

Scottish Youth Boulder Championship

Information Pack

Eden Rock – Edinburgh

27th April 2024

THE COMPETITION

The ClimbScotland Youth Bouldering Championships is Scotland's National Competition for young climbers organised by Mountaineering Scotland. It is an OPEN COMPETITION for any young climber of eligible age from the UK and beyond. The competition involves boulder problems only. The SYBC scores and ranking will identify both the competition winners and the 'Scottish Youth Bouldering Champions'.

The SYBC is also the 2nd round (and final round) in this year's 4-Nation Bouldering Series in association with MI and the BMC. As a result, a series winners will also be identified.

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 SYBC competition page – [HERE](#).

Prior booking a place on the event can only be done through the ClimbScotland / Mountaineering Scotland 'Member's Portal'. Entries WILL NOT be accepted on the day of the event. Booking Conditions apply regarding cancellations & refunds (available on the portal).

IMPORTANT NOTE: Climbing is not permitted out with the competition programme. If you are spectating for the finals with your children, please ensure that they are supervised at all times and are not climbing in the venue.

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** – Scott Forsyth
- **Chief Judge** – Sophie Bosi

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.

Any parents willing to volunteer as judges can make this known to ClimbScotland prior to the event at info@climbScotland.net or at registration.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

EVENT SCHEDULE

Please find the proposed schedules for the day below. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** due to the number of competitors we have at the event this year, and the capacity limits of the venue, we have had to split the qualifier round times by category. This means there will be different registration times and start/finish times for this round depending on which category you are in.

We have done this to try to ensure as many people as possible get their chance to compete. We would really appreciate your understanding and cooperation around the additional waiting times this implies and the restriction on access to the venue.

To help the day run we please ask that:

- You pay close attention to what the timings are for your category.
- You do not come into the venue prior to your category's registration time.
- If you are in Youth D, Youth B or Junior – that following the end of your qualification round you vacate the venue to allow for the next round to take place. Results will be posted via our online results service – [HERE](#) – and this will allow you to see if you are eligible to come back to compete in the final round. Isolation opens at 15:00.
- If you need to make an appeal, you may return to the venue but **MUST** visit the registration desk to do so.
- If you have not made the final but would like to come and spectate or volunteer, then you are welcome to return to the venue at the start of the isolation period - 15:00.




**YOUTH D, YOUTH B & JUNIOR
SCHEDULE - 27TH APRIL**

07:30-08:00	REGISTRATION
08:00-08:15	VOLUNTEER BRIEFING
08:15-08:30	COMPETITOR BRIEFING
08:30-11:00	QUALIFIER ROUND FOR YOUTH D, B & JUNIOR
	APPEALS WINDOW - 15MIN AFTER RESULTS PUBLICATION
15:00	ISOLATION OPENS - FOR ALL
16:00	ISOLATION CLOSES - FOR ALL
16:00-18:30	FINALS ROUND - FOR ALL
18:40	PRESENTATIONS





**YOUTH C & YOUTH A
SCHEDULE - 27TH APRIL**

10:30-11:00	REGISTRATION
11:00-11:15	VOLUNTEER BRIEFING
11:15-11:30	COMPETITOR BRIEFING
11:30-14:00	QUALIFIER ROUND FOR YOUTH C & A
	APPEALS WINDOW - 15MIN AFTER RESULTS PUBLICATION
15:00	ISOLATION OPENS - FOR ALL
16:00	ISOLATION CLOSES - FOR ALL
16:00-18:30	FINALS ROUND - FOR ALL
18:40	PRESENTATIONS



REGISTRATION

Registration times will vary depending on your category (see the schedule above). Please do not come into the venue before your registration time.

Registration will be held downstairs in the lower café area.

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

FORMAT FOR THE COMPETITION

QUALIFIERS

- The qualifying round will be 2.5 hours.
- There will be 8 problems to complete, with 5 attempts for each problem.
- Category problems will be numbered and there will be a layout plan available.

