

Scottish Boulder Championships

Competitors' Information Pack

Edinburgh International Climbing Arena, Ratho

26th & 27th April 2025

THE COMPETITION

The ClimbScotland Scottish Boulder Championships is Scotland's National Competition for climbers, organised by Mountaineering Scotland. It is an OPEN COMPETITION for any climber of eligible age from the UK and beyond. The competition involves boulder problems only. The SBC scores and ranking will identify both the competition winners and the "Scottish Boulder Champions": those who are resident in Scotland at the time of competing.

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 SBC competition page – [HERE](#).

EVENT STAFF

There will be several ClimbScotland Competition Co-ordinators (CCOs) 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

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

Any individuals willing to volunteer as judges can make this known to ClimbScotland prior to the event at info@climbScotland.net or on the booking page.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Please register at the registration desk prior to entering the arena, warm up areas or isolation areas.

Finalised Schedule

Saturday 26th April:

- 11:00 Registration opens
- 12:00-14:30 U19 & Senior Qualification
- 14:30-15:00 Appeals Window
- 16:00 Isolation begins
- 16:30-18:30 U19 & Senior Observation and Finals

Please note that there will be **no** Senior & U19 Semi-final, as was previously planned.

Sunday 27th April:

- 07:30 Registration opens
- 09:00-11:30 Qualifiers: Female U13, U15, U17
- 11:30-14:00 Qualifiers: Male U13, U15, U17
- 14:00-14:30 Appeals Window, Isolation begins
- 14:30-16:00 Observation and Finals: Female U13, U15, U17
- 16:10-17:40 Observation and Finals: Male U13, U15, U17

REGISTRATION

Registration will be held downstairs in the lower café area. All volunteers who previously indicated their availability should register at this same desk and at the same times.

FORMAT FOR THE COMPETITION

QUALIFIERS

- The qualifying rounds 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.
 - Competitors will be brought out to their problems in 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 Online Results](#) service page.
 - Once your category has finished you cannot return to isolation. You can spectate for the remaining finals period, have access to the venue reception or exit the venue.
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All entrants are responsible for providing their own climbing equipment, i.e. rock shoes, chalk bag. 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 if under 18, be collected by a parent or carer.

SPECTATORS

Spectators must come to the registration desk in the downstairs café area. You will be given a wristband which allows you access to the arena for spectating purposes only, no climbing will be permitted.

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 22 April to Friday 25 April. If competitors are found to have climbed at EICA 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.
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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. 30-minute Appeals Windows have been scheduled as above. Competitors must make any appeals within the window allocated in the schedule – 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.

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.

THE VENUE

EICA Ratho is located west of the City Bypass and just off junction 1 of the M9 at:

- South Platt Hill, Ratho, Newbridge EH28 8AA
- Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/UvUFPjLUXcmmDtAk9>

Parking

There is plenty of car parking and overflow space at the front of the building and in the surrounding area. Vehicle registration plates must be registered at EICA registration desk to [validate free parking](#).

Please park considerately to our neighbours, not blocking any gates etc. EICA Ratho will not be held responsible for any loss, damage, or theft to personal transport.

Food and Drink

The on-site cafe will be open to serve coffees, cold drinks, snacks, sandwiches etc. all day as availability allows.

The day is expected to be 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.
