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Open Training Information & Guidelines

Space Connect Program

Women's Circus Training Members

ABOUT OPEN TRAINING:

Space Connect is a transformative initiative from Women's Circus providing free rehearsal space and open training sessions for both our members and circus professionals, supported by Creative Victoria.

Open Training provides a space for circus professionals and Women's Circus members to share skills, knowledge, connect and work on their own physical and creative practice. For Women's Circus Members it is an opportunity to strengthen and maintain existing skills. The space will be shared, and artists will have to self-manage the space and their needs with support of the Women's Circus Venue Safety Officer.

Open Training Hours:

Open Training hours will be reflected in the MindBody booking platform. Visit the [Open Training](#) page on our website to see available times and book in.

How to apply for Open Training:

- All Open Training participants are required to have completed the application process and be approved by Women's Circus prior to attending an Open Training session.
Women's Circus Training Members are required to be attending a term class and have their class trainer complete a skill level form on their behalf. This form is accessible to the venue supervisor to ensure members are working within their competency.
- If you haven't completed the application process (filled out an application form and had it approved through the appropriate channels) you will not be able to participate in Open Training.

How to book a session:

1. Read this document and fill out the Application Form.
2. Take your filled-out Application Form to class and have your trainer review and approve the "About Your Practice" section of the form.
3. Submit your Application Form to training@womenscircus.org.au for approval.
4. Visit the [Open Training](#) page to book into your session.
5. If your Application Form hasn't been approved when you arrive to Open Training, you will not be allowed to train.
6. To commence Open Training, you must check in with the Venue Supervisor at the start of each session to have your name checked off and to ensure your application has been approved. If it is your first session you must undergo a safety induction before training.
7. You are required to follow the direction and safety advice of Women's Circus staff while in the space.

Indemnity & Insurance:

- As a current Women's Circus training member, you will have completed an indemnity form which also applies to open training.
- It is recommended that all applicants have Personal Accident Insurance and [Ambulance Cover](#). Note that emergency transport can cost over \$2000.
- Women's Circus is not in any way responsible for exacerbation of injuries, accidents, or injuries resulting from participation in Open Training and will not cover any medical expenses or loss of income that arise as a result.

Contact Details:

Aleisha Manion
training@womenscircus.org.au
(03) 9687 3665.

Useful Links:

Women's Circus [Open Training](#) page
Open Training booking via your [MindBody](#) account

Open Training Application 2023

Access to Women's Circus Open Training sessions is subject to approval of this application. Please ensure all fields have been completed before submission to ensure it gets approved.

Applicants Details:

First Name:		Last Name:	
Email:		Mobile:	

Please fill out Section 1-3 (including trainer sign off) before submitting your application.

You can submit your application to training@womenscircus.org.au

Section 1 – About Your Practice:

Discipline <i>Aerials, Acrobalance etc.</i>	What will you practice? <i>Skills you wish to train e.g. handstands, drops on tissue.</i>	Your Ability <i>Please indicate your level of training.</i>	Trainer Sign Off: <i>Trainer to sign before submitting application.</i>

Please provide details on how you intend to use the space and any special requirements or support you may need:

<p><i>Please include things like what specialties and apparatus you would train & space requirements:</i></p> <p><i>Please select options that apply:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Bringing own Aerial equipment<input type="checkbox"/> Bringing own manipulation equipment<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to request storage for my equipment
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History of Injuries/Medical Conditions

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Section 2 – Bringing Your Own Aerial Equipment

To use your own aerial equipment in the space during Open Training, you must have had it signed off by Women’s Circus Head Rigger. Please fill out the Equipment Safety Data Sheet below to the best of your ability. You must provide one per apparatus, if you require an additional template, please request one via email: training@womenscircus.org.au

Equipment Safety Data Sheet Space Connect Program

Please provide as much information about the equipment as you have available to you, we understand you may not have all the information requested. Please also feel free to attach any Product Info Sheet (such as Trix Circus supply) in lieu of filling out all the detail.

Item Name:

Date:

Equipment Owner:

Women’s Circus Contact: Steph Cox – gm@womenscircus.org.au

Maker/Builder Details

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Certification:

Equipment description and intended use:

Describe item and note any requirements of weight loadings, stresses, moving parts

Insert pictures/plans/hyperlink: (If you need more space, please attach at end of document)

Specifications:

Date of Manufacture:

Hardware and materials including ratings and standards:

Storage requests & requirements:

Please note:

This is your own equipment which you use at your own risk. This equipment is deemed safe at the time of inspection by Women's Circus, and we are not liable for damage and misuse of the equipment that occurs after this check.

It is the responsibility of the equipment owner to ensure that introduction, selection, installation, use and maintenance of Circus equipment is carried out and used safely.

Women's Circus reserves the right at any stage to require whatever additional scrutiny, inspection, testing or verification it considers necessary before allowing any circus equipment continued use in areas under its control.

Full Name (Printed):

Signature:

OFFICE USE ONLY

Approved to be used at Women's Circus:

Name:

Position:

Signature:

Date:

Section 3 – Terms & Conditions

- All Open Training participants must sign in with the Women’s Circus staff member present for Open Training.
- All Open Training participants must conduct a safety induction prior to their first training session.
- All participants using rigging must be inducted by the Women’s Circus qualified Rigger prior to the use of any rigging/aerial equipment. If not inducted, rigging may only be operated by the venue supervisor/safety officer.
- Open Training participants will follow the direction of Women’s Circus staff at all times.
- Open Training participants will only train in disciplines approved through the application process.
- Any non-Women’s Circus equipment must be inspected and approved by the Women’s Circus Head Rigger prior to use and must be removed at the end of the session. Contact training@womenscircus.org.au if you wish to organise this.
- Open Training is for practice and maintenance of skills you are competent in and have been signed off on.
- Participants will not conduct any commercial activity through Open Training.
- All Open Training participants are required to have completed the application process and been approved by Women’s Circus.
- You must use a crash mat beneath you to train on aerial equipment.
- No jewellery is to be worn during open training.
- If aerial equipment is dropped, jammed, or hit it is no longer safe and must be reported and taken out of rotation. Even a small bump can compromise the safety of the gear.
- Any problems/incidents/accidents must be reported to Women’s Circus staff.
- Ensure you put away any equipment you use and check in with the Women’s Circus staff before you leave to see if they need help with clean up.

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of the Women’s Circus Open Training and confirm the information I have provided is true and correct:

Applicants Name:

Applicants Signature:

Date:

Office Use Only:

Application approved? Y / N

Signature:

Date:

Reason for application rejection: