

Youth Policy

1. Overview

This policy establishes participation of Youth (individuals who are under 18) at Protohaven. The priority is safety, appropriate supervision, and inspiring the next generation of makers.

2. Age Categories & Access Levels

Under 13 years of age

- May participate in classes, youth programs, or membership with a Participation Waiver signed by parent/guardian.
- Must be directly supervised by a Parent/Guardian unless attending a school or group organization-supervised session.
- Front studio access only, no access to back workshop equipment.
- Parent/guardian membership and supervision is required if youth joins membership (family memberships are available)

Ages 13–17

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3. Required Documentation

For any youth using Protohaven:

- A Participation Waiver & Liability Release signed by a Parent/Guardian (physical copy or digital copy at sign-in desk).
- Emergency contact information.

4. Supervision Requirements

All youth must be supervised by a Parent/Guardian for all classes, workshops, and memberships unless supervised by a school/group organization for the duration of the program.

- Instructors or staff may restrict access to specific tools at any time based on behavior or safety concerns.

5. Conduct Expectations

Youth must:

- Follow all Protohaven rules, policies, safety procedures, and instructions.
- Wear appropriate protective equipment.
- Not engage in horseplay, distractions, or unsafe conduct.
- Respect the space, tools, and other Protohaven members.

Failure to follow these rules may result in immediate suspension of access.

6. Tool Use

All tool use requires training and supervision from Parent/Guardian unless supervised by a School/Group Organization. Tool use outside of a class/workshop/program requires tool clearance in addition to supervision.

7. Revocation of Privileges

Protohaven may revoke a youth's access for:

- Unsafe behavior
- Disruption of activities
- Vandalism or intentional tool misuse
- Violation of any part of this policy

8. Policy Updates

This policy may be revised as needed. Continued participation indicates acceptance of the current policy. Protohaven may make exceptions to this policy on a case-by-case basis.

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