



SPORT CLIMBING AUSTRALIA

Competition Policy

Competition Rules

Sport Climbing Australia competition rules are based on IFSC rules with respect to Australia specific requirements.

This document is the competition rules for all State Titles and National Championships in Lead, Speed and Bouldering.



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1. Sport Climbing Australia

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 Sport Climbing Australia (SCA) is the National Sporting Organisation responsible for all aspects of Australian Competition Climbing.
- 1.1.2 SCA is recognised by the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC), the Australian Sports Commission and the Australian Olympic Committee as the governing body for Sport Climbing in Australia.
- 1.1.3 SCA maintains authority in respect to all national climbing competitions.

1.2 Executive Tasks

- 1.2.1 For matters concerning the organisation of national climbing competitions, the tasks of the SCA are as follows:
 - a) Receipt and management of all applications to organise a competition approved by SCA;
 - b) Assisting with all enquiries in relation to official competition in Australia;
 - c) Approving all information regarding competitions approved by SCA;
 - d) Issuing SCA rules, regulations and other notices. Amendments may be published to these documents, which shall be read in conjunction with and shall take precedence over the original document.
 - e) Official publication of all competition results and national rankings
 - f) Appointment of all SCA officials to approved competitions.

1.3 Competitions

- 1.3.1 Only the members of SCA, or organisations specifically recognised by SCA, shall be eligible to apply to organise a competition approved by SCA.
- 1.3.2 Among the Australian climbing competitions requiring the specific approval of SCA are the following:
 - a) State Titles;
 - b) National Championships;



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1.4 SCA Competition Officials

1.4.1 SCA may formally appoint the following officials to each competition approved by the SCA:

SCA Delegate

The SCA Delegate deals with all SCA-related organisational matters during the running of the competition. The SCA Delegate has the authority to ensure that the facilities and services provided by the competition organiser (such as registration of competitors and others; scoring and results service; and medical, media and other facilities) are in accordance with SCA Regulations. The SCA Delegate is a member of the Appeals Jury, and has the right to attend all meetings with the competition organisers, and take part in an advisory capacity in meetings of the Competition Jury. In the absence of the Jury President and before their arrival at a competition, the SCA Delegate acts on their behalf in respect to the organisation of the competition within the Competition Area. Under exceptional circumstances, the SCA Delegate has the authority to decide to apply emergency measures, for instance an adjustment of the competition format. The SCA Delegate shall submit a detailed report on the competition to the SCA.

For competitions where an SCA Delegate has not been appointed or in the case of the absence of the SCA Delegate, the Jury President will take over the duties of the SCA Delegate.

Jury President

The Jury President has overall authority within the Competition Area. This authority extends to covering the activities of the media and all persons nominated by the organiser. The overall authority of the Jury President covers all aspects of the running of the competition. The Jury President presides over all meetings of SCA officials and over organisation and technical meetings with the competition organisers, team officials and competitors. Although the Jury President does not normally have a judging role, they may at any time choose to carry out any judging task generally assigned to the Head Judge or other judges should they deem that necessary. The Jury President is responsible for announcing the publication of starting and result lists, appeals, and any important changes to the competition program. The Jury President is required to submit a detailed report to the SCA on the competition and on each Aspirant Judge undergoing the final phase of their training program.

Head Judge

The Head Judge is appointed by the SCA to assist the Jury President in undertaking all aspects of judging a competition. The Head Judge is responsible for briefing all officiating Judges on the application of the SCA Rules before the start of a competition.

The Head Judge is assisted in their judging by Judges (Route Judges or Boulder Judges) appointed by the competition organizer and the SCA state committee. The main role of a Judge is to judge the performance of the competitors on routes and boulders. Judges shall be persons holding a valid SCA membership. The Judges shall be fully informed of the technical rules and regulations governing competitions approved by SCA, and shall be instructed in their duties by, and work under the direction of, the Head Judge.

Chief Route-Setter

The Chief Route-Setter consults with the members of the route setting team appointed by the organiser prior to the event to plan and co-ordinate all matters of route setting and route maintenance, including the design of each route or boulder; the installation of holds, protection points and other equipment in accordance with SCA regulations; repair and cleaning of routes and boulders; and the design, installation



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and maintenance of Warm-Up facilities. The Chief Route-Setter is responsible for checking the technical standard and safety of each route or boulder, advises the Jury President on all technical matters within the competition area, assists in compiling the route sketch of lead routes, and advises the judges on the positioning of video cameras. The Chief Route-Setter is required to submit a report to the SCA on the competition and a report on each Aspirant Chief Route-Setter undergoing the final phase of their training program.



