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## 1. Overview of Competitions

- 1.1. An annual Series of competitions called The ClimbScotland Fun Boulder Competition shall be organised by ClimbScotland.
- 1.2. The annual Series shall involve competitors resident in Scotland in the following age groups:
  - 1.2.1. Junior, Youth A, Youth B, Youth C, Youth D and Youth E
- 1.3. There will be two parts to the competition as follows:
  - 1.3.1. Part 1: A 'Qualifying Round' leading to,
  - 1.3.2. Part 2: A 'Grand Final'
- 1.4. Part 1 of the Competition shall be an 'Open Competition' with the following format:
  - 1.4.1. A 4 to 6-week period for all competitors to climb problems and be scored by their instructor / teacher / parent / group leader / coach.
  - 1.4.2. This Qualifying Round will entail climbing up to, but not exceeding, eight (8) boulder problems
- 1.5. Part 2 of the Competition for Junior, Youth A, Youth B, Youth C, Youth D and Youth E shall involve the top 5 male and top 5 female competitors from all climbing categories being invited to take part in the Grand Final.

1.6. The competitions shall take place at the following locations:

1.6.1. Part 1 (Qualification Round):

**Aberdeen** – Transition Extreme;

**Dundee** – Block10;

**Kilmarnock** – Above Adventure;

**Orkney** – Pickaquoy Leisure Centre;

**Perth** – Perth College Climbing wall;

**Inverness** – The Ledge;

**Edinburgh** – Alien Bloc

**Fort William** – Three Wise Monkeys;

**Glasgow** – TCA (Prop Store);

**Hamilton** – HangOn;



## 2. Competition Eligibility and Categories

2.1. The competition is open to all eligible climbers resident in Scotland.

2.2. Those climbers who are members of the Scottish Youth Development and National Squads, who have been selected through the various ClimbScotland selection processes, are not eligible to compete in the FUN Boulder event.

2.3. GB Team members are not eligible to compete.

2.4. The competitors can choose to compete in the following categories:

2.4.1. As individuals and,

2.4.2. As part of the following 'Teams':

2.4.2.1. School Climbing Club (primary & secondary)

2.4.2.2. Climbing Wall Youth Climbing Squad

2.4.2.3. ClimbScotland Youth Clubs

2.5. Climbers should indicate which Team they wish their score to be allocated against.

2.6. Any team must have a minimum of three (3) members to have their scores counted towards the points ranking.

2.7. There will be separate Individual categories for male and female climbers.

Year of Event	Year of Birth										Junior	
	Youth E		Youth D		Youth C		Youth B		Youth A			
2024	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
2025	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
2026	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
2027	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008

2.8. The age categories are defined by year of birth.

### 3. Part 1: Qualification Round Climbing Period

- 3.1. Boulder problems and Registration for the competition will open at noon on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and will close at midnight on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024.
- 3.2. Variations in the starting date (earlier or later) may be necessary at some venues but the closing date cannot be altered.
- 3.3. All competitors must complete their attempts during this period.
- 3.4. No allowance will be made for periods when the host climbing wall is closed or when problems are temporarily not available for climbing.
- 3.5. Competitors must pay the normal host wall entry fee.

### 4. Part 1: Qualification Round Climbers

- 4.1. Entry to the Qualifying Round of the competition is free, but climbers will pay the normal host climbing wall entry fee. Entry may be part of an instructional session at the host venue.
- 4.2. Competitors are responsible for entering their scores online, following instructions which can be found on the [ClimbScotland CSFBC webpage](#)
- 4.3. Each climber is responsible for providing their own personal climbing equipment for their attempts, unless involved in an instructed session at the host venue.

### 5. Part 1: Qualification Round Boulder Problems

- 5.1. The qualification round will include the following grade range (guide only):

<b>Problem No.</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Category</b>
1	3+	E
2	4+	E, D, C, B, A, J
3	5	E, D, C
4	5+	E, D, C, B, A, J
5	6A	E, D, C
6	6A	E, B
7	6A	B, A, J
8	6A+	E, D, C
9	6A+	D, A, J
10	6B	E, D, C
11	6B	C, B, A, J
12	6B+	D
13	6B+	B, A, J
14	6C	C, B, A, J
15	6C+	B, A, J

- 5.2. The same problems shall be used by male and female competitors in each category.

