

SPECIAL PERMISSION FOR UNDER 18 YEAR-OLD UNSUPERVISED CLIMBING

Parents, Guardians and Carers of Under 18 Participants must read and understand this document. Please take the time to read this and complete the Declaration at the bottom of this page. This is an IMPORTANT LEGAL DOCUMENT.

Permission for an Under 18 to climb unsupervised is granted at the discretion of the management of Redpoint Climbing Centre and Birmingham Climbing Wall Ltd., who reserve the right to withdraw permission at any time.

The BMC Participation Statement:

“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.”

Redpoint Climbing Centre is **NOT** a playground. Some of the climbing walls are 12.5m (40ft) high. Although the centre has an excellent safety record, deaths have previously occurred at other climbing centres due to the negligence of the participants.

Any Under 18 Participant who wishes to climb unsupervised at Redpoint Climbing Centre must undergo a competency test with a Manager at the Centre. If they pass this test they may be permitted to use the Centre without direct supervision, providing you complete this form. For any Participant under 16 a Parent, Guardian or Carer must also visit the centre in person.

Statement of Risks:

The risks inherent in indoor climbing include: falling off the wall; collision with the wall, holds, volumes, other participants or other persons; falling to the ground; abrasions caused by the walls, ropes, mats or floor; equipment failure including LOOSE OR DAMAGED HOLDS; failure of a participant's belayer; the negligence of the participant, other participants, visitors or other persons who may be present; being struck by falling objects, musculoskeletal injuries and/or overtraining. Bouldering carries additional risks of injuries caused when landing on mats. LEAD CLIMBING AND BELAYING CARRY ADDITIONAL RISKS DUE TO THE DYNAMIC FALL POTENTIAL. This is not an exhaustive list and other unspecified risks may also be present.

DECLARATION

I understand that under normal circumstances Under 18 year-olds are not allowed to climb unsupervised. Although the person named below is under 18 years old, I declare that I believe that they have sufficient climbing experience and I request that they be allowed to participate in unsupervised roped climbing, including lead climbing and Bouldering.

Tick here if you **do not** wish your child to be belayed by another Under 18 who has also passed an Under 18 belay test

Tick here if you **do not** wish your child to belay another Under 18 who has also passed an Under 18 belay test

I have read and understood the BMC Participation Statement and the statement of risks above. I have ensured that the participant fully understands that there is a serious risk of injury or death and **I accept personal legal responsibility for the consequences of their actions.**

I acknowledge that participation in rock climbing and attendance at an artificial climbing wall entails known and unanticipated dangers that could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death, or damage to the participant, to property or to third parties. I understand that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity.

I fully understand all risks involved in all aspects of using the facilities of an artificial climbing wall. I declare that I have sufficient understanding of these risks to make an informed decision to give my permission for the Under 18 year old named on this form to participate in Unsupervised climbing activities at Redpoint Climbing Centre.

Signature of Parent, Guardian or Carer.....Date

Name of Parent, Guardian or Carer.....

Are you member of Redpoint Climbing Centre? YES / NO

Name of Participant.....

Address

Assessment Notes For Staff Use Only: