

ClimbScotland

Fun Boulder Competition

2025 REGULATIONS

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1. Overview of Competitions

- 1.1. An annual Series of competitions called The ClimbScotland Fun Boulder 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. There will be two parts to the competition as follows:
 - 1.3.1. Part 1: A 'Qualifying Round' leading to,
 - 1.3.2. Part 2: A 'Grand Final'
- 1.4. Part 1 of the Competition shall be an 'Open Competition' with the following format:
 - 1.4.1. A 6 week period for all competitors to climb problems and be scored by their instructor / teacher / parent / group leader / coach.

- 1.4.2. The qualifying round will entail climbing up to, and not exceeding, eight boulder problems.
- 1.5. 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.
 - 1.5.1. Those invited to the Grand Final must compete in the same age category as they did in the qualifying round.
- 1.6. The competitions shall take place at the following locations:
 - 1.6.1. Part 1 (Qualification Round):
 - Aberdeen** – Transition Extreme
 - Fort William** – 3 Wise Monkeys
 - Kilmarnock** – Above Adventure
 - Inverness** – The Ledge
 - Edinburgh** – Alien Bloc
 - Dundee** – Block10
 - Orkney** – Pickaquoy Centre

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. The competitors can choose to compete in the following categories:
 - 2.4.1. As individuals and,
 - 2.4.2. As part of the following 'Teams':
 - 2.4.2.1. School Climbing Club (primary & secondary)
 - 2.4.2.2. Climbing Wall Youth Climbing Squad
 - 2.4.2.3. ClimbScotland Youth Clubs
- 2.5. Climbers should indicate which Team they wish their score to be allocated against.
- 2.6. Any team must have a minimum of three (3) members to have their scores counted towards the points ranking.
- 2.7. There will be separate Individual categories for male and female climbers.

3. Part 1: Qualification Round Climbing Period

- 3.1. Routes and registration for the competition will open on the 14th June 2025 and will close on the 19th July 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 problems are temporarily not available for climbing.

4. Part 1: Qualification Round Climbers

- 4.1. Entry to the Qualifying Round of the competition is free, but climbers will pay the normal host wall entry fee. Entry may be part of an instructional session at the host venue.
- 4.2. Competitors are responsible for entering their scores online, following instructions which can be found at: climbscotland.net/competitions/fun-boulder-competition
- 4.3. Each climber is responsible for providing their shoes and any other personal equipment for their attempts.

5. Part 1: Qualification Round Boulder Problems

- 5.1. 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 |

- 5.2. Each climber shall attempt 8 problems. Each age category will include the following boulders:

| Your age category (please circle) | Your 8 boulder problems are (grade): | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th | 5 th | 6 th | 7 th | 8 th |
| U11 (born in 2015 or 2016) | 1 (3+) | 2 (4+) | 3 (5+) | 4 (6A) | 5 (6A+) | 6 (6B) | 8 (6B+) | 10 (6C) |
| U13 (born in 2013 or 2014) | 2 (4+) | 3 (5+) | 4 (6A) | 5 (6A+) | 8 (6B+) | 9 (6B+) | 10 (6C) | 12 (6C+) |
| U15 (born in 2011 or 2012) | 2 (4+) | 3 (5+) | 4 (6A) | 5 (6A+) | 8 (6B+) | 10 (6C) | 11 (6C) | 14 (7A) |
| U17 (born in 2009 or 2010) | 2 (4+) | 4 (6A) | 6 (6B) | 7 (6B) | 11 (6C) | 13 (6C+) | 14 (7A) | 15 (7A+) |
| U19 (born in 2007 or 2008) | 2 (4+) | 4 (6A) | 7 (6B) | 9 (6B+) | 11 (6C) | 13 (6C+) | 14 (7A) | 15 (7A+) |

- 5.3. Each problem shall be indicated by a Boulder Problem Tag, which provides information and regulations specific to that problem.
- 5.4. The side edges and top edges of the wall are out of bounds unless otherwise stated on the Boulder Problem Tag.

