

Climbing Wall Facilities

Conditions of Support

Mountaineering Scotland will endorse and support a climbing wall project as long as the following conditions are met through a 'Partnership Agreement':

Development Strategy

1. The development is in line with:
 - a. Mountaineering Scotland Climbing Facilities Position Statement (2016)
 - b. Mountaineering Scotland Climbing Facilities Strategy (2016)
2. The wall location, design, operating procedures and responsibilities complies with National Governing Body good practice advice: such as that contained in the Climbing Wall Manual (Published by the BMC and endorsed by Mountaineering Scotland) and other guidelines supplied by Mountaineering Scotland regarding management of access
3. The wall complies with minimum industry standards of construction and maintenance
4. The climbing wall (or its operating company) prominently indicates the support from Mountaineering Scotland by inclusion of the Mountaineering Scotland name and logo in all administrative documents and client information as follows:
 - a. Displaying the Mountaineering Scotland Participation Statement (and logo) at the wall
 - b. Including the Mountaineering Scotland logo and name within registration forms etc.
 - c. Including the Mountaineering Scotland Participation Statement within registration forms etc.
 - d. Displaying recognition of the Mountaineering Scotland support to the wall
5. Provision is made for a dedicated area within the facility, where details of Mountaineering Scotland and ClimbScotland events can be displayed
6. Display of Mountaineering Scotland safety posters and safety plaques at all times
7. Provision of a means to display and distribute Mountaineering Scotland leaflets etc. on all subjects pertinent to Mountaineering Scotland and ClimbScotland

Liaison and Business Partnership

8. A Mountaineering Scotland representative is included as an observer on any wall management structure or Wall User Liaison Group
9. In addition a representative from a local climbing club and a local active climber should be sought wherever possible
10. The climbing wall (or its operating company) becomes and remains an Associate Member of Mountaineering Scotland throughout its lifetime
11. The climbing wall (or its operating company) becomes and remains a member of the Scottish Climbing Walls Network (SCWN) throughout its lifetime
12. Mountaineering Scotland and the wall shall investigate partnership initiatives that are agreed to benefit both parties. This can be through membership of the SCWN if felt appropriate by both parties

Staff Experience and Staff Training

13. 'Instruction' at the wall complies with the nationally recognised requirements of the National Qualifications as outlined in the MTUK National Guidelines
14. 'Performance Coaching' at the wall complies with the nationally recognised requirements of the Climbing Coaching Award Scheme as delivered by MTUK
15. The management shall undertake to ensure all staff attend the Mountaineering Scotland Coaching Workshops as CPD or as part of the Coaching Award Scheme
16. The management shall endeavour to deliver the young climbers climbing award schemes (NICAS and NIBAS) through the ABCTT as appropriate

ClimbScotland Membership

17. The wall will sign up to the ClimbScotland initiative as a 'Partner'
18. The wall will work with the Regional Development Team to develop sustainable participation pathways at the wall (including NICAS, NIBAS, Affiliated climbing club and youth squad etc.)
19. The wall shall investigate with Mountaineering Scotland the formal affiliation of any associated youth / junior club or squad set up by the wall management
20. Mountaineering Scotland shall support any youth / junior clubs through the ClimbScotland Partnership both indoor and outdoor as REALRock events when those clubs are affiliated

Access for Mountaineering Scotland Events

21. Mountaineering Scotland shall have access to the wall and associated facilities for the following ClimbScotland events:
 - a. Hosting up to two (2) National competitions and five (5) Regional competitions for Senior and Junior categories during an indoor climbing season
 - b. Access for up to three (3) days prior route-setting per competition undertaken by a Mountaineering Scotland endorsed Setting Team. This team may include wall staff who have undertaken the relevant Mountaineering Scotland Route Setting Design Workshop and setting safety training
 - c. Mountaineering Scotland will give three (3) months' written notice for each event (but with flexibility for shorter notice if there is no clash with other bookings)
 - d. The hosting of a ClimbScotland competition will include exclusive use of the wall facilities for the duration of the normal operating hours of the centre. If this is not necessary nor financially viable Mountaineering Scotland shall endeavour to minimise the disruption of normal wall use by agreement on competition allocation prior to the event
 - e. Mountaineering Scotland may have the use of the cafe, retail and ancillary parts of the building on a shared basis with casual users, unless otherwise agreed
 - f. Mountaineering Scotland shall agree that the usual payment tariff shall apply for all ClimbScotland competitions, under contract. Mountaineering Scotland will endeavour to ensure that the centre shall be, as a minimum, relieved of non-recoverable fixed overheads for these days
 - g. peak periods of trading for the sports facility will be avoided whenever possible
22. The wall shall host Mountaineering Scotland Coaching Workshops requiring use of the climbing facilities and other associated facilities at an agreed price
23. The wall management will support the Mountaineering Scotland Scottish Youth Climbing Team with reduced or free access to climb and train, as outlined in the 'Support' document

Inclusion

24. Endeavour to support Mountaineering Scotland aims for inclusion through delivery of local Paraclimbing clubs and local competitions