Youth Policies and Guidelines

Welcome to Kona Cliffs Climbing Gym!

In an effort to minimize risk and maximize every climber's positive experience, we ask that all climbers (regardless of age) adhere to our risk management and etiquette guidelines. As the parent/guardian of a youth climber it is your responsibility to make sure your youth is respecting this shared space.

Any climber under the age of 18 must have their legal guardian sign their waiver.

Any climber under the age of 14 must have parental/guardian supervision to use the facility.

All guardians must *actively* supervise their youth and are responsible for understanding all risk management guidelines and etiquette, and making sure their youth adhere to them.

Continued failure of guardians to enforce risk management guidelines and etiquette to their youth will result in the youth being asked to stop climbing temporarily or for the rest of the day.

There should be 1 adult supervising every 2 youth ages 6-13 There should be 1 adult supervising every 1 youth ages 0-5 Gym staff members do not count as a supervisor in these ratios. Exceptions to these ratios can be made based on performance.

There is a max capacity of 8 youth climbers on the wall/pads at any given time.

All youth climbing ends at 6:00pm every day.

Risk Management Guidelines and Etiquette

There is no running around or playing on the pads.

All climbers must be at least 8 feet away from each other on the wall.

All climbers should take turns being on the wall. That means standing/sitting away from the wall after an attempt or while waiting for a turn.

All climbers and guardians should stay towards the edge of the pads and *far away from any fall zones* unless they are actively about to climb.

All climbers and guardians must stay fully alert when walking on the pads to make sure they are not walking under any climbers.

All climbers should avoid jumping from the top of the wall to reduce the risk of injury.

Youth climbers that are around 4 feet in height or shorter should never climb to the top of the wall.

All climbers should land with their feet onto the pads with bent knees and/or rolling backwards with tucked arms to cushion their fall. Avoid putting hands down or catching a falling climber.

There should be no lying down or sitting in an active fall zone.

Do not leave any items (including water bottles, chalk bags, etc.) in an active landing zone.

All climbers are required to wear climbing shoes/shoes dedicated to climbing on the climbing wall.

Climbing shoes should not be worn outside of the climbing gym.

Please keep food and drinks off of the pads.

Aloha vibes only!