



AMATEUR ATHLETIC WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY- PARENT FOR CHILD and INDIVIDUAL

This is a Release of Liability – READ BEFORE SIGNING

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in The Grotto Climbing Club Inc. program, related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that;

I, as parent understand that it is my responsibility to make decisions on behalf of my child. I understand that I assume all responsibility and liability arising from the decisions that I make on behalf of my child. So understanding, I, on my behalf and on behalf of my child I state that:

- 1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis, and while particular rules, equipment and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
2. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If however I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
3. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release and hold harmless THE GROTTO CLIMBING CLUB INC., their officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event with respect to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property, whether arising from the negligence of the Participant unless from the negligence of The Guelph Grotto.
4. I understand that a helmet is available for me to use, and must be worn at all times during all required activities. I have read this release of liability and assumption of risk agreement. I fully understand its terms and I understand that I may have given up substantial rights by signing it, and I sign it freely and voluntarily without and inducement.

** PLEASE MAKE PAYMENT AND RETURN BY FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24TH

X Preston High School
Name of Organizer / School

Date of Booking: Feb 27-March 2, 2017

X
Name of Participant

X
Parent Signature

The Waiver, Why?

Welcome to the controversial issue of signing a waiver. Why do you have to sign a waiver if this is supposed to be a safe activity? Well that's a good question and we will do our best to answer it.

The general public (and the insurance industry) perceives climbing as a very risky activity. This is due to many reasons such as: not understanding the differences in climbing types and the sensationalized media attention to any climbing accident (which has never occurred in our gym).

There are many different types of climbing ranging from mountaineering (climbing large peaks in mixed conditions including snow, ice, freezing temperatures and glacier travel) to sport climbing (indoor and outdoor rock climbing on established, pre-bolted routes or top ropes). What we teach in the indoor environment is sport climbing - which is related to mountaineering much like the 100 meter sprint is related to the marathon in running. Climbing and Mountaineering are similar in that they both are climbing and involve going up, yet in reality they are totally different and have dramatically different levels of risk.

Due to the general perception that all climbing is a daredevil activity, the insurance industry lumps us in with outdoor mountain guiding and requires that we (Indoor Climbing Gyms) have all participants sign a waiver. If not, we will be unable to get insurance. No insurance means no business license and no business license means no climbing gym. Therefore, we require all participants to sign a waiver.

There are many activities that are much more dangerous (statistically proven) than indoor climbing that do not require waivers such as mountain biking, skiing, driving a car and even soccer. We have built a controlled environment and have safety systems in place. That is not to say that we have removed all of the risk because that is not possible. Humans are unpredictable by nature and we cannot control their every action.

The Facts:

- You have to initial and sign our waiver to climb at The Guelph Grotto and The Grotto's Portable Wall.
You have to sign a waiver to climb in any climbing facility.
If you do not want to sign the waiver we are not going to coerce, trick or force you to do so.
You are putting your self at significantly greater risk by getting in your car and driving to the gym (or anywhere) than you are by participating in indoor climbing!

If you have question or concerns regarding yourself or children participating in a group function or a birthday please call the Grotto at (519) 767-0838, toll free 1-800-454-0456 or check out our website at www.guelphgrotto.com.

A Bit about the Grotto

Since 1994, the Guelph Grotto has provided a controlled climbing atmosphere, serving thousands of climber's novices to advance. The Guelph Grotto takes safety very seriously; equipment is checked regularly, all of our instructors are experienced climbers trained to deal with groups of all sizes and all students are instructed and checked before leaving the ground (for the portable wall program, full supervision is provided for the entire week). We also do not tolerate horseplay in any way shape or form, and will immediately ban any climber(s) from participating if we feel they pose any threat to themselves or others.