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2. General Rules

2.1 Safety

Responsibilities

- 2.1.1 The competition organiser shall be responsible for maintaining safety within the Competition Area and in the public section of the arena, and in relation to all activities connected to the running of the competition.
- 2.1.2 Each competitor shall be regarded as entirely and solely responsible for the equipment and clothing that they intend to wear during the event.
- 2.1.3 The Jury President, in consultation with the Chief Route-Setter, shall have the authority to take decisions in respect to any question of safety within the competition area, including declining to give permission to start or continue any part of the competition. Any official or other person deemed by the Jury President to have infringed, or being likely to infringe, on safety procedures shall be subject to removal from their duties and/or dismissal from the competition area.

Equipment

- 2.1.4 Any technical equipment used in Official Competitions must meet the relevant Australian Standard (or comparable European Standard) unless otherwise specified by SCA or, in exceptional circumstances, by the Jury President through the authority delegated to them by SCA. Comparative standard and requirements may be found in the [IFSC Competition Rules](#)

Medical Personnel

- 2.1.5 The Jury President shall verify that a first aid appointee is in attendance to ensure a rapid response to any accident or injury to a competitor or official working inside the competition area. The first aid appointee shall be present from the scheduled opening of the Isolation Zone/Warm-Up Area until the end of the attempt of the last competitor in any round of the competition.
- 2.1.6 If the Jury President believes that a competitor is unfit to compete for any reason, such as injury or illness, then the Jury President has the authority to request a check-up of the competitor by a Doctor who will undertake a physical assessment.

The Jury President shall stop the competitor from competing if, following the results of this assessment, the Doctor is of the opinion that the competitor is unfit to compete. Should there later be evidence that the competitor has recovered, then they may request to undergo the relevant physical tests again. The Jury President shall allow the competitor to compete if, following the results of such tests, a Doctor is of the opinion that the competitor is fit to compete.



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2.2 The Competition Area

General

2.2.1 The Competition Area includes:

- a) Any Isolation Zone/Warm-Up Area;
- b) Any Transit Zone(s)
- c) Any Call Zone(s); and
- d) One or more Competition Zones, which shall all be demarcated from any area open to the public.

2.2.2 The Competition Zone includes the climbing wall(s), the area immediately in front of and next to the climbing wall(s), and any other area assigned specifically for the safe and fair conduct of a competition, such as additional areas needed for video recording or playback.

2.2.3 No competitor or Team Official is permitted to carry or use any electronic communication equipment while in the Competition Area unless the Jury President has permitted such equipment.

Access to the Competition Area

2.2.4 Only the persons specified below shall be permitted to enter the Competition Area:

- a) SCA officials;
- b) Event Organiser officials;
- c) Competitors eligible to take part in the current round of the competition (as directed by or on behalf of the Jury President);
- d) Authorised Coaches (the Isolation Zone/Warm-Up area only);
- e) Other persons specifically authorised by the Jury President. Such persons shall, throughout their stay in the Competition Area, be escorted and supervised by an approved official to ensure the maintenance of security of the Competition Area and prevent any undue distraction of, or interference with, any competitor,

2.2.5 Failure to comply with these rules shall result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Disciplinary Procedures set in these rules.



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2.3 Clothing and Equipment

Technical Equipment

- 2.3.1 All technical equipment used by a competitor shall comply with the relevant standards unless otherwise specified by the SCA.
- 2.3.2 Each competitor is free to use a chalk bag and/or a climbing helmet. During their attempt on a route or a boulder, competitors are only allowed to use chalk (dry or liquid) for their hands.
- 2.3.3 An official starting number bib provided by the competition organiser shall be displayed prominently on the back of the top. The competition organiser may provide additional starting number bibs to be placed on the competitor's trouser leg.

Non-Compliance with the Rules

- 2.3.4 Use of non-approved, or non-approved modification of, equipment, knots and clothing, or any non-compliance with these rules shall make the competitor liable for disciplinary action in accordance with the Disciplinary Procedures set in these rules.

2.4 Wall Maintenance

- 2.4.1 The Chief Route-Setter shall verify that an experienced maintenance team is available throughout each round of the competition in order to perform any maintenance and repairs ordered by the Head Judge in an efficient and safe manner. Safety procedures shall be strictly enforced.
- 2.4.2 On the instruction of the Head Judge, the Chief Route-Setter shall immediately arrange for any repair work. On completion of a repair, it shall be inspected by the Chief Route-Setter who shall advise the Jury President whether the repair results in any unfair advantage or disadvantage to the following competitors. The decision of the Jury President to continue, or to stop and re-start, that round of the competition shall be final, and no appeal shall be accepted in respect to this decision.

2.5 Rankings and Records

- 2.5.1 SCA publishes the following consolidated ranking:
 - a) National Ranking;

The National Rankings are prepared on the basis of results achieved by competitors in all state level and national level competitions approved by the SCA within the calendar year. The detailed procedures for preparing the National Ranking are published on the SCA website.



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3. Disciplinary procedures

3.1 Introduction

3.1.1 The Jury President has the overall authority over all activities and decisions affecting the competition within the Competition Area.

3.2 Competitors

General

3.2.1 Both the Jury President and the Head Judge shall be authorised to take the following actions in respect to infringements of the competition rules and with regard to matters of indiscipline by any team member:

- a) An informal, verbal warning;
- b) An official warning accompanied by the showing of a Yellow Card.

3.2.2 At the earliest convenient time after issuing a Yellow or Red Card, the Jury President shall:

- a) Submit a written statement to the team manager (or where this is not possible, directly to) the person(s) concerned regarding the offence and whether the Jury President proposes to refer the matter for consideration in respect to further disciplinary action in accordance with the rules;
- b) Submit a copy of this written statement together with a detailed report of the offence against the rules, any evidence, and any recommendations regarding consideration of additional sanction to the SCA for referral to the SCA Disciplinary Commission.

Yellow Card warnings

3.2.3 A Yellow Card warning may be issued for any of the following infringements of the rules:
Regarding instructions from the Jury President, Head Judge or the Judge:

- a) Failure to obey any instruction by the Jury President or the Head Judge, including but not limited to:
 - i) Undue delay in returning to the Isolation Zone/Warm-Up Area following the instruction of the SCA Judge or the Jury President;
 - ii) Undue delay in leaving the Call Zone and entering the Competition Zone when instructed to do so;
 - iii) Failure to start in accordance with the Head Judge's instruction.

Regarding equipment and ceremonies:

- b) Failure to comply with the rules and regulations governing equipment;
- c) Failure to wear the starting number bib provided by the competition organiser;
- d) Non-participation of the medalists in the award ceremony;
- e) Use of obscene or abusive language or behaviour of a relatively mild nature; or



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- f) Unsporting behaviour of a relatively minor nature.
- g) Appeals against such decisions shall follow the procedure specified in the Appeal Section of these Rules.
- 3.2.4 The issue of two (2) Yellow Cards to the same person in one competition shall result in the disqualification of the person from that competition.
- 3.2.5 The issue of three (3) Yellow Cards to the same person in the same season will result in one of the following:
 - a) The person shall be ineligible for registration in any SCA competition counting for the National Ranking, in the same discipline the third Yellow Card was issued
 - b) and in each case, the registration quota for the affected team shall be reduced accordingly.

Disqualification

- 3.2.6 The Jury President alone shall be authorised to disqualify a person from a competition. The disqualification shall be accompanied by the showing of a Red Card.
- 3.2.7 The following infringements of the rules shall result in issuing of a Red Card and the immediate disqualification of the person from the competition without further sanction:
 - a) Observing the routes from outside the permitted Observation Zone when any Isolation Rules are in force;
 - b) The use of non-approved equipment;
 - c) Unauthorised use of any device capable of communication while in the Isolation Zone or in other restricted areas;
 - d) Appeals against such decisions shall follow the procedure specified in the relevant Section of Part 2 to these Rules.
- 3.2.8 The following infringements of the rules shall result in the issuing of a Red Card and the immediate disqualification of the competitor from the competition, with referral to the SCA Disciplinary Commission:
Infringements committed in the competition area by a team member:
 - a) Gathering information regarding a route which the competitor is to attempt beyond that which is permitted by the competition rules. For the avoidance of doubt, in competition rounds where the Isolation Rules do not apply (i.e. where the round is "Flash" format), competitors may receive information from other team members who are outside the Competition Zone both prior and during their attempts;
 - b) Gathering and/or communicating information to other competitors beyond that which is permitted by the competition rules (including, but not limited to, contravention of Articles 5.7.6 and 5.7.5 of these Rules);
 - c) Distracting or interfering with any competitor who is preparing for or is attempting a route;
 - d) Failing to comply with the instructions of the judges, organisers or SCA officials;



