



SPORT CLIMBING AUSTRALIA

Competition Policy

Bouldering Competitions

Competition Rules

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This document was adapted to fit the formats currently held in Australian Bouldering Competitions. 4 levels of formats may to be used:

- Level 1: Pumpfest
- Level 2: BoulderJam
- Level 3a: BoulderJam followed by 5on/5off Final
- Level 3b: BoulderJam followed by World Cup Final Format
- Level 4: World Cup Format



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1. Sport Climbing Australia

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 Sport Climbing Australia (SCA) is the Australian National Association responsible for all aspects of Australian Competition Climbing.
- 1.1.2 The IFSC is the final authority for all matters concerning International Competition Climbing.
- 1.1.3 SCA is recognised by the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) and the Australian Sports Commission as the governing body for Sport Climbing in Australia.
- 1.1.4 SCA maintains authority in respect to all national climbing competitions as set out in Article 1.3. As such, it is responsible for:
- a) *Controlling all technical and other aspects of the sport;*
 - b) *Receiving applications from member states to organise state and national competitions;*
 - c) *Approving those applications that it deems in the interest of the sport and which it assesses as being in accordance with the SCA rules and regulations governing such competitions.*
- All official competitions approved by the SCA shall at all times be organised, undertaken and executed in strict accordance with the rules and regulations governing such competitions.
- 1.1.5 The organisational structure of the SCA is described in detail in its Constitution.

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 of all applications to organise a competition approved by the SCA;*
 - b) *Dealing with all enquiries - both of a general nature and with respect to approved competitions;*
 - c) *Issuing all information regarding competitions approved by the SCA;*
 - d) *In particular, issuing all competition information and application forms to the organisers concerning each competition.*
 - e) *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. Each amendment shall incorporate a date of entry into force;*
 - f) *Official publication of all competition results and national rankings*
 - g) *Appointment of all SCA officials to approved competitions.*



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1.3 Competitions

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

1.4 SCA Competition Officials

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

Jury President

The Jury President has overall authority within the Competition Area (as defined in Article 3.3). 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 briefing all officiating Judges on the application of the SCA Rules before the start of a competition. 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 a Judge appointed by the SCA to assist the Jury President in undertaking all aspects of judging a competition. The Head Judge is responsible for announcing the publication of starting and result lists, appeals, and any important changes to the competition program.

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 the 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 and maintenance of Warm-Up facilities. The Chief Route-Setter



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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.

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. These measures are specified separately by the SCA. 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.



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2. General Rules

2.1 Disciplines

2.1.1 Sport Climbing Australia includes the following Disciplines:

- a) **Lead:** Climbs ('Routes') are climbed with the competitor clipping into protection points as they climb (on "Lead"). Progression along the line of the route determines a competitor's ranking. Open B, Open C, Youth C and D categories may Top-Rope some of their routes.
- b) **Bouldering:** Short climbs ('Boulders') are attempted without ropes but with landing mats for protection. The number of boulders completed determines a competitor's ranking.
- c) **Speed:** Climbs are attempted with an in-situ rope (on "Top-Rope"). The time to complete the route determines a competitor's ranking.

2.2 Safety

Responsibilities

- 2.2.1 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.
- 2.2.2 Each competitor shall be regarded as entirely and solely responsible for the equipment and clothing that they intend to wear during their attempt(s).
- 2.2.3 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

- 2.2.4 Any technical equipment used in Official Competitions must meet the relevant EN Standard (or comparable International equivalent) unless otherwise specified by the SCA or, in exceptional circumstances, by the Jury President through the authority delegated to them by the SCA. The relevant standards as at the date of issue for these Rules are:



Applicable Standards for technical equipment used in International Competition Climbing

Equipment	CEN Standard
Belay Devices (Locking)	EN15151-1 (Draft)
Belay Devices (Manual)	EN15151-2 (Draft)
Climbing Harness	EN12277:2007 (Type C)
Climbing Holds	EN12572-3:2008
Climbing Rope	EN892:2004
Climbing Structures	EN12572-1:2008, EN12572-2:2008
Karabiners (Screwgate)	EN12275:1998 (Type H)
Karabiners (Self-Locking)	EN12275:1998 (Type H)
Quickdraw/ Tape Slings	EN566:2007
Quickdraw/ Connector (Karabiner)	EN12275:1998 (Type B, Type D)
Quickdraw/ Connector (Quick link)	EN12275:1998 (Type Q)

Medical Personnel

- 2.2.5 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.
- 2.2.6 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.
- 2.2.7 Under no circumstances shall special provisions be made at the request of any competitor, e.g. descent to the ground from the top of a boulder by a ladder.

2.3 The Competition Area

General

- 2.3.1 The Competition Area includes:
- a) *Any Isolation Zone/Warm-Up Area;*
 - b) *Any Transit Zone(s)*
 - c) *Any Call Zone(s); and*



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d) *One or more Competition Zones, which shall all be demarcated from any area open to the public.*

2.3.2 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.

2.3.3 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

2.3.4 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,*



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- 2.3.5 Animals shall not be allowed in the Competition Area. Exceptions from this rule can be authorised by the Jury President.
- 2.3.6 Failure to comply with these rules shall result in disciplinary action in accordance with Section 3 (*Disciplinary Procedures*).

2.4 Clothing and Equipment

Technical Equipment

- 2.4.1 All technical equipment used by a competitor shall comply with the relevant standards set out in Article 2.2.4 unless otherwise specified by the SCA.
- 2.4.2 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.
- 2.4.3 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

- 2.4.4 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 Section 3 (*Disciplinary Procedures*).

2.5 Wall Maintenance

- 2.5.1 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.
- 2.5.2 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.

2.6 Rankings and Records

- 2.6.1 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.



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;*



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- e) *Use of obscene or abusive language or behaviour of a relatively mild nature; or*
- f) *Unsporting behaviour of a relatively minor nature.*
- g) *Appeals against such decisions shall follow the procedure specified in the relevant Section of Part 2 to 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;*



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- d) *Failing to comply with the instructions of the judges, organisers or SCA officials;*
- 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.*

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:

- h) *Serious unsporting behaviour or other serious disturbance; or*
- i) *Abusive, threatening or violent behaviour to SCA officials, organisers, team members (including competitors) or to any other person.*

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 and Article 4.4.1 of these rules.

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.



5. Competition Rules for World Cup Format

5.1 General

- 5.1.1 Bouldering competitions shall take place on short climbing routes, called boulders, climbed without ropes, constructed on purpose-designed, artificial climbing walls.
- 5.1.2 Bouldering competitions shall normally consist of:
- A Qualification round with a course of five (5) boulders for each Starting Group and Category;*
 - A Semi-Final round with a course of four (4) boulders for each Category; and*
 - A Final round with a course of four (4) boulders for each Category.*
- 5.1.3 In exceptional circumstances, the Jury President may decide:
- to cancel at most one boulder within a round;*
 - to cancel a round of the competition, in which case the results of the remaining rounds shall determine the ranking of competitors for the competition.*

5.2 Climbing Structure

The Climbing Structure

- 5.2.1 The climbing structure and climbing holds shall comply with the Applicable Standards set out in Section 3 (*General Rules*).
- 5.2.2 The climbing structure shall normally allow for the construction of at least ten (10) independent boulders in order to accommodate parallel courses for each round.

Design of boulders

- 5.2.3 If pursuant to Article 5.7.11b) or c) the Qualification round for any Category is to take place with two (2) Starting Groups and courses, then the boulders on each course shall be constructed with similar character (profile and style) and each course shall have similar overall difficulty.
- 5.2.4 Each boulder shall have a clearly marked start which shall consist of:
- Marked handhold(s) for both hands; and*
 - Marked foothold(s) for both feet.*
 - The use of tape to mark as the start a blank or unbounded area of the wall is not permitted.*
 - Starting holds should not be marked with specific positions for hands*
- 5.2.5 Each boulder shall have a clearly marked finish which shall be either:
- A designated finishing hold; or*
 - A defined standing position on top of the boulder.*



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- 5.2.6 Each boulder shall have a clearly marked “Zone Hold”. The positioning of this hold should aid the separation of competitors with markedly different performance and will be at the Route-Setter’s discretion.
- 5.2.7 The markings used in relation to Articles 5.2.5, 5.2.6 and 5.2.7 shall be the same for the entire duration of a competition. The colours used to mark the starting position and the finishing holds shall be the same and a different colour shall be used for the zone holds. Both colours shall be different from the colour used for demarcations in accordance with Article 5.9.5b). An example of these markings shall be installed within the Isolation Zone.
- 5.2.8 The maximum number of handholds for one boulder shall be twelve (12) and the average number of handholds per boulder in any round shall be between four (4) and eight (8).

5.3 Safety

- 5.3.1 Each boulder shall be designed:
- In such a way that the lowest part of the body of the competitor shall never be higher than three (3) metres above the landing mat; and*
 - So as to avoid the danger of a competitor’s fall injuring the competitor, or injuring or obstructing any other competitor or third party; and*
 - Without any downward jumps.*
- 5.3.2 Landing mats shall protect each boulder. It is the responsibility of the Chief Route-Setter to position the mats provided by the organiser, and to adjust the number and character of the boulders to the mats available. If mats are joined, the gaps shall be covered in order to avoid competitors falling between them.

Personal Equipment

- 5.3.3 Competitors are not permitted to carry or use any audio listening equipment during observation or whilst climbing.

Safety Checks

- 5.3.4 The Jury President, the Head Judge and the Chief Route-Setter shall inspect each boulder and the safety matting for that boulder prior to the start of each round in order to ensure the maintenance of safety standards. In particular, the Head Judge and the Chief Route-Setter shall ensure that all boulders comply with the requirements of Articles 5.3.1 and 5.3.2.

5.4 Scoring and Timing

- 5.4.1 The judge for each boulder shall be:
For State Events:



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- a) *In respect of the Qualification and Semi-Final rounds, a minimum of one (1) Boulder Judge who shall be at least a State Judge as certified by the SCA; In the event there are not enough state boulder judges present the most experienced judges available may be used.*
- b) *In respect of the Final round, a national boulder judge and the Head Judge or the Jury President. In the event there are not enough national boulder judges present a State Boulder judge may be used.*

For National Events:

- c) *In respect of the Qualification and Semi-Final rounds, a minimum of one (1) Boulder Judge who shall be at least a State Judge as certified by the SCA;*
- d) *In respect of the Final round, a national Boulder Judge and either the Head Judge or the Jury President.*

In the event not enough judges are available, the Jury president may assign other judges with the highest level of experience possible.

