As of March 2024

Rules of Use
DAV Climbing Centre Barbarossahalle Kaiserslautern

1. Eligibility

1.1. Only authorised persons may climb* in the climbing centre. Authorised persons are those holding a valid admission ticket. To receive a reduced rate, the relevant identification (e.g. DAV membership card) must be presented at the ticket desk without being requested.

1.2. The following persons may not climb:

- Children and young people under the age of 14 unless accompanied by an adult supervisor. DAV events conducted under supervision are exempt from this rule.
- Persons wishing to use the climbing centre for business or commercial purposes without the operator's consent.

1.3. Young people aged 14 or over but under 18 require the written consent of a parent or legal guardian to use the climbing centre independently.

2. Access

2.1. The facility is open for climbing only during the designated opening hours.

2.2. The operator or its agents (e.g. climbing-centre staff) are entitled to check users' authorisation.

2.3. Use may be restricted temporarily. The operator reserves the right to close all or part of the centre for courses, group sessions, etc.

3. Liability and climbing rules

3.1. Climbing is a high-risk sport. As a matter of principle, everyone is responsible for their own safety and climbs at their own risk. Lead climbing in particular always entails a significant risk of falling and injury (self-assumed exposure to risk). Recognised belaying techniques consistent with current DAV teaching standards must be used. Falling objects may also pose a hazard (e.g. climbing holds that unexpectedly loosen or break).

3.2. All intermediate protection points must be clipped when belaying (individual protection points must not be skipped). Only the designated lower-off anchors may be used for lowering. Ropes used in the lead-climbing area must be at least 30 metres long. Secure the end of the rope.

3.3. By entering the facility, users confirm that they have basic, up-to-date climbing and belaying knowledge and understand the risks of climbing, or that they will arrange instruction by a competent person. The operator / DAV Kaiserslautern Section does not verify whether users (or the person(s) instructing them) possess sufficient knowledge to carry out the required belaying techniques and safety measures correctly and actually apply them. Users must assess this themselves in each individual case; the operator accepts no liability in this respect. Accordingly, users enter and use the climbing facility at their own risk.

3.4. Bouldering is permitted only in the two bouldering areas. Knowledge of bouldering-specific safety precautions and risks is assumed in accordance with Section 2.3. Use of the upstairs bouldering room (Kilter Board & Campus Board) is additionally subject to the provisions set out in Section 3.

3.5. Users are responsible for their own personal belongings. No liability is accepted for lost or damaged items.

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3.6. DAV Kaiserslautern, its governing bodies as the operator of the climbing facilities, and its agents shall not be liable for any damage unless the operator or its agents acted intentionally or with gross negligence. Claims for damages against the operator and its representatives are limited to the cover provided by the association's public liability insurance (Section 6 No. 4 of the Articles of Association).

3.7. Parents and other persons responsible for supervision are liable for their children or for the persons entrusted to them. Children in particular face special risks while in the climbing facilities, especially when climbing; parents or other supervising persons must take appropriate precautions on their own responsibility. Children must be supervised at all times throughout their stay in the facility.

4. Kilter Board & Campus Board - DAV Kaiserslautern

4.1. The Kilter Board and Campus Board may be used only after personal instruction by climbing-centre staff (or a trained coach / youth leader) and subsequent signature of the rules of use (updated March 2024).

4.2. The Campus Board is a specialised training apparatus with a high potential for injury to tendons, ligaments and joints. It is used at the user's own risk. Experience in its correct use in accordance with training-science principles is assumed. Instruction by climbing-centre staff (Section 3.1) does NOT cover this training-specific content.

4.3. Bouldering involves risks (e.g. injuries from falls and musculoskeletal injuries caused by excessive or incorrect loading). It is undertaken at the user's own risk.

4.4. The fall zone must always be kept clear when the Kilter Board or Campus Board is in use. Do not place objects on the mats, and do not remain within the fall zone (allow a generous fall zone for dynamic movements).

4.5. Children are particularly at risk here and must be supervised at all times (i.e. it must always be possible to intervene immediately if, for example, a child runs towards the fall zone beneath a boulderer). No running or rough play on the mats.

4.6. Do not place any objects (clothing, jackets, bags, etc.) behind the Kilter Board (risk of obstructing the adjustment mechanism or cables).

4.7. Only one person may climb on the Kilter Board at a time. By mutual agreement and provided sufficient safety distance is maintained (outside the fall zone), the Campus Board may be used by two people at the same time.

4.8. The Kilter Board and Campus Board must not be used simultaneously. They share the same fall zone.

4.9. Only the climbing holds intended for climbing may be used on the Kilter Board. Gripping the frame or ceiling elements, or climbing on the rear supporting structure, is strictly prohibited.

4.10. There is a considerable risk of injury when adjusting the angle of the Kilter Board. The following rules apply:

- The person operating the adjustment mechanism is responsible for safety. Before changing the angle, the operator must announce the adjustment loudly and clearly to everyone present, ensure that the announcement has been understood, and make sure that the following requirements are met. Otherwise, the adjustment must not be carried out.
- Climbing on or hanging from the Kilter Board is strictly prohibited while it is being adjusted, as is any other load on the wall that increases the load beyond its own weight.

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- No person other than the operator may remain in the danger zone. The danger zones are beside and behind the Kilter Board (risk of limbs being crushed or sheared by the adjustment mechanism) and immediately in front of or below the climbing surface (risk of head impact and risk of injury if drive components fail or malfunction).
- The operator must also maintain sufficient distance from the Kilter Board during adjustment (risk of limbs being crushed or sheared by the adjustment mechanism) and ensure that there are no objects behind the Kilter Board that could obstruct the adjustment mechanism.

5. Alterations, damage and cleanliness

5.1. Footholds, handholds and bolts must not be installed, altered or removed.

5.2. Artificial climbing holds may loosen or break at any time. Loose handholds or footholds and any other damage must be reported to climbing-centre staff immediately.

5.3. Climbing in outdoor shoes, barefoot or in socks is prohibited.

5.4. Please keep the facility clean when consuming food. In the event of non-compliance, the operator reserves the right to charge cleaning costs and/or exercise its right to exclude the person concerned from the premises. Spilled drinks (slip hazard) must be reported to counter staff immediately.

5.5. Animals are not permitted inside the building.

5.6. Smoking is prohibited throughout the climbing centre.

6. Rental equipment

6.1. Only persons holding a valid admission ticket may rent equipment. Rental equipment is used at the user's own risk and responsibility. Users are assumed, in accordance with Section 3.4, to know how to handle and use rental equipment properly in line with current DAV recommendations, especially PPE (personal protective equipment against falls from a height).

6.2. Renters must treat the rental equipment with care and inspect it for obvious defects (e.g. abrasion) before use. Any such defects must be reported immediately. If equipment is damaged or used improperly, the rental provider is entitled to claim compensation from the renter.

6.3. Equipment is rented for one rental day only. It must be returned to the ticket desk on the day of rental no later than 15 minutes before closing time. Otherwise, the same rental fee will be charged for each additional day. A deposit must be left with climbing-centre staff.

7. Right to enforce house rules

The operator, or a person appointed by the operator, in particular climbing-centre staff, exercises the right to enforce the house rules in the climbing facility. Their instructions must be followed. Anyone who breaches these rules of use or generally accepted rules of climbing may be excluded from using the climbing facility.

Kaiserslautern, 12 March 2024

Horst Scherschel
Chairman, Kaiserslautern Section of the German Alpine Club (DAV), registered association

Acknowledgement of the Rules of Use by the user:
I acknowledge these rules of use by providing my digital signature at the ticket-desk terminal.

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