6. Part 1: Qualification Round Procedure

- 6.1. A climber cannot accrue points on a boulder problem once he or she has practiced that problem prior to competing.
- 6.2. The coloured markers should be consistent across all boulder problem as follows:

- 6.2.1. Each boulder problem shall be indicated by a 'Boulder Problem Tag', which provides the problem number. This Tag can also indicate a start hold when two start holds are used (6.4).
- 6.2.2. Each boulder problem shall have one or two starting hand holds. These will be indicated by a 'Start Tag' alongside the 'Problem Tag' (for one starting hold) or by a 'Start Tag' on one hold and the 'Problem Tag' on another (for two starting holds).
- 6.2.3. Any available foot holds of the same hold colour as the rest of the problem can be used to start.
- 6.2.4. Each boulder problem shall have a clearly marked 'Zone Tag'. The positioning of this hold should aid the separation of competitors.
- 6.2.5. Each boulder problem shall have a designated single finishing hold marked by an 'Top Tag'. There should not be any problems that finish by standing at the top of a top-out boulder. The finishing holds should not be difficult to hold.
- 6.3. The side edges and top edges of the wall are out of bounds.
- 6.4. Climbers shall be allowed 5 attempts at each boulder problem.
- 6.5. An attempt by a climber shall be deemed to have started when all points of the competitors body / limbs have left the ground.
- 6.6. An attempt on a boulder problem shall be considered successful when the marked finishing hold is held in control with both hands.

7. Judging

- 7.1. During Part 1: the Qualification Round, a supervising adult will act as a judge. A parent/guardian or other adult may act as the judge. If the competitor is attending as part of a group, the group leader or in house instructional team at the hosting climbing wall shall arrange a judge specifically responsible for providing a score as a judge.
- 7.2. The host climbing wall of the Qualifying Round shall supply ClimbScotland Scorecards to the Supervising Judges.
- 7.3. The assigned Supervising Judge shall register the scores online at the end of the competition.
- 7.4. Supervising Judges shall record the scores of competitors anytime during the Qualification Round and before the deadline date. Scores cannot be accepted after the deadline. Supervising Judges shall retain the score cards in case of appeals.
- 7.5. During Part 2: The Grand Final, if this is organised ClimbScotland shall manage the event and assign volunteer Category Judges to each boulder.

8. Scoring

- 8.1. For the purposes of scoring (both in Part 1 and Part 2), an attempt will be counted as such each time the competitor:
 - 8.1.1. Starts the boulder using the designated start holds;
 - 8.1.2. Moves every part of their body off the ground;
- 8.2. A climber shall be deemed to have successfully completed a boulder problem if they hold the final hold in a controlled manner with two hands.

- 8.3. A climber shall be deemed to have unsuccessfully completed an attempt on a climb if they:
 - 8.3.1. Make illegitimate use of any non-legitimate hold or the side-edges or top-edges of the wall;
 - 8.3.2. Once having started, touches the ground with any part of the body;
- 8.4. For each competitor attempting a boulder, the allocated judge will score:
 - 8.4.1. The number of attempts required by that competitor to gain a zone hold;
 - 8.4.2. The number of attempts required by that competitor to successfully complete the boulder problem;
- 8.5. The competitors shall be ranked by ClimbScotland according to the following criteria:
 - 8.5.1. First, in descending order, the number of successfully completed boulder problem ("Tops")
 - 8.5.2. Second, in descending order, the total number of zone points gained by the competitor;
 - 8.5.3. Third, in ascending order, the total number of attempts to complete the boulder problem;
 - 8.5.4. Fourth, in ascending order, the total number of attempts to achieve the zone points.
 - 8.5.5. 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.
 - 8.5.6. 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.
 - 8.5.7. The decision of the Chief Judge in respect of these regulations shall be final and not subject to further appeal.

9. Eligibility for Part 2: The Grand Final

- 9.1. 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.
- 9.2. Only those scores registered online before the closing date, will be considered for inclusion in selection for Part 2: The Grand Final.
- 9.3. The Grand Final quota will be the top 5 male and top 5 female competitors from the U19, U17, U15, U13, and U11 Categories.
- 9.4. In the event of a tie in a category more than 5 climbers can be selected.
- 9.5. Those climbers selected to attend the Grand Final will be notified by email and invited to book their place through the Mountaineering Scotland online Members Portal – events booking process.

