



## LEAD CLIMBING - ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY AND RISK AGREEMENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), am aware of the following:

Please initial each of the following if you understand what is being asked of you.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Lead climbing is a high-risk activity and I assume the risk of injury associated with lead climbing while using this facility.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Repeated falls on lead is NOT acceptable and in this event climbers will switch to top-roping to avoid injury or damage to themselves and all equipment.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Climbers must inspect the route and equipment before and during a climb, and will report any problems to the ICC Supervisor on duty.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lead climbing equipment is provided by the Indoor Climbing Center.
- \_\_\_\_\_ You may lead climb only during designated lead climb hours. Climbers are required to check out a lead climb pass and notify the ICC Supervisor when they are going to lead climb. The Supervisor must be present and watching.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Failure to properly clip into a bolt or climbing past a bolt will result in lead climbing privileges being revoked.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The belayer must be certified as a lead climber at the OSU Indoor Climbing Center, and must be properly connected into a floor attachment point at all times.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The belayer must keep adequate slack in the rope.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Indoor Climbing Center Supervisors reserve the right to revoke lead climbing privileges at any time.

**"I understand and acknowledge the above practices and agree to abide by these Department of Recreational Sports Lead Climbing Policies. I fully understand that lead climbing is more dangerous than top rope climbing and involves a higher level of ability. I am confident in my skills to lead climb, and understand I do not have to lead climb to use this facility. I fully and voluntarily accept these risks. I further understand that passing the Lead Skills Check or Lead Orientation Class qualifies me to lead climb in the OSU Indoor Climbing Facility only, and not in others climbing gyms or outdoors.**

**I indemnify and hold Oregon State University, the Department of Recreational Sports, the Indoor Climbing Center and all of their officers, agents, and employees harmless for any liability associated with my actions or the actions of a third party in the event I suffer injury, death or property damage while participating in the program and for my negligent actions.**

**I understand Oregon State University does not accept responsibility for or insure climbers using this facility. I will be responsible for all of my activities, and agree to follow the procedures and policies outlined for lead climbing."**

OSU Student

OSU Faculty/Staff

Community

Participant (printed name): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



### LEAD CLIMBING AND BELAYING TEST

Before the climb it is the climber's responsibility to make an obvious check of:

**THE CLIMBER'S**

- \_\_\_ Figure 8 knot
- \_\_\_ Harness buckles
- \_\_\_ Tie in point
- \_\_\_ Climbing team communication

**THE BELAYER'S**

- \_\_\_ Floor attachment
- \_\_\_ Belay setup
- \_\_\_ Attachment point to harness
- \_\_\_ Harness buckles

**DURING THE CLIMB:**

- Climber looks smooth and relaxed as he/she climbs; Clips rope easily and quickly
- Climber does not back clip or z-clip any of the draws
- Climber is totally solid during clips: balanced on the holds, body relaxed, calm
- Climber clips from a preferred stance
- Climber clips close draws within easy reach (i.e. climber does not attempt to top rope)
- Climber keeps body outside or to the side of the rope (especially legs and feet from behind the rope)
- Climbing team uses standard communication: "Clipping, slack, take, got" etc.
- Belayer pays attention to the climber throughout the climb
- Belayer's brake hand never leaves the rope
- Belayer feeds rope smoothly as climber ascends, and for clips
- Belayer reverts to "ready" or brake position when not feeding out or taking in slack

**After the Climb:**

- Climbing team uses a standard communication, such as: "Take." "Got?" "Lower!" "Lowering"
- Belayer lowers Climber smoothly and slowly to the ground

**Additional Skills to check:**

- \_\_\_ Right hand clip, carabiner gate faces left
- \_\_\_ Right hand clip, carabiner gate faces right
- \_\_\_ Left hand clip, carabiner gate faces left
- \_\_\_ Left hand clip, carabiner gate faces right

**The individual has demonstrated proficiency in:**

- Properly clips into all quickdraws.
- Demonstrates confidence when lead climbing and has performed an error free 5.8 route on the date of this waiver.
- Properly connects into the climbing system as a lead belayer and a lead climber.
- Properly uses all lead climbing equipment and procedures.

The manner in which you lead climb and belay during the test in the manner in which we expect all users to behave when lead climbing or belaying in the facility.

WRITING MUST BE CLEAR AND LEGIBLE FOR FORM TO BE PROCESSED

Participant (printed name): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED INFORMATION – FORM WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT INFORMATION BELOW:**

ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that this participant has demonstrated to me proficiency in the above skills by taking and passing a lead climbing skills check class on the date of this wavier.

ICC Supervisor (print name): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

- Lead Skills Test Pass
- Lead Skills Test Conditional Pass: \_\_\_\_\_

Date entered into Rectrac: \_\_\_\_\_

Computer Operator (initials): \_\_\_\_\_