5.3. Each climber shall attempt 8 boulders. Each age category will include the following 8 boulders:

Category	Problem No. (Grade)
Youth E	<b>Problems: 1 (3+), 2 (4+) 3 (5), 4 (5+), 5 (6A), 6 (6A), 8 (6A+), 10 (6B)</b>
Youth D	<b>Problems: 2 (4+), 3 (5), 4 (5+), 5 (6A), 8 (6A+), 9 (6A+), 10 (6B), 12 (6B+)</b>
Youth C	<b>Problems: 2 (4+), 3 (5), 4 (5+), 5 (6A), 8 (6A+), 10 (6B), 11 (6B), 14 (6C)</b>
Youth B	<b>Problems: 2 (4+), 4 (5+), 6 (6A), 7 (6A), 11 (6B), 13 (6B+), 14 (6C), 15 (6C+)</b>
Youth A	<b>Problems: 2 (4+), 4 (5+), 7 (6A), 9 (6A+), 11 (6B), 13 (6B+), 14 (6C), 15 (6C+)</b>
Junior	<b>Problems: 2 (4+), 4 (5+), 7 (6A), 9 (6A+), 11 (6B), 13 (6B+), 14 (6C), 15 (6C+)</b>

## 6. Part 1: Qualification Round Procedure

- 6.1. A climber cannot accrue points on a boulder problem once he or she has practiced that problem prior to competing.
- 6.2. boulder problems will be set using a single colour of hold, any holds in a different colour will be considered for judging purposes as if 'out of bounds'.
- 6.3. The coloured markers should be consistent across all boulder problem as follows:
  - 6.3.1. Each boulder problem shall be indicated by a green 'Problem Tag', which provides the problem number. This Tag can also indicate a start hold when two start holds are used (6.4).
  - 6.3.2. Each boulder problem shall have one or two starting hand holds. These will be indicated by the green 'Start Tag' alongside the 'Problem Tag' (for one starting hold) or by a green 'Start Tag' on one hold and the 'Problem Tag' on another (for two starting holds).
  - 6.3.3. Any available foot holds of the same hold colour as the rest of the problem can be used to start.
  - 6.3.4. Each boulder problem shall have a clearly marked pink 'Zone Tag'. The positioning of this hold should aid the separation of competitors.
  - 6.3.5. Each boulder problem shall have a designated single finishing hold marked by an orange 'Top Tag'. There should not be any problems that finish by standing at the top of a top-out boulder. The finishing holds should not be difficult to hold.
- 6.4. The side edges and top edges of the wall are out of bounds.
- 6.5. Climbers shall be allowed 5 attempts at each boulder problem.
- 6.6. An attempt by a climber shall be deemed to have started when all points of the competitors body / limbs have left the ground.
- 6.7. An attempt on a boulder problem shall be considered successful when the marked finishing hold is held in control with both hands.

## 7. Judging

- 7.1. During Part 1: the Qualification Round, a supervising adult will act as a judge. A parent/guardian or other adult may act as the judge. If the competitor is attending as part of a group, the group leader or in house instructional team at the hosting climbing wall shall arrange a judge specifically responsible for providing a score as a judge.
- 7.2. The host climbing wall of the Qualifying Round shall supply ClimbScotland Score Cards to the Supervising Judges.
- 7.3. The assigned Supervising Judge shall register the scores online at the end of the competition.
- 7.4. A results service for the Qualification Round will be provided at:  
<https://www.climbscotlandresults.co.uk/>
- 7.5. Supervising Judges shall record the scores of competitors anytime during the Qualification Round and before the deadline date. Scores cannot be accepted after the deadline. Supervising Judges shall retain the score cards in case of appeals.
- 7.6. During Part 2: The Grand Final, if this is organised ClimbScotland shall manage the event and assign volunteer Category Judges to each boulder.

