

Regular Membership Evaluation Climb



Applicant: _____ Date of Evaluation Climb: _____

The Applicant passed: The RCSC _____ or A Safety Evaluation _____

Evaluator: _____

Climbing Area: _____ Route Name: _____

Rating: _____ No. of Pitches: _____

(Circle one score per skill. A Comment must be entered for each score less than 3.

Knots & Rope handling	(3) Excellent	(2) Satisfactory	(1) Marginal	(0) Failure
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Comment Required

Belay skills, Signals, and Communications	(3) Excellent	(2) Satisfactory	(1) Marginal	(0) Failure
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Comment Required

Gear placement and handling (lead & anchors)	(3) Excellent	(2) Satisfactory	(1) Marginal	(0) Failure
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Anchors & Attaching to anchors (using rope)	(3) Excellent	(2) Satisfactory	(1) Marginal	(0) Failure
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Comment Required

Leadership skills (Approach, Climb, Descent)	(3) Excellent	(2) Satisfactory	(1) Marginal	(0) Failure
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Approach & Descent (rappel)	(3) Excellent	(2) Satisfactory	(1) Marginal	(0) Failure
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Comment Required

Additional Comments

A Passing score is 11, with no more than ONE marginal and NO Failures

Any failed categories? Yes or No (circle one)

Any marginal categories? None, One or Two (circle one)

TOTAL SCORE? _____

Did the Applicant pass? Yes or No (circle one)

Submit online: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1nbS38OSoCeM1-HaeZkU8Hc5txSCAIvIAzJTH8St6ZHI/viewform>

Or email to: David Pylman, purpledave21@gmail.com

Regular Member Evaluation Climb Requirements

For your Evaluation Climb, you can choose any route that meets evaluation requirements without pre approval. Qualifying climbs are possible at many locations including the High Sierra, Red Rocks, and Tahquitz (except the “Trough” and “Fingertip Traverse”). There are no routes in Joshua Tree that qualify for eval climbs. Evaluation Climbs do not need to be done on a Club Trip, and can occur whenever it is convenient. The Safety Committee wishes to allow you the flexibility to choose the time and place of your Eval.

You may apply to become a Regular Member by safely leading an Evaluation Climb with a qualified Regular Member. The climb (of your choice) must be a fifth class ascent of five or more pitches.

- You must lead all of the pitches on the route, not just five of the pitches. (You cannot swap leads on a 10 pitch climb or lead five of six pitches).
- The route must be a recognized trad climb that requires predominantly gear or natural protection.
- You must build at least three belay anchors using gear placements. Some of the belays may be bolted, or use natural features such as trees.
- You must be able to find the start of the climb, navigate and lead the route, and execute the descent without any assistance or direction from the Evaluator. You should lead the climb from the parking lot.
- The Evaluator shall provide no input without a deduction in scoring.

Be prepared to make all decisions affecting the climb. You are in charge. The Evaluator should be along only as an observer and safe belayer, and should not provide any input unless an unsafe condition exists. If there is an unsafe condition, it could be grounds for failing the Evaluation Climb.

Definition of a Pitch: A pitch has traditionally been defined as the length between two belay points, and the Safety Committee recognizes this qualitative distance. However, a three-pitch route cannot be made into five pitches by establishing intermediate belay stations of shorter distances. For Evaluation Climb purposes, a pitch is defined as the distance between established belay stations as commonly recognized or published in guidebooks, except that all pitches must be at least 25 meters long. If you have any questions or doubts about whether a particular route qualifies for an Evaluation Climb, please check with the Safety Chair or any Safety Committee member beforehand.

Scoring Criteria for the RM Evaluation:

Arriving at the top of the climb does not mean it was a successful evaluation climb.

The evaluation is scored on a zero (0) to three (3) point scale. Three is the maximum point score for each category. You leave the parking lot with a three for each category. Points are then deducted as issues or errors are identified.

“3” being excellent, “2” satisfactory and passing, “1” marginal (a cause for concern and possible failure), and “0” a failure of that category.

Consider each category as a separate scoring item as listed in the evaluation sheet: (Knots & Rope handling; Belaying skills, Signals, and Communications; etc.). Score individual categories on a minus one (-1) to zero (0) scale, and subtract points from the maximum score of three (3) as they are identified. Deduct points for an issue in each of the areas. (e.g. if a knot is incorrectly tied, and a piece of gear is dropped, two points could be deducted from the maximum score of 3 for this category. The overall evaluation score for this category is then one (1).

A comment must be entered for each deduction.