

Conditions of Use and Rules for Rockcity Skatepark

Risks – “Rockcity Skatepark recognises that Skateboarding, In-line Skating, Scootering, BMX and other bike riding are activities with a risk of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement”

Although this indoor skatepark is an artificial environment the risks involved are **no less serious than when skating/riding elsewhere.**

Before using any part of the Skatepark you should check that it is safe and suitable for your individual purpose and level of skills. If you find a defect in the Skatepark then you should report it immediately to reception.

Skating/Riding beyond your capabilities in any part of the Skatepark is likely to result in a fall. Any fall may result in a serious injury despite the safety systems in place to reduce or prevent it. You must make your own assessment of the risks whenever you skate/ride.

There is additional risk of collision with other skatepark users and their equipment. Broken or sprained limbs are common within Skatepark injuries.

Our Duty of Care – The rules of the skatepark are set out below are not intended to limit your enjoyment of the facilities. They are part of our Duty of Care that we, as operators, owe to you, the customer, by law. As such they are not negotiable and if you are not prepared to abide by them the staff must politely ask you to leave.

Your Duty of Care – You have a duty of care to act responsibly towards other users of the centre. Statements of ‘Good Practice’ are posted around the Skatepark. These describe the accepted methods of use and how customers would normally be expected to behave towards each other.

Unsupervised Skating/Riding – You are permitted to use this Skatepark without supervision providing that you follow these Conditions of Use and Rules.

General Safety

- Report to Reception on each visit before you skate/ride.
- You must exercise care, common sense and self preservation at all times.
- Report any problems with the ramps, equipment or other skatepark users behaviour to a member of staff immediately.
- Be aware of the other skaters/riders around you and how your actions will affect them.
- Do not distract people while they are skating/riding.
- Stand well back from the ramps and obstacles when you are not skating/riding.

Helmets - Helmets must be worn by all In-line skaters, Scooterers and BMX/MTB riders under 18 years of age. Helmets must also be worn by all Skateboarders under 13 years of age. Failure to follow these do so will lead to expulsion and a possible ban. Skateboarders 13+, Scooterers, BMX/MTB riders and Inline Skaters 18+ are strongly advised to wear a helmet too.

Knee/Elbow pads – All skatepark users, of any age, are strongly advised to wear knee and elbow pads to reduce the severity of injuries which are common.

Wrist Guards – Wrist Guards must be worn by all Inline skaters under 16 years of age regardless of ability. Failure to do so will lead to expulsion and a possible ban. All skateboarders are strongly advised to wear wrist guards too to prevent the severity of injuries which are common.

All personal property is brought on to the premises at your own risk. You are responsible for the safe keeping of this property, including valuables.

No smoking is permitted on the entire site. This includes the Skatepark, Climbing Centre, toilets, shop, corridors and the car park. Smoking is only permitted on the street. Failure to do so will lead to expulsion and a possible ban.

The possession, use or supply of alcohol or illegal drugs on these premises is strictly forbidden. Failure to comply will result in an immediate lifetime ban.

Skating or riding anywhere other than in the Skatepark is not permitted. Failure to do so will lead to expulsion and a possible ban.

Climbing Centre – You are permitted to walk through the climbing centre to access between reception/shop area and the skatepark. You are not allowed to go near/touch the climbing walls, ropes or white matted areas. Failure to do so will lead to expulsion and a possible ban.

Fire Safety - All fire exits are to remain closed other than in the event of an emergency. Fire alarms and extinguishers are only to be used in an emergency. Anyone found tampering/opening fire safety equipment will be expelled from the facility with an immediate lifetime ban.

In the event of the fire alarm sounding you must leave the building immediately via the nearest marked fire exit. The fire assembly point is in the front car park. You must follow any instruction given by the centre staff.

Respect – No littering is permitted. Please either take your rubbish home or use the recycling bins provided. No graffiti or tagging is permitted. Throwing of any object is not permitted. Anyone found doing so will be expelled from the facility with an immediate lifetime ban.

Any abusive, bullying, dangerous, discourteous or anti-social behaviour, to anyone will not be tolerated. Anyone found doing so will be expelled from the facility with a possible lifetime ban.

We will involve the Police if we become aware of any criminal activity including theft, vandalism, drugs, violence or other offences on these premises.

CCTV – Closed Circuit Television is in use throughout the facilities. This is to help us prevent/detect abuse of these facilities.

Photography/Video - Rockcity Skatepark (and authorised third parties) reserve the right to take photographic and video recordings without prior warning. These may be used by Rockcity Skatepark (and authorised third parties) for advertising and publicity purposes only.