

Previous Experience: ___ # of previous attempts (3 failures = lead clinic requirement)

Has taken a Climb lead class

Prerequisites:

Has climbed 3 different 5.10's clean on TR in the Climb facility

Is comfortable using a Grigri 2 or newest Grigri model

Climber is at least 13 years old

Customer waiver on file

Lead climbing (the climber climbs above protection set by her or him, and is belayed from below) is a unique activity, with enlarged risks. The proficiencies of lead climbers and their belayers must be tested and approved by the Gym, including, specifically, completing the Climb Lead Approval Test. Lead climbers who use private (not furnished by the Gym) ropes and are solely responsible for their length and condition as well as for the condition of other personal gear, including belay devices, carabiners, quick draws and harnesses. Risks of lead climbing include variations and enlargements of those described above, including longer falls, errors in belaying, rope entanglement, and failures of knots, gear, equipment and structures, including holds. Proper knowledge of lead belaying, climbing commands and equipment checks is essential.

This lead test is only an indication of the proficiency of the Climber/Belayer on the day of the test and not an ongoing certification of proficiency.

Printed Name

Signature

Age

Date of Birth

PRE-CLIMB ASSESSMENT		
Properly put on a harness		
Climber correctly fits the harness and verifies all safety points	Climber fails to fit the harness correctly (sized correctly, not twisted, and snug)	Failure to double back their harness or tie in though the correct points
Properly tie in with a figure-8 follow through knot		
Climber correctly ties, inspects and verbally demonstrates Figure-8 follow through knot	Climber fails to verbally assess why the knot is correct but understands what they are looking for, insufficient tail	Climber fails to tie in through correct points or tie the correct knot
Clipping		
Climber demonstrates smooth clipping technique and can verbally demonstrate the hazards of back and z-clipping	Climber fails to clip smoothly, explain why a back-clip or z-clip is bad practice and the potential consequences. Climber fails to display any clipping technique, back-clips, or z-clips	
Belaying		
Belayer correctly loads belay device, properly attaches to harness and verifies locked carabiner and device functionality	Belayer fails to verbally check all the components of a properly loaded device	Belayer incorrectly performs any part of the belay device setup
Commands		
Climber demonstrates proper climbing commands	Climber does not have understanding and/or knowledge of commands	
Belay Demonstration		
Belayer demonstrates giving and receiving slack, taking, catching a fall, and lowering in a mock situation	Inability to give/take slack fluidly, very slow/no reaction time to a fall or the command "take"	Belayer fails to properly demonstrate giving and receiving slack, taking, catching a fall, or lowering
Catching a fall		

Explains how they will react to a falling climber of varying weight differences and the concept of a soft catch. Individuals also explain the consequences of both scenarios	Lack of knowledge of soft catches or weight differences	No knowledge of falling scenarios
CLIMBING ASSESSMENT		
Buddy Checks		
Climber performs a thorough inspection of themselves and their partner before climbing	Something isn't checked but no mistakes were made setting up the belay or tying in	A mistake is missed during the buddy check
Commands		
Climber exchanges climbing commands with partner prior to climbing	Climber does not exchange proper climbing commands with partner prior to climbing	
Climbing		
Climber comfortably climbs the designated route and demonstrates proper clipping technique and rope management while lead climbing. Climber executes a proper fall at the correct location, climbs back up and calls for a take.		The climber does one of the following: Fails to climb the test route Fails to demonstrate proper clipping technique and/or rope management Does not execute a proper fall at the correct location
Belaying		
Belayer demonstrates proper technique - maintains an appropriate amount of slack, stands the correct distance away from the wall, adequately catches the falling climber, is responsive to commands, and displays proper rope/belay device management.	Belayer does one of the following: maintains minor inappropriate amount of slack stands a minor incorrect distance away from the wall	Belayer demonstrates improper technique on multiple criterion - fails to maintain an appropriate amount of slack, stand the correct distance away from the wall, adequately catch the falling climber, is unresponsive to commands, and/or displays improper rope/belay device management
FINAL RESULTS		
Individual passes "with flying colors" and has demonstrated all of the above tasks with 100% confidence. The tester is confident the individual will continue to execute Climb's lead policies in accordance with Climb's highest standards	Individual passes lead approved test with 2 or fewer strikes. The tester has addressed the strikes with feedback on the minor tweaks needed and is confident the individual will continue to execute Climb's lead policies in accordance with Climb's highest standards	Individual has failed any one category or has accumulated 3 or more strikes

- Test results communicated with the testers
- Results noted and status changed in RGP - initial

Staff Signature

Date