climber’s voluntary participation in bouldering indicates their acknowledgement that bouldering is dangerous and that a spotter may not prevent injuries. Spotters understand that the climber may injure them in some falls.
7. The use of a crash pad is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED when using the boulder. The Outdoor Recreation Center will provide free use of crash pads during regular ORC operating hours.
8. No horseplay or rough-housing.
9. Climb at your own risk.