

CWA Certified Climbing Wall Instructor Assessment Instrument

Course Date(s): _____

Course Location: _____

Provider(s): _____

Candidate's Name: _____

Candidate's Contact Information (complete mailing address, phone, email): _____

Pre-requisites for Certification	Pass	Fail
1. The candidate will be at least 16 years of age by the conclusion of the course.		
2. The candidate can demonstrate basic climbing movement skills.		
3. The candidate can climb 5.8 top rope demonstrating calm, confidence, and good position without falls.		
4. The candidate can climb 5.7 lead demonstrating calm, confidence, and good position without rope entanglement, z-clips, back clips, or falls. (Optional – for lead endorsement only).		
5. The candidate has or is provided with appropriate equipment in good condition.		
6. The candidate can demonstrate proper care, use and inspection of personal protective equipment.		
7. The candidate can demonstrate proficient belay technique.		

Equipment and Facility Inspection	Pass	Fail
1. The candidate possesses adequate knowledge of inspection procedures for climbing equipment according to manufacturers' instructions, including but not limited to: harnesses, belay devices, carabiners, ropes, cordage, and slings.		
2. The candidate possesses adequate knowledge of the proper set-up of the climbing wall including anchor and belay systems according to the manufacturer's instructions.		
3. The candidate possesses adequate knowledge of routine pre-use and ongoing facility inspection practices. (Note: this does not imply that the instructor must be qualified to conduct a comprehensive structural inspection per CWA's inspection specifications.)		

Client Orientation and Instruction	Pass	Fail
1. The candidate possesses adequate knowledge to conduct a patron orientation covering inherent risks of climbing, personal responsibility for risks and safety, and facility rules.		
2. The candidate is aware of the existence of auto-belay devices and is capable of and willing to follow the manufacturer's instructions for use. (E.g. North, TRUBLUE, Spectrum, Extreme Engineering, or similar auto belay devices).		
3. The candidate has the ability to teach basic movement skills.		
4. The candidate acts in a professional manner.		

Top Rope Skills	Pass	Fail
1. The candidate can demonstrate the proper use of locking carabiner(s) for belay rope attachment.		
2. The candidate can tie and evaluate a retraced figure eight for climber belay rope attachment.		
3. The candidate can demonstrate proper set up of a belay system using a tube or plate belay device, and a mechanical-assist belay device.		
4. The candidate can perform an effective top rope belay using a tube or plate belay device, and a mechanical-assist belay device demonstrating proper technique, position, control and communication.		
5. The candidate has the ability to teach proper use of climbing equipment according to manufacturers' instructions: including a harness, locking carabiner, tube or plate belay device, and mechanical-assist belay device.		
6. The candidate has the ability to teach tying a figure eight knot for climber belay rope attachment.		
7. The candidate has the ability to teach basic rope management skills for top roped climbing.		
8. The candidate has the ability to teach proper set up, belay skills, and technique for top roped climbing using a tube or plate belay device, and a mechanical-assist belay device.		

Note: criteria for effective belays -- all criteria must be met:

- a. proper configuration and use of the belay device according to manufacturer's instructions;
- b. ability to properly feed rope through the device;
- c. maintaining a brake hand grasped on the rope **at all times**;
- d. ability to brake **at all times**, in other words the brake strand is always under control;
- e. demonstrate an appropriate behavioral reaction to fall (i.e. the belayer must reflexively react to arrest a fall – even if stressed, surprised, fearful, etc.)

Lead Skills (optional for lead endorsement)	Pass	Fail
1. The candidate can perform an effective lead belay using a tube or plate belay device, and a mechanical-assist belay device demonstrating proper technique, position, control and communication.		
2. The candidate has the ability to teach basic rope management skills for lead climbing.		
3. The candidate has the ability to teach proper belay skills, and technique for lead climbing using a tube or plate belay device, and a mechanical-assist belay device.		
4. The candidate has the ability to teach a lead lesson including, but not limited to route-finding, clipping, and rope management.		

Bouldering and Spotting	Pass	Fail
1. The candidate has the ability to present an appropriate orientation to bouldering.		
2. The candidate has the ability to teach proper falling techniques.		
3. The candidate has the ability to teach proper spotting techniques, both stationary and moving.		
4. The candidate possesses adequate knowledge to determine when spotting may or may not be needed.		
5. The candidate possesses adequate knowledge to select and use appropriate impact attenuating surfaces for bouldering.		
6. The candidate can demonstrate a controlled un-roped fall while bouldering demonstrating calm and good position.		

Emergency Procedures	Pass	Fail
1. The candidate has the ability to activate facility emergency procedures if and when necessary.		
2. The candidate has the ability to record and report required factual information pertaining to emergencies.		

Instructor's Overall Evaluation

Endorsements	Pass	Fail
Indoor Top Rope Instructor		
Indoor Lead Instructor		

Course Grade	Pass	Fail

Instructor's Comments:

Candidate's Comments:

Date: _____

Instructor's Signature: _____

Candidate's Signature: _____