

THE FOUNDRY – BOULDERING ONLY MEMBERSHIP - CONDITIONS OF USE

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.”

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 you may be asked to leave the centre.

Your Duty of Care - You also have a duty of care to act responsibly towards the other users of the centre. Statements of ‘Good Practice’ are posted around the centre adjacent to the relevant facilities. These describe the accepted methods of use and how customers would normally be expected to behave towards each other.

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. Loose holds must be reported to reception straight away.**

The soft matting under the bouldering walls is designed to provide a more comfortable landing for climbers falling or jumping from bouldering wall. **THE SOFT FLOORING DOES NOT MAKE THE CLIMBING SAFE.** Injuries can

occur despite the soft landing. **Uncontrolled falls are likely to result in injuries to yourself or others.** 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.

Unsupervised Climbing - Before you climb without supervision the centre expects you to be aware of all other climbing users whether boulderers or roped climbers and their belayers.

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! 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 as a **Bouldering only member cannot sign any guests into the centre.**

Children and young persons under 18 years– Must be supervised by a fully registered adult user unless they have been assessed by the management and registered for unsupervised climbing.

RULES

General Safety

- Report to reception on each visit before you climb.
- You must exercise care, common sense and self preservation at all times.

Only climbers and belayers should be standing within the red floor tiled ‘hazard’ area under the top rope and lead climbing walls.

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 bouldering or roped 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.

Only boulders and spotters to go on the wall matting.

Bouldering

- Always climb within your capabilities and descend by

down climbing, jumping or, at the very least, a controlled fall whenever possible.

- Never climb directly above or below another climber
- Do not climb on the top rope and lead walls unless specific use has been authorised during bouldering competitions.

Roped climbing

Should you want to take part in roped climbing you must either:

- **Be signed in as a novice guest by a fully registered adult centre member**

Or

- **Upgrade to a roped climbing membership once you are able to fulfill the requirements of the roped climbing registration.**

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NB: You are not allowed to use the roped walls and will sign a Bouldering only Registration form to state that you understand and agree to this. Should any other customer or yourself be injured by you if you do rope climb, then you will be held legally responsible and not The Foundry and its employees.

