

## Youth Climbing Series – Round 4 (Roped)

### Information Pack

Above Adventure – Kilmarnock

2<sup>nd</sup> November 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 second and fourth round of the series, which are roped rounds.

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** – Neil Ross
- **Chief Judge** – Sophie Bosi

For the YCS a Category Judge will be allocated to each route 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](http://www.climbscotland.net)
- [info@climbscotland.net](mailto: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 in the room accessible via a side entrance to the centre, as indicated in the venue information. Not the main entrance of the centre. 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

- Each competitor shall attempt four (4) non-identical routes in a flash format.
- Competitors will have one (1) attempt on each route.
- Routes will not be demonstrated.
- Each route will be a single colour.
- Climbers must pay attention to any instructions regarding 'out of bounds' areas on the climb.
- Points will be awarded according to how far up a route a climber has gone, with a maximum score of 50 points per route.
- Competitors will be divided into their categories.
  - o Youth E and Youth D will Top Rope.
  - o Youth C, Youth B and Youth A will Lead Climb.
- Once each member of a category has completed their turn on a route, the category will be moved to their next available route, until they have finished all 4 routes.
- If more than one category is using the same route, there may be delays, so climbers should ensure they have warm clothing to wear during these periods.

### NEW FOR THIS YEAR

- Each route will give you a possible score out of 50. This number will decrease with every descending hand hold. A 0.1 will be awarded where a hold has been "used". For more information check out the guidance documents [HERE](#).

As competitors complete their routes 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 you 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**

**This year we have had a lot more competitors than in the past years. This coupled with the limited space at Above Adventure means we would ask that only one adult accompanies each competitor, unless one of the parents is volunteering.**

We ask you to always be aware that competitors will need to move around the centre so be considerate of this. 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.

There will be designated areas in the arena for spectators. Please don't block the entrance doorway as access will be required throughout the event

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> November. If competitors are found to have climbed at Above Adventure 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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