## 8. Scoring

- 8.1. For the purposes of scoring (both in Part 1 and Part 2), an attempt will be counted as such each time the competitor:
  - 8.1.1. Starts the boulder using the designated start holds;
  - 8.1.2. Moves every part of their body off the ground;
- 8.2. A climber shall be deemed to have successfully completed a boulder problem if he/she holds the final hold in a controlled manner with two hands.
- 8.3. A climber shall be deemed to have unsuccessfully completed an attempt on a climb if he/she:
  - 8.3.1. Makes illegitimate use of any non-legitimate hold or the side-edges or top-edges of the wall;
  - 8.3.2. Once having started, touches the ground with any part of the body;
- 8.4. For each competitor attempting a boulder, the allocated judge will score:
  - 8.4.1. The number of attempts required by that competitor to gain a zone hold;
  - 8.4.2. The number of attempts required by that competitor to successfully complete the boulder problem;
- 8.5. The competitors shall be ranked by ClimbScotland according to the following criteria:
  - 8.5.1. First, in descending order, the number of successfully completed boulder problem ("Tops")
  - 8.5.2. Second, in descending order, the total number of zone points gained by the competitor;
  - 8.5.3. Third, in ascending order, the total number of attempts to complete the boulder problem;
  - 8.5.4. Fourth, in ascending order, the total number of attempts to achieve the zone points.

## **9. Eligibility for Part 2 – The Grand Final:**

- 9.1. At the end of Part 1: the Qualifying Round, the competition administration shall select a quota of climbers in each category with the highest scores to compete in Part 2: The Grand Final.
- 9.2. Only those scores registered online before the closing date, will be considered for inclusion in selection for Part2: the Grand Final.
- 9.3. The Grand Final quota will be the top 5 male and top 5 female competitors from the Junior, Youth A, Youth B, Youth C, Youth D and Youth E Categories.
- 9.4. In the event of a tie in a category more than 5 climbers can be selected.
- 9.5. Those climbers selected to attend the Grand Final will be notified by email and invited to book their place through the Mountaineering Scotland online Members Portal – events booking process.
- 9.6. In the event that one or more selected climbers are unable to attend the Grand Final, the competition administration may choose to substitute the next eligible climber(s) in the category.
- 9.7. There will be a booking fee to attend the Grand Final, which will cover all aspects of the competition including the entry fee to the host wall.

## **10. Part 2: The Grand Final Procedure**

- 10.1. Eligible competitors shall be invited to Part 2: The Grand Final to be hosted by a suitable indoor climbing venue and organised by ClimbScotland.
- 10.2. ClimbScotland shall supply a setting team for all the Grand Final boulder problems. ClimbScotland shall organise Marshalls and shall invite volunteers to act as Category Judges. The event will be governed by a ClimbScotland Jury President.
- 10.3. Each category will have 8 problems to climb in a scramble format to establish the overall winners.
- 10.4. There shall be the same number of attempts on each boulder problem (5) as in Part 1: The Qualifying Round.
- 10.5. There shall be a time limit of 3.5 hours.
- 10.6. Each boulder problem shall be indicated by a Problems Card, which provides information and regulations specific to that boulder problem.
- 10.7. If there is a draw after the Final, there will be:
  - 10.7.1. A countback to the qualifying-Round.
  - 10.7.2. If there is still a tie after countback, a Super-final.
- 10.8. For the purpose of judging and scoring, the climbing procedures are identical to The Qualifying Round.
- 10.9. ClimbScotland reserves the right not to hold a Grand Final. In these circumstances, the scores from Part 1: The Qualifying Round, will be used to identify podium places and competitors notified accordingly. Any ties for positions will stand.

## **11. Competition Technical Incidents**

- 11.1. A technical incident is defined as:
  - 11.1.1. A broken or loose hold;
  - 11.1.2. Any other occurrence that results in a disadvantage or unfair advantage to a climber which is not the result of an action on the part of the climber;
- 11.2. During Part 1: Only the Supervising Judge or climber may declare a technical incident.
- 11.3. During Part 1: the Qualifying Round, declaration of a technical incident shall be resolved through discussion between the Supervising Judge and climber.
  - 11.3.1. During Part 2: the Grand Final, declaration of a technical incident shall be resolved through discussion between the Jury President, Category Judge and climber and if necessary, the problems setter.
- 11.4. Following the declaration of a technical incident, resolution can take one of the following forms:
  - 11.4.1. The climber's attempt is deemed void and the climber can make the attempt again, starting from the ground.
  - 11.4.2. The declaration of a technical incident is deemed void and the climber's attempt is considered valid.

