Axe throwing waiver

Participation in axe throwing

I voluntarily choose to participate, or give permission for the participant named in this form to participate, in axe throwing activities provided or organised by **[Axe Throwing Venue Name]**.

Axe throwing activities may include:

- Throwing axes, hatchets or other approved implements at wooden targets
- Coaching, technique demonstrations and practice throws
- Casual sessions, leagues, tournaments and private parties
- Retrieving axes from targets when instructed
- Entering lanes, spectator areas and shared venue spaces

I understand that participation is voluntary and that the participant may stop at any time.

The venue may refuse, restrict or end participation if it reasonably believes that a participant cannot throw safely, has failed to follow instructions or presents a risk to themselves or others.

Bookings, deposits and fees remain subject to the venue's cancellation and refund policies.

Participant eligibility

I confirm that the participant meets the venue's minimum age and participation requirements.

Where I sign for a minor or another person who cannot legally provide their own consent, I confirm that I am their parent, legal guardian or otherwise legally authorised to provide consent on their behalf.

I confirm that the participant is physically and mentally capable of handling and throwing an axe safely, except for any condition or limitation disclosed to the venue before participation.

Axe throwing risks

I understand that axe throwing involves sharp, heavy implements that are thrown at speed and may behave unpredictably.

An axe may bounce back from a target, fall from a target or travel outside the lane even when it is thrown correctly and safety rules are followed.

Possible risks include:

- Being struck by a thrown, rebounding or falling axe
- Cuts, lacerations, puncture wounds and amputation

- Bruising and blunt-force injury
- Injury from wood splinters or target fragments
- Eye, face and head injuries
- Injury to feet and toes
- Muscle strains and shoulder, elbow, wrist or back injuries
- Slips, trips and falls
- Injury caused by another thrower or spectator
- Equipment failure, including a loose axe head or damaged handle
- Serious injury, permanent disability or, in rare cases, death

I understand that the venue cannot eliminate every risk associated with axe throwing.

I voluntarily accept the ordinary and inherent risks of participation.

Lane and throwing rules

I agree to attend the venue's safety briefing and follow all instructions from coaches, marshals and staff.

I agree to:

- Throw only from the marked throwing line and only inside my assigned lane
- Throw only when the lane and the area in front of the target are clear
- Wait until adjacent throwers have finished before stepping forward to retrieve an axe
- Carry axes pointing down and away from my body, and never run with one
- Hand an axe to another person only when staff allow it, handle first
- Leave a dropped or bounced axe where it lands until it is safe to collect it
- Stop immediately when told to stop
- Report loose axe heads, damaged handles and damaged targets immediately

The venue may remove any participant who ignores safety rules or behaves recklessly, violently or disruptively.

Clothing and spectators

I agree to wear closed-toe shoes and any protective equipment the venue requires.

I understand that open-toed footwear, loose clothing and dangling jewellery can increase the risk of injury and may lead to participation being refused.

Spectators must remain outside the lanes and behind any marked barriers. I will not enter a lane unless I am the assigned thrower or staff have told me to.

Children must stay with a responsible adult at all times, whether they are throwing or watching.

Participant conduct

I accept responsibility for my conduct during participation.

I agree not to:

- Throw at anything other than the assigned target
- Throw an axe toward a person, or play with an axe outside the lane
- Throw more than one axe at a time unless staff have approved it
- Use my own axe unless the venue has inspected and approved it
- Distract, rush or crowd another thrower
- Remove axes or other equipment from the throwing area
- Damage the venue, targets or equipment

I may be charged for damage caused deliberately or through misuse.

I understand that a serious breach of the rules may result in immediate removal without a refund.

Physical condition and health

I agree to inform the venue about any condition that may affect safe participation, including:

- A current injury or physical limitation
- Shoulder, elbow, wrist or back problems
- Heart, circulation or blood-pressure conditions
- Epilepsy, seizures, fainting or loss of consciousness
- Limited vision or balance difficulties
- Recent surgery or medical treatment
- Pregnancy or possible pregnancy
- Medication that thins the blood or affects coordination, judgment or alertness
- A restriction recommended by a healthcare professional

I understand that staff are not medical professionals unless expressly stated otherwise.

