



# ClimbScotland Fun Climbing Competition

## 2025 REGULATIONS

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### 1. Overview of Competitions

- 1.1. An annual Series of competitions called The ClimbScotland Fun Climbing 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. U19, U17, U15, U13, U11
- 1.3. The annual Series will be a **top rope** only competition.
- 1.4. There will be two parts to the competition as follows:
  - 1.4.1. Part 1: A 'Qualifying Round' leading to,
  - 1.4.2. Part 2: A 'Grand Final'
- 1.5. Part 1 of the Competition shall be an 'Open Competition' with the following format:
  - 1.5.1. A 6 week period for all competitors to climb routes and be scored by their instructor / teacher / parent / group leader / coach.

- 1.5.2. This Qualifying Round for **ALL** categories will be top rope climbing categories.
- 1.6. Part 2 of the Competition for U19, U17, U15, U13, U11 shall involve the top 5 male and top 5 female competitors being invited to take part in the Grand Final.
- 1.6.1. Those invited to the Grand Final must compete in the same age category as they did in the qualifying round and will also **ALL** be 'top rope' climbing categories.
- 1.7. The competitions shall take place at the following locations:
- 1.7.1. Part 1 (Qualification Round):
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| <b>Aberdeen</b> – Transition Extreme;       | <b>Aberdeen</b> – Alford Climbing Wall; |
| <b>Fort William</b> – 3 Wise Monkeys;       | <b>Edinburgh</b> – Alien Rock;          |
| <b>Glasgow</b> – Glasgow Climbing Centre;   | <b>Kilmarnock</b> – Above Adventure;    |
| <b>Inverness</b> – The Ledge;               | <b>Ratho</b> – EICA;                    |
| <b>Perth</b> – Perth College Climbing Wall; | <b>Dundee</b> – Avertical World         |
| <b>Stirling</b> – The Peak Climbing Wall;   |   |

## 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 Scotland Development Squad or Scotland National Squad are not eligible to compete.
- 2.3. GB Squad/Team members are not eligible to compete.
- 2.4. Competitors can choose to compete as individuals, or they may choose to compete as part of a 'Team' on behalf of their school, their ClimbScotland affiliated climbing club or youth climbing wall squad/club, as a 'Team'.
- 2.5. Climbers should indicate which Team they wish their score to be allocated against.
- 2.6. There will be separate Individual Categories for male and female climbers, as well as age groups and climbing categories (as per 1.2.1).

## 3. Part 1: Qualification Round Climbing Period

- 3.1. Routes and registration for the competition will open on the 18th January 2025 and will close on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025.
- 3.2. Variations in the starting date may be necessary at some venues but 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 routes are temporarily not available for climbing.
- 3.5. Competitors must pay the normal host wall entry fee.

## 4. Part 1: Qualification Round Belayers and Supervision

- 4.1. Belayers will pay the normal host climbing wall entry fee.
- 4.2. The belayer will be a member of the centre or under supervision of the centres instructional team.
- 4.3. Different belayers are permitted for each attempt and for each route.
- 4.4. Climbers and belayers must comply with the operating procedures of the wall they attend.

## 5. Part 1: Qualification Round Climbers

- 5.1. 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.
- 5.2. Competitors are responsible for entering their scores online, following instructions which can be found at: [climbscotland.net/competitions/fun-climbing-competition](http://climbscotland.net/competitions/fun-climbing-competition)
- 5.3. Each climber is responsible for providing their harness, rope and any other personal equipment for their attempts, unless involved in an instructed session at the host venue.

## 6. Part 1: Qualification Round Routes

- 6.1. The qualification round will include the following grades (guide only):

Route Number	Grade
Route 1	F6a
Route 2	F6a+
Route 3	F6b
Route 4	F6b+
Route 5	F6c
Route 6	F6c+
Route 7	F7a

- 6.2. All routes will be top rope routes.
- 6.3. The same routes shall be used by male and female competitors in each category.
- 6.4. The age categories are:

Year of Event	Year of Birth									
	U11		U13		U15		U17		U19	
2025	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007

- 6.5. The following age category will include the following routes:

Age Category	Route No./Grade
U11	Routes: 1 (6a), 2 (6a+) 3 (6b), 4 (6b+)
U13	Routes: 1 (6a), 2 (6a+) 4 (6b+), 5 (6c)
U15	Routes: 1 (6a), 3 (6b), 5 (6c), 6 (6c+)
U17	Routes: 2 (6a+), 4 (6b+), 6 (6c+), 7 (7a)
U19	Routes: 3 (6b), 4 (6b+), 6 (6c+), 7 (7a)

- 6.6. Each route shall be indicated by a Route Card, which provides information and regulations specific to that route.
- 6.7. The side edges and top edges of the wall are out of bounds unless otherwise stated on the Route Card.
- 6.8. Quickdraws, bolt heads, hangers, chains and the lower-off's shall not be used as footholds or handholds on the route before the lower-off is clipped.

