



Competition Policy

Chief Route Setter – Job Description

The Chief Route Setter has overall responsibility for the design of competition routes. As such Chief Route Setter will ensure all routes are safe and serve the right purpose (accessibility, selection and show for the public).

1 Before Route Setting

- Plans and presides over all meetings of Route Setters
- Visit the facility running the event or if impossible consult facility map and pictures (not ideal)
- Consult with event organiser and Jury President to elaborate a timetable and an appropriate route setting plan
- Determine (with the event organizer) a roaster and plan for the stripping of the walls
- Determine a roaster and plan for the stripping of the walls, brief route setters accordingly
- Determine a roaster and plan for the setting of the routes, brief route setters accordingly
- Ensure all equipment and holds will be ready for the beginning of route setting

2 Route Setting

- Is responsible for the safety of all route setters and patrons interacting with the route setting area
- Coordinate the route setting team and all associated tasks
- Inspects each route with regard to safety aspects
- Inspects each route with regard to the purpose of the route (See Route Setting Purpose for Competition)
- Inspects each route with regard to the general path and hold numbering



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3 Before the Competition

- **Ensure all routes are fully completed (safety, purpose, holds tight, backup screws when possible, chalk on holds, ropes installed through quickdraws)**
- Ensure route maps are numbered correctly (in consultation with Head Judge)
- Agrees with the Jury President about the last acceptable hold to clip a particular quickdraw, if necessary, and makes sure the hold and the quickdraw are marked with (preferably) a blue cross (and briefs the Judge)
- Check the equipment needed during cleaning: rope ascenders, prusik ropes, karabiners, gri-gri, quickdraws, slings.
- Check that black and blue tapes are ready to repair a demarcation or a blue cross.
- Check hold cleaning material: large and small brushes (secured by strings to your harness)
- Determine the best way (rappel or top-rope) for accessing a route
- Check timetable and brief setters on competition tasks

4 During the Competition

- Assign Route Setters to tasks (fixing routes, cleaning holds...)
- Consult climbers progress and results and decides on modification to be made for the next round
- Organise Route Setter briefing before each round
- Is responsible for modification of routes in between rounds (coordinate team, ensure safety, consult with Jury President to ensure schedule is followed)
- **Ensure all routes are fully completed before the beginning of each round (safety, purpose, holds tight, backup screws when possible, chalk on holds, ropes installed through quickdraws)**
- Makes sure the route setting team get good working conditions and get sufficient rest between tasks



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5 After the Competition

- Submits a detailed report on the competition to Sport Climbing Australia
- Submits a detailed report about each Aspirant Route Setter to Sport Climbing Australia
- Organises a debriefing for the Route Setters if possible right after the competition