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- e) Refusing to conform with the advertising regulations governing clothing and equipment;
- f) Unsporting behaviour or other serious disturbance during a competition; or
- g) Abusive, threatening or violent behaviour to SCA officials, organisers, team members (including competitors) or to any other person.
- h) Infringements committed outside the competition area but in the public arena or at the competition venue or at any accommodation or facilities used in connection with the competition by a competitor or team member:

The proceedings to be followed in the case of referral to the SCA Disciplinary Commission are issued separately in the SCA Disciplinary and Appeal Rules.

3.3 Coaches and Team Officials

- 3.3.1 Team officials shall be regarded in the same manner as competitors and shall be treated accordingly.
- 3.3.2 A Team Official in receipt of a Yellow Card shall not, for the duration of that competition, be permitted access to any area set aside within the Competition Area for the benefit of Team Officials.
- 3.3.3 The issue of:
 - a) two (2) Yellow Cards to officials of any one team in a single competition shall result in the disqualification from that competition of the Team Manager;
 - b) three (3) Yellow Cards to the officials of any one team in the same season shall result in the registration quota at the next SCA competition counting for the National Ranking (in the same discipline) for that team's officials being reduced by one person; and the last-sanctioned official shall be ineligible to register for that competition.

3.4 Other Persons

- 3.4.1 The Jury President is authorised to demand the immediate dismissal from the Competition Area, of any person in contravention of the rules and, if necessary, suspend all competition activities until this demand has been complied with.



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4. Anti-doping

4.1 Adoption

4.1.1 The SCA has adopted the Australian Sports Commission Anti-Doping Policy.

4.2 Application

4.2.1 The policy applies to all competitions that are organised under the authority of the SCA. Any person who enters, prepares for or participates in any manner – as competitor, coach, trainer, official, medical or para-medical personnel – in such competitions is deemed to have agreed to comply with and be subject to the Anti-Doping Policy.

4.3 Competent Bodies within the SCA

4.3.1 The competent bodies within the SCA for the application of the Anti-Doping Policy for Competition Climbing are the Anti-Doping and the Disciplinary Commissions.

4.4 Violations and Sanctions

4.4.1 Doping violations will be dealt with in accordance with the SCA Anti-Doping Policy and Procedure, and the SCA Disciplinary and Appeal Rules.



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5. Appeals

- 5.1.1 All appeals must be submitted in writing by your team officials to the Jury President during the allocated appeals period. All appeals must be submitted in English.

Safety Appeals

- 5.1.2 A Safety Appeal may be submitted if at least three different competitors are of the opinion that safety is seriously jeopardised. The Jury President shall consider the matter and, if applicable, take the necessary actions.

Appeals Process

- 5.1.3 An appeal concerning the judgement of a competitor's attempt must be made immediately
- 5.1.4 An appeal can only be lodged if paying the \$100 appeal fee. If the appeal is upheld, the fee will be returned.
- 5.1.5 Any appeal against the ranking of a competitor (i.e. in relation to some error/inconsistency in the published results) must be submitted to the Jury President within fifteen (15) minutes of the publication of all Official Results for that round.
- 5.1.6 On receipt of an appeal, the Jury President shall (or, if the Jury President was involved in the original decision, the SCA Delegate shall) act immediately to address the appeal.
- 5.1.7 If the appeal concerns the Official Results, the Jury President will ensure that an announcement is made that the Official Results are "Under Appeal", noting which results are the subject of the appeal.
- 5.1.8 The Jury President (or where relevant, the SCA Delegate) shall resolve any appeal without delay or prejudice to the competition timetable and shall use all personnel and facilities at their disposal to achieve this goal.
- 5.1.9 If the available evidence in relation to an appeal is inconclusive, then the original decision shall stand and the appeal fee shall be returned. In the case of written appeals, the results of the appeal shall be made in writing and handed by the Jury President to the person who officially lodged the appeal.

