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Signature of Approval by Authorized Personnel:


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POLICY STATEMENT:

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the operation of the Wainwright and District Communiplex climbing wall.

PROCEDURES:

Wall Operation

1. Climbers must use chalk bags. No loose chalk will be permitted.
2. All climbers using the wall must have signed a waiver. An alphabetical listing of individuals who have signed waivers will be maintained at the Wainwright and District Communiplex Pool office. Climbing instructors will maintain a card system on belay checks in the Peace Memorial Multiplex office.
3. The minimum age for a climber is six (6) years old.
4. Lead climbing and repelling on the wall is prohibited.
5. The gri gri and auto belayer are the only belay devices permitted for use on the wall.

6. Bouldering age limits:
 - Adults no hands allowed above the top of the third (3rd) panel from the floor, and
 - Child, ages six (6) to fourteen (14) years old, no hands allowed above the top of the second (2nd) panel from the floor.
7. Any participant who is belaying must successfully complete a belay check.
8. Bare feet are not permitted on the carpeted area.
9. No climbing in bare feet or socks. All shoes must have non-marking soles and be clean prior to climbing.
10. Outside ropes are not allowed for use in the climbing facility.
11. Food, gum, and open water bottles are not permitted on the carpeted area.
12. The minimum age for belaying is fourteen (14) years old. The instructor will make the final decision as to whether the individual is mature and attentive enough to allow them to belay.
13. During the hours of open climbing the first in, first out rule will apply based on one and a half (1 ½) hours of climbing.
14. Climbers are required to avoid climbing routes that will interfere with others already on the climbing wall.
15. Swinging on the ropes is not permitted.
16. Climbing shirtless is not permitted.
17. The staff reserves the right to reject homemade equipment or equipment deemed unsafe.
18. The staff reserves the right to remove the climbing privileges of any individuals for conduct that is deemed unsafe and/or inappropriate.
19. Bouldering is permitted during open climbing, provided that a climber using a rope is at least two (2) panels above the boulderer. Climbers on ropes have the right of way on the wall. No bouldering is permitted if the auto belayers are in use.
20. Bookings are dependent on the availability of instructors.

REVIEW CYCLE:

This policy will be reviewed every three (3) years.