



ROCKBURN LTD

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CONDITIONS OF USE

The British Mountaineering council recognises that 'climbing is an activity with the inherent risk of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and participation'

RISKS...

Although Rockburn is an artificial climbing structure, the risks involved in participation are no less serious than when climbing on an outside crag or mountain. There are additional risks involved, such as bolt-on holds spinning, or breaking. The soft flooring in the centre is designed to offer climbers a softer landing when falling from the artificial bouldering structure – **THE MATTING DOES NOT MAKE CLIMBING ANY SAFER THAN CLIMBING OUTSIDE**. Broken and sprained limbs are common on this type of climbing structure despite the soft flooring. Uncontrolled falls are likely to result in injuries to both yourself and other wall users. Climbing beyond your capabilities on any surface is likely to result in fall. Any fall may result in an injury despite the safety systems in place to avoid such occurrences. It is the responsibility of the climber to make their own dynamic assessments of the risks associated with climbing – if you doubt your ability to achieve a route, STOP and dismount the wall safely, in line with the Rules of Rockburn.

OUR DUTY OF CARE...

The Rules of Rockburn below are not intended to limit your enjoyment of the centre. They are part of the Duty of Care that we, as operators, owe to you, the customer, by law. As such they are non-negotiable - if you are not prepared to abide by them you will be asked to leave the centre.

YOUR DUTY OF CARE...

You also have a duty of care to act in a responsible manner toward other users of Rockburn Ltd. Alongside the 'Rules of Rockburn', posters of good practise are positioned around the centre. These describe the accepted methods of use and how customers are expected to behave toward each other. If you are not prepared to abide by them, you will be asked to leave then centre.

UNSUPERVISED CLIMBING...

Before climbing without supervision, Rockburn expects you to be competent in the use of the climbing areas and associated facilities, and to be aware of best practise regarding the safe use of the centre. You are required to complete and sign a Digital Waiver, stating your experience in the competent use of artificial climbing structures, and stating your understanding of the Rules of Rockburn, including your acceptance of them. The waiver also states the risks involved in climbing at Rockburn and your acceptance states that you have both read and understand the risk involved in your participation.

Persons over the age of 18, or whom have never climbed before, or whom have not climbed indoors before, **MUST** complete an induction at Rockburn **BEFORE** they can use the centre unsupervised. Unsupervised climbing is exactly that...staff will be onsite, fulfilling floor

walking duties and will provide whatever help and advice they can, but instruction and supervision will only be provided when booked and paid for prior to the commencement of climbing. If you are not **COMPETENT** or **CONFIDENT** in your ability to climb on Rockburns' artificial climbing structure, you must not attempt to use it!

SUPERVISED CLIMBING...

An adult whom has completed an induction at Rockburn may supervise up to 2 adult persons at any time. Guests need to complete a digital waiver and must be signed in using the guest log by the competent climber, whom will assume supervisory responsibility for their safety whilst using the facilities at Rockburn Ltd – if any of the parties involved are not happy with this, they **MUST NOT CLIMB** and will be required to undertake a centre induction **BEFORE** they can use the wall. Groups of 3 or more novices may only be supervised by an instructor holding recognised and relevant qualifications.

CHILDREN...

Children are required to be supervised **AT ALL TIMES** by a competent adult whom is either a competent climber, or has undertaken an Induction at Rockburn. A competent adult can supervise **2 children aged 6 years and over**, or **1 child aged under 6 years of age** at any time – there are no exceptions to this. Groups of 3 or more children must either have multiple competent adults, or be supervised by an instructor holding recognised and relevant qualifications.

RULES OF ROCKBURN

General Safety...

- Report to reception upon arrival at Rockburn
- **YOU MUST EXERCISE DUE CARE AND ATTENTION, CAUTION AND SELF PRESERVATION WHILST USING ALL FACILITIES AT ROCKBURN LTD**
- Report any problems with the structure, holds or associated facilities, or inappropriate behaviour with other climbers, to centre staff upon discovery
- Be aware of other climbers around you and how your actions may affect them
- If you are watching, **STAY OFF THE BLUE MAT!** This is for climbers only
- If you have young children with you whilst their sibling climbs, **THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE SAFETY MAT AT ANY TIME.** This is not a soft play area and it is too dangerous for them to be on the mat anywhere!

When Bouldering...

- **ALWAYS** dismount by down climbing and stepping off at floor level.
- **ALWAYS** climb within your capabilities
- **NEVER** climb directly above or below another climber
- **ALWAYS** keep arms distance between climbers
- **STAY BACK** - Climbers **ALWAYS** have priority: give climbers 2 metres of space behind them!
- **NO** clothing, bags, items to be left on the safety matting - we provide storage holes and free lockers for those bits
- **REMOVE** necklaces, earrings, rings, watches and empty pockets before climbing
- **NO** running on the matting at any time
- **UNDER 6's MUST** be in arm's reach at all times + hand held when crossing under and Arch.
- **UNDER 5's feet MUST NOT EXCEED** Parent/Guardians Head Height
- **PARENT/Guardian-Child Ratios-** Under 6's: 1-to-1/Over 6's: 2-to-1