Consequences of Appeals

- 5.1.10 A decision of the Appeals Jury shall be final and not subject to further appeal.



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6. Bouldering Competitions

6.1 Formats available

4 levels of formats may be used. Please note that SCA may restrict the formats available depending on the level of competition and the category.

- Level 1: Pumpfest
- Level 2: BoulderJam
- Level 3a: BoulderJam on 5 problems followed by IFSC Boulder Semi Final round (for the top 6 competitors)
- Level 3b: BoulderJam on 5 problems followed by IFSC Boulder Final round (for the top 6 competitors)
- Level 4: IFSC Format – please note that the format for youth event is different for the format for adult events
- For National Youth Championships: please note that the format for youth event is different for the format for adult events. The following formats may be used:
 - World Youth Champ (WYCH) Qualifier format followed by WYCH Semi-final round
 - WYCH Qualifier format followed by WYCH Final round

The following sections describe the specific rules for the following types of rounds:

- IFSC Boulder format rounds
- BoulderJam rounds
- Pumpfest round

6.2 IFSC Format Style Rounds

For Level 4 competitions, please refer to the [IFSC Competition Rules](#).

Please note that adult events are in the general rules under Bouldering while youth rules are in the the Bouldering Rules for Youth World Championships.

Finally, when following the Youth World Championships rules, a 5on/5off may be used for finals. For National Youth Championships please refer to the [IFSC WYCH boulder rules](#)

For Level 3a and 3b competition, please refer to the relevant part of the [IFSC Competition Rules](#) bouldering section.

Replacement of the following terms:



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- IFSC Delegate → SCA Delegate
- IFSC Judge → Head Judge
- World Ranking → SCA Ranking

Finally, the cleaning procedure for the holds may be altered depending on the number of volunteers available. Athletes may be required to clean their own holds.

6.3 BoulderJam Rounds

6.3.1 General

- a) Climbers receive 1.5 to 2.5 hours to complete 5 to 7 specific problems, marked with tops and zones.
- b) A limited number of attempts can be nominated per route
- c) A competitor may continue an attempt after the end of the fixed climbing period if the attempt started before the end of the fixed climbing period.
- d) Competitors will hand their scorecard to the boulder judge. This will be placed at the back of the queue. Competitors will then wait for their signal before attempting the boulder.
- e) Competitors will attempt the boulders in any order they choose within the given time frame allocated.
- f) Competitors may clean holds that they can reach from the ground. If instructed and available, only brushes or other materials that are provided by the organisation shall be used for this purpose.
- g) There shall be no separate observation period as the observation period is part of the allocated time for the boulders.

6.3.2 Climbing Structure, Safety, Start and Finish of Attempts, Scoring, Ranking, Technical Incidents and Appeal

Please refer to the relevant part of the [IFSC Competition Rules](#) bouldering section.

6.3.3 Tie-Break boulder

In the circumstances that after the ranking of competitors two or more competitors are tied and this affects the podium places (ie 1st, 2nd or 3rd place), competitors shall attempt a “Tie-Break” boulder:

- a) The starting order for attempts shall be the same as that for the Final round
- b) Competitors will be allowed to attempt the boulder only once one after the other
- c) The performance of each competitor shall be judged based on the regular scoring rules (refer to [IFSC Competition Rules](#))
- d) If two or more competitors remain tied after having attempted this “Tie-Break” boulder, then these competitors may make further attempts on the boulder (up to a maximum of six attempts in total).
- e) If a tie still exists after six (6) attempts, then another Tie-Break boulder will be used.