Scoring

- 5.4.2 On each boulder, a zone point will be awarded if the competitor controls the Zone Hold, marked as described in Article 5.2.8. The zone point will be awarded also where a competitor successfully completes the boulder without having controlled the Zone Hold. The Zone Hold shall be considered as “controlled” where a competitor has made use of the hold to achieve a stable or controlled position.
- 5.4.3 For each competitor attempting a boulder, the Boulder Judge will record:
 - a) *The number of attempts required by that competitor to gain a zone point in accordance with Article 5.4.2; and*
 - b) *The number of attempts required by that competitor to successfully complete the boulder in accordance with Article 5.9.1.*
- 5.4.4 For the purposes of scoring, an attempt will be counted each time a competitor:
 - a) *Starts the boulder in accordance with Article 5.9.1;*
 - b) *Touches, with hands or feet, holds other than the starting holds;*
 - c) *Adds any “tick marks”.*



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Timing

- 5.4.5 An electronic timing system shall be used in each round to display the climbing time remaining for each competitor's attempts. The timing display(s) will show time remaining to the nearest second. The timing display(s) shall be of a number, position and size so that all competitors in the Competition Zone can see the display.
- 5.4.6 The beginning (and the end) of every Rotation Period in the Qualification and Semi-Final rounds shall be announced by a loud and clear signal. When one minute remains of the Rotation Period, this will be announced by a different signal.

5.5 Quota for each round

- 5.5.1 The quota of competitors qualifying for the Semi-Final and Final round shall be twenty (20) and six (6) competitors respectively.
- 5.5.2 If in any Category there are two (2) Starting Groups in the Qualification round, the quota for the next round shall be equally divided and applied to both groups.
- 5.5.3 The quota for the Semi-Final and Final round shall be filled with the highest ranked competitors following the previous round (using countback to the other rounds if necessary). If the quota is exceeded as a result of tied competitors, all tied competitors shall qualify for the next round of the competition. Note that competitors participating in two different starting groups during the qualifier may not be untied using their qualifier results.

5.6 Starting Order

Qualification

- 5.6.1 Where the Qualification round uses two (2) Starting Groups, competitors shall be allocated to one or other Starting Group as follows:
- First, any competitors having a National Ranking for Bouldering on the day of the Technical Meeting (a "Current National Ranking") shall be allocated to a Starting Group in the manner shown in the following example:*

Relative Current World Ranking	
Starting Group A	Starting Group B
1 st	2 nd
4 th	3 rd
5 th	6 th
8 th	7 th
9 th	10 th
etc...	etc...

- Second, any un-ranked competitors shall be allocated to one or other Starting Groups by means of random selection such that an equal, or as close to equal as possible, number of competitors are allocated to each set of boulders.*



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5.6.2 The starting order for the Qualification round within each Starting Group shall be as follows:

- a) *First, any competitors having a Current National Ranking, in ascending order of their Current National Ranking (i.e. the highest ranked competitor starts first); and*
- b) *Second, all un-ranked competitors in random order.*

Semi-Final and Final

5.6.3 The starting order for the Semi-Final and Final rounds shall be the reverse of the ranking order from the previous round, i.e. the highest ranked competitor shall start last. In the case of tied competitors from a previous round, the starting order between them shall be:

- a) *Where the tied competitors each have a Current National Ranking, in descending order of their Current National Ranking (i.e. highest ranked starts last);*
- b) *Where the tied competitors are each unranked or have the same Current National Ranking, randomised; and*
- c) *Where competitor(s) having a Current National Ranking and unranked competitor(s) are tied, the unranked competitor shall start first.*

5.7 Competition Procedure

General

5.7.1 Where consecutive rounds of a Boulder competition take place on the same day, there shall be a minimum time gap of two (2) hours between the time when the last competitor finishes the first round and the closing of the Isolation Zone for the following round.

Isolation Rules

5.7.2 Articles 5.7.3 to 5.7.6 (the "Isolation Rules") shall apply to all rounds of Boulder competitions.

5.7.3 Once the closing time for the Isolation Zone has passed, Competitors and/or Team Officials must remain within the Isolation Zone unless otherwise instructed.

Note: Competitors/Team Officials or other persons authorised by the Jury President to enter the Isolation Zone may choose to leave the Isolation Zone at any time, but having left the Isolation Zone they may not then return once the closing time has passed, and must leave the Competition Area, unless specifically authorised to remain by the Jury President.

5.7.4 The Isolation Zone closing time for any round of the competition shall not be earlier than one (1) hour before the competitor first on the starting list is scheduled to commence climbing or in the case of the final round, the time scheduled for the presentation of the finalists.

Note: Competitors may view boulders visible from outside the Competition Area at any time prior to the closing time for the Isolation Zone.



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- 5.7.5 Competitors shall have no knowledge of the boulders other than that obtained during the official observation period or that communicated to them by the Jury President or the judges. It is the sole responsibility of each competitor to fully inform themselves with respect to all instructions regarding the boulders. For the avoidance of doubt:
- Whilst in the Competition Area, competitors are not permitted to seek any information from persons outside the Competition Area, unless specifically authorised to do so by the Jury President;*
 - Competitors who have completed their attempt(s) on a boulder and who for any reason remain in the Competition Area must not pass any information concerning that boulder to any competitor who has not yet attempted that route/boulder.*

- 5.7.6 Failure to comply with the Isolation Rules when in force shall result in disciplinary action in accordance with 3 (*Disciplinary Procedures*).

Preparation prior to Climbing

- 5.7.7 After having received an official instruction to leave the Isolation Zone/Warm-Up Area and proceed to the Call Zone, competitors shall not be accompanied by any person other than authorised officials.
- 5.7.8 On arrival in the Call Zone, each competitor shall make all final preparations for their attempt, such as putting on their climbing shoes.
- 5.7.9 Each competitor shall be ready to leave the Call Zone and enter the Competition Zone when instructed to do so. Any undue delay in this regard may result in the issuing of a Yellow Card. Any further delay shall result in disqualification in accordance with Section 3 (*Disciplinary Procedures*).

