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SPORT CLIMBING  
NSW/ACT

# 2021 NSW/ACT State Titles

## Boulder

22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022



## Climbers' Handbook

*This handbook is provided for the information of climbers wishing to participate in the event. The details may change.*

**This event was postponed from September 2021 due to COVID restrictions and is being held in January 2022. The NSW/ACT State Titles competition will decide the NSW and ACT Champions in Bouldering for all Open and Youth categories. Top ranked youth climbers will be invited represent their state/territory at the National Youth Championships in 2022.**

### **1. Dates:**

The event will be held over two days:

- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022 (all youth categories and open A qualifiers)
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022 (adult categories and open A finals)

The draft event schedule is at the bottom of this document.

### **2. Location:**

#### **Skywood Climbing**

Shop 1/1-3 Moore Rd Freshwater NSW 2096

Phone: (02) 9905 7859

Email: [hello@skywoodclimbing.com](mailto:hello@skywoodclimbing.com)

### **3. COVID safe policies:**

The event will be run according to a COVID safe plan. It is important that all competitors, volunteers and spectators abide by the rules as well as any instructions on the day by competition officials or Skywood staff. Special measures will include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Do not come if you are sick or have been exposed to people who are sick, or if you have come from overseas or from a COVID hotspot without proper quarantining.
- Climbers must be pre-registered and also sign-in on the day, and any family members/spectators will need to sign in at the registration desk on the day. Please minimise the number of spectators – for example one person per competitor.
- Avoid being in the gym when it is not your session where possible. You may arrive 45 minutes prior to your session to sign-in and warm up, and stay until the medal ceremony for your category, then please leave the gym.
- Use hand sanitiser and wash hands regularly.
- Maintain social distancing throughout the gym at all times, including in isolation and outside of competition sessions.
- During the boulderjam sessions, avoid crowding around the judges
- Face masks to be worn in accordance with NSW health guidelines in force at the time – to be advised.
- Chalk is allowed

#### 4. Categories:

Youth competitors will compete in the category that applies at the next youth nationals – in 2022. Check your category carefully. Those who will be eligible to compete in Masters in 2022 may compete in Masters for this competition as well. For further explanation see [this document](#). All categories besides the inclusive category have male and female divisions.

- Open A – higher level open climbers, regularly climbing grade V8 and above (male) or V6 and above (female)
- Open B – climbers born 2002 or earlier, regularly climbing grade V5 to V7 (male) or V3 to V5 (female) as a guideline
- Open C – climbers born 2002 or earlier, regularly climbing grade V0 to V4 (male) or V0 to V3 (female) as a guideline
- Inclusive category – gender diverse climbers at any level
- Masters – born 1981 or earlier
- Junior – born 2003/2004
- Youth A – born 2005/2006
- Youth B – born 2007/2008
- Youth C – born 2009/2010
- Youth D – born 2011 or after

#### **Youth A and Juniors Competing in Open A**

Youth A and Junior competitors wishing to also compete in the Open A category will be required to register and pay for Open A as well as their respective categories. Only climbers climbing grades V8 and above (male) or V6 and above (female) should enter Open A. Junior/Youth climbers are not permitted to climb in Open B or C.

#### 5. Registration:

**5.01** All competitors must be current NSW/ACT State or National members of Sport Climbing Australia. Join at the SCA website.

<http://www.sportclimbingaustralia.org.au/join-us>

**5.02** Climbers are required to pre-register on the Sport Climbing Australia website. Registration at the venue on the day is not available. Places are limited in each category and once capacity is reached registration will close for that category. To register, visit

<https://sportclimbingaustralia.org.au/Upcoming-Events>

**5.03** Competitors visiting Skywood for the first time are required by the venue to complete the [Skywood waiver form](#). This is a separate process to the

competition registration through SCA, and should be done in advance of the competition to avoid delays on the day.

#### **5.04** Entry fee

- The entry fees are published on the SCA website.

**5.04** Climbers who are **colour-blind** need to notify the route setters through Skywood at least one week prior to the event.

### **6. Competition Format:**

The competition will be run according to SCA rules and policies which can be found [here](#). Refer to the SCA guidelines for definitions of the following terms.

**6.01** Climbers in **Open A** will compete in a five-on-five-off style qualifier, followed by World Cup format finals for the top six ranked climbers per gender. Climbers must participate in the qualifying round to make finals even if there are less than 6 competitors in the category.

**6.02** Climbers in Junior, Youth A, and Youth B categories will compete in a five-on-five-off format single round event.

**6.03** All other categories will compete in a boulderjam format single round event.

**6.03** NSW/ACT State Champion in each category will be decided according to the [SCA rules](#). Podium places and medals will be awarded for each category as a combined event (i.e. first, second and third overall) however placing for national ranking and team selection will be separated according to state/territory.

### **7. Event Regulation**

**7.01** To compete in this State Competition the climber agrees to follow all rules and regulations outlined in this information pack and follow the rules and procedures of the hosting gym.

**7.02** This competition will run in conjunction with the Sport Climbing Australia and IFSC rules. Please find the full rules and regulations at the SCA website.

**7.03** Specific rules and procedures for this event will be detailed in the briefing period before the commencement of each round of competition. Any

questions or clarification regarding the rules must be asked during this time.

#### **7.04 Event Officials**

Event Organiser: Sport Climbing NSW/ACT

Jury President: Rob Le Breton

Head Judges: Gabriele Gratton and Aleksandra Balyanova

Head Route Setter: Emma Horan and Yossi Sundakov-Krumins

Any complaints or contests can be directed to the Head Judges on the day. Queries regarding routes and technicalities can be directed to the head route setter. Questions regarding format, registration and any other queries can be directed to the event organiser.

#### **8. Volunteers**

- This event is made possible only through the generous efforts of sponsors and volunteers. We are always looking for volunteers to help as judges and general helpers.
- Even if you are competing it is possible to volunteer at other times during the weekend – for example youth competitors can volunteer for opens and vice versa.
- If you are interested in volunteering please register via our [facebook page](#).

#### **9. Interim Timetable:**

**The following timetable is a draft and subject to change.**

- Times are approximate and will vary depending on the running of the event.
- Climbers are advised to be at the event early and ready to climb.
- You can also check our [facebook page](#) for updates, news and run orders on the day of the competition:

##### **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan**

7:15am check-in opens

8:00am to 2:00pm Junior, Youth A and Youth B (5 on/5 off)

2:30pm to 4:30pm Youth C and Youth D (boulderjam)

5:00pm to 9:30pm Open A qualifiers

Youth categories medals ceremonies to follow completion of each session

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan**

8:15am check-in opens

9:00am to 11:00am Open C and Inclusive category

11:30am to 1:30pm Open B Male

1:30pm to 3:30pm Open B Female, Masters.

5:30pm to 8:30pm Open A finals.

Medals ceremonies to follow each session.