## **12. Competition Appeals**

- 12.1. Procedure
  - 12.1.1. All oral and written appeals and official responses shall be made in English.
  - 12.1.2. An appeal against the ranking of a competitor after the completion of Part 1: the Qualifying Round of the competition, and after the official results have been published, must be made no later than 48 hours after the publication of the results. The appeal must be made in writing (including email) to the ClimbScotland Talent & Pathways Officer at the address below.
  - 12.1.3. An appeal in Part 2: the Grand Final, against a ruling by a Category Judge during the final round of the competition must be made to the Jury President by the competitor no later than 30 minutes after the ruling.
  - 12.1.4. An appeal in Part 2: the Grand Final, against the ranking of a competitor after the completion of a round of the final stage of the competition, and after the official results have been published, must be made no later than 30 minutes after the publication of the results. The appeal must be made following the publication of the results at the end of each round of the final. The appeal must be made in writing to the Jury President by the competitor.
  - 12.1.5. The decision of the Jury President in respect of these regulations shall be final and not subject to further appeal.

### **13. Trophies, Medals and Prizes**

- 13.1. Medals will be presented to the top 3 winners in all categories in a Grand Final.
- 13.2. There will be recognition for the following competing Teams:
  - 13.2.1. The ClimbScotland 'School Team' (for a primary or secondary school)
  - 13.2.2. The ClimbScotland 'Club' (for a junior club affiliated to ClimbScotland)
  - 13.2.3. The ClimbScotland 'Climbing Wall Squad' (for a climbing wall club or squad)
- 13.3. Teams are defined as members of the same section (or group), as defined in 13.2. The number of members varies as determined by the usual membership of that section.
- 13.4. Scores are based on a combined ranking score.

### **14. Wall Maintenance**

- 14.1. The centre management shall ensure that an experienced and practised maintenance team is available throughout each round of the competition in order to perform any maintenance and repairs. Safety procedures shall be strictly enforced. The climbing centres conditions of use will be adhered to at all times.
- 14.2. Repair of holds: On the instruction of the centre management, repair work will be organised. On completion of a repair the centre management will advise whether the repair results in any unfair advantage or disadvantage to the following competitors. The decision of the centre management to continue, or to stop and re-start, that climb of the competition shall be final and no appeal shall be accepted in respect to this decision.

### **15. Medical Facilities**

- 15.1. The host venue shall arrange skilled and experienced medical support to be available throughout the whole of the competition. During every competitor's attempt on a climb, at least one qualified, experienced and equipped member of the medical team should remain within, or in very close proximity to, the competition area in order to provide a rapid response following any injury or need for medical attention.
- 15.2. It is the competitors' responsibility to ensure they have warmed up adequately to take part in the competition.
- 15.3. Each competitor will have completed a consent form detailing and pre-existing medical conditions which could affect them whilst competing.



## 16. Photographers and Television Camera Crews

- 16.1. During Part 2: The Grand Final, with the approval of the host centre management, photographers and television camera crews may be permitted to operate in the competition wall area. They shall be allowed to do so on the understanding that:
- 16.1.1. Photographers obtain authorisation from the event coordinator (ClimbScotland) and sign the register of photographers;
  - 16.1.2. They do not distract or interfere with a competitor during their preparation for, or their attempt on, a climb;
  - 16.1.3. That any mechanical equipment used to support camera crews and equipment does not interfere with the competitors and Officials. Special care shall be taken to ensure that any fall does not result in a competitor coming into contact with any camera crew personnel, cameras or associated equipment.
  - 16.1.4. That all camera crew personnel obey immediately any instruction given to them by centre staff;
- 16.2. Photographers and television camera crews will not be permitted to operate off the ground.
- 16.3. Consent for photographs to be taken is agreed on the consent form completed by a parent of guardian for each competitor when booking.

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