

## **The Delaware Rock Gym's Rules**

- Climbing is inherently dangerous and participants assume all risks of climbing. All participants involved in any climbing-related activity at The Delaware Rock Gym (D.R.G.) must sign the D.R.G. release of liability form.
- All participants must check in at the front desk upon arriving at the D.R.G.
- Participants under the age of 14 must be supervised by an accompanying adult 18 years or older.
- Participants assume all risks in the use of personal climbing equipment. Closed-toe shoes are required.
- Participants may not climb or grab onto any building components, including structural components of the climbing wall, or other fixtures that are not intended for climbing.
- Please communicate your climbing intentions to surrounding participants and observers.
- Remove rings and jewelry and tie back long hair before climbing.
- Bouldering is dangerous. It is the participant's responsibility to position landing pads as needed, to be spotted, and to be comfortable landing and/or falling. Bouldering is permitted in areas set up for roped climbing; however, participants may not climb higher than 3 feet above the floor and must yield to climbers using the ropes.
- Participants are to double-check each other's climbing equipment setup before beginning every roped climb.
- To top rope belay at the D.R.G. participants must pass the D.R.G. Tie In and Belay Test. Those participants who do not pass the Test must wait a minimum of 24 hours before re-taking the Test. Participants who have not passed the Test are permitted to climb with other participants that have passed the Tie In and Belay Test, but they are not permitted to belay or tie knots.
- Successful completion of the D.R.G. Lead Belay and Lead Climb Test is required in order to Lead Belay or Lead Climb at the D.R.G. Lead climbers may not skip clips. Top rope climbing from lead anchors is not allowed.
- All participants engaged in the act of belaying must stand while belaying.
- Floor anchors are available for participants to use at their discretion.
- All persons within the D.R.G. are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible and respectful manner. The D.R.G. will revoke belay privileges for unacceptable behavior or practices and/or eject anyone from the facility that is behaving in an unacceptable or disorderly manner.
- Running, gymnastics, wrestling, or other roughhousing is not permitted or tolerated in the D.R.G.
- No food, beverages, water bottles, wet shoes, or unattended personal items are allowed on the padded climbing area.
- All persons within the D.R.G. must obey, follow, and heed all posted rules, regulations, notices and warnings.
- Please consult a D.R.G. Staff member with any questions regarding gym use.