



## Competition Policy

### Categories, Ranking, Titles and Medals

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This document relates to State Titles and National Championships sanctioned by SCA. Other events, sanctioned or not by SCA, may follow alternative guidelines at the discretion of the organiser.

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## **1 Definitions**

### **1.1 State Championships and National Championships**

A State Championship is run once a year in each state where SCA is represented in the disciplines of Lead, Speed and Bouldering.

A National Championship is run once a year in Australia in the disciplines of Lead, Speed and Bouldering.

The Youth event and Open event may be held at different dates.

### **1.2 State of affiliation**

The state of affiliation for each competitor is as declared when signing up for a membership with Sport Climbing Australia.

The state of affiliation cannot be changed during a calendar year.

At a state title, competitors with that state of affiliation are state competitors. Other competitors are interstate competitors.

### **1.3 State of affiliation**

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### **1.4 Ranking Points**

Ranking Points may be earned when participating in any official competition (State, National or Oceania Championships). At the end of the year, Ranking Points add up to generate the National Ranking in each discipline.

### **1.5 Titles**

At each State and National Championship and for each category a Title is earned by the 1<sup>st</sup> competitor in that category.

### **1.6 Medals**

Medals (or trophies) are offered to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> competitor in each category (sometimes referred to as Gold, Silver and bronze).

### **1.7 Prizes**

At the discretion of the competition organiser placing in each category may be linked to a prize (in the form of cash or any other prize).



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## 2 Requirements for participation, Categories

### 2.1 Sport Climbing Australia membership

All participants in an SCA sanctioned event in a specific calendar year must have a valid Sport Climbing Australia membership for this calendar year prior to the commencement of the event. Any participant failing to do so will have their Ranking Points, Titles and Medal revoked. They will also not appear in the result sheet for the event.

A State level membership is required for participating in the State Title. An individual with a state membership is only allowed to participate in the state title of the state that they have declared as their state of affiliation.

A National level membership is required for participating in to other state titles than the one of affiliation, National, Continental and International Championships.

### 2.2 Categories

- Youth A, B, C, D, Junior, Masters (40+) and Open A are the official categories.
- Youth X category may be created for competitors younger than Youth D.
- Open B will also be included in all events
- Open C may be included in a competition when appropriate and practical at the discretion of the competition organisers.
- At the discretion of the controlling body in each state and SCA at national level, categories may be run on separate dates.

### 2.3 Age

- SCA follows age categories as designated by the IFSC.
- Junior and Youth A competitors are permitted to compete in Open categories. Younger competitors are not permitted to compete in Open categories.
- Youth B competitors who are also members of the Australian National Team are allowed to participate in the open A category with the same status as overseas guest competitors:
  - Members of the Australian National Team are as listed on the SCA website. The selection policy for the Australian National Team is on the SCA website.
  - Prizes may be awarded to Youth B climbers who earn them at the discretion of the event organiser, however they cannot be awarded Titles, Ranking Points and Medals
  - Youth B participants 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 other competitors
  - Youth B participants should be clearly marked in the results table
- Masters climbers can choose to compete in Masters and/or Open A when the competition allows it.



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## 3 Special Competitors

### 3.1 Interstate Competitors at State Titles

- Any National level SCA member can compete at any SCA sanctioned State Titles.
- Any of the competitors are eligible for **Ranking Points and Prizes**, regardless of their current state of affiliation.
- **Medals and Titles** will only be awarded to climbers competing in their state of affiliation eg. the NSW Champion must be affiliated to the state of NSW. The state of affiliation is as declared when applying for membership and is displayed on the membership card. It can only be changed when requested in writing with justification. Also, in that case the state of affiliation will be used for all events in that calendar year. A competitor cannot win multiple State Titles or Medals.

### 3.2 Overseas Guest Competitors

- Overseas guest competitors are competitors who are not Australian citizens and not currently residing in Australia. Their state of affiliation is declared as “international”.
- Overseas guest competitors are entitled to ranking points.
- Prizes may be awarded to overseas guest climbers who earn them at the discretion of the event organiser.
- Overseas guest competitors are not entitled to earn Titles or Medals at any state title or national championship
- A National Title can only be awarded to an Australian Citizen.
- 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 for other competitors
- Overseas guest competitors should be clearly marked in the results table



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## 4 Competitions

### 4.1 State Level Competition

**Medals and Titles** will be awarded only to competitors having their state of affiliation being the same as the state of the competition.

**Prizes** may be awarded to any participant at the event at the discretion of the event organiser.

**Ranking Points** will be awarded to any competitors.

### 4.2 National Level Competition

**Medal and Titles** will be awarded only to Australian Citizens. The registration form at the event will ask if participants are Australian citizens.

**Prizes** may be awarded to any participant at the event at the discretion of the event organiser.

**Ranking Points** will be awarded to any competitors.

## 5 Ranking Policy

### 5.1 Events and Categories

National Ranking will be for each of the Official IFSC disciplines: Lead, Boulder and Speed. Ranking Points are awarded at all SCA endorsed competitions that are designated as State Titles or National Championships.

National Rankings will apply for males and females in the following categories:  
Open A, Junior, Youth A, Youth B, Youth C, Youth D, Masters

National Ranking will be made at the end of each calendar year

Competitors will be allocated Ranking Points for the category they compete in. Some climbers may be allocated Ranking Points in multiple categories.

### 5.2 Points to be awarded

Ranking Points are allocated using the standard IFSC formula with Oceania and National Championships carrying full weight of points and State Titles carrying 0.4 of points value (rounded to the decimal)



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- National Championships

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1	100	11	31	21	10
2	80	12	28	22	9
3	65	13	26	23	8
4	55	14	24	24	7
5	51	15	22	25	6
6	47	16	20	26	5
7	43	17	18	27	4
8	40	18	16	28	3
9	37	19	14	29	2
10	34	20	12	30+	1

- State Titles

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1	40	11	12.4	21	4
2	32	12	11.2	22	3.6
3	26	13	10.4	23	3.2
4	22	14	9.6	24	2.8
5	20.4	15	8.8	25	2.4
6	18.8	16	8	26	2
7	17.2	17	7.2	27	1.6
8	16	18	6.4	28	1.2
9	14.8	19	5.6	29	0.8
10	13.6	20	4.8	30+	0.4