

Route Setter

Job Descriptions



(& criteria for endorsement by Mountaineering Scotland to work on ClimbScotland competitions and coaching events)

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INTRODUCTION

Mountaineering Scotland will endorse a series of route-setters based on experience and qualifications relevant to this area of work. This will allow route-setters to operate on ClimbScotland events (for young climbers) or adult competitions at a variety of levels as follows:

Aspirant Setter / Assistant Setter / Lead Setter / Chief Setter

Measurable criteria will be based on the following information submitted on Mountaineering Scotland 'Coach and Route-setter Information Forms':

- Personal competition experience and results
- Full list of setting experience
- Relevant qualifications: CWI, CWDI, RCI etc.
- Relevant courses: in-house safety training by other employees (e.g. walls), CWMA Training, RSA, IRATA, BMC National Setter Course, IFSC Training
- Para Competition experience and training
- Mountaineering Scotland Route Design Training Workshops
- Personal assessments from past events

NGB ROUTE-SETTING PATHWAY:

The route-setting for each Mountaineering Scotland Competition will be undertaken by a designated Setting Team. The Team will comprise a Chief Setter (allocated on an event-by-event basis from the designated list of endorsed Chief setters), one or more Lead setters and a varying number of Assistant setters. Those wishing to be engaged by Mountaineering Scotland to set on ClimbScotland competitions will be endorsed on an annual basis at the different levels depending on their experience.

SETTER TRAINING:

Mountaineering Scotland will endeavour to help towards training for aspirant and assistant setters, whenever possible to progress through the different levels as a professional pathway.

Aspirant Setter

Events: Aspirant Setter Training Day

Cost: Voluntary (+ expenses capped at £50/event)

Setter day aims:

- *An introduction to the National Governing Body Setter's Pathway; undertake basic training in route design for NGB competitions; form an understanding of the setting required in relation to competition rules.*

Pre-requisite experience:

- **Essential:** Show evidence of boulder problem and/or route setting in a commercial setting
- **Essential:** Have a desire to set for youth and adult climbing competitions
- **Desirable:** Climbing wall staff in-house Route-Setting Safety training or RSD 2 (or equivalent)

Required personal standard:

- **Essential:** Be able to climb at a personal standard that is equivalent the average grade standard at ClimbScotland Fun Boulder/Roped Comp Finals and YCS competition rounds
 - o For YCS boulders: V3
 - o For YCS Lead: red-point 6b

Setter Day Outcomes:

- *Setter training will take place in a bouldering format*
- *Participants will be given feedback on their setting at the end of the day*

Assistant Setter

Remuneration: £145 (+ expenses capped at £50/event)

Events: Regional & National competitions(CSFC Quals & Final, YCS, SYCC, SYBC)

Responsibilities:

- Will assist the setting as directed and supervised by Lead or Chief Setter
- Will be expected to set at least 1 route with minimal tweaks during a roped round, and 4 blocs during a boulder round (per day)
- Will assist the team in route-testing

Required setting experience:

- **Essential:** Have set boulder problems and/or routes in a commercial setting regular basis in the previous 2 years
- **Essential:** Have set routes for at least 1 ClimbScotland Fun Comp Qualifying Rounds (CSFC/CSFBC)
- **Desirable:** Have attended a Mountaineering Scotland Route Setters Design Workshop

Required Personal knowledge and standard:

- **Essential:** Have an understanding of the grade levels throughout all categories (Youth E – Junior) in bouldering and lead in the Regional and National events
- **Essential:** Be able to climb at a personal standard that is relevant to the majority of children who will be competing at ClimbScotland competitions, but not necessarily at the top standard
 - o For boulders: V4 (YCS) / V5/6 (National)
 - o For Lead: red-point 7a (YCS) / 7b (National)
- **Essential:** Exhibit creative skill when setting routes or boulders so they engage the climbers
- **Desirable:** Have some understanding of injury prevention achieved by route design
- **Desirable:** Must have a fundamental understanding of the rules of ClimbScotland competitions

Required Qualifications:

- **Essential:** Evidence In-house route and boulder setting safety as a minimum or...
- **Essential:** Has been assessed by a Head Setter as competent to assist at this level during a Mountaineering Scotland Route Setters Design Workshop
- **Desirable:** Up to date First Aid certificate
- **Desirable:** Attended an RSD 2 (roped setting) Course

Lead Setter

Remuneration: £200 (+ expenses capped at £50/event)

Events: Regional, National & British Competitions (CSFC Final, YCS, YCS Grand Final, SYCC, SYBC, JBLCC, JBBC, BLCC, BBC)

Responsibilities: Work to the requirements of the designated Head Setter without the need for direct supervision

- *mentor and assist any Assistant Setters regarding design*
- *Will be expected to set at least 2 routes with minimal tweaks during a roped round, and 5-6 blocs during a boulder round (per day)*
- *Assist Chief Setter in route-testing*

Required Setting Experience:

- **Essential:** *Have set boulder problems and/or routes in a commercial setting regular basis with at least 4 years' experience*
- **Essential:** *Has set routes for local bouldering competitions*
- **Essential:** *Has set routes for the ClimbScotland Fun Comp (CSFC) Final and has acted as an Assistant on 2 National events (SYCC, SYBC)*
- **Desirable:** *Has attended a Mountaineering Scotland Route Setters Design Workshop*
- **Desirable:** *Has acted as assistant on 1 British event (YCS Final, JBLCC/JBBC, BLCC/BBC,)*

Required Personal knowledge and standard:

- **Essential:** *Have a very good and accurate understanding of the grade levels throughout all categories (Youth E – Junior) in bouldering and lead*
- **Essential:** *Be at a personal climbing standard at red-point style equivalent to the routes the top climbers in the older age brackets would be expected to on-sight: in order to be able to both understand and test the levels required of the routes and/or boulders in the competitions*
 - o *For boulders: V7*
 - o *For Lead: red-point 7b (YCS) / red-point 7c (National)*
- **Essential:** *Must be able to work without supervision, making decisions on their own*
- **Essential:** *Exhibit advanced creative skill when setting routes or boulders so they engage the climbers, including advanced knowledge of 'safe' design to prevent injury*
- **Desirable:** *Have a good knowledge of the children they are setting for and their standards of climbing ability by being involved in the coaching scene (either at walls or for Mountaineering Scotland), either directly or through communication with home coaches. This is the only way they will be able to stay tuned in to the levels required to separate within categories.*
- **Desirable:** *Must have a good understanding of the rules of the competitions and keep up to date on any changes*

Required Qualifications:

- **Essential:** *Evidence In-house route and boulder setting safety as a minimum*
- **Essential:** *Have attended a more formal training course (e.g. IRATA1, RSD1, RSD2) or have been trained informally by an IRATA3 or RSD trainer*
- **Essential:** *Has been assessed by a Chief Setter as competent to assist at this level*
- **Desirable:** *Hold an up-to-date cherry picker license*
- **Desirable:** *Up to date First Aid certificate*

Chief Setter (Event Position)

Remuneration: £200 & £200 comp day Forerunner (+ expenses capped at £50/event)

Events: Regional, National & British Competitions (CSFC Final, YCS, YCS Scottish Final, YCS Grand Final, SYCC, SYBC, JBLCC, JBBC, BLCC, BBC) as well as International (IFSC) events.

Responsibilities: This is a management position as well as a setting position. Oversee and take full responsibility for all the requirements of the competition setting and the work of the Setting Team including:

- *Pre-planning: working with the National Route Setters in the 'Pre-Planning' and distributing the plan to the rest of the setting team.*
- *On-the-setting-day: oversee the work of Lead and Assistant, particularly taking responsibility for the safe working of all setters. Undertaking fore-running and checking of route and problem grades, style and safety. Arranging route maps and route cards for CCO's and judges including scoring systems and any particular route rules, in a timely fashion at the end of the setting period*
- *Attendance on the competition day to ensure liaison with CCO and delivery of required items above. To tweak / amend routes as required by the CCO's*
- *Post-competition: provide written reports to the TPO only on standardised Mountaineering Report Forms detailing the Setting Team's work*

Required Experience:

- **Essential:** *Have set boulder problems and/or routes in a commercial setting regular basis with at least 6 years' experience*
- **Essential:** *Has set problems for local competitions*
- **Essential:** *Has set routes for 2 ClimbScotland Fun Comp (CSFC/ CSFBC) and YCS rounds*
- **Essential:** *Has acted as Lead on 2 National competitions (SYCC, SYBC)*
- **Desirable:** *Has acted as Lead on 2 British events (YCS Final, JBLCC/JBBC, BLCC/BBC,)*

Required Personal knowledge and abilities:

- **Essential:** *Having a very good and accurate understanding of the grade levels throughout all categories (Youth E – Junior) in bouldering and lead*
- **Essential:** *Be at a personal climbing standard at red-point style equivalent to the routes the top climbers in the older age brackets would be expected to on-sight: in order to be able to both understand and test the levels required of the routes and boulders in the competitions*
 - o *For boulders: V8*
 - o *For Lead: red-point 7c (YCS) / red-point 8a (National)*
- **Essential:** *Must have a complete understanding of the rules of the competitions and the scoring systems*
- **Essential:** *Must have a good knowledge of the children they are setting for and their standards of climbing ability by being involved in the coaching scene (either at walls or for Mountaineering Scotland), either directly or through communication with home coaches. This is the only way they will be able to stay tuned in to the levels required to separate within categories*
- **Essential:** *Exhibit advanced creative skill when setting routes or boulders so they engage the climbers, including advanced knowledge of 'safe' design to prevent injury*
- **Essential:** *Must be able to manage and supervise the work of a team*
- **Essential:** *Be able to assess the competency of team setters and write reports for Mountaineering Scotland TPO*
- **Essential:** *Must be capable of competent re-design of routes at speed during a competition, when required*

Required Qualifications:

- **Essential:** *Must have PVG Scheme Membership through Mountaineering Scotland*
- **Desirable:** *Hold an up-to-date cherry picker license*
- **Essential:** *Up to date First Aid certificate*