



THE UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE ASCENT CLIMBING CENTRE

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

WARNING: BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT YOU WILL WAIVE CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Participant Name (Please Print): _____ M F Date of Birth (D/M/Y): _____

Mailing Address: _____ Home Phone #: _____
(Street Address) (City/Town) (Postal Code)

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Home Phone #: _____

ASSUMPTION OF RISKS:

I am aware that the indoor sport climbing (hereinafter called the "Activity") involves inherent risks, dangers and hazards including but not limited to the following: all manner of injury including death, resulting from falling off or from the area involved in climbing and/or impacting any horizontal or vertical surfaces, people or rope projections, whether permanently or temporarily in place, failure or improper use of the ropes, failure of any part of the climbing wall, anchor systems, attachment points, rope abrasions, cuts, entanglements and other injuries resulting from the activity. I freely accept and fully assume all such risks, dangers and hazards and the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage or loss, resulting therefrom. I further acknowledge that helmets are available at the Climbing Centre and that wearing a helmet may reduce the risk of serious injury or death.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT:

In consideration of the use of the indoor sport climbing facilities and equipment at the University of Lethbridge, and acknowledging to abide by the posted Rules & Regulations of the Climbing Centre, I hereby agree as follows:

TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS that I have or may in the future have against The University of Lethbridge Ascent Climbing Centre, The University of Lethbridge, its Board of Governors, directors, officers, employees, and representatives (all of whom are hereinafter collectively referred to as "The Releasees);

TO RELEASE THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any loss, damage, injury or expense that I may suffer, or that my next of kin may suffer as a result of my Participation in the Activity, due to any cause whatsoever, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT OR BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE, INCLUDING ANY DUTY OF CARE OWED UNDER THE OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ACT, ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES. It is my responsibility to ensure that I have adequate medical, personal health, dental and accident insurance coverage, as well as protection for my personal possessions;

TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any damage to property of, or personal injuries to, myself or any third party, resulting from my participation, or the participation of my child or legal charge, as appropriate, in the Activity;

This agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives in the event of my death or incapacity;

In entering into this Agreement, I am not relying upon any oral or written representations or statements made by the Releasees other than what is set forth in the Agreement.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND ASSIGNS MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEES. (Participants under 18 years of age must have a parent or legal guardian sign this document.)

Participant Name (PRINT LEGIBLY) Signature Date

Witness Name (PRINT LEGIBLY) Signature Date

Name of parent or legal guardian if Participant is under 18 years of age Signature Date

Parents or legal guardians will assume personal liability for claims of their child or legal charge by completing this Agreement. Parents or legal guardians agree to hold the Releasees harmless from the claims of their child.

This Agreement must be completed in full, signed, dated, witnessed and initialed before participant may begin program.

UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE ASCENT CLIMBING CENTRE – RULES & GUIDELINES

Please check beside each one after reading.

1. **Read all posted signs and warnings.** Adhere to the instruction and recommendation of supervisory staff.
2. **Everyone must check in at the UofL Ascent Climbing Centre counter before entering the climbing area.**
3. **Belayers must pass a belay proficiency test** and obtain a User's Card from the UofL Ascent Climbing Centre.
4. All users must have a signed Waiver and Release on file at the UofL Ascent Climbing Centre, and, present a photo ID if requested.
5. Children under 14 years old must be accompanied by an adult, who has a User's Card & remains in the climbing area. (Exception: a participant of our youth programs)
6. **All instruction will be done by the UofL Ascent Climbing Centre staff only.**
7. All climbers are responsible for proper fit of equipment, properly tying and dressing knots, double checking belay set-up, using correct belay technique, double checking climbing set-up.
8. Belayers will be given a warning the first time they are caught belaying incorrectly. A subsequent occurrence will require the belayer to retake the basic lesson, at the established price, before being permitted to belay.
9. Belayers **MUST** be standing and attentive to the climber at all times, no sitting.
10. Proper climbing commands must be used both before climbing and while on the wall.
11. Lead climbing is a privilege at the UofL Ascent Climbing Centre. All those who wish to lead climb must enrol and attend a lead climbing certification class. You may challenge the lead climbing test and must book a time for this testing in advance. All those who wish to lead climb must be certified to do so by the UofL Ascent Climbing Centre staff. Lead climbers must bring their own ropes and we recommend the use of a helmet.
12. Bouldering is allowed for those who understand and demonstrate an understanding of the rules, an orientation will be given to new climbers. When bouldering we suggest using a spotter at lower heights and a spotter is required if bouldering at maximum height. Use of crash pads is mandatory when bouldering with feet above the first panel (3.5 feet). Never boulder beneath a climber until they are past the 5th panel.
13. **Loose chalk is prohibited – chalk balls ONLY.** No exceptions, you will be asked to leave if you use loose chalk; a subsequent occurrence will result in suspended privileges without refund.
14. Only standard manufactured climbing equipment may be used. No horseplay or swinging on ropes.
15. Aside from water, **no food or beverage is allowed in the climbing area.** Appropriate attire must be worn to climb. Climbing shoes and athletic shoes are ideal. No bare feet allowed on the wall or on the blue mat. Foul language will not be tolerated.
16. Anyone suspected of being under the influence of an intoxicating or illegal substance is not permitted to climb.
17. Inform other climbers of any situation seen as unsafe or not in accordance with the Safety Policies. All climbers are asked to assist and encourage other climbers. Contact staff if concerns are not corrected.
18. Solo or self-belayed climbing is not allowed.
19. Rope climbers have priority over climbers bouldering. UofL Ascent Climbing Centre courses/lessons have priority on all routes.
20. Please report the following immediately to a UofL Ascent Climbing Centre staff: all accidents; any loose, spinning or damaged holds; any damage to the facility or other equipment.
21. Unless specifically invited by a member of UofL Ascent Climbing Centre staff, users are not permitted behind the counter, in any of the storage areas or behind the climbing wall.
22. The UofL Ascent Climbing Centre reserves the right to withdraw the User Card of any individual permanently or for a specified period of time for breach of contract in following the Climbing Centre Safety Policies, or for any conduct that is viewed as unsafe or inappropriate. Management has the right to suspend privileges to this facility without refund.

I have read and understand the above statements and agree to follow all Rules & Guidelines of the University of Lethbridge Ascent Climbing Centre.

Name (please print)

Signature

Date

19/09/2008