Cleaning

- 5.7.10 The Boulder Judge or organising staff will clean all holds on a boulder when deemed necessary. A competitor may also request that holds be cleaned before any attempt on the boulder. Competitors may clean holds that they can reach from the ground. Only brushes or other materials that are provided by the organisation shall be used for this purpose.

Qualification and Semi-Final

- 5.7.11 The Qualification round for each Category shall take place:
- Where the number of competitors registered for the competition in that Category is less than 40, on one (1) course of boulders with the competitors in one (1) Starting Group; or*
 - Where the number of competitors registered for the competition in that Category is between 40 and 59, on either one (1) or (2) courses of boulders with the competitors in an equal number of Starting Groups, as decided by the SCA Delegate in consultation with the Chief Route-Setter; or*
 - Where the number of competitors registered for the competition in that Category is 60 or greater, on two (2) courses of boulders with the competitors in two (2) Starting Groups, one on each course.*



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5.7.12 The Semi-Final round shall take place on one (1) course of boulders for each Category. Both Categories shall normally compete simultaneously.

5.7.13 In the Qualification and Semi-Final rounds, each competitor participating in the round:

- a) *Shall attempt each boulder of the relevant course in the prescribed order, with a fixed time period (the "Rotation Period") of five (5) minutes for each boulder;*
- b) *Shall have a resting period equal to the Rotation Period in between their attempts on each successive boulder. At the end of each Rotation Period, the competitors that are climbing shall stop climbing and enter a designated resting area. This area shall not allow observation of any boulder. The competitors who have finished their resting period shall move on to their next boulder.*

Final

5.7.14 The Final round shall take place on one (1) course of boulders for each Category. Both Categories shall normally compete simultaneously with competitors paired by their ranking after the Semi-Final and/or their Starting Order for the final. e.g. the competitors ranked first after the semi-final within each Category shall normally start each boulder at the same time.

Note: Any unpaired competitors (i.e. where the number of finalists in each Category is different) shall compete first.

5.7.15 The Final round shall be preceded by a presentation of the competitors eligible to participate in the round.

5.7.16 For each Category:

- a) *Each boulder in the Final round shall be attempted by all competitors in the order set out in Article 5.6.3.*
- b) *Once a competitor has finished their attempts, they shall return to a separate isolation area and the next competitor shall start their climbing period immediately;*
- c) *Once all competitors have completed their attempts, the competitors shall move on to the next boulder as a group;*

5.7.17 The climbing period during the Final round shall be four (4) minutes for each competitor.

Tie-Break boulder

5.7.18 In the circumstances described in Article 5.10.4a), tied competitors shall make attempt a "Tie-Break" boulder:

- a) *The starting order for attempts shall be the same as that for the Final round*
- b) *The performance of each competitor shall be judged in accordance with Articles 5.4.2 to 5.4.5 and 5.10.1.*
- c) *If two or more competitors remain tied for first, second or third place 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).*



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d) *If a tie still exists after six (6) attempts, then another Tie-Break boulder will be used.*

5.8 Observation Procedure

5.8.1 Team Officials shall not be permitted to accompany the competitors during the observation period. While in the observation area, all competitors remain under the Isolation Rules. Competitors shall remain within the designated observation zone during the observation. They are not permitted to climb on the climbing wall or stand on any equipment or furniture. They may seek clarification only from the Jury President, the Head Judge or the Boulder Judge assigned to that boulder.

5.8.2 During the observation period, competitors are allowed to touch only the marked starting holds, without leaving the ground with both their feet. No recording equipment shall be permitted.

Qualification and Semi-Final

5.8.3 In the Qualification and Semi-Final rounds, the observation period is part of the Rotation Period.

Final

5.8.4 A collective observation period of two (2) minutes per boulder shall be held immediately prior to the commencement of the Final round.

5.9 Climbing Procedure

The Start

5.9.1 An attempt shall be deemed to have started when every part of the competitor's body has left the ground.

5.9.2 Having left the ground, competitors must achieve the starting position marked in accordance with Article 5.2.5 before making any other climbing movement.

5.9.3 If a competitor cannot reach the starting holds from the ground, they shall be permitted to start the boulder by jumping for the starting holds.

Completion of Attempt

5.9.4 An attempt on a boulder shall be considered successful when the Boulder Judge has raised a hand announced "OK", having determined that the competitor has either:

- a) *Controlled the marked finishing hold of the Boulder with both hands; or*
- b) *Where the top of the boulder is indicated as set out in Article 5.2.5b), achieved a standing position on top of the boulder,*

in each case within any fixed time period defined for the competitor's attempts.

5.9.5 An attempt on a boulder shall be considered unsuccessful if the competitor fails to control with both hands the marked finishing hold or, if relevant, achieve a standing position on top of the boulder; or the competitor:

- a) *Fails to start the boulder in accordance with Articles 5.9.1, 5.9.2 and 5.9.3;*



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- b) *Uses any part of the wall, holds or features demarcated using continuous and clearly identifiable black tape (or if another colour is required to be used, as specified by the Jury President in a technical briefing to competitors);*
- c) *Uses with their hands any holes provided for the placement of bolt-on holds , excluding any such hole on a bolt-on hold;*
- d) *Uses any advertising or informational placard affixed to the wall, or any part of such material;*
- e) *Uses the side edges or the top edges of the wall for climbing;*
- f) *Touches the ground with any part of the body; or*
- g) *If a fixed climbing period has been defined, fails to complete their attempt before the end of that period;*

5.9.6 In case of infractions related to 5.9.5a) to f), the Boulder Judge shall instruct the competitor to stop climbing.

5.10 Ranking after each round

General

5.10.1 After each round of the competition, each competitor participating in that round shall be ranked within their Starting Group/Category using the following criteria:

- a) *First, in descending order, the number of successfully completed boulders (“TOPS”) in the current round;*
- b) *Second, in descending order, the total number of zone points gained by the competitor in the current round;*
- c) *Third, in ascending order, the total number of attempts to complete these boulders;*
- d) *Fourth, in ascending order, the total number of attempts to achieve these zone points.*

Example:

Rank	Tops	Zone Points	T-Attempts	B-Attempts
1	4	4	5	5
2	4	3	7	3
3	4	3	7	8
4	3	3	5	5

5.10.2 If a competitor eligible to participate in a round fails to start:

- a) *In the Qualification round, they shall not be ranked;*
- b) *In any other round, they shall be ranked last in that round.*



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5.10.3 If any competitors are tied following the ranking calculation of Articles 5.10.1 and 5.10.2, then the ranking of these competitors from the preceding round shall be used to break the tie (“countback”). Tied competitors shall be ranked relative to each other in ascending order of their ranking from the preceding round.

No countback to the results of the Qualification round shall be made where competitors were separated into two different Starting Groups for the Qualification round.

5.10.4 If following the countback process of Article 5.10.3 any competitors remain tied:

- a) *If such tie relates to the placing of competitors in a podium position (1st, 2nd or 3rd) following the Final round, the relative ranking of these competitors will be determined as set out in Article 5.7.18; or*
- b) *If such tie relates to any other competitors, the relevant competitors will be given an equal ranking.*

Qualification Round (Two Starting Groups)

5.10.5 If the Qualification round takes place on two courses with two Starting Groups, the consolidated ranking for the Qualification round shall be determined by merging the rankings for each Starting Group, treating competitors having equal rankings as tied.

e.g. Any competitors ranked 1st in Starting Group A and any competitors ranked 1st in Starting Group B shall each be ranked 1st in the consolidated ranking.

5.11 Technical Incidents

5.11.1 A Technical Incident is defined as any occurrence that results in a disadvantage or unfair advantage to a competitor, which is not the result of an action on the part of the competitor.

5.11.2 The Head Judge, if necessary in consultation with the Chief Route-Setter shall make the confirmation or non-confirmation of a Technical Incident.

Procedure following a Technical Incident

5.11.3 The first attempt made by the competitor who has suffered a Technical Incident, on the same boulder, after the attempt in which the Technical Incident occurred shall be deemed a continuation of that attempt.

5.11.4 When the competitor who has suffered the Technical Incident resumes their attempts after repairing or fixing, the competitor shall be allowed the time remaining at the moment when the Technical Incident occurred, with a minimum of two (2) minutes.

5.11.5 If a confirmed Technical Incident occurs during the Qualification or Semi-Final rounds:

- a) *If the Technical Incident can be repaired or fixed before the end of the current Rotation Period, the competitor involved will be offered the opportunity to continue with their attempts:*
 - i) If the competitor chooses to continue, then the Technical Incident is finished and no further appeals shall be allowed.
 - ii) If the competitor chooses not to continue, then the competitor will resume their attempts in a Rotation Period to be decided by the Jury President.



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- b) *If the Technical Incident cannot be repaired or fixed before the end of the current Rotation Period, then at the end of the Rotation Period:*
- i) The Head Judge will suspend the round for the competitor who has suffered the Technical Incident and all competitors on the preceding boulders; and
 - ii) For all other competitors, the round shall continue.
 - iii) Once the Technical Incident has been repaired or fixed, the competitor who has suffered the Technical Incident shall resume their attempts. Any other competitors whose round was suspended shall restart at the first full Rotation Period afterward.

5.11.6 If a confirmed Technical Incident occurs during the Final round, the competitor suffering the Technical Incident shall return to separate isolation in the Transit Zone and await the repair. When the Technical Incident has been repaired or fixed, the affected competitor shall re-commence their attempts.

5.12 Appeals

5.12.1 All verbal and written appeals and official responses to appeals shall be made in English and

- a) *in relation to appeals under Article 5.12.3, only in written form, signed by the relevant team officials;*
- b) *in relation to appeals under Article 5.12.4, in verbal or written form by the team officials from the relevant team. In the event there is no qualified team official the competitor concerned may make the appeal;*
- c) *in relation to appeals under Article 5.12.5, only in written form signed by a team official from the relevant team; or only where no such person is registered for the competition, by the relevant competitor.*

Safety Appeals

5.12.2 A Safety Appeal may be submitted if the coaches from at least three different state teams 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

5.12.3 An appeal concerning the judgment of a competitor's attempt must be made immediately and:

- a) *In the case of the Qualification or Semi-Final rounds, within the current or next following rotation period;*
- b) *In the case of the Final round, before the start of the following competitor's attempts, and*

where such an appeal is made the affected competitor shall, if necessary, be treated as though a Technical Incident had occurred and Articles 5.11.5(a) and 5.11.6 shall apply. In the case of the Final round, any such appeal must be resolved (and any action required as a consequence completed) prior to the competitors moving on to the next boulder.



