

MEMBERSHIP FORM

AWESOME WALLS CLIMBING CENTRES LTD

AWESOME WALLS LIVERPOOL

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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."

The registered participant is entitled to climb at any climbing centre operating under '**Awesome Walls Climbing Centres Ltd**'

Personal Details

Please complete the form in **BLOCK CAPITALS**, please notify us of any changes to these details.

First Name Last Name Date of Birth

Male Female

Address

Post Code

Tel. No. Mobile No.

Email

I've been climbing for Years. Average grade regularly climbed at? Trad Sport Boulder

Are you a current climbing club member, if so which one?

Conditions of Registration

If you are under 18 years of age **DO NOT** fill in this form! Please use the '*Under 18*' form.

Once you have read the **Conditions of use and Rules** of the climbing centre, you must answer the following questions by writing "**YES**" or "**NO**" in the box provided then sign the declaration at the bottom of the form. Only climbers who give satisfactory answers to the questions will be registered and allowed to climb unsupervised.

Are you over 18 years of age?

Have you received, understood and agreed to abide by the Conditions of Use and Rules of the centre?

Can you correctly fit and fasten a harness?

Can you attach a rope to your harness using a figure of eight knot?

Can you belay using a recognised belay device?

Are you aware of the importance not to walk or climb beneath another climber and of good spotting technique?

Do you understand the matting under the walls does not guarantee your safety?

Do you require instruction in any of the above? If yes, a competent climber must fill in below.

I (Full name) will take full responsibility for the named person on this form.

I am competent to do so. Signature: Membership no:

Do you understand that failure to exercise due care could result in your or another's injury or death?

Do you have any questions regarding the application or the Conditions of Use or the Rules?

Declaration of Fitness

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, I do not suffer from a medical condition, which might have the effect of making it more likely that I be involved in an accident, which could result in injury to others or myself.

Declaration of Fact

I also confirm that the above information is correct and if any information changes I will notify the centre:

Signature

Date

This part to be filled in by reception staff

Membership Number

Have you asked a sample question

Registration Type: Adult Concession OAP Unemployed

Student on course until Other

Staff Name

Logged date

Conditions of use and rules may be changed without prior warning due to guidelines from the BMC or ABC or from our own experience. Please check regularly for any changes, thank you.

CONDITIONS OF USE FOR AWESOME WALLS CLIMBING CENTRE

Risks – “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.”

Although the climbing centre is an artificial environment the risks involved are **no less serious than when climbing outside** on a crag or mountain. There is the additional risk that bolt-on holds can spin or break.

The soft flooring under the bouldering wall is designed to provide a more comfortable landing for climbers falling or jumping from the bouldering wall. **THE SOFT FLOORING DOES NOT MAKE THE CLIMBING ANY SAFER.** Broken and sprained limbs are common on this type of climbing wall despite the soft landing. **Uncontrolled falls are likely to result in injuries to yourself or others.**

Climbing **beyond your capabilities** on any wall is likely to result in a fall. Any fall may result in an **injury** despite the safety systems in place to avoid it. You must make your **own assessment of the risks** whenever you climb.

Our Duty of Care – The rules of the climbing centre set out below are not intended to limit your enjoyment of the facilities. They are part of the **duty of care** that we, as operators, owe to you, the customer by law. As such they are **not negotiable** and if you are not prepared to abide by them, the staff must politely ask you to leave.

Your Duty of Care – You also have a **duty of care** to act responsibly towards other users of the centre. Statements of ‘Good Practice’ are posted around the centre adjacent to the

relevant facilities. These describe the accepted methods of use and how customers would normally be expected to behave towards each other.

Unsupervised Climbing – Before you climb without supervision the centre expects you to be competent in the use of a safety harness, a suitable knot to attach a rope to the harness and a belay device to secure a falling climber or lower a climber from the wall using a rope. You are required to register to say that you know how to use the equipment, that you are prepared to abide by the rules below and that you understand the risks involved in your participation.

Anyone who has not registered is classed as a **novice** and **must not** climb without supervision.

Unsupervised climbing is just that! Staff will provide whatever help and advice they can, but instruction in the use of equipment or climbing techniques will only be provided where it has been booked and paid for in advance. If you are not **confident** in the use of any climbing equipment or technique then **do not** attempt to use it without the supervision of someone who is competent to do so.

Supervised Climbing - An adult who has registered at the centre may supervise up to **two** novice climbers as long as they are prepared to **take full responsibility for the safety of those people.** Groups of three or more novices must only be supervised by an instructor holding the relevant qualifications.

Children – All children must be supervised in the centre unless they have been assessed by the management and registered for unsupervised climbing.

RULES

General Safety

- Report to reception on each visit before you climb.
- You must exercise care, common sense and self preservation at all times.
- Report any problems with the walls, equipment or other climbers’ behaviour/bad practice to a member of staff immediately.
- Be aware of the other climbers around you and how your actions will affect them.
- Do not distract people while they are climbing or belaying.
- Stand well back from the climbing walls unless you are belaying or spotting a climber. Never stand directly under someone who is climbing.

Top Roping

- Many of the climbs in the centre have top ropes already in place. Do not take them down to use on other routes.

Leading

- When using the lead walls you must supply your own appropriately rated dynamic rope. Do not use the centre’s top ropes for lead climbing. If necessary lead ropes can be hired from reception.
- Running belay attachments (runners) are already provided at intervals on the lead walls so you do not need your own ‘quick draws’.

When Belaying

- Always use a belay device attached to your safety harness with a locking karabiner. ‘Traditional’, or ‘body’ belaying is not acceptable.
- The sand bags are provided to give support to people belaying a climber who is much heavier than they are.
- Always pay attention to what the climber is doing.
- Always stand as close to the climbing wall as is practical. Sitting or lying down are not acceptable.

When Climbing

- No bouldering/soloing is permitted on the lead/toproping walls at anytime. Always use a rope to protect yourself on these climbs.
 - Always use a safety harness to attach yourself to the rope.
- Always tie the rope directly into the harness using a suitable climbing knot. Clipping in with a karabiner is **not** acceptable.

Bouldering

- Always climb within your capabilities and descend by down climbing, jumping or, at the very least a controlled fall.
- Never climb directly above or below another climber.