- 9.6. 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.
- 9.7. 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

10. Part 2: The Grand Final Procedure

- 10.1. Eligible competitors shall be invited to Part 2: The Grand Final to be hosted by a suitable indoor climbing venue and organised by ClimbScotland.
- 10.2. ClimbScotland shall supply a setting team for all the Grand Final boulder problems. ClimbScotland shall organise Marshalls and shall invite volunteers to act as Category Judges. The event will be governed by a ClimbScotland Jury President.
- 10.3. Each category will have 8 problems to climb in a scramble format to establish the overall winners.
- 10.4. There shall be the same number of attempts on each boulder problem (5) as in Part 1: The Qualifying Round.
- 10.5. There shall be a time limit of 3 hours.
- 10.6. Each boulder problem shall be indicated by a Problems Card, which provides information and regulations specific to that boulder problem.
- 10.7. If there is a draw after the Final, there will be:
- 10.7.1. A countback to the qualifying-Round.
- 10.7.2. If there is still a tie after countback, a Super-final.
- 10.8. For the purpose of judging and scoring, the climbing procedures are identical to The Qualifying Round.
- 10.9. ClimbScotland reserves the right not to hold a Grand Final. In these circumstances, the scores from Part 1: The Qualifying Round, will be used to identify podium places and competitors notified accordingly. Any ties for positions will stand.

11. Competition Technical Incidents

- 11.1. A technical incident is defined as:
 - 11.1.1. A broken or loose hold;
 - 11.1.2. 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;
- 11.2. During Part 1: Only the Supervising Judge or climber may declare a technical incident.
- 11.3. During Part 1: the Qualifying Round, declaration of a technical incident shall be resolved through discussion between the Supervising Judge and climber.
- 11.4. During Part 2: the Grand Final, declaration of a technical incident shall be resolved through discussion between the Jury President, Category Judge and climber and if necessary, the problems setter.
- 11.5. Following the declaration of a technical incident, resolution can take one of the following forms:
- 11.6. The climber's attempt is deemed void and the climber can make the attempt again, starting from the ground.
- 11.7. The declaration of a technical incident is deemed void and the climber's attempt is considered valid.

12. Competition Appeals

- 12.1. Procedure
 - 12.1.1. All oral and written appeals and official responses shall be made in English.
 - 12.1.2. 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 Competitions Officer at the address below.
- 12.2. 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 Jury President by the competitor no later than 30 minutes after the ruling.
- 12.3. 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 Jury President by the competitor.

- 12.4. The decision of the Jury President in respect of these regulations shall be final and not subject to further appeal.

13. Trophies, Medals and Prizes

- 13.1. Medals will be presented to the top 3 winners in all categories in a Grand Final.
- 13.2. There will be recognition for the following competing Teams:
- 13.2.1. The ClimbScotland 'School Team' (for a primary or secondary school)
 - 13.2.2. The ClimbScotland 'Club' (for a junior club affiliated to ClimbScotland)
 - 13.2.3. The ClimbScotland 'Climbing Wall Squad' (for a climbing wall club or squad)
- 13.3. Teams are defined as members of the same section (or group), as defined in 13.2. The number of members varies as determined by the usual membership of that section.
- 13.4. Scores are based on a combined ranking score.

14. Wall Maintenance

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. 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.

15. Medical Facilities

- 15.1. 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.
- 15.2. It is the competitors' responsibility to ensure they have warmed up adequately to take part in the competition.
- 15.3. Each competitor will have completed a consent form detailing and pre-existing medical conditions which could affect them whilst competing.

16. Photographers and Television Camera Crews

- 16.1. 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:
- 16.2. Photographers obtain authorisation from the event coordinator and sign the register of photographers;
- 16.3. They do not distract or interfere with a competitor during their preparation for, or their attempt on, a climb;
- 16.4. They do not distract or interfere with any belayer and her/his assistant;
- 16.5. 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.
 - 16.5.1. That all camera crew personnel obey immediately any instruction given to them by centre staff;
- 16.6. Photographers and television camera crews will not be permitted to operate off the ground.
- 16.7. Consent for photographs to be taken is agreed on the consent form completed by a parent of guardian for each competitor when booking.