

Catholic Mutual... "CARES"

ROCK WALL CLIMBING RULES

1. Any vendor providing a climbing wall should sign the Vendor Hold Harmless/Indemnity Agreement. (see attached) This agreement requires a certificate of insurance documenting liability insurance in the amount of two million dollars per occurrence. The certificate must name your parish and the (Arch)Diocese as an *additional insured*.
2. Recommended age to participate is 12 and older. Younger children do not have the upper body strength to climb the wall.
3. All climbers are to wear climbing helmets. All climbers are to be properly harnessed and tethered. NO EXCEPTIONS.
4. All climbers are to be supervised and assisted by the vendor's staff only. NO EXCEPTIONS.
5. Make sure the area used is free of obstacles on both the ground and overhead. It is best to rope off the area to keep people and objects out.
6. Make sure there is an adequate "fall zone" under the climbing wall with adequate cushioning material to stop a fall from the maximum height of the wall.
7. A first aid kit should always be available.
8. The safety coordinator should inspect the ropes, straps, and hardware for wear and breaks. Records should be kept by the vendor indicating how long the equipment has been in service and if there were any serious falls on the equipment.
9. Permanent climbing walls that are part of a challenge course or part of a climbing and rappelling tower are to follow all of the guidelines for Ropes Courses; including rope and hardware logs, instructor certification, and equipment security.

Note: This list is not intended to be inclusive of all potential risks associated with the use of portable or permanent rock climbing walls.

VENDOR HOLD HARMLESS/INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

PARISH: _____

PARISH is understood to include the Diocese/Archdiocese of _____

VENDOR: _____

TYPE OF VENDOR: _____

DATES OF USE: _____

The above named VENDOR agrees to defend, protect, indemnify, and hold harmless the above named PARISH against and from all claims arising from the negligence or fault of the above named VENDOR or any of its agents, family members, officers, volunteers, helpers, partners, organizational members, or associates in connection with the operations of the above named VENDOR at the above named PARISH.

VENDOR agrees to provide a certificate of insurance to the PARISH, which provides evidence of general liability coverage of not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence. VENDOR also agrees to have the PARISH named as an **“Additional Insured”** on its general liability policy for the DATES OF PARISH FESTIVAL in relationship to the VENDOR’S activities. It is agreed that VENDOR also agrees to ensure that its liability insurance policy will be primary in the event of a covered claim or cause of action against PARISH.

If and only if VENDOR fails to comply with the above (second) paragraph, then VENDOR agrees to protect, defend, hold harmless, and fully indemnify the above named PARISH for any claim or cause of action whatsoever which takes place during the above identified DATE(S) OF USE that is brought against the PARISH by the above named VENDOR or its employees, agents, guests, invitees, customers, partners, family members, organizational members, and associates, even if such claim arises from the alleged negligence of the PARISH, its employees or agents or the negligence of any other individual or organization not a party to this agreement. If any paragraph or sentence of this agreement is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance thereof, shall continue in full legal force and effect.

SIGNED BY: _____

(Must be an official agent of VENDOR)

NAME AND TITLE: _____

DATE: _____