



GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR THE KALYMNOS CLIMBING WALL

Definitions

With regard to these general conditions for climbing, the following definitions apply:

- 1.1 Kalymnos Climbing Wall: trade name of Sportcentrum Olympos, utilised by Utrecht Student Sports Foundation Mesa Cosa.
- 1.2 Climbing wall: the wall boards attached to P+R 'De Uithof' to be used for climbing activities as well as the surrounding area enclosed by the fences.
- 1.3 Climber: a person who uses the climbing wall.
- 1.4 Independent climber: a climber who practises climbing without instruction. Independent climbing on the climbing wall can be conducted at three levels: indoor top rope (IT), indoor lead climbing (IV) and outdoor lead climbing (OV).
- 1.5 Dependent climber: a climber who practises climbing at the IT, IV or OV level under the supervision of an instructor.
- 1.6 Indoor Top Rope (IT): the practice of climbing where the indoor top rope climber uses a climbing rope, which runs via a fully equipped anchor at the highest point, is attached to both the climber and the belayer.
- 1.7 Indoor Lead Climbing (IV): the practice of climbing where the indoor lead climber, secured by a belayer, personally fixes the rope to the belay devices and the fully equipped anchor.
- 1.8 Outdoor Lead Climbing (OV): the practice of climbing where the outdoor lead climber, secured by a belayer, personally fixes the rope to the belay devices and sets up an anchor.
- 1.9 Belayer: a person who belays a climber.
- 1.10 Hook: the fixed point attached to the climbing wall by Kalymnos Climbing Wall to be used to attach belay devices or to set up an anchor.
- 1.11 Belay device: the connection between a hook and the climbing rope which is done by the climber.
- 1.12 Fully equipped anchor: two hooks connected by a non-movable chain. One of the hooks is connected to a non-movable karabiner which forms the turning point of the rope.
- 1.13 Sportcentrum Olympos: the Utrecht Student Sports Foundation Mesa Cosa.
- 1.14 Anchor: two hooks that are temporarily connected by means of a chain, climbing rope or sling without a non-removable karabiner.

Applicability and scope

- 2.1 These conditions form a supplement to the general conditions of Sportcentrum Olympos and apply to all of the activities, of whichever nature, provided by Kalymnos Climbing Wall.
- 2.2 If the conditions of Kalymnos Climbing Wall deviate from the general conditions of Sportcentrum Olympos, the Kalymnos Climbing Wall conditions will prevail.
- 2.3 Deviations from and supplements to these conditions only apply if and insofar as these have been expressly adopted, in writing, by Kalymnos Climbing Wall.
- 2.4 If one or more of these general conditions is in conflict with a compulsory or in any other way applicable legal provision, the condition will be replaced by a new, similar and legally valid provision.
- 2.5 Upon the purchase of membership or a multiple-entry ticket, the signing of the visitor register at the Service Desk of Sportcentrum Olympos or the actual use of the climbing wall, the climber and/or the belayer accept the applicability of these conditions.

Climbers obligations

- 3.1 The climber must observe all of the climbing rules, directions and instructions provided by the staff of Kalymnos Climbing Wall. The climbing rules are posted on the climbing wall. The latest version of the climbing rules is attached next to the entrance gate.
- 3.2 If a climber does not observe the climbing rules, directions or instructions and/or - in the opinion of Kalymnos Climbing Wall - hinders the climbing activities on the climbing wall and/or jeopardises the safety of themselves or others, Kalymnos Climbing Wall is entitled to deny the climber further access to the climbing wall. The climber will not be entitled to restitution of the entrance fee.
- 3.3 In case of rain, snow, black ice or other weather conditions that may influence the climbing activities, the independent climber themselves will determine whether they have sufficient experience to climb under these circumstances.
- 3.4 If a further rental agreement for the use of equipment for one day or part of a day has been entered into by Kalymnos Climbing Wall and the climber, the climber is obliged to use the equipment as a proper renter should and return it in the same condition it was found at the start of the rental agreement.

Climbing general

- 4.1 The practice of climbing is an activity which involves risks for the climber, other climbers, belayers and others in the proximity of the climbing wall. While the climbing wall meets the applicable NEN standards, Kalymnos Climbing Wall cannot remove the risk of serious bodily harm or worse. The climber, therefore, must observe the highest level of caution.
- 4.2 When climbing, Kalymnos Climbing Wall recommends the climber observes the basic principles of the latest version of the 'Climb Injury-Free', 'Safe Sports Climbing' and 'Check & Climb' brochures as issued by the Royal Dutch Climbing and Mountaineering Association (NKBV). Kalymnos Climbing Wall does not propagate alternative methods.
- 4.3 Independent climbing is only permitted by climbers in possession of a proficiency certificate.
- 4.4 The climber can only practise climbing and belaying if they possess the (temporary) proficiency certificate required for that specific level.¹
- 4.5 If the climber does not hold a proficiency certificate, Kalymnos Climbing Wall can provide the climber with a temporary proficiency certificate. This proficiency certificate will only be issued if the climber is able to demonstrate the required experience.
- 4.6 Children up to 13 years of age can only climb the climbing wall under the supervision of their legal representative and/or instructor, and only upon written permission from their legal representative.
- 4.7 Children of 14 to 17 years of age can only climb independently upon written permission from their legal representative. Independent indoor lead climbing is permitted starting from 16 years of age.

Liability and judicial process

- 5.1 Independent climbing is practised at the climber's own risk. Kalymnos Climbing Wall may assume that the climber holding a proficiency certificate has mastered the required techniques. Kalymnos Climbing Wall will only be liable in case of gross negligence or deliberate carelessness on their part.
- 5.2 Kalymnos Climbing Wall is not liable for the lack or failure of the connection between the climbing rope and the independent climber's harness. Nor will Kalymnos Climbing Wall be liable if a climber does not observe the climbing rules as referred to in Article 3.1 or the specific provision in Article 4 of these general conditions and/or if they ignore the instructions of the staff of Sportcentrum Olympos.
- 5.3 At any time, the liability of Kalymnos Climbing Wall is limited to the maximum of its insurance policy.
- 5.4 Kalymnos Climbing Wall recommends that the climber takes out accident and liability insurance.
- 5.5 Dutch law only applies to this agreement. Any disputes that may arise because of or as a result of this agreement will be settled at the Utrecht court of law unless a compulsory legal provision prohibits this.

¹ Therefore, the holder of an indoor lead climbing proficiency certificate **is not** permitted to belay an outdoor lead climber. However, the holder of an indoor lead climbing proficiency certificate **is** permitted to belay an indoor top rope climber.