



## GREATER WICHITA YMCA: CLIMBING WALL POLICIES

All climbers should be familiar with the equipment & techniques before climbing. Safety classes are offered for those who haven't climbed or belayed before. Everyone using the wall must sign waiver and pass a safety test before climbing. Any climber under the age of 18 must have a waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian.

### CLIMBING WALL

- 1. Belay Certified** by one of our climbing staff. Anyone under 15 yrs must be supervised by a belay certified adult (18 yrs or older).
- 2. Staff Belay Climb** Our certified staff will belay you. Ask front desk for staffed climbing times.

### BOULDERING AREA

- 1. Belay Certified** always have a spotter.
- 2. Climbers 7 & under** must be supervised/spotted by a parent or guardian.

### CLIMBING RULES

For your safety and enjoyment please remember: Members between the ages of 11-14 who are Belay Certified must be tied into the backup and be supervised by a Belay Certified Adult (18 yrs old or older). You can be any age to climb.

- Climbers must pass a belay certification to belay other climbers
- Please walk in designated areas only
- All climbers must wear appropriate footwear. No barefoot climbing.
- Use only holds on wall for climbing. Do not touch exposed metal, belay bars, etc.
- No "topping out" (climbing on top of bouldering area)
- All belayers must be certified by YMCA climbing staff to check out equipment and belay. Climbers must stay "on route" while climbing due to the dangerous swing factor caused by climbing "offroute".
- Belayers must belay from their harness, not from the floor anchor. Belayers are required to use floor anchors.
- Helmets are available for all beginning climbers
- No solo climbing above 3 foot line
- No sitting down or lying down while belaying
- All accidents and equipment damage must be reported immediately

## **BOULDERING RULES**

For your safety and enjoyment please remember:

- The YMCA recommends using a least one spotter when bouldering
- Boulder within your personal limits; this includes staying below the 4 foot line.
- Small children should only boulder under the direct supervision of their parents/chaperones. Children should stay well below the 4 foot line.
- No “topping out”
- Only 2 people allowed in caves at a time
- Yield to roped climbers and show courtesy to others bouldering.
- No bouldering high in climbing wall area (4 feet).

**Participants found to be climbing or belaying in an unsafe manner will be asked to leave the wall. Continued infractions can result in suspension of climbing privileges.**