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- 5.12.4 An appeal can only be lodged if paying the \$100 appeal fee. If the appeal is upheld, the fee will be returned.
- 5.12.5 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 in writing:
- In respect of any appeal concerning the Qualification or Semi-Final round, within fifteen (15) minutes of the publication of all Official Results for that round; and*
 - In respect of any appeal concerning the Final round, immediately following the publication of a result for the relevant competitor up to a maximum of 15 minutes.*
- 5.12.6 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.
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
- 5.12.7 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.
- 5.12.8 If the available evidence in relation to an appeal is inconclusive, then the original decision shall stand and the \$100 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

- 5.12.9 A decision by the Jury President shall be final and not subject to further appeal.
- 5.12.10 An appeal in relation to the consequences of a decision made by the Jury President (an “Original Decision”) must be made:
- With respect to appeals concerning the Qualification or Semi-Final rounds, within ten (10) minutes after the publication of the Original Decision; or*
 - With respect to appeals concerning the Final round, immediately after publication of the Original Decision and up to a maximum of 10 minutes.*
 - No appeal in relation to the consequences of an Original Decision can be made outside the above period.*



6. Competition Rules for Boulderjam followed by WC final format

6.1 General

6.1.1 Bouldering competitions shall take place on short climbing routes, called boulders, climbed without ropes, constructed on purpose-designed, artificial climbing walls.

6.1.2 The competition will consist of:

- a) *A Qualification round on a BoulderJam format with five (5) boulders for each Category;*
- b) *A Final round with a course of four (4) boulders for each Category*

6.2 Climbing Structure

Design of boulders

6.2.1 Each boulder shall have a clearly marked start which shall consist of:

- a) *Marked handhold(s) for both hands; and*
- b) *Marked foothold(s) for both feet.*
- c) *The use of tape to mark as the start a blank or unbounded area of the wall is not permitted.*
- d) *Starting holds should not be marked with specific positions for hands.*

6.2.2 Each boulder shall have a clearly marked finish which shall be either:

- a) *A designated finishing hold; or*
- b) *A defined standing position on top of the boulder.*

6.2.3 Each boulder shall have a clearly marked "Zone Hold". The positioning of this hold should aid the separation of competitors with markedly different performance and will be at the Route-Setter's discretion.

6.2.4 The colours used to mark the starting position and the finishing holds shall be the same and a different colour shall be used for the zone holds. Both colours shall be different from the colour used for demarcations in accordance with Article 5.9.5b). An example of these markings shall be installed within the Isolation Zone.

6.2.5 The maximum number of handholds for one boulder shall be twelve (12) and the average number of handholds per boulder in any round shall be between four (4) and eight (8).



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6.3 Safety

6.3.1 Each boulder shall be designed:

- a) *In such a way that the lowest part of the body of the competitor shall never be higher than three (3) meters above the landing mat; and*
- b) *So as to avoid the danger of a competitor's fall injuring the competitor, or injuring or obstructing any other competitor or third party; and*
- c) *Without any downward jumps.*

6.3.2 Landing mats shall protect each boulder. It is the responsibility of the Chief Route-Setter to position the mats provided by the organiser, and to adjust the number and character of the boulders to the mats available. If mats are joined, the gaps shall be covered in order to avoid competitors being able to fall in between them.

Personal Equipment

6.3.3 The Jury President, the Head Judge and the Chief Route-Setter shall inspect each boulder and the safety matting for that boulder prior to the start of each round in order to ensure the maintenance of safety standards. In particular, the Head Judge and the Chief Route-Setter shall ensure that all boulders comply with the requirements of Articles 6.3.1 and 6.3.2.

6.4 Scoring and Timing

6.4.1 The jury for each boulder shall be:

- a) *a minimum of one (1) Boulder Judge;*
- b) *In respect of the final round, ideally two Boulder Judges or a single Judge with experience (certified Judge, Head Judge or the Jury President).*

In the event not enough judges are available, the Jury president may assign other judges with the highest level of experience possible.

Scoring

6.4.2 On each boulder, a 'zone' will be awarded if the competitor controls the Zone Hold. The 'zone' will be awarded also where a competitor successfully completes the boulder without having controlled the Zone Hold. The Zone Hold shall be considered as "controlled" where a competitor has made use of the hold to achieve a stable or controlled position.

6.4.3 For each competitor attempting a boulder, the Boulder Judge will record:

- a) *The number of attempts required by that competitor to gain the zone hold in accordance with Article 6.4.2; and*
- b) *The number of attempts required by that competitor to successfully complete the boulder in accordance with Article 6.9.1.*



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6.4.4 For the purposes of scoring, an attempt will be counted each time a competitor:

- a) *Starts the boulder in accordance with Article 6.9.1;*
- b) *Touches, with hands or feet, holds other than the starting holds;*
- c) *Adds any “tick marks”*
- d) *Touches, with any part of the body, the mat after the climber has started in accordance with Article 6.9.1*

Timing

6.4.5 An electronic timing system shall be used for the final round to display the climbing time remaining. The timing display(s) should show time remaining to the nearest second. The timing display(s) shall be of a number, position and size so that all competitors in the Competition Zone can see the display.

6.4.6 For Finals: The beginning (and the end) of every Rotation Period in the Final rounds shall be announced by a loud and clear signal. When one minute remains of the Rotation Period, this will be announced by a clear signal.

6.5 Quota for each round

6.5.1 The quota of competitors qualifying for the Final round is six (6) competitors.

6.5.2 If in any Category there are two (2) Starting Groups in the Qualification round, the quota for the next round shall be equally divided and applied to both groups.

6.5.1 The quota for the Semi-Final and Final round shall be filled with the highest ranked competitors following the previous round (using countback to the other rounds if necessary). If the quota is exceeded as a result of tied competitors, all tied competitors shall qualify for the next round of the competition. Note that competitors participating in two different starting groups during the qualifier may not be untied using their qualifier results.

