



Operating Rules for Practice Climbing Wall of CTU – Strahov

The climbing wall is designed only for training of free climbing, or for training of climbing within the framework of physical education lessons.

- I. Training participant: the training participant is a person who, at the time of the wall operation, either directly participates in climbing or belaying, or is staying in the climbing wall area (i.e. in the enclosed area).
- II. Professional supervision (person on duty): the professional supervision may be performed by the instructor, trainer or a person appointed by the operator.
- III. Operator: CTU in Prague – Service Facilities Administration, Vaničkova 7, 160 17 Prague 6, hereinafter referred to as “Operator“.

All participants and visitors to the climbing wall acknowledge that they perform the sports activity at their own risk and responsibility, and confirm to be aware of all dangers resulting from free climbing!

(Not applicable to training within the framework of school physical education lessons.)

Persons under 15 years of age may train only under direct supervision of a person over 18 years of age!

Children under 10 years of age who do not participate in climbing on the wall are allowed to enter the enclosed area only when accompanied by their legal representatives who are fully responsible for them for the whole duration of stay! Children are forbidden to enter the area under the wall!

Only those persons may train on the wall who have paid the appropriate amount of entry fee and confirmed by their signature to be acquainted with the Operating Rules and with the obligation to comply with all provisions thereof. When approaching the wall, the visitor has to present a valid proof of payment. Climbers are also obliged to follow the instructions issued by the professional supervisor – the person on duty and to observe the following principles of safe climbing:

1. Only officially approved climbing devices can be used for climbing that are in compliance with ČSN standards or in respect of which CE or UIAA certificate was issued – climbing ropes with the diameter of 9.8 to 12 mm, with undamaged mantle, harnesses (children under 15 years of age must use a combined or full-body harness when training), quickdraws, carabiners and belaying devices. Suitable climbing shoes must not damage surface of the wall.
2. The climber is required to rope up before climbing using a knot in accordance with UIAA standards – figure-of-eight tape knot. **IT IS FORBIDDEN TO ROPE UP USING A CARABINER!**
3. Climbers are required to belay themselves when climbing. Solo training is forbidden! Solo climbing on the wall (without roping up) is permitted only when practicing bouldering and only up to the level of the first climbing belay point (bolt and quickdraw) in the whole width of the wall, and only in case that there is no leading climber above the solo climber. It is



forbidden to leave out anchorage points when climbing; each anchorage point has to be clipped to at the knee level at the latest.

4. When ascending, the climber must not deviate from the line of his/her route if this would limit other training participants in any way. Two climbers must not climb on one line of ascent at the same time. **IT IS FORBIDDEN TO BELAY SIMULTANEOUSLY TWO CLIMBERS USING THE SAME CLIMBING BELAY CARABINER!**
5. The second climber must climb on the rope closer to the wall and to end the ascent in a place where he/she is belayed using at least **TWO CLIMBING BELAY POINTS!**
6. The belayer is obliged to pay attention when belaying for the whole duration of ascent and lowering down, to slack and take in the rope so as to minimize the length of a possible fall. The belayer has to catch the fall so that, if possible, the leading climber or other training participants are not injured, and the wall, climbing belay points or climbing aids are not damaged. Falls should always be caught with slippage – dynamically. Excessively long falls “for effect” are not allowed.
7. Taking in at the anchorage point is forbidden, so is practicing the technique called cour-échelle, etc. Lowering down has to be done smoothly, having consideration for the other training participants.
8. Persons who are not currently climbing or belaying are forbidden to stay in the area under the wall.
9. It is not recommended to climb with top-rope belaying (TR), except for the part of the wall with permanently hung ropes that serves for training beginning climbers. When climbing with top-rope belaying in overhung parts of the wall, the climber has to climb on the “clipped” end of the rope.
10. Only installed holds can be used for climbing, wall edges cannot be used.
11. It is not allowed to modify existing routes without knowledge of the person on duty.
12. If a training participant discovers a loose hold or belaying device, the participant must inform the person on duty and any climber who wants to start on the damaged route accordingly.
13. When replacing holds or installing new ones, one has ensure that no training participants are staying in the area under the particular spot.
14. It is forbidden to consume food, alcoholic beverages or addictive substances, or to smoke in the whole enclosed area.
15. Persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs are forbidden to enter the enclosed area by the climbing wall. In such case, the Operator may prevent such persons from accessing the climbing wall.
16. Each training participant has to behave in such manner so as not to put other participants in danger nor to limit them. In case of an injury, the participant is obliged to provide first aid and to call a doctor, either personally or through the person on duty.
17. Each training participant who discovers breach of provisions of the Operating Rules is obliged to point out to the respective person the necessity to comply with those provisions. Should this fail to rectify the situation, the person on duty has to be informed.
18. The Operator and the representative appointed by the Operator (person on duty) are entitled to order any person who breaches provisions of the Operating Rules out of the enclosed area at any time and without refunding the entry fee.



19. These Operating Rules are of provisional nature and the Operator reserves the right to change their individual provisions as needed. The publicly accessible (visibly displayed) Operating Rules are binding for all persons performing an activity of any kind in the enclosed area. The Operating Rules are also published at www.suz.cvut.cz.

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