Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Proposed Bouldering Wall Policies

1. Before climbing on the wall
   i. Climbing is only permitted when SRC staff is working and on duty and during open hours of: Monday-Friday 10:00 AM-10:00 PM
   ii. Saturday 10:00 AM-4:00PM
   iii. Sunday 12:00 PM-6:00PM
   • Clothing must be safe and modest.
   • Children must be at least 14 years old to climb the wall.
   • Children must be at least 18 years old to use the wall without a parent or guardian with them.
   • All non-students must have a Bouldering Wall Release Waiver signed before being permitted to use the wall.

2. Equipment
   • All climbers must use equipment that is certified through the UIAA (International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation).
   • Only approved footwear will be allowed on the wall. There will be no climbing with bare feet or socks.
   • Chalk and chalk bags may be checked out at the front desk and used on the wall. Please use only when needed and be careful not to spill on the floor.
   • Ropes are not permitted on the bouldering wall.
   • Handhold adjustments or rearrangements are not permitted except by staff members. Routes will be changed periodically by either the Director or by Bouldering Wall Supervisors. Suggestions may be directed in writing to the Assistant Director of Recreational Sports and Athletic Facilities.
   • Participants are responsible for the equipment signed out to them. If lost or damaged, they will be charged a replacement cost.
   • **Bouldering Wall Supervisors have the right and responsibility to stop participants from climbing if they do not abide by these rules or if equipment does not fit properly.**

3. Bouldering
   • Bouldering is climbing low to the ground without the use of ropes. It is an excellent way to improve climbing strength and technique and a good way to warm up before a top rope climb.
   • Having a spotter while climbing is *highly recommended*. **Spotter should use safe spotting techniques.**
   • Bouldering should not be done with a climber above, if routes on the wall cross, the climber who is higher has the right of way. The lower climber must wait.
   • Topping out on the wall is strictly prohibited.
   • Jumping off the top-out section of the wall is not permitted. Jumpers will be asked to leave.
   • Please climb down if possible, don’t jump.
4. Climbing Instruction
   - No one may use our climbing wall facility to instruct others for pay except through the Department of Recreational Sports and Athletic Facilities.

5. Conduct
   - Observe and practice safe climbing techniques. Dangerous or unsafe behavior will result in suspension of climbing privileges.
   - Bouldering Wall Supervisors have the right and responsibility to deny access to the wall for any individuals whom they consider a safety risk to themselves or to others.
   - Respect other climbers around you and make it a point to share the facility.
   - Problems such as accidents, loose holds, damaged equipment, or unsafe climbing must be reported to the on-duty Bouldering Wall Supervisors as soon as possible.
   - Food and drink are not allowed in the designated climbing area (black mat and below stations) except for water.
   - Modesty must be observed at all times.
   - Observers, non-climbers and climbing gear are not to be on the landing surface (black mat).
   - Participants should climb with caution and at their own risk!
   - Indoor climbers should understand that climbing on an indoor wall is very different than climbing outside on real rock cliffs. Additional training and experience is needed to safely make the transition to outdoor climbing.
   - Absolutely no climbing under the influence of alcohol or drugs!