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6.4 Pumpfest format

- a) Each round of the Pumpfest will run for 2 hours.
- b) During the Pumpfest, each group will have numerous problems to attempt in the allocated time of varying difficulty.
- c) Each climber will be awarded an additional half point for a flash. A top on any attempt after the first attempt will be awarded the points relative to the grade of the climb. Placing at the end of the event will be awarded according to the total points of each climber's top 6 climbs. Climbers who score the same points will be separated according to highest 'raw' score (without flash points) composition. If scores remain equal, the 7th climb will be taken in to account and so on until one climber is ranked higher.
- d) Climbers must start each attempt from the ground. Touching, with hands or feet, holds other than the starting holds from the ground is not permitted.
- e) Competitors may brush the holds from the ground using the brushes provided. If the climber uses an illegal hold, touches the mat in any way, or otherwise negates their attempt a judge will ask them to stop and an attempt will be counted.
- f) Ideally, the scoresheet must be filled in and signed by a judge. In the event no judge is available for this session another participant will fill the scoresheet and sign it. In no instance a competitor is allowed to fill their own scoresheet.
- g) The judge's decision is final as there is no opportunity for appeal in this format.



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7. Lead Competitions

7.1 Formats available

2 levels of formats may be used.

- Regular World Cup Format
- 4 Climbs Format (youth C and D only)

7.2 Regular World Cup Format

7.2.1 Overall Rules

Please refer to the [IFSC Competition Rules](#) lead section. Note that the IFSC technical delegate in the Australian context is the SCA Delegate.

Replacement of the following terms:

- IFSC Delegate → SCA Delegate
- IFSC Judge → Head Judge
- World Ranking → SCA Ranking

7.2.2 Australian Rules Exceptions

Also, the following Australian Rules Exception Apply and supersede any rule in the above:

- The competition shall take place on purpose-designed, artificial climbing walls having a minimum height of 10 meters for state championships and 12 meters for National Championships
- The requirements for judges and time keepers on each route may be varied depending on the availability of competent volunteers for each task
- Were impractical, video recording may not be available for all routes. This may apply in particular at state events where resources are limited. In that case the older categories and more important climbs will be selected in priority.
- For State Events: The climbing surface shall permit routes to be constructed with:
 - a minimum length of 10 metres for qualifier rounds
 - a minimum length of 12 metres for final rounds
 - a minimum width of 2 metres for each route (recommended 3 meters for semifinal and final rounds). At the discretion of the Jury President, a width of less than two (2) metres may be accepted for limited sections of the wall
- For National Events: The climbing surface shall permit routes to be constructed with:
 - a minimum length of 12 metres for qualifier rounds



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- a minimum length of 14 metres for final rounds
- a minimum width of 2 metres for each route (recommended 3 meters for semifinal and final rounds). At the discretion of the Jury President, a width of less than two (2) metres may be accepted for limited sections of the wall
- Open A, Masters, Juniors, Youth A and Youth B will compete on lead.
- Youth C will compete on Top Rope at a state level and on Lead at a national level. Note that for Top Roping, rules relating to clipping and lead climbing in general do not apply. Also a Top will be characterised by both hands holding the last hold simultaneously or consecutively.
- Youth D will compete on Top Rope at a state level and national level. Note that for Top Roping, rules relating to clipping and lead climbing in general do not apply. Also a Top will be characterised by both hands holding the last hold simultaneously or consecutively.

7.3 Single Round – 4 Climbs Format

7.3.1 Overall Rules

The [IFSC Competition Rules](#) lead section / Qualifying round will apply to this format.

This is with the exception that the round will be made of 4 different climbs (instead of two).

7.3.2 Australian Rules Exceptions

The same Exceptions apply as article 7.2.2. Height and Length restrictions may be lowered if necessary depending on the venue and at the discretion of the Jury President.

7.3.3 4 Climb format adaptation rules

The following rules will be used to adapt to 4 climbs:

- a) Reference to semi-final and final round and isolation rules are non-relevant to this format
- b) If the Qualification round takes place with two Starting Groups, competitors shall be allocated to one or the other Starting Group randomly.
- c) The starting order shall be as follows:
 - i) The starting order for the first Qualification route shall be randomised.
 - ii) The starting order for the second Qualification route shall be in the same order of the first route but with a stagger of 50%.
 - iii) The starting order for the third Qualification route shall be in the same order of the first route but with a stagger of 25%.