## **7. Part 1: Qualification Round Route Procedure**

- 7.1. All routes start from the ground.
- 7.2. An attempt by a climber shall be deemed to have started when both feet have left the ground.
- 7.3. A climber cannot accrue points on a route once he or she has practiced that route prior to competing.
- 7.4. In the event of an unsuccessful attempt, the climber shall immediately return to the ground.
- 7.5. Climbers shall be allowed 3 attempts at each route and the highest score from these 3 attempts will be used as their score for that route.
- 7.6. A climber shall be deemed to have successfully completed a climb if he/she holds the final hold in a controlled manner with two hands.
- 7.7. Once a competitor has weighted the rope the score will be taken from the last controlled contact with the wall.
- 7.8. A climber shall be deemed to have unsuccessfully completed an attempt on a climb if he/she:
  - 7.8.1. Touches any part of the wall surface beyond the marked boundaries of the climb;
  - 7.8.2. Makes illegitimate use of any non-legitimate hold or the side-edges or top-edges of the wall;
  - 7.8.3. Once having started, touches the ground with any part of the body;
  - 7.8.4. Uses any artificial aid.
- 7.9. Score cards will be the responsibility of the climber. They must keep it safe. When the scorecard has been completed, they must register the score online. Details of how to do this can be found at [climbScotland.net/competitions/fun-climbing-competition](http://climbScotland.net/competitions/fun-climbing-competition)
  - 7.9.1. At the end of the competition climbers (or their responsible adult) MUST retain their scorecard in case there are any queries regarding scores. Do NOT hand it in to the climbing centre, nor send it to ClimbScotland.

## **8. Eligibility for Part 2: The Grand Final**

- 8.1. 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.
- 8.2. Only those scores registered online before the closing date, will be considered for inclusion in selection for Part2: the Grand Final.
- 8.3. The Grand Final quota will be the top 5 male and top 5 female competitors from U19, U17, U15, U13, and U11 Categories.
- 8.4. In the event of a tie in a category more than 5 climbers can be selected.
- 8.5. Those climbers selected to attend the Grand Final will be notified by email and invited to book their place through the on-line events process.
- 8.6. 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.
- 8.7. 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.

## 9. Part 2: The Grand Final Route Procedure

- 9.1. The Grand Final will comprise of three (3) top rope routes per category to establish the overall winners
- 9.2. If there is a draw between the top 3 competitors after the Final there will be:
  - 9.2.1. A Super-final.
  - 9.2.2. If there is a super final for 2<sup>nd</sup> position, the scores accumulated will not surpass those of the first placed competitor.
- 9.3. Draws will only be split after completion of all routes relevant to that round.
- 9.4. Each route shall be indicated by a Route Card, which provides information and regulations specific to that route.
- 9.5. All routes start from the ground.
- 9.6. An attempt by a climber shall be deemed to have started when both feet have left the ground.
- 9.7. A climber cannot accrue points on a route once he or she has practiced that route.
- 9.8. In the event of an unsuccessful attempt, the climber shall immediately return to the ground.
- 9.9. Climbers shall be allowed 1 attempt at each route.
- 9.10. The side edges and top edges of the wall are out of bounds unless otherwise stated on the Route Card.
- 9.11. Quickdraw's, bolt heads, hangers, chains and the lower-off shall not be used as footholds or handholds on the route.
- 9.12. Once a competitor has weighted the rope the score will be taken from last controlled contact with the wall.
- 9.13. A climber shall be deemed to have successfully completed a climb if he/she holds the final hold in a controlled manner with two hands.
- 9.14. A climber shall be deemed to have unsuccessfully completed an attempt on a climb if he/she:
  - 9.14.1. Touches any part of the wall surface beyond the marked boundaries of the climb;
  - 9.14.2. Makes illegitimate use of any non-legitimate hold or the side-edges or top-edges of the wall;
  - 9.14.3. Once having started, touches the ground with any part of the body;
  - 9.14.4. Uses any artificial aid.

## 10. Competition Technical Incidents

- 10.1. A technical incident is defined as:
  - 10.1.1. A tight rope which either assists or hinders a climber;
  - 10.1.2. A broken or loose hold;
  - 10.1.3. An improperly positioned quickdraw or karabiner;
  - 10.1.4. 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;
- 10.2. The belayer must leave an appropriate amount of slack in the rope at all times. Any tension on the rope may be deemed as an artificial aid or hindrance to the climber and a technical incident may result.
- 10.3. Only the belayer, supervisor or climber may declare a technical incident.
- 10.4. During Part 1: the Qualifying Round, declaration of a technical incident shall be resolved through discussion between the belayer, supervisor and climber.

- 10.4.1. During Part 2: the Grand Final, declaration of a technical incident shall be resolved through discussion between the belayer, Chief Judge and climber and if necessary, the route setter.
- 10.5. Following the declaration of a technical incident, resolution can take one of the following forms:
  - 10.5.1. The climber's attempt is deemed void and the climber can make the attempt again, starting from the ground.
  - 10.5.2. The declaration of a technical incident is deemed void and the climber's attempt is considered valid.

