University of Puget Sound
Climbing Facility

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

Use of the Climbing Facility can result in several positive outcomes for you—including meeting new people, making new friends, learning new skills, and learning about yourself. Challenging activities bring many benefits, but there are some possible risks and hazards about which the University wants you to be aware. These risks and hazards can include, but are not limited to scrapes, cuts, rope burns, bruises, sprains, fractures and death resulting from falls.

Risk of injuries or death may be caused by, but are not limited to:

1. The negligence of the operators, employees, or volunteer assistants of the University of Puget Sound, or the negligence of other climbers, observers, designers, manufacturers or installers of the Climbing Facility;
2. The failure or negligent misuse of the Climbing Facility or equipment;
3. The fall of other persons who may come into contact with me or from any falls in which I come into contact with other persons;
4. Slips, trips or falls while using the University of Puget Sound Climbing Facility; or
5. The negligence or lack of adequate training of those persons at the University of Puget Sound who seek to assist with medical or other help either before or after injuries have occurred.

LIABILITY RELEASE

After reading the Acknowledgment of Risk Statement, please read this Liability Release carefully and sign the same in the space provided below.

I understand that my safety is my own responsibility. I also understand that I am responsible for furnishing my own proper clothing and approved Union Internationale Associations d’Alpinisme (U.I.A.A.) equipment, including a harness, and that I am responsible for the safe and good operating condition and proper use of all equipment that I may use, regardless of its source.

I represent and warrant to the University that I am in good health and physical condition, and I agree that I will not participate in Climbing Facility activities unless I am in the appropriate health and physical condition to do so. I agree that I will not involve myself in any activity that exceeds my physical capabilities.

I hereby waive any and all claims against the University of Puget Sound, its Board of Trustees, its agents, employees and program leaders and representatives, for any claims or injuries that I may have or suffer as a result of my participation in Climbing Facility activities and from any cause whatsoever arising at any time, and I do hereby indemnify and agree to hold harmless the University of Puget Sound, its Board of Trustees and its agents, employees, program leaders and representatives from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, liabilities, obligations, damages, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney’s fees) arising out of or in connection with any claims or injuries that I may have or suffer by reason of my participation in Climbing Facility activities.

I understand that the University cannot guarantee absolute personal safety or protection from property loss. I understand that I share the responsibility for my safety and the safety of other Climbing Facility users. I will follow Climbing Facility safety rules and/or procedures established and will immediately make Climbing Facility representatives aware of any problems or risks I may foresee.

I have read and understand this Acknowledgment of Risk/Liability Release. I have had sufficient opportunity to ask questions about Climbing Facility use. I understand the contents of this form, and have had the opportunity to discuss any questions or concerns with a University representative of my choosing prior to signing it. My signature below is an acknowledgment of this understanding.

In addition to the RELEASE, the undersigned grants to the University of Puget Sound, or any of its officers, employees, student leaders or agents, full authority to take whatever action they feel is warranted to protect the health, safety and welfare of Facility users, and the undersigned agrees to be bound by any and all conditions and regulations relating to the Climbing Facility.

THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY
READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

| : | : | : | : |
| Name (Please Print) | First | MI | Last |

| : | : |
| Signature of Parent or Guardian | Date |
(If user is under age 18)

| : | : |
| Signature of User | Date |
Puget Sound Climbing Wall Orientation

____ Bouldering height – see posted signs

____ I will adhere to posted guidelines and rules and that the improper use of the facility can lead to injuries and death,

____ Risk management
  ☐ Jumping before falling off
  ☐ Plan your landing – drop and roll – do not try to stick the landing
  ☐ Not Climbing below or above other climbers
  ☐ What are the risks involved in climbing at the climbing wall? Including and not limited to: broken ankles, broken bones, torn tendons, head injuries, concussions, spinal injury, and internal injury due to falling.
  ☐ Understand not to catch arms or legs in auto-belay or ropes while bouldering (when not clipped in).

____ Completed Auto-Belay Orientation:
  ☐ Understand the importance of clipping in to the correct auto belay each time.
  ☐ Demonstrate how to put on harness
  ☐ Demonstrate how to clip into the proper part of the harness with the auto belay
  ☐ Understand how to jump off auto-belay and that it will not catch you until you are 4’ above the ground.

____ Taking care of your climbing wall:
  ☐ Leave No Trace -
  ☐ Wearing shoes – climbing or other closed toe shoes are required in the climbing wall
  ☐ Proper attire – due to MRSA short sleeve shirts are required – no tank tops…

____ What does the PSO Climbing Program offer?
Renting gear, beginning nights, belay teaching nights, route setting nights

____ Initials and Name of Instructor_______________________

I ___________________ understand the risks and responsibilities associated with climbing at the Puget Sound Climbing Wall and I will follow the posted and guidelines outlined above. I understand the guidelines and rules are for my safety and the safety of other climbers.

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Signature of user: