

User regulations

1. General regulations

By entering Berta Block and its outdoor area these user regulations and all other safety regulations are accepted and binding. The gym is a sports facility for athletic activities and not a playground or a leisure facility. Athletic activities can entail significant danger of harming one's physical integrity. Users of the gym must pay particular attention to their own safety and the safety of other users. Persons violating these user regulations can be banned from accessing the gym temporarily or permanently.

2. Right of use

Only persons who have properly registered at the front desk and have paid the admission fee are allowed to use the gym and its facilities. Persons under the influence of intoxicating substances are not allowed to use the facilities and can be banned from access. Children under the age of 7 are only allowed to use the area "Drachenfels"; they are not allowed to enter the rest of the bouldering area. Children under the age of 12 are only allowed to use the first part of the gym and under strict and careful supervision of their parents or guardians. The second area of the gym is restricted for persons above the age of 13 and the third one for persons above the age of 16. Exceptions can be granted by the staff or for special events, during which this can be explicitly allowed. Between the ages of 12 and 16 children and adolescents are only allowed to use the facilities with written permission of their parents or legal guardians. A form for giving permission can be found on the website of the gym. Courses not offered by Berta Block are only allowed with explicit consent of the management.

3. Risk and liability

Users of the gym use it at their own risk. It is explicitly stated that bouldering is regarded as a high-risk activity, as it entails a significant risk of injury from falling from greater heights and thereby overloading the human muscular system. A high degree of care, caution, consideration of other users, and personal responsibility is therefore required by all users. Climbing at the walls and particularly falling down requires specific skills and users therefore need to be proficient at these skills or practice them step by step. The gym cannot be held liable for acts of nature beyond control, coincidence and defects which are not noticeable even by observing ordinary care. The gym cannot be held liable for damage, destruction, or theft of items brought by users.

4. Behavior on the climbing walls

Climbing includes the risk of injury and requires a high degree of ability and coordination. The mats and the climbing walls must be used with climbing shoes or clean sports shoes. Topping out (climbing onto the top of the walls) is only allowed on the walls specifically intended for this: the walls on the left side of the first and second area and the four towers of the gym. Especially on the towers, topping out is recommended only for experienced climbers. The landing area of the climbs must be controlled before and after climbing and must be kept clean of items of all kinds. It may only be accessed for entering the climbing routes. It is strictly forbidden to sit or lay in the landing area of the climbs. It is forbidden to climb over or under other climbers or too close to other climbers. In general, users moving around in the gym must pay attention to other climbers who could fall down to avoid injury.

5. Mats

Walking on the mats is only allowed with appropriate shoes (climbing shoes or clean indoor sports shoes). Flip-flops are allowed for walking on the mats but not for climbing. Walking

on the mats barefoot or in socks is not allowed. It is not allowed to eat or drink or place food or drinks on the mats.

6. Handholds, footholds, and volumes.

Even though they are carefully maintained, handholds, footholds, and volumes can turn or break while being used. Users must keep in mind that this could result in a sudden fall and therefore climb carefully. Defects on the facility have to be reported to our staff immediately. Any changes to handholds, footholds, and volumes without talking to our staff first is not allowed.

7. Order and hygiene

All facilities of the gym have to be used with care. We recommend flip-flops for using the showers.

Entering the mats barefoot or with street shoes is prohibited. Placing drinks or food on the mats is prohibited. Making the mats dirty is to be avoided. Smoking is not allowed in the entire gym. The consumption of food and drink is only allowed in the areas designated for this. Dogs and other pets are only allowed in the gym after consulting and with consent from the staff. Pets may only stay in the entrance area and must stay quiet. If necessary, pets must wear a muzzle.

8. Opening hours

The opening hours can be posted on the website and are displayed at the entrance of the gym. Because of special or internal reasons the operation of the gym can temporarily stop partly or entirely so that the gym may be closed. Changes of the opening hours will be posted on the website and displayed in the entrance area. Maintenance of climbing routes or establishment of new routes may limit the use of certain wall areas. A refund of paid admission fees or damages is not possible.

9. Rental and deposits

Climbing materials can be rented for a fee (see price list) and a deposit. Lockers can be rented for free but with a deposit. The deposits are kept safe for the time of renting a locker but this ends with leaving the gym. Users do not have a claim for renting materials or a locker. If a locker key or climbing materials are lost, users will have to pay the cost of replacing or repairing these: 45€ for climbing shoes, 15€ for chalk bags, and 10€ for a locker key. Berta Block does not assume liability for contents of a locker if the key is lost. Lockers are to be emptied and climbing materials to be returned before leaving the gym. Deposits can be IDs, driver's licenses, student IDs or valid Berta Cards. As an exception, keys (cars, bike locks, apartments), whose replacement value does not exceed the value of the rented items, will be accepted as deposits. Liability for deposits is limited to the cost of replacing the deposited item but only up to the value of the rented materials. Follow-up costs of loss of the deposited item will not be incurred.

10. Data privacy

Personal data of users will only be transferred to third parties in cases relevant for insurance.

As of May 2016

With my signature I accept the user guidelines of the Berta Block Boulderhallen GmbH & Co KG.

Name, date of birth, address, date, signature

