



Klimax Internal Code of conduct*

Bergsportvereniging Klein-Brabant vzw (BVKB) offers the possibility to safely boulder and climb. However, you remain responsible for your own actions. This is the reason why you are obliged to read this internal code of conduct thoroughly and explicitly agree.

As long as you have not agreed to the house rules below, it is prohibited to climb or boulder. The municipality of Puurs-St-Amands has the right to refuse entry if no agreement has been given.

A minor may climb without the supervision of an adult depending on the certificate of proficiency (KVB or equivalent) that he has in his possession and this only with the explicit and prior approval of a parent.

Violation of the house rules can result in removal without refund of the entrance fee.

This internal code of conduct is posted at the desk of Sports Center Vrijhals at Klimax and is also available on the website: www.bvkb.be.

A] General rules

1. Registration at the desk of Sports Center Vrijhals is mandatory, even if you have a current subscription.

If Sports Center Vrijhals is closed and Klimax is open, registration at the climbing bar is mandatory.

2. Climbing and bouldering is done at your own risk. Signing this internal code of conduct does not relieve the climber of his own responsibility. Instructions from the attending supervisor must always be followed.

3. BVKB is not responsible for any accidents, nor for damage to visitors or their property, nor for the loss of property during their stay in the sports complex.

4. Wearing the Klimax wristband in the correct colour is always mandatory.

The wristbands are given out based on the climber's experience and, depending on the colour, give access to more or less climbing possibilities. The insurance policy is limited to the climbing options granted by the wristband. Violation of this rule can never entitle to any compensation, not from BVKB, the municipality or from any other party and is done entirely at your own risk and responsibility.

5. Groups of more than 10 people must register in advance via email: info@klimax.be. Unannounced large groups may be refused entry.

6. Changing should be done in the designated changing rooms. Use the lockers to store clothes and valuables.

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7. Equipment rental: Equipment (climbing harness, belay device, carabiner, climbing shoes) can only be rented during supervised hours (see website). It is mandatory to wear socks in the rental shoes. Rented equipment must be returned without damage. In the event of damage, the user must immediately report this to the supervisor.

8. Only climbing shoes and clean sports shoes are allowed on the crash mats and on the climbing walls. Bouldering or climbing barefoot or in socks is prohibited.

9. Within the entire Vrijhals and Klimax sports complex it is ^[1] prohibited:

- to smoke.
- to bring and consume alcoholic drinks before or during climbing. ^[2]
- to use drinking glasses and the like outside the climbing bar.
- to eat in all climbing areas, with the exception of small snacks.
- to bring pets.

10. Verbal and/or physical violence: People who put themselves and or others at risk may be asked to leave the climbing hall.

11. No (private) lessons or (private) training courses may be given in Klimax without the explicit permission of the BVKB board.

12. Please keep chalk to a minimum. The use of liquid magnesium is recommended.

13. Walking or playing on the crash mats is prohibited.

14. During events or competitions, exceptions to these house rules may be allowed after consultation with the responsible.

B] Additional house rules for climbing in Klimax 1 & 2 & 4 (speed wall).

1. Partner check must be done before each ascend.
2. Belaying while sitting or lying is not permitted.
3. Personal climbing equipment must be in good condition and must fall within its technical lifespan specified by the manufacturer.
4. The belay device used must be known by the belayer and handled correctly according to the manufacturer's guidelines.
5. Tying in is done with a figure eight knot or bowline. On the belayer's end of the rope you must tie a darning knot.
6. The belayer must pay full attention to the climber while climbing so that safety is never compromised
7. During climbing, both guarantee compliance with the most recent safety standards as elaborated in the competence skills drawn up by the Klim-en Bersportfederatie (KBF).

^[1] This includes the entire site of Klimax 2 and Klimax 4.

^[2] Alcoholic beverages may only be consumed in the climbing bar after climbing.

C] Top rope climbing in Klimax 1: Certificate of technical climbing ability

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Independent climbing in the indoor climbing hall Klimax 1 is only allowed if the climber

- has obtained a corresponding climbing proficiency certificate KVB 1 (or higher),
- or is in possession of another similar "top rope climbing" certificate issued by a recognized climbing club affiliated with an (international) climbing federation
- has a demonstrable climbing experience with top rope climbing (as a belayer and as a climber).

By (electronically) signing these regulations, the climber declares that he/she has read these conditions and has sufficient knowledge of and/or experience with top rope climbing with all the corresponding climbing and belaying techniques.

If these conditions cannot be met, you are only permitted to do:

- Bouldering
- Top rope climbing as a climber on the condition that the climber partner meets the above conditions (possession of KVB1, ...)

It is, however, strictly forbidden for the climber to act as a belayer.

BVKB may refuse climbing on its infrastructures if it appears that the climber does not or insufficiently masters the necessary techniques, even if the climber has signed these regulations.

D] Lead climbing in Klimax 2 and 4: certificate of technical climbing ability

Independent climbing in the outdoor lead climbing halls Klimax 2 and 4 is only allowed if the climber

- has obtained a corresponding climbing proficiency certificate KVB 2 (or higher),
- or is in possession of another similar "lead climbing" certificate issued by a recognized climbing club affiliated with an (international) climbing federation
- has demonstrable climbing experience with lead climbing (as a belayer and as a climber).

By (electronically) signing these regulations, the climber declares that he/she has read these terms and conditions and has sufficient knowledge of and/or experience with lead climbing with all the corresponding climbing and belaying techniques.

If these conditions cannot be met, only bouldering is allowed (Klimax 3) or top rope climbing according to the conditions mentioned in previous point C.

BVKB may refuse climbing on its infrastructures if it appears that the climber does not or insufficiently masters the necessary techniques, even if the climber has signed these regulations.

E] Additional house rules Klimax 4 (part speed wall)

1. The auto Belay system may only be used by climbers who have the necessary experience with this system. If you lack the experience, you should ask for instructions first.
2. To use the auto belay you must be over 12 kilos and lighter than 140 kilos.

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3. Lower the auto belay rope using the attached string and connect the carabiner with your climbing harness. Check the auto belay operation by pulling on the rope itself. If it doesn't automatically retract, the attending supervisor must be notified immediately.
4. The auto belay rope may only be clicked into the provided carabiner. Only then you may detach the string.
5. After climbing, the auto belay rope should be clicked into the string and only then be let up.

F] Additional house rules for bouldering in Klimax 3

1. Wearing a climbing harness is not allowed.
2. Material, clothing, etc. must always be placed outside the landing zones. Resting should also be done outside these landing zones.
3. Keep enough distance from other climbers on the wall so as not to interfere with each other.
4. Always check your surroundings before jumping off the wall, to prevent anyone from getting hurt.
5. Climbing or standing on top of the walls is not allowed, except on the part where it is possible to top out.

Declaration of acknowledgement of the Klimax house rules

In the electronic version, tick the box and press 'save'

I hereby declare that I:

- have read and understood the terms and conditions presented in this internal code of conduct
- meet the listed requirements for safe climbing or bouldering and explicitly and fully accept these terms and conditions.

If signing on behalf of minor, I declare that he/she meets the listed requirements of each climbing area to be able to climb or boulder safely and independently.

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