6.6 Starting Order

Qualifier (BoulderJam)

6.6.1 In the qualification round competitors will attempt the boulders in any order they choose.

Final (WC final format)

6.6.2 The starting order for the Final round shall be the reverse of the ranking order from the previous round, i.e. the highest ranked competitor shall start last. In the case of tied competitors from a previous round, the starting order between them shall be:



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- a) *Where the tied competitors each have a Current National Ranking, in descending order of their Current National Ranking (i.e. highest ranked starts last);*
- b) *Where the tied competitors are each unranked or have the same National Ranking, randomised; and*
- c) *Where competitor(s) having a National Ranking and unranked competitor(s) are tied, the unranked competitor shall start first.*

6.6.3 Competitors are not permitted to carry or use any audio listening equipment during observation or whilst climbing.

Safety Checks

6.7 Competition Procedure

Isolation Rules (only for Final)

6.7.1 Once the closing time for the Isolation Zone has passed, Competitors and/or Team Officials must remain within the Isolation Zone unless otherwise instructed.

Note: Competitors/Team Officials or other persons authorised by the Jury President to enter the Isolation Zone may choose to leave the Isolation Zone at any time, but having left the Isolation Zone they may not then return once the closing time has passed, and must leave the Competition Area, unless specifically authorised to remain by the Jury President.

6.7.2 Competitors shall have no knowledge of the boulders other than that obtained during the official observation period or that communicated to them by the Jury President or the judges. It is the sole responsibility of each competitor to fully inform themselves with respect to all instructions regarding the boulders. For the avoidance of doubt:

- a) *Whilst in the Competition Area, competitors are not permitted to seek any information from persons outside the Competition Area, unless specifically authorised to do so by the Jury President;*
- b) *Competitors who have completed their attempt(s) on a boulder and who for any reason remain in the Competition Area must not pass any information concerning that boulder to any competitor who has not yet attempted that route/boulder.*



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Preparation prior to Climbing (only for Final)

- 6.7.3 After having received an official instruction to leave the Isolation Zone/Warm-Up Area and proceed to the Call Zone, competitors shall not be accompanied by any person other than authorised officials.
- 6.7.4 On arrival in the Call Zone, each competitor shall make all final preparations for their attempt, such as putting on their climbing shoes.
- 6.7.5 Each competitor shall be ready to leave the Call Zone and enter the Competition Zone when instructed to do so. Any undue delay in this regard may result in the issuing of a Yellow Card. Any further delay shall result in disqualification in accordance with 3 *Disciplinary Procedures*.

Cleaning

- 6.7.6 For Boulderjam: Competitors may clean holds that they can reach from the ground. Only brushes or other materials that are provided by the organisation shall be used for this purpose.
- 6.7.7 For the final round: The Boulder Judge or organising staff shall clean all holds when deemed necessary. A competitor may also request that holds be cleaned before any attempt on the boulder. Competitors may clean holds that they can reach from the ground. Only brushes or other materials that are provided by the organisation shall be used for this purpose.

Qualifiers (BoulderJam)

- 6.7.8 Climbers receive 2 hours to complete 5 specific problems, marked with tops and zones. Scoring and ranking is made as per section 6.10
- 6.7.9 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. Scoring and ranking will be in accordance with article 6.10.
- 6.7.10 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.

Final (WC final format)

- 6.7.11 The Final round shall take place on one (1) course of boulders for each Category. Both Categories shall normally compete simultaneously with competitors paired by their ranking after the Semi-Final and/or their Starting Order for the final. e.g. the competitors ranked first after the semi-final within each Category shall normally start each boulder at the same time.
Note: Any unpaired competitors (i.e. where the number of finalists in each Category is different) shall compete first.
- 6.7.12 The Final round shall be preceded by a presentation of the competitors eligible to participate in the round.
- 6.7.13 For each Category:
 - a) *Each boulder in the Final round shall be attempted by all competitors in the order set out in Article 5.6.3.*



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- b) *Once a competitor has finished their attempts, they shall return to a separate isolation area and the next competitor shall start their climbing period immediately;*
- c) *Once all competitors have completed their attempts, the competitors shall move on to the next boulder as a group;*

6.7.14 The climbing period during the Final round shall be four (4) minutes for each competitor.

Tie-Break boulder

6.7.15 In the circumstances described in Article 6.10.4.1, tied competitors shall attempt a “Tie-Break” boulder:

- a) *The starting order for attempts shall be the same as that for the Final round*
- b) *The performance of each competitor shall be judged in accordance with Articles 6.4.2 to 6.4.5 and 6.10.1.*
- c) *If two or more competitors remain tied for first, second or third place 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).*
- d) *If a tie still exists after six (6) attempts, then another Tie-Break boulder will be used.*

6.8 Observation Procedure

Qualifier (BoulderJam)

6.8.1 There shall be no separate observation period as the observation period is part of the allocated time for the boulders.

Final (WC final format)

6.8.2 A collective observation period of two (2) minutes per boulder shall be held immediately prior to the commencement of the Final round.

6.8.3 Team Officials shall not be permitted to accompany the competitors during the observation period. While in the observation area, all competitors remain under the Isolation Rules. Competitors shall remain within the designated observation zone during the observation. They are not permitted to climb on the climbing wall or stand on any equipment or furniture. They may seek clarification only from the Jury President, the Head Judge or the Boulder Judge assigned to the boulder.

6.8.4 During the observation period, competitors are allowed to touch only the marked starting holds, without leaving the ground with both their feet. No recording equipment shall be permitted.



6.9 Climbing Procedure

The Start

- 6.9.1 An attempt shall be deemed to have started when every part of the competitor's body has left the ground.
- 6.9.2 Having left the ground, competitors must achieve the start position marked in accordance with Article 6.2.1 before making any other climbing movement.
- 6.9.3 If a competitor cannot reach the starting holds from the ground, they shall be permitted to start the boulder by jumping for the starting holds.