FINALS

- The top 6 climbers in each category will compete in a final round of 4 problems.
- These will be climbed from Isolation.
- Competitor categories will be brought out to their problems in mixed groups and will finish their problems at staggered times. As each category completes their 4 problems their final category placing will be posted on the [ClimbScotland On-line Results](#) service page.
- Once your category has finished you cannot return to isolation nor climb anywhere else in the venue. You can spectate for the remaining finals period, have access to the venue reception or exit the venue.

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).

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

Due to the split in qualification round times there will be more space than in previous years for spectators. However, this space will still be limited so we ask that any accompanying spectators are only in the venue during the appropriate qualification round. We also still ask – where possible – that only one adult per family be brought into the venue (unless another adult is volunteering as a judge). Any competitors requiring direct family supervision in the competition should contact Mountaineering Scotland before the competition day to make arrangements.

Everyone can attend the Final Round to spectate and cheer on the finalists. The final is being held on the competition wall in the main (North) unit.

UNSPORTING BEHAVIOUR

We cannot (and do not wish to) prevent advice being given to competitors during a competition either from parents or coaches attending as volunteers, 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 runs from Tuesday 26 April to Friday 29 April. If competitors are found to have climbed at Eden Rock 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 - between attempts on problems – 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 15mins thereafter to make appeals – please come to the ClimbScotland registration desk. There is a charge of £35, 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.

FOOD, DRINK AND LITTER

The day will be very busy and although you can eat and drink in the appropriate seating areas, NO FOOD or DRINKS are allowed on the matting at any time. There will be rubbish bins available, please ensure you dispose of ALL rubbish in appropriate bins.

CHANGES TO OUR TRANSGENDER INCLUSION POLICY

Mountaineering Scotland have adopted a temporary policy for the 2024 National Cup Series Competitions to align with the policy in place at Mountaineering Ireland and their round of the national series. Moving forward, Mountaineering Scotland will be reviewing their current Trans Inclusion Policy, part of which will include consultation and input from key partners and the community. If you have any queries or questions in relation to the temporary policy, please feel free to get in touch with us.

The full policy document can be found via the SYBC webpage – [HERE](#).

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THE VENUE

Eden Rock Edinburgh is located just off the Straiton junction of the Edinburgh City Bypass at:

- Edgefield Road Industrial Estate, Edinburgh, EH20 9TB
- Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/jzigdqYZMyDwrdoU6>

Please see below for more detailed directions.

Parking

There is plenty of on-street parking at the front of the building and in the surrounding area. Please Park considerately to our neighbours, not blocking any gates etc. Staff will be on hand to assist if this is the case. Eden Rock will not be held responsible for any loss, damage, or theft to personal transport.

Food and Drink

Eden Rock cafe will be open to serve coffees, cold drinks, and snacks (bars/crisps etc.). all day but will not serve prepared or hot food. A pizza food truck will be on-site and available for service from lunchtime.

The wall is also a two-minute drive from Straiton Retail Park, which has a large Sainsbury's superstore and various other cafes and restaurants.

Travel Information

By Car

Travelling from any direction, aim for the Edinburgh City Bypass, and exit at the Straiton Junction and follow signs for the B702 to Loanhead. Turn left at the McDonalds roundabout, onto Edgefield Relief Road. Go straight on at the next roundabout and take the first road on the right at the food van. Eden Rock is 50m up on the right hand side.

By Bus

The Lothian Buses number 37 bus <https://lothianbuses.co.uk/timetables-and-maps/timetables/37> runs every 15 minutes throughout the day from the city centre. Get off at the Edgefield Road stop, and walk along Edgefield road. Turn left onto Edgefield Relief Road, and then take the first road on your left. Eden Rock will be 50m down, on your right hand side.

Accommodation

There are many options for hotels around Edinburgh for a range of budgets.

For more information, or if you're lost, please give Eden Rock Edinburgh a call on 0131 285 6044.

