



AUSTRALIAN BOULDERING NATIONALS

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SAT 1ST - MON 3RD
OCTOBER 2016



COMPETITOR HANDBOOK

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INTRODUCTION

The 2016 CLIFBar Australian Bouldering Championships will be held in Brisbane at Urban Climb Milton. This event will decide the 2016 Australian champions for bouldering in all Open, Youth and Masters categories.

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1 THE EVENT

DATES

The event will be held over three days on Saturday, Sunday and Monday 1st, 2nd and 3rd October 2016.

LOCATION

Urban Climb Milton, 17 Roy St, Milton QLD, 4064

Phone: 07 3844 2544

Info@urbanclimb.com.au

GETTING TO THE EVENT

Urban Climb is conveniently located near the center of Brisbane with good public transport available. If you have any questions on how to get to the venue please contact (07) 3844 2544 or alternatively, visit the [Translink website](#) and use their journey planner feature.

FROM BRISBANE OR GOLD COAST AIRPORT

Trains run regularly from both these airports to Roma St station in the Brisbane City center. From Roma St it is then a 5 min Train ride to Auchenflower station then a 5 min walk to Urban Climb Milton.

For more info on the train from Brisbane airport please head over to the [AirTrain timetable website](#).



AT THE EVENT

FOOD AND DRINK

Food and drink will be available for purchase from the SCQ (Sport Climbing Queensland) BBQ stall with funds raised going towards future QLD climbing events and supporting QLD teams representing at national and international events. The menu will consist of meat and vegetarian BBQ options as well as a selection of other salads and international dishes.

RASA coffee will also be open during the event so competitors and spectators can enjoy delicious coffee and other hot beverages.

ENTERTAINMENT AND SPONSOR STALLS

Entertainment in the form of live music and games and prizes hosted by the event sponsors will be ongoing throughout the event, especially during the interim periods between rounds and finals. Indoor and Outdoor seating will be available to rest weary legs.

Event sponsors CLIFBar, Pinnacle Sports, K2 and Kailas will be setting up stalls at the festival in which they will have special event deals on their products.

EVENT PHOTOS

Professional HD photos of the entire event will be available thanks to our event photography partner Climb Media. You will be able to view and purchase all event photos from www.climbmedia.com.au.

All purchases go directly to Chris and help make it possible for him to keep continue covering climbing events around Australia.





LIVESTREAM

We will be livestreaming the Open A semi-finals and the Open A finals along with the finals for Youth B, Youth A and Juniors. More information on where to find the livestream will be made available on the Urban Climb Facebook page and SCA website event page. The streaming times are detailed below and are Australian Eastern Standard Time.

Sunday October 2nd

Open A Semi-final

Stream commences – 12.00 pm
Climbing commences – 12.15 pm
Results posted – 2.30 pm

Streaming closes– 2.45pm

Open A Final

Stream commences – 4.45 pm
Climbing commences – 5.00 pm
Results posted – 6.45 pm
Presentations – 7.00 pm

Streaming ends for the day – 7.15 pm

Monday October 3rd

Youth B Final

Stream commences – 1.30 pm
Climbing commences – 1.45 pm
Results posted – 2.45 pm
Presentations – 3.00 pm

Youth A Final

Climbing commences – 3.30 pm
Results posted – 4.45 pm
Presentations – 5.00 pm

Junior Final

Climbing commences – 5.30 pm
Results posted – 6.45 pm
Presentations – 7.00 pm

Streaming ends – 7.15 pm



4 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1 SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection process will be as follow:

- **All competitors placing in the top 5 of their category at their state competition are automatically selected to compete.** Interstate competitors do not count in the state ranking. Competitors unable to attend their state competition will be selected under the below criteria
- **Extra spots** are available until the maximum number of competitors per group is reached. **All climbers wishing to compete must register online before the 18th September 2016.** Registration fees will be fully reimbursed for all non-selected applicants. The following criteria will be used in the order stipulated below:
 1. Places offered according to ranking in Australian National Championships 2015
 2. Remaining places will be offered by date of registration (earliest first)

Official selection will be published on the 19th September for all categories. After this, registration will stay open until the 28th September to fill any remaining spot. It will be based on a first in first served system.

2 SESSION CAPS

Group	Male	Female
Open A	59	59
Open C & Open B	80	
Juniors & Masters	80	
Youth B & Youth A	80	
Youth C & Youth D	80	

Please note that priority will be given to participants automatically qualified (placing in top 5 at state titles) and they will be allowed to compete without consideration of the number of competitors in the group. If the group is not full with automatically selected competitors, it will be filled with consideration of the criteria presented in the selection criteria above.



