



# Rock Climbing Wall Agreement

**Notice: THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT** In consideration of my being permitted by the GENEVA LAKES FAMILY YMCA to use its Climbing Wall, and/or participate in any climbing program offered by the GENEVA LAKES FAMILY YMCA, including, but not limited to, climbing lessons, training, birthday parties, rentals, special events, etc. I agree to the following agreement and I make these following representations:

**I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THE INHERENT EXTREME RISKS IN ROCK CLIMBING**, including climbing on artificial surfaces. I realize that those risks include, but are not limited to: falls from or contact with walls, equipment or flooring, bad decision-making, inattention of wall staff or actions of other climbers, misuse or failure of equipment, holds which may have become loose or damaged, and accidents which cannot be foreseen. I acknowledge that the above list is not inclusive of all possible risks associated with the use of the facilities, and/or the sport of climbing and I agree that said list in no way limits the extent or reach of this release. **I VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATION OF THE DANGERS AND RISKS INVOLVED.**

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I voluntarily agree to assume all risks of personal injury, **including paralysis and death**, which may occur while I am on the Climbing Wall, or participating in any event, program, birthday party or training at any time, whether or not under supervision of GENEVA LAKES FAMILY YMCA personnel. I hereby knowingly and intentionally waive and release any and all claims or causes of action which might arise from use of the Climbing Wall or participation, and agree to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the GENEVA LAKES FAMILY YMCA, its successors, assigns, officers, employees, volunteers, wall designers or builders, manufacturers, lessors and agents from all liability for any such damage, injury, paralysis or death which may result. **This Waiver/Release shall be effective even though said loss, damage or injury results or has resulted from negligence, wrongful acts, omissions, breach of warranty or strict tort liability of the GENEVA LAKES FAMILY YMCA or the other parties released.** **Initials** \_\_\_\_\_

I am in good health and have not any known physical limitations, which affect my use of the Climbing Wall. I agree to pay attention to the state of the ropes, anchors and other equipment I may use, and to advise staff members if I do see any damage or notice damage or problems. I understand that if I bring any personal harness or protective gear the GENEVA LAKES FAMILY YMCA is not liable if my personal items fail and upon inspection the staff may refuse the use of personal equipment. I certify that I have read the rules, and accept responsibility for failure to abide by these rules. If the GENEVA LAKES FAMILY YMCA personnel makes a specific request of or instruction to me, I agree to comply. I understand that indoor climbing is not the same as outdoor climbing, which requires additional skills, and I agree to seek qualified instruction before attempting to climb outdoors.

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I understand that the GENEVA LAKES FAMILY YMCA offers free protective headgear for my or my Minor's use. I assume all risks of using or not using such protective headgear. **Initials** \_\_\_\_\_

I am at least 18 years of age and otherwise legally competent to sign this agreement. This agreement shall be effective and binding upon me and upon my assigns, heirs, representatives, guardians and administrators. If under the age of 18, this agreement is signed by a parent/guardian of the minor, and the undersigned waive any and all claims, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the GENEVA LAKES FAMILY YMCA and its agents in the event of any injury to the undersigned or minor climber.

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**I understand that this agreement is a contract. I expressly state that I have read, understand and am familiar with all its provisions and that I sign it of my own free will.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of today \_\_\_\_\_ Climber's Date of Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Climber's Name (Print only) Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE READ & SIGNED BY ADULT CLIMBER (18+) OR PARENT/GUARDIAN OF MINOR (17 & YOUNGER)** I hereby represent that I am the parent/guardian of the minor whose name appears above. I am familiar with and consent and agree to the terms and provisions set forth in this waiver/release, on behalf of myself and said minor.

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Climbing Wall Rules & Etiquette Agreement

## AGE POLICIES/RESTRICTIONS

1. All climbers and/or parent must read and complete the waiver/release form. Minors under the age of 18 must have the waiver completed and signed by their parent/guardian. Parents must be present when children are 7 and under during open climbing.
2. The youngest to climb is whomever fits in the harness & helmet safely and weighs enough (approximately 40-60lbs) to engage the auto belay system.
3. At NO time should anyone be climbing without climbing trained staff present!

## BEHAVIOR POLICY

1. All climbers MUST abide by the judgments of the GENEVA LAKES FAMILY YMCA staff.
2. Three strikes and you're out. You will be suspended for misconduct in the Climbing Wall. The first offense will be a one-week suspension from the Climbing Wall. Second offense is a one-month suspension. Third offense is a one-year suspension from the Climbing Wall.

## CLIMBING HELMET EDUCATION

In any high risk sport it is necessary to fully evaluate all the risks. The climbing helmet is a piece of safety equipment that primarily protects the skull against falling debris, as well as impact forces during a significant fall/swing.

Helmets in an indoor setting send an initial perception of safety, but have many factors to take into consideration. Helmets can be useful in an indoor setting. They can create a barrier between the head and the wall in the event of a swing into the wall, however, the padding on a helmet that would absorb impact is located in the top part of the helmet and not within the sides of the helmet.

With auto belays there is an increased risk for helmets creating a situation where they could potentially get caught on a hold and create a choking hazard. For this reason, TruBlue, the maker of the auto belays, recommends not using the helmets with auto belays.

After much research into the risks and benefits of helmets on an indoor wall setting with auto belays, as well as standard practice in an indoor climbing wall setting, the GENEVA LAKES FAMILY YMCA will not require the use of helmets. Helmets will be available for use at any time if requested by the climber or climber's parent/guardian. The GENEVA LAKES FAMILY YMCA would like to give climbers, as well as their parents and guardians, the information they need to make an educated choice when it comes to the use or non-use of a climbing helmet. Please talk with one of the climbing wall attendants if you have any other questions.

## ROCK WALL POLICIES

1. All 4 routes are AUTO BELAY only! Free climbing and bouldering are prohibited.
2. Staff reserves the right to inspect any personal climbing equipment and prohibit it's use.
3. Climbing or traversing beneath another climber is prohibited.
4. NO open-toed shoes, Crocs, bare feet, skirts/skorts or dresses allowed to climb. Shirts, pants and climbing shoes or athletic shoes are required at all times.
5. All incidents, accidents, wall damage and equipment damage MUST be reported to a GENEVA LAKES FAMILY YMCA staff member immediately.
6. Tightening, loosening, or moving holds is not permitted without authorization from the climbing staff.
7. Please report any loose holes, bad wear spots on ropes, and anything else you may believe is a safety hazard so we can correct it.
8. No jumping to grab hand holds.

### **I agree to the follow the above rules and etiquette:**

The GENEVA LAKES FAMILY YMCA wants to provide a safe and fun environment for all members and spectators. Any person(s) not complying with all of the above rules and etiquette will be asked to leave immediately. The GENEVA LAKES FAMILY YMCA and its employees reserve the right to deny access to anyone for any act deemed inappropriate or unsafe.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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