

## GARDEN STATE ROCKS - ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS

### ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

**WARNING:** There are significant elements of risk in any adventure, sport or activity associated with a "rock gym", climbing wall, including but not limited to auto belay devices, bouldering area, and incidental weight and fitness training regimens and equipment (referred to herein as "activity"). Although we have taken reasonable steps to provide you with appropriate equipment and or skilled instructors so you can enjoy an activity for which you may not be skilled, we wish to remind you this activity is not without risk.

**Certain risks cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the activity. The same elements that contribute to the unique character of the activity can be causes of loss or damage to your equipment, or accidental injury, illness, or in extreme cases, permanent trauma or death.**

**Do not sign this form until you have read it completely and understand its terms.**

**This form has significant legal consequences.**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS:** I acknowledge that the following describes some, but not all of the risks: 1) Slips, trips, falls or painful crashes while using the facilities or equipment, climbing walls, auto belay devices, bouldering areas, landing pits, work out areas, floors below climbing areas, bathroom facilities, or stairs; 2) Risk associated with crossing, climbing, or down climbing; 3) Misuse of equipment of facilities or failure of equipment; 4) My physical strength, coordination, sense of balance, and ability to follow or give directions while climbing, belaying, or working out; 5) Fatigue, Chill and/or dizziness, which may diminish my/our reaction time and increase the risk of accident; 6) Abrasion from or entanglement with ropes or equipment; 7) The presence, actions or falls of other participants. I understand the description of these risks is not complete and that other unknown or unanticipated risks may result in injury, illness, or death.

**EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY:** In recognition of the inherent risks of the activity which I and any minor children for which I am responsible, will engage in, I confirm that I am (we are) physically and mentally capable of participating in the activity and/or using equipment. I/We participate willingly and voluntarily and I assume full responsibility for personal injury, accidents or illness (including death), and any related expenses. I also assume responsibility for damage to or loss of my/our personal property. I also assume risk for accidents or injury caused by the negligence of my belayer or spotter whether such negligence is comparative or contributory. I am aware of the meaning of the terms "Unroped Climbing" (aka: "Bouldering"), "Top Rope Climbing", and "Lead Climbing" and understand the differences between the activities. I accept that lead climbing is the most dangerous due to the hazard to both leader and follower. I agree to be "checked out" on belaying skills prior to participation, and to follow posted rules. I acknowledge that wearing appropriate clothing and footwear are basic safety precautions, and that wearing a UIAA approved helmet may help prevent head and/or neck injuries.

I assume the risk(s) of personal injury, accidents and/or illness, including but not limited to sprains, torn muscles and/or ligaments; fractured or broken bones; eye damage; cuts, wounds, scrapes, abrasions, and/or contusions; dehydration, oxygen shortage (anoxia), exposure and/or altitude sickness; head, neck and/or spinal injuries; insect bite or allergic reaction; shock, paralysis, and/or death.

**TERMINATION-PARTICIPANT SAFETY:** I acknowledge that you may refuse or terminate the participation of any person you judge to be incapable of meeting the rigors or requirements of participation in the activity. I accept and agree to abide by your right to take such actions for my safety and the safety of any other participants.

**AUTHORIZATION:** I hereby authorize any medical treatment deemed necessary in the event of any injury or illness while participating in the activity. I either have the appropriate insurance or, in its absence, agree to pay all costs of rescue and/or medical services as may be incurred on my/our behalf. I agree that any film or photographs of me/us, as participants, become your property and may be used for promotional or commercial purposes.

**TERM OF AGREEMENT:** This agreement shall remain in full force and effect unless and until terminated in writing by H&N Development/DBA Garden State Rocks. No modification or termination of this agreement shall be valid unless in writing and signed by an officer of H&N Development/DBA Garden State Rocks.

**RELEASE:** In consideration of services or property provided, I, for myself and any minor children for which I am parent, legal guardian or otherwise responsible, any heirs, personal representatives or assigns do hereby release:

**H & N DEVELOPMENT CORP., dba: GARDEN STATE ROCKS,**

its principals, directors, officers, agents, employees and volunteers, and each and every land owner, municipal and/or governmental agency upon whose property and activity is conducted, from all liability and waive any claim for damage arising from any cause whatsoever (except that which is the result of recklessness or gross negligence).

**I have read and understood the foregoing acknowledgment of risk, assumption of risk and responsibility, and release of liability. I understand that by signing this form I may be waiving valuable legal rights. Also, I acknowledge that I have been given a copy of this document.**

Participant Name - PLEASE PRINT \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

In an emergency, please notify: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

If the participant is under 18, the parent or legal guardian must print and sign: \_\_\_\_\_