

SOLID GROUND CHURCH ROCK CLIMBING CLUB
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name:			
Address:			
Home telephone:		Cell:	
Email:			
D.O.B		Gender:	
Emergency contact details:	Name:	Contact Number:	Relationship to you

This is an application to join the Solid Ground Church Rock Climbing Club. Please note that the Club operates on an annual basis, and that the Membership will last one calendar year from the date of application. The club's fee's will be R200.00 per annum.

OPERATION OF THE CLIMBING CLUB:

Please note, that while this is primarily a social club that enjoys the outdoor pursuits of rock climbing, hiking and mountaineering, that the Climbing Club takes safety competency levels very seriously. Hence, all new member will begin at Level 1 competency level, and progress after gaining experience, skill and knowledge training, to levels 2 and 3. Here is a overview of what the different levels entail:

LEVEL 1 (RED LEVEL)

- Level 1 requires member to complete safety test in order to be Safety Certified.
- No Previous climbing experience required.
- Level 1 member may participate in Top Rope climbing ONLY, under the supervision of a level 3 member and/or supervisor.
- Minimum age required is 6 years (however ages 6 - 10 must climb under the supervision of a Level 3 Member).
- Level 1 members may not belay.

LEVEL 2 (GREEN LEVEL)

- Level 2 requires that the member know how to belay using the correct technique (Must be Belay Certified).
- Level 2 requires that the member know how to set up a belay.
- Level 2 requires that the member know how to tie a follow-through figure 8 knot.
- Level 2 members may climb and belay on a Top Rope only.
- Level 2 climbers should be able to climb grades ranging from Grade 9 to Grade 16.

LEVEL 3 (BLACK LEVEL)

- Level 3 requires a that member be a strong climber, capable of climbing grade 16 and higher
- Level 3 requires that the member be able to lead climb a route (Must be Lead Certified), using the correct karabiner clipping techniques for left and right hands.

- Level 3 requires that the member be able to set up a top rope belay: by tying into the top anchors (Coming off belay), untying themselves from the rope, threading the rope through anchor chains, retying themselves onto the rope, and then releasing themselves from the top anchor (Coming Back Onto Belay), and descending via top rope procedure.
- Level 3 requires that the member understand the limitations of climbing equipment.
- Level 3 requires that the member understands how to set up an anchor point.
- Level 3 requires that the member be able to "clean a route"
- Level 3 requires that the member be able to belay a lead climber confidently, and anticipate and arrest a lead climber in the event of a fall.
- Level 3 requires that the member understand the variety of climbing calls and make use of the vocabulary as standard practice whilst climbing.
- Level 3 requires that the member go on a guided weekend climbing excursion, in order to be trained and tested.

EXCURSIONS AND OUTINGS:

Solid Ground Climbing Club members will have the opportunity to go on guided climbing trips and outings, although these outings will be encouraged. Outings will most likely take place at Waterval Boven or Bronkhorstspuit Crag - two popular Mountain Club of South Africa crags.

MEMBERSHIP IDENTIFICATION CARDS:

The members will be issued laminated identification cards based on their level in the club. When a climber progresses from one skill level to the next, a new card will be issued. Member may not climb unless they are able to produce their membership ID cards.

OPERATING TIMES

Solid Ground Rock Climbing Club and Climbing wall will inform all members as to the when the climbing wall will open via an sms.

If the applicant is under the age of 18, then the club requires that a parent or legal guardian give their consent for the application:

I, _____ (Name & Surname of Parent / Legal Guardian) hereby give consent

for _____ (Name & Surname of Applicant) to join the Solid

Ground Rock Climbing Club. Furthermore, I have read and signed the "RELEASE OF LIABILITY" form, as well as the Solid Ground Rock Climbing Club's "RULES & REGULATIONS". I have also chosen to accept by signing the optional "HELMET WAIVER", or decline the HELMET WAIVER by drawing a line through the helmet waiver section, accompanied by my initials.

**SOLID GROUND CHURCH ROCK CLIMBING CLUB
RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

THIS DOCUMENT AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS. READ IT CAREFULLY.

I, _____, AM AWARE THAT ROCK CLIMBING, CLIMBING ON ARTIFICIAL CLIMBING WALLS, USING CLIMBING TRAINING APPARATUS AND PARTICIPATING IN ANY SUCH ACTIVITIES IS HAZARDOUS AND COULD RESULT IN MY INJURY OR DEATH. I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THESE ACTIVITIES AT THE CLIMBING WALL AT SOLID GROUND CHURCH WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGER INVOLVED AND AM AWARE THAT THE DANGER COULD ARISE FROM MANY DIFFERENT HAZARDS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE INADEQUACY OF THE DESIGN, SUITABILITY OR SAFETY OF THE FACILITIES. NEVERTHELESS, I AGREE TO ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY OR DEATH, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE ACTS OF OTHERS OR OTHERWISE.

