CLIMBING WALL SAFETY RULES

Westminster College ("College") requires all Users of the Climbing Wall to follow the following Safety Rules at all times. *Failure to do so may subject a User to disciplinary action and sanctions,* such as a loss of climbing privileges and/or access to the Dolores Doré Eccles Health, Wellness & Athletic Center ("Center").

1. Before using the Climbing Wall, Users must have registered with the Center and have a signed Climbing Wall Use Agreement in their file.

2. Once a User is registered, a User must be certified as an Authorized Climber by College Climbing Wall Staff ("Staff") prior to using the Climbing Wall.

3. Staff will certify a User as an Authorized Climber after the User demonstrates the appropriate safety skills and knowledge, such as figure 8 knot tying, top rope belaying, lead belaying, lead climbing, pre-climb safety checks, and spotting for bouldering activities.

4. Upon successful demonstration of the safety skills and knowledge, a User's certification as an Authorized Climber will be entered into the Climbing Wall database.

5. The College reserves the right to revoke any User's Authorized Climber certification at any time.

6. Each time a User wishes to use the Climbing Wall, the User must first check in at the Climbing Wall Front Desk before entering the climbing area.

7. Users participating in College-approved training in climbing skills have priority over other Users.

8. Roped Users have priority over bouldering Users.

9. Food and beverages are not allowed in the climbing area.

10. Users must not climb if they are under the influence of any substance that could impact a User’s judgment or physical coordination; such substances include, but are not limited to, alcohol, marijuana, antihistamines, or some medications for pain.

11. Users must use only College-approved climbing equipment. Users are not permitted to use their own personal ropes, quickdraws, or anchors.

12. Only Lead Certified Users will be permitted to check out lead ropes from the Climbing Wall Front Desk.

13. Users must not remove ropes from the belay bars.

14. Users must wear climbing or athletic shoes at all times. Climbing in bare feet is not permitted.

15. Users are allowed to climb only with a partner. Solo or self-belayed climbing is not permitted.

16. Users must use only figure 8 knots when tying into a harness.

17. Users who are acting as Belayers MUST be standing and attentive at all times to the User who is climbing.

18. Users who are bouldering should have at least one spotter and these Users must not climb above the bouldering line marked on the Climbing Wall surface.

19. Users are not allowed behind the counter, in storage areas, or behind the Climbing Wall, unless invited by Staff.

20. Only College-approved instructors may give instruction or training in climbing, belaying, and/or bouldering skills.

21. Users must immediately report to Staff if they see any loose, spinning or damaged holds, as well as any damage to other equipment or to the Center.

*The College reserves the right to interpret the meaning and application of these Safety Rules and to add to or amend these Rules at any time without prior notice.*

I have read and understand the above information. I agree to act in a safe and courteous manner at all times, to follow the above Safety Rules, and to notify Staff if I become aware of unsafe conduct by others.

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USER  PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (If User is under 18)

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