3 WILDCARD APPLICATION

A wildcard application system is in place for competitors with exceptional circumstances. These circumstances include:

- Members of the Australian Team not able to participate in their state competition due to being overseas for international competitions
- Key event organisers and officials that were necessary to the good organisation of their state competition
- Competitors from Northern Territory and Western Australia who do not currently have a state title event.

The SCA board will make the final decision for each wildcard application. The following will be taken in consideration:

- Past results at climbing competition
- Recommendation from the Australian Coaching Team
- Validity of the exceptional circumstances going with the application

Application must be sent in writing to secretary@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au before the **18th September 2016**. It should include all relevant information and documents to support the application



5 CATEGORIES

There will be male and female categories in each of the following:

Category	Age
Open A	born 2000 and before
Open B	born 1996 or before
Open C	born 1996 or before
Masters	born 1976 and before
Junior	born 1997 and 1998
Youth A	born 1999 and 2000
Youth B	born 2001 and 2002
Youth C	born 2003 and 2004
Youth D	born 2005 and after

OPEN A/B/C GRADE CUT-OFFS:

The following refer to your hardest climbing (Ewbank) and bouldering (Vermin) grade completed by the participant in the last 12 months.

	Male		Female	
	Climbing	Bouldering	Climbing	Bouldering
<i>Open A</i>	25+	V5+	24+	V4+
<i>Open B</i>	22 – 24	V2 – V4	21 – 23	V1 – V3
<i>Open C</i>	21–	V1–	20–	V0–

Please stick to these guidelines and be respectful of your fellow climbers



6 YOUTH & FOREIGN CLIMBERS

YOUTH COMPETITORS IN OPENS

Youth A and Junior competitors wishing to compete in Open A will be allowed to do so under the **same selection criteria as other Open A** competitors. Ranking at State Titles competition in Open A will be taken into consideration (not the ranking in Youth category).

Masters (40+) climbers can choose to compete in either Masters or Open A.

FOREIGN CLIMBERS

OVERSEAS GUEST COMPETITORS AND PERMANENT RESIDENTS

Overseas guests add to the quality and enjoyment of our events, however there are some restrictions for overseas and permanent Australian resident who compete at Australian Championships. Namely:

- **Medals and titles** will be awarded only to Australian Citizens.
- **Prizes** are to be awarded to any competitor who earns them.
- For insurance reasons, overseas guests must become members of SCA. Overseas guest competitors who make it to a final or semi-final do so as part of the final or semi-final quota, with no extra places made for resident climbers.

For more information please see the SCA Competition Policy for [Ranking, Titles and Medals](#).

NEW ZEALAND AND NEW CALEDONIAN COMPETITORS

Competitors from New Zealand and New Caledonia do not need to have a SCA membership in order to compete at the 2016 CLIFBar Australian Bouldering Championships, so long as they have a valid membership with their nations federation. Additionally, to register for this competition they will need to contact and register through their federations representative. Details for each nations representative is below:

- New Zealand: David Sanders – oceaniascsecretary@gmail.com
- New Caledonia: Philippe Boquet – boquet.ph@canl.nc



3 EVENT REGULATION

Rules for the 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.

EVENT OFFICIALS

Event Organiser:	Jonathon Schwartz
Jury President:	TBD
Head Judge:	TBD
Head Route Setter:	Daniel Gordon

OFFICIALS

Officials will be selected closer to the event. However, any complaints or contests can be directed to the head Judge 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.

FORMAT

YOUTH C, YOUTH D, OPEN B AND MASTER – BOULDERJAM

These categories will compete in a ‘boulder jam’, where climbers will receive 2 hours to complete *7 specific problems*, marked with tops and bonuses. The competitors with the most number of tops (and bonuses) in the least number of attempts are ranked higher. There will be no finals event for these categories.



JUNIOR, YOUTH A AND YOUTH B – BOULDERJAM QUALIFIER THEN 5ON/5OFF FINAL

These categories will have a qualifier round and then a final round. The qualifier will be in a ‘boulder jam’ format where climbers will receive 2 hours to complete *5 specific problems*, marked with tops and bonuses. The final event will be in 5 on 5 off format on 4 problems (top 6 of each category).