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- iv) The starting order for the fourth Qualification route shall be in the same order of the first route but with a stagger of 75%.
- v) Example: When 21 competitors are in a category then the one who is scheduled to start 1st on the first route will start 6th on the second route then 11th on the third and 16th on the last route
- d) In the event there are two starting groups each group will climb the routes in the following sequence:
 - i) Group 1: Route 1 – Route 2 – Route 3 – Route 4
 - ii) Group 2: Route 3 -Route 4 – Route 1 – Route 2
 - iii) Also, route 1 and 3 will be set to be the two less challenging routes for the category
- e) Video recording preview or live demonstration are not required for this format
- f) The Jury President will decide of an appropriate break time between each route (with a minimum of 10 minutes)

7.3.4 Ranking

- a) On any route, each competitor attempting the route shall be ranked using the following criteria:
 - i) First, all competitors scored as “TOP”. A top will be when the competitors matches their hands on the last hold and achieve a controlled position
 - ii) Following i), all competitors who have fallen or had their attempt on the route terminated, in descending order of the score awarded to that competitor
- b) If competitor eligible to participate in a round fails to start:
 - i) The four routes, they shall not be ranked; or
 - ii) One of their routes, they shall be ranked last on that route.
- c) If following the calculation process any competitors remains tied:
 - i) If the tie relates to any competitors in joint first, second or third place following their attempts on the Final route, the competitors will be offered the chance to climb a final climb to be untied. If competitors are still tied after the final, their climbing time in the final will be used to untie them.
 - ii) If the tie relates to any other competitors, the relevant competitors will be given an equal ranking.
- d) Ranking Points Computation

Each competitor participating shall be awarded Ranking Points for each route as follows:



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- i) Where the competitor has a unique ranking on the route, equal to the ranking of the competitor; or
- ii) Where two or more competitors are tied on the route, equal to the average ranking of the tied competitors in their Starting Group.
- iii) Example: Where there are 6 ties at 1st place then the Ranking Points awarded to each tied competitor will be equal to $(1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6) / 6 = 21 / 6 = 3.50$
- iv) Example: Where there are 4 ties at 2nd place then the Ranking Points awarded to each tied competitor will be equal to $(2 + 3 + 4 + 5) / 4 = 14 / 4 = 3.50$
- e) The ranking of competitors for the round shall be in ascending order of the Total Points awarded to each competitor (i.e. lower Total Points is better), calculated according to the following formula:
 - i) $TP = \sqrt{(R1 * R2 * R3 * R4)}$
 - ii) where:
TP: Total Points
R1 = Ranking Points on first Qualification route
R2 = Ranking Points on second Qualification route
R3 = Ranking Points on third Qualification route
R4 = Ranking Points on fourth Qualification route
- f) Where competitors are tied for the 1st, 2nd or 3rd place a final climb will be allocated to those competitors affected. The Jury President, in consultation with the Chief Route Setter will determine the conditions of the final round. The starting order for finals will be randomly determined



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8. Speed Competitions

8.1 Formats available

2 levels of formats may be used:

- IFSC World Cup Format
- Adjusted Rules

8.2 Regular World Cup Format

8.2.1 Overall Rules

Please refer to the [IFSC Competition Rules](#) speed section. Note that the IFSC technical delegate in the Australian context is the SCA Delegate.

Replacement of the following terms:

- IFSC Delegate → SCA Delegate
- IFSC Judge → Head Judge
- World Ranking → SCA Ranking

8.2.2 Australian Rules Exceptions

- a) The certification of the structure and competition speed wall will be decided by the SCA board based on the current walls available in Australia
 - i) This includes the holds, the walls, the matting, the belaying system, the starting pads, the final button and the scoring system used
 - ii) Reference to time keeping, time measurements and timing system will be adjusted based on the timing system available for the event
 - iii) As such the keeping of official records in Australian Competition will be subject to change from time to time
 - iv) A practice period is recommended however may be cancelled when not practical at the discretion of the Jury President.

8.3 Adjusted Rules

8.3.1 Rules adjustments

The same rule as 8.2 will apply the inclusion of the following possible adjustments (one or several):

- With respect to the qualifying round a competitor who has made a false start will not be ranked equal last. They will be ranked based on the qualifying time in the other qualifier. A competitor who has made two false start (one in each qualifier) will be ranked equal last



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- In the event the two routes are not the same, the competitors will be ranked based on the sum of their time in each qualifier. Competitors who have made one false start will be ranked after those who have made no false start and in order of their time in the other qualifier. Competitors who have made two false starts will be ranked equal last. Tie break rules to access the final round still apply.