

Youth Climbing Series – Round 1 (Boulder)

Information Pack

The Ledge – Inverness

14th September 2024

THE COMPETITION

The Youth Climbing Series (YCS) is the national youth competition bringing together young climbers from all over Scotland. The Scottish YCS is part of a wider series across the UK and Ireland. Each country organises its own series to select teams which then come together in a grand final.

There are 4 rounds in the series with 2 roped and 2 boulder rounds. This information is relating to the first round of the series, which is a boulder round.

Full details of the rules & regulations for the competition – including competition procedure, scoring, ranking, technical incidents and the appeals process – is available via the document on the ClimbScotland YCS competition page – [HERE](#).

Prior booking for the competition is mandatory. **Entries WILL NOT be accepted on the day of the event.** Booking Conditions apply regarding cancellations & refunds (available on the portal).

EVENT STAFF

There will be several ClimbScotland Competition Co-ordinators (CCO) who can be identified by their Gilets; one of whom is responsible as the Jury President and another as Chief Judge.

- **Jury President** – Tony Brown
- **Chief Judge** – Sophie Bosi

For the YCS a Category Judge will be allocated to each boulder problem and will be wearing brightly coloured Judging bibs. Any queries regarding a climber's score must be referred to the Jury President and not directed at the Category Judge.

VOLUNTEERS

Any parents willing to volunteer can register using the following form:

- <https://forms.office.com/e/RJuyBD1XJk>

Or can make themselves known to the team at registration.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- www.climbscotland.net
- info@climbscotland.net
- 01738 493 942

EVENT SCHEDULE

Proposed event schedules have been posted [HERE](#) and sent out via email.

REGISTRATION

Registration for the competition will be held up the stairs as you come into the venue. We will be operating a one-way system to try and help the flow of people through the centre at this busy time. Please make sure you register as a competitor during the registration period. Parents of 16 and under competitors are required to register their children.

All volunteers who previously indicated their availability should also register at the same desk and at the same times.

FORMAT FOR THE COMPETITION

- The boulder competition is a scramble format.
- Each category will have x8 boulder problems to climb, and x5 attempts at these problems.
- The boulder problems will be set throughout the climbing centre and will be indicated on the score card. All problems will be numbered and there will be a layout plan made available.
- Competitors will have **2.5 hours** in which to try to climb the boulder problems.
- Each problem has a Judge who you will hand your score card to before each attempt.
- Each problem will be of a single colour. Pay attention to the judge's instructions regarding 'out of bound' areas. Note the starting hand and foot holds, the Zone Holds and the Final Hold.

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- Each boulder will give you a possible score out of 25. There will be x2 zone holds. A top of a boulder could give you up to 25 points, the second zone up to 10 points and the first zone up to 5 points. Each attempt at the boulder will result in 0.1 points being taken off the score you end up with. For more information check out the guidance documents [HERE](#).

As competitors complete their boulders their final category placing will be posted on the [ClimbScotland On-line Results](#) service page.

All entrants are responsible for providing their own climbing equipment, i.e. rock shoes, chalk bag and helmet (if they feel it is required). Suitable clothing for competing is clothing that will not impede your climbing (e.g. very baggy trousers may catch on holds).

IMPORTANT NOTE: Climbing is not permitted out with the competition programme. If you are spectating, please ensure that you or any children you are supervising are not climbing in the venue.

PARENT/GUARDIANS AND COMPETITORS

Parents/guardians not volunteering or spectating should stay close to the venue in the event that they are needed. Please make sure your child has the ability to contact you - either via a mobile with your contact number and/or a note of your contact details.

If a competitor wishes and/or needs to leave early, they must sign out at the ClimbScotland registration desk and confirm they have a parent waiting to collect them.

SPECTATING

We welcome spectators to come along to the competition. However, we ask you to always be aware that competitors will need to move around the centre so be considerate of this. Please don't block the entrance doorways or access to fire exits.

There will be defined competition zones that will only be open to competitors, staff and volunteers. Please respect these boundaries as they ensure the smooth and safe running of the competition.

As space is limited, we would ask that only one adult accompanies each family, unless one of the parents is volunteering.

UNSPORTING BEHAVIOUR

We cannot (and do not wish to) prevent advice being given to competitors during a competition either from parents or coaches attending, or indeed other competitors. But to ensure fairness we operate the following rules, which are covered within the 'Disciplinary Rules' and will be dealt with by the Jury President.

- The Rules state that competitors are not allowed to climb at the venue during the setting period leading up to the competition. Setting for this event will run on Friday 13th September. If competitors are found to have climbed at The Ledge during that period, they may be suspended from the competition.
- Any form of coaching whilst a competitor is climbing is not allowed. Repeated offence may result in the competitor being suspended from the competition, and the coach / parent asked to leave.
- Coaching advice given to competitors whilst they are not climbing – is acceptable.
- We recognise that reassurance and encouragement given to competitors is healthy, but we are aware that at times this may appear to be coaching. Our competition officials will make decisions based on the spirit of the rules and fair play.

SCORING AND APPEALS

All those attending the competition are reminded that they cannot and should not approach the Category Judge about any disagreement over scoring. Category Judges will not be influenced by any 3rd party and will not alter their initial scoring prior to an appeal verdict.

- Photographs and videos will not be viewed as evidence of an appeal.
- Appeals about scoring can only be made to the Jury President.
- Any infringement of this appeals process will be dealt with by the Jury President according to the Disciplinary Procedures in the Rules which could lead to the disqualification of the competitor.
- Scores will be available to view on the live scoring system as soon as possible after Qualification ends. Competitors have 30mins thereafter to make appeals – please come to the ClimbScotland registration desk. There is a charge of £10, returned if the appeal is upheld.

CHILD PROTECTION

Parents are responsible for the general behaviour of their child(ren). The Volunteer CCOs are only responsible for the safety of the children during climbing. A parent can designate another responsible adult (or another attending parent) to accompany their child - this should be indicated on the application or to the Chief Coordinator on the day. A parent (or other designated responsible adult) **MUST** remain close to the event in case they are required.

Anyone wishing to take photographs (including Parents) **MUST** register their details at the start of the event. ClimbScotland and Mountaineering Scotland will often wish to use photographs and videos of the event in publications, social media and the websites. By attending the event you are consenting to this use. We will not pass on this consent to any 3rd Party. Any parent taking photos who is willing to allow their photos to be used by us should speak to a member of the ClimbScotland.

The event is run in accordance with the ClimbScotland Events Protocol and everyone attending the competition is expected to adhere to the ClimbScotland Code of Conduct. This contains details of ClimbScotland's child protection advice and information. This applies to all those at the event: competitors, parents, guardians, and volunteer officials. The Protocol and Code is available on the [ClimbScotland webpage](#).

The ClimbScotland Child protection Officer is Jamie Smith. If anyone has any concerns, please speak to a ClimbScotland official.

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