PLEASE INITIAL THAT YOU HAVE READ ABOVE PARAGRAPH _____

I agree that I will not sue or otherwise make any claim against Solid Ground Church or their agents or contractors (the "RELEASED PARTIES"), for injury or damage resulting from negligence or other acts, however caused, or by the RELEASED PARTIES, relating in any manner to, or as a result of, my participation in climbing related activities.

PLEASE INITIAL THAT YOU HAVE READ ABOVE PARAGRAPH _____

I also agree to release and discharge the RELEASED PARTIES from all actions, claims or demands, for myself, my heirs, my relatives, or personal representatives for injury, death or damage resulting from my participation in climbing and related activities. It is my desire and agreement that this agreement shall fully bind my family, heirs, or personal representatives; it shall also be binding as to any other persons, members of my family, including minors, which may accompany me, even if they shall not directly participate in these climbing activities.

PLEASE INITIAL THAT YOU HAVE READ ABOVE PARAGRAPH _____

In the event that I make any claim, demand or file suit against the RELEASED PARTIES in violation of this Release of Liability, RELEASED PARTIES shall be entitled to recover any and all actual attorneys fees and costs (including expert witness fees and costs) incurred by RELEASED PARTIES as a result of such claim, demand or suit. This agreement shall be construed in accordance to South African Law, and venue for any action relating to this agreement shall be in Middelburg, Mpumalanga, South Africa.

PLEASE INITIAL THAT YOU HAVE READ ABOVE PARAGRAPH _____

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND RELEASED PARTIES, AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

User's Signature: _____

User's Signature Date: _____

User's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Province, Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Home Phone/Cell: _____

Contact person and phone number in case of emergency: _____

If User is under 18 years old, Parent/Guardian Consent is required.

I, as a parent or guardian of the above minor under 18 years of age, hereby consent to the terms and conditions set forth in this Release of Liability Form.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____

Relationship to Climber: _____

Telephone number in case of emergency: _____

SOLID GROUND CHURCH ROCK CLIMBING CLUB
RULES AND REGULATIONS

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

All climbers *must* sign an Acknowledgement of and Assumption of Risk and Release Form. (If under 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign.)

ALL climbers *must* be Safety Certified in order to climb at Solid Ground's Climbing Wall.

No one may climb while under the influence of controlled substances.

All climbers *must* wear a helmet or sign a helmet waiver. (If under 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign.) The Solid Ground Rock Climbing Club recommends that all climbers wear a helmet.

No one under the age of 6 is permitted to climb at Solid Ground's Climbing Wall.

Customers *must* respect and obey all requests made by The Solid Ground Church Staff & Climbing Wall Supervisors.

Any customer disregarding any rules/regulations is subject to loss of climbing privileges with no refund.

PLEASE INITIAL THAT YOU HAVE READ ABOVE PARAGRAPH _____

TOP ROPING RULES AND REGULATIONS

Do not step on ropes or webbing.

Never sit, stand, or walk under climbers.

Never hang or swing on the ropes.

Do not put fingers into bolt hangers.

Never throw Solid Ground Climbing Club's karabiners, belay devices, helmets, or any other gear.

ALL climbers *must* be Lead Certified to lead belay and/or lead climb at Solid Ground's Climbing Wall.

When tying in, a figure eight follow through knot with an overhand backup knot *must* be used. (NO clipping in)

Only use ropes provided by Solid Ground Club. All personal climbing gear *must* be inspected and approved by the Solid Ground Climbing Club Instructor.

ALL belayers *must* belay through their harness *and* be anchored.

ALL belayers *must* stand.

Belayers *must* lower climbers at a slow rate.

Respect the space of other climbers and belayers.

Only instructors of Solid Ground Climbing Club are permitted to teach belaying.

PLEASE INITIAL THAT YOU HAVE READ ABOVE PARAGRAPH _____

HELMET WAIVER (OPTIONAL)

I, the undersigned, recognize the dangers inherent with climbing activities. I am assuming the hazard of this risk upon myself since I wish to climb. I realize I am subject to injury from this activity and that no form of preplanning can remove all the dangers to which I am exposing myself. I have been offered a protective helmet, which could prevent permanent brain damage in the event of an accident. Against the advice of The Climbing Wall, Inc. Staff and the insurance company, I am refusing this critical safety precaution.

Customer must write "I have read and understand the above"

I Hereby choose not to climb with a climbing helmet:

Customer Signature (If under eighteen, parent or legal guardian signature)