I will stop and inform a staff member if I experience pain, dizziness, breathing difficulty, unusual weakness or another concerning symptom.

Alcohol, drugs and impairment

I will not participate while impaired by:

- Alcohol
- Recreational or illegal drugs
- Medication that affects judgment, coordination or alertness
- Fatigue, illness or another condition that makes participation unsafe

I understand that the venue may refuse or end participation if it reasonably believes that a participant is impaired.

The venue may refuse to let anyone throw, even after a booking has been paid for, if it reasonably believes that they have been drinking to an unsafe degree. Any alcohol served on site does not change this rule.

Personal belongings

I understand that clothing and personal belongings may become dirty, wet, damaged, lost or stolen.

I am responsible for protecting phones, jewellery, glasses, clothing and other personal property.

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the venue is not responsible for ordinary loss or damage to personal belongings unless caused by liability that cannot legally be excluded.

Emergency assistance

If the participant becomes ill or injured, I authorise the venue and its staff to:

- Provide reasonable first aid
- Stop the participant from continuing
- Contact an emergency contact
- Contact emergency medical services
- Arrange transportation to an appropriate healthcare facility
- Share relevant information with emergency responders
- Take reasonable action to protect the participant’s immediate safety

I understand that the venue cannot guarantee that an emergency contact will be reached before assistance is provided.

I accept responsibility for medical, ambulance and treatment expenses unless applicable law or legally established liability requires otherwise.

Assumption of risk

I knowingly and voluntarily accept the ordinary and inherent risks associated with axe throwing.

I accept responsibility for injuries, losses or complications caused or materially contributed to by:

- Relevant information I concealed or provided inaccurately
- A health condition or limitation I failed to disclose
- My failure to follow lane rules or staff instructions
- My incorrect or unauthorised use of an axe or other equipment
- My unsuitable footwear or clothing
- My reckless, unlawful or prohibited conduct
- My participation while impaired or medically unfit

Liability release

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, I release **[Axe Throwing Venue Name]** and its owners, directors, axe coaches, lane marshals, employees, contractors and representatives from claims arising solely from:

- Ordinary and inherent axe throwing risks knowingly accepted in this form
- Relevant information I concealed or provided inaccurately
- My failure to follow reasonable safety rules or instructions
- Incorrect or unauthorised use of axes or equipment
- My reckless, unlawful or prohibited conduct
- The conduct of another participant where it was outside the venue’s reasonable control

This release does not exclude or limit liability that cannot legally be excluded or limited.

It does not apply to fraud, intentional misconduct, gross negligence, reckless conduct, breaches of mandatory safeguarding duties, violations of mandatory consumer rights or any other liability that applicable law prohibits the venue from waiving.

Privacy and recordkeeping

I understand that the venue may collect and retain information where reasonably necessary to:

- Register and identify participants
- Confirm consent and eligibility
- Manage bookings and activities
- Understand relevant health or support needs
- Maintain safety and incident records
- Respond to injuries, complaints or legal claims
- Meet insurance, safeguarding and legal obligations

Information will be handled according to the venue’s privacy notice and applicable data-protection laws.

Final declaration

By completing and signing this form, I confirm that:

- I have read and understood the entire waiver.
- The information provided is complete and accurate.
- I understand that axe throwing may cause serious injury.
- I understand and accept the ordinary and inherent risks.
- I agree to follow all lane rules and staff instructions.
- I will wear suitable closed-toe footwear.
- I will not participate while impaired or medically unfit.
- I authorise reasonable emergency assistance where necessary.
- I had an opportunity to ask questions before signing.
- Participation is voluntary.
- I understand that this form does not remove rights or protections that cannot legally be waived.

Participant completion

Contact details

First name *

Last name *

Phone

Email *

☐ I have read, understood and agree to the Axe Throwing Liability Waiver and Assumption of Risk above. I confirm that the information provided is accurate, that I am authorised to sign for the participant where applicable and that I voluntarily accept the risks of axe throwing. *

Signature *