OPEN A – WORLD CUP FORMAT:

Open A will compete in a standard World Cup format. There will be three rounds: qualifiers, semi-finals (top 20) and finals (top 6).

- Qualifiers and Semi-Finals will in 5 on 5 off format done on 5 problems
- Semi-Finals will in 5 on 5 off format done on 4 problems
- Finals will be in 4+ format on 4 problems

COMPETITION RULES

For the competition rules please see the [SCA Bouldering Competition rules](#) on the SCA website.

To compete in the competition, the climber acknowledges all information detailed in this handbook and agrees to abide by Urban Climb rules and procedures.

By registering for this competition, the climber authorises Urban Climb, SCQ & SCA to the use of images/photographs/movies that may be taken at the event. To revoke authorisation of the use of personal photographs taken from the event, the climber must submit in writing to info@urbanclimb.com.au, no later than the 20th of September 2016.



JUDGES

Only designated volunteer SCA and SCQ judges will judge for the event.

VOLUNTEERING

The 2016 CLIFBar Australian Bouldering Championships are a big and exciting event made possible only through the generous efforts of sponsors and volunteers. We are always looking for volunteers to help as judges, scrubbers and general helpers. Even if you are competing it is possible to volunteer at other times during the weekend and volunteers who help out for more than a single session over the course of the weekend will receive one of the highly sought after competition volunteer shirts. If you are interested in volunteering for the 2016 CLIFBar Australian Bouldering Championships, please contact SCQ at:

volunteer@sportclimbingqueensland.com.





4 TIMETABLE

Times are approximate, are subject to change & will vary depending on the running of the event. All climbers are advised to be at the event and ready to climb at all times. Please listen out for any changes on the day of the event.

SATURDAY – YOUTH C/D AND OPEN A QUALIFIERS

Saturday Round 1 – Youth C/D

Registration opens	7.00 am
Registration closes	8.00 am
Competitor briefing	8.00 am
Qualification climbing commences	8.15 am
Qualification results posted	10.15 am
Presentations	10.30 am

Saturday Round 2 – Open A Qualifiers

Registration opens	10.30 am
Registration closes	11.30 am
Isolation opens	11.15 am
Isolation closes	11.45 am
Qualification climbing commences	12.00 pm
Qualification results posted	6.00 pm



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SUNDAY – OPEN B/C AND OPEN A SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS

Sunday Round 1 – Open B/C

Registration opens	7.00 am
Registration closes	8.00 am
Competitor briefing	8.00 am
Qualification climbing commences	8.15 am
Qualification results posted	10.15 am
Presentations	10.30 am

Sunday Round 2 – Open A Semi-finals

Isolation opens	11.15 am
Isolation closes	12.00 pm
Semi-final climbing commences	12.15 pm
Semi-final results posted	2.30 pm

Sport Climbing Australia – Annual General Meeting 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Sunday Round 3 – Open A Finals

Isolation opens	4.00 pm
Isolation closes	4.45 pm
Final climbing commences	5.00 pm
Final results posted	6.45 pm
Presentation	7.00 pm



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MONDAY QUALIFIERS – YOUTH B/A, JUNIORS & MASTERS

Monday Round 1 – Youth B/A

Registration opens	7.00 am
Registration closes	8.00 am
Competitor briefing	8.00 am
Qualification climbing commences	8.15 am
Qualification results posted	10.15 am

Monday Round 2 – Juniors and Masters

Registration opens	9.15 am
Registration closes	10.15 am
Competitor briefing	10.15 am
Qualification climbing commences	10.30 am
Qualification results posted	12.30 am
Presentation (Masters only)	12.45 pm



MONDAY FINALS – YOUTH B/A AND JUNIORS

Monday Round 3 – Youth B Finals

Isolation opens	12.30 pm
Isolation closes	12.45 pm
Viewing	1.30 pm
Finals climbing commences	1.45 pm
Finals results posted	2.45 pm
Presentations	3.00 pm

Monday Round 4 – Youth A Finals

Isolation opens	12.30 pm
Isolation closes	12.45 pm
Viewing	3.30 pm
Finals climbing commences	3.45 pm
Finals results posted	4.45 pm
Presentations	5.00 pm

Monday Round 5 – Junior Finals

Isolation opens	2.45 pm
Isolation closes	3.00 pm
Viewing	5.30 pm
Finals climbing commences	5.45 pm
Finals results posted	6.45 pm
Presentations	7.00 pm