The outdoor recreation climbing wall has inherent risks of injury which help create the adventure. As a climbing wall participant you are responsible for your own safety. The University of South Carolina and its employees assume no liability for any damages arising from your elective involvement in climbing.

A. University of South Carolina students, faculty, staff and guests can use the climbing wall during scheduled climbing wall hours of operation. You must display a picture ID in order to climb.

B. Every climber must read and sign a waiver of liability & release form every academic year. Climbing is an inherently dangerous activity that can result in a serious or fatal injury.

C. Climbers interested in belaying or lead climbing, MUST pass the appropriate belay or lead clinic and test before they can belay or lead climb. Anyone that passes the clinic will be issued a belay card and they must display this card every time they want to belay or lead climb when at the wall.

D. All non-roped climbers (bouldering) may climb up to but not past the 12 foot line. No climbing or bouldering above or below another person. The backside of the wall is not a weight bearing surface and climbing or bouldering on this area is prohibited.

E. Prior to climbing or belaying, check and recheck yourself and your partner's equipment before you begin climbing. You are responsible for your own safety as well as others around you. All belayers brake hand must be on the rope at all times.
F. Only USC climbing ropes, carabiners, harnesses, helmets & belay devices may be used on the climbing wall. Take care of equipment - no throwing/dropping carabiners and belay devices or stepping on the ropes.

G. Use a figure-eight follow-thru knot followed with a stopper knot on the climber’s harness only. Tie-in to a carabiner or belay loop is prohibited.

H. Only locking carabiners can be used for tie-in to the belayer.

I. Avoid climbing routes that interfere with others already on the climbing wall. The right-of-way in descending order is:
   1. Lead Climbers
   2. Top-rope Climbers
   3. Boulderers
   4. Observers

J. No observers, non-climbers, or gear is allowed in the climbing wall area (lockers are available). No eating or drinking in the climbing wall area.

K. Climb down. Do not jump off the climbing wall. Climbing over the wall structure (this means above the top anchors) is prohibited.

L. Sandals, socks, bare feet, hard soled shoes, and black soled shoes that will leave a mark on the wall are prohibited. Outdoor recreation climbing shoes can be used.

M. Running or use of profanity is prohibited in the climbing wall area.

N. Use of chalk is prohibited.

O. All rings and jewelry must be removed prior to climbing. Tie hair back when necessary.

P. Participants are responsible for any and all financial obligations incurred in any treatment of any injury obtained while at the climbing wall. The University of South Carolina does not provide medical health insurance for climbers.

Q. All climbing participants must abide by all policies and procedures. Violation of these policies may result in revoking all climbing wall or wellness and fitness center privileges. This includes disregarding any climbing wall staff requests or instructions.

II. Reason for Revision
Policy was reviewed in October 2016 for content and accuracy. No substantive revisions required.