Completion of Attempt

- 6.9.4 An attempt on a boulder shall be considered successful when the Boulder Judge has raised a hand and announced “OK”, having determined that the competitor has either:
 - a) *Controlled the marked finishing hold of the Boulder with both hands; or*
 - b) *Where the top of the boulder is indicated as set out in Article 5.2.5b), achieved a standing position on top of the boulder, in each case within any fixed time period defined for the competitor's attempts.*
- 6.9.5 An attempt on a boulder shall be considered unsuccessful if the competitor fails to control with both hands the marked finishing hold or, if relevant, achieve a standing position on top of the boulder; or the competitor:
 - a) *Fails to start the boulder in accordance with Articles 6.9.1 to 6.9.3;*
 - b) *Uses any part of the wall, holds or features demarcated using continuous and clearly identifiable black tape (or if another colour is required to be used, as specified by the Jury President in a technical briefing to competitors);*
 - c) *Uses with their hands any holes provided for the placement of bolt-on holds, excluding any such hole on a bolt-on hold;*
 - d) *Uses any advertising or informational placard affixed to the wall, or any part of such material;*
 - e) *Uses the side edges or the top edges of the wall for climbing;*
 - f) *Touches the ground with any part of the body; or*
 - g) *If a fixed climbing period has been defined, fails to complete their attempt before the end of that period;*
- 6.9.6 In case of infractions related to 5.9.5a) to 6.9.5.g), the Boulder Judge shall instruct the competitor to stop climbing.



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6.10 Ranking after each round

General

6.10.1 After each round of the competition, each competitor participating in that round shall be ranked within their Starting Group/Category using the following criteria:

- a) *First, in descending order, the number of successfully completed boulders (“TOPS”) in the current round;*
- b) *Second, in descending order, the total number of zone points gained by the competitor in the current round;*
- c) *Third, in ascending order, the total number of attempts to complete these boulders;*
- d) *Fourth, in ascending order, the total number of attempts to achieve these zone points.*

Example:

Rank	Tops	Zone Points	T-Attempts	B-Attempts
1	4	4	5	5
2	4	3	7	3
3	4	3	7	8
4	3	3	5	5

- e) *If a competitor eligible to participate in a round fails to start in the Final Round, they shall be ranked last in that round.*

6.10.2 If any competitors are tied following the ranking calculation of Articles 6.10.1 and 6.10.2, then the ranking of these competitors from the preceding round shall be used to break the tie (“countback”). Tied competitors shall be ranked relative to each other in ascending order of their ranking from the preceding round.

6.10.3 If following the countback process of Article 6.10.3 any competitors remain tied:

- a) *If such tie relates to the placing of competitors in a podium position (1st, 2nd or 3rd) following the Final round, the relative ranking of these competitors will be determined as set out in Article 6.7.15; or*
- b) *If such tie relates to any other competitors, the relevant competitors will be given an equal ranking.*

6.11 Technical Incidents



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- 6.11.1 A Technical Incident is defined as any occurrence that results in a disadvantage or unfair advantage to a competitor, which is not the result of an action on the part of the competitor.
- 6.11.2 The Head Judge, if necessary in consultation with the Chief Route-Setter shall make the confirmation or refusal of a Technical Incident.

Procedure following a Technical Incident

- 6.11.3 The first attempt made by the competitor who has suffered a Technical Incident, on the same boulder, after the attempt in which the Technical Incident occurred shall be deemed a continuation of that attempt.
- 6.11.4 When the competitor who has suffered the Technical Incident resumes their attempts after repairing or fixing, the competitor shall be allowed the time remaining at the moment when the Technical Incident occurred, with a minimum of two (2) minutes.
- 6.11.5 If a confirmed Technical Incident occurs during the Final round, the competitor suffering the Technical Incident shall return to separate isolation in the Transit Zone and await the repair. When the Technical Incident has been repaired or fixed, the affected competitor shall re-commence their attempts.

6.12 Appeals



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6.12.1 All appeals must be submitted in writing by team officials to the Jury President during the allocated appeals period (see timetable). All appeals must be submitted in English.

Safety Appeals

6.12.2 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

6.12.3 An appeal concerning the judgment of a competitor's attempt must be made immediately.

In the case of the Final round, any such appeal must be resolved (and any action required as a consequence completed) prior to the competitors moving on to the next boulder.

6.12.4 An appeal can only be lodged by paying the \$100 appeal fee. If the appeal is upheld, the fee will be returned.

6.12.5 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

6.12.6 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

6.12.7 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

6.12.8 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.

6.12.9 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

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



7. Competition Rules for Boulderjam followed by 5on/5off final

7.1 General

7.1.1 Bouldering competitions shall take place on short climbing routes, called boulders, climbed without ropes, constructed on purpose-designed, artificial climbing walls.

7.1.2 The competition will consist of:

- a) *A Qualification round on a BoulderJam format with five (5) boulders for each Category;*
- b) *A Final round with a course of four (4) boulders for each Category to be attempted on a 5 on / 5 off format*

7.2 Climbing Structure

Design of boulders

7.2.1 Each boulder shall have a clearly marked start which shall consist of:

- a) *Marked handhold(s) for both hands; and*
- b) *Marked foothold(s) for both feet.*
- c) *The use of taped "flashes" to mark as the start a blank or unbounded area of the wall is not permitted.*
- d) *Starting holds should not be marked with specific positions for hands.*

7.2.2 Each boulder shall have a clearly marked finish which shall be either:

- a) *A designated finishing hold; or