## **11. Competition Belaying and Security**

- 11.1. All competition routes shall be climbed with the competitor belayed from below.
- 11.2. At the start of each attempt on a competition climb:
  - 11.2.1. Each competitor shall be equipped with rock shoes and harness.
  - 11.2.2. The climbing rope shall be tied to each competitor's climbing harness using a figure of eight knot and a stopper knot.
- 11.3. Before the competitor begins their attempt on a route, the belayer shall check that the rope is secured to the competitor's harness in accordance with the above, and that the harness is properly fastened;
- 11.4. The belayer must at all times during a competitor's attempt on a route pay careful attention to the progress of the competitor to ensure:
  - 11.4.1. That the competitor's movements are not assisted or hindered in any way by the rope being too tight;
  - 11.4.2. That all falls are stopped in a dynamic and safe manner; (see "ClimbScotland Advice for Belaying at Climbing Competitions")
  - 11.4.3. That no excessive falls shall be experienced by the competitor being belayed;
  - 11.4.4. That great care is taken to ensure that in stopping a fall a competitor shall not be exposed to injury caused by the edge of an overlapping section or any other feature of the climbing wall.
- 11.5. On successfully completing a route or in having stopped a fall, the competitor shall be lowered to the ground.

## **12. Height Measurements and Results**

- 12.1. During Part 1: the Qualification Round, the group leader or in house instructional team shall arrange a judge specifically responsible for providing a height measurement and results. The results must be registered online at the end of the competition.
- 12.2. A results service for the Qualification Round will be provided at: [climbscotland.net/competitions/fun-climbing-competition](http://climbscotland.net/competitions/fun-climbing-competition)
- 12.3. The route setters will provide route maps.
- 12.4. Routes: The final hold on each route shall be assigned a point value of 99. On routes to be top-roped, matching the final hold with both hands scores 100. Each successive hold beneath the top shall be assigned two points fewer (i.e. 99, 97, 95, etc.).
- 12.5. No hold shall be assigned a value less than zero.
- 12.6. In the event of a fall or the Category Judge instructing a competitor to stop climbing, the highest handhold held (or in the case of a traverse or roof section of a climb, the furthest handhold held), in the line and in the climbing sequence of the climb as determined by the forerunner, shall be measured. Each handhold shall be deemed as such by the forerunner before the start of the competition or following positive use by a competitor during the competition.

- 12.7. As determined by the Category Judge:
- 12.7.1. A climber having 'held' a hold shall be awarded the point value of the hold;
  - 12.7.2. A climber having 'held' a hold and having made a climbing movement in the interest of progressing along the climb shall be awarded the point value of the hold plus one point.
- 12.8. If a competitor touches a point devoid of holds, this shall not affect the assessment of the number of points achieved by the competitor.
- 12.9. Scores will be determined by adding the individual routes scores together.
- 12.9.1. Competitors will be ranked based on highest score to lowest.
  - 12.9.2. The highest score will be deemed the winner.
  - 12.9.3. If there is a super final for 2<sup>nd</sup> position, these scores will not surpass those of the first placed competitor (as per 9.2.3).

### **13.Competition Appeals**

- 13.1. Procedure
- 13.1.1. All oral and written appeals and official responses shall be made in English.
  - 13.1.2. 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.
  - 13.1.3. 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 Chief Judge by the competitor no later than 30 minutes after the ruling.
  - 13.1.4. 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 Chief Judge by the competitor.
  - 13.1.5. The decision of the Chief Judge in respect of these regulations shall be final and not subject to further appeal.

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

- 14.1. Medals will be presented to the winners in all categories in the Grand Final.
- 14.2. There will be trophies presented for the following competing Teams:
  - 14.2.1. The ClimbScotland 'School Team' Trophy (for a primary or secondary school)
  - 14.2.2. The 'ClimbScotland Club' Trophy (for a junior club affiliated to ClimbScotland)
  - 14.2.3. The ClimbScotland 'Climbing Wall Squad' Trophy (for a climbing wall squad or club)
- 14.3. Teams are defined as members of the same section (or group), as defined in 14.2. The number of members varies as determined by the usual membership of that section.
- 14.4. Scores are based on a combined ranking score from the Qualifiers and the Grand Final for all those competing for a Team.
- 14.5. Prizes may be presented to the podium winners.

### **15.Wall Maintenance**

- 15.1. 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.

- 15.2. 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.

## 16. Medical Facilities

- 16.1. At the Grand Final 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.
- 16.2. It is the competitors' responsibility to ensure they have warmed up adequately to take part in the competition.
- 16.3. Each competitor will have completed a consent form detailing and pre-existing medical conditions which could affect them whilst competing.

## 17. Photographers and Television Camera Crews

- 17.1. 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:
- 17.1.1. Photographers obtain authorisation from the event coordinator and sign the register of photographers;
- 17.1.2. They do not distract or interfere with a competitor during their preparation for, or their attempt on, a climb;
- 17.1.3. They do not distract or interfere with any belayer and her/his assistant;
- 17.1.4. That any mechanical equipment used to support camera crews and equipment does not interfere with the competitors and/or belayers. 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.
- 17.1.5. That all camera crew personnel obey immediately any instruction given to them by centre staff;
- 17.2. Photographers and television camera crews will not be permitted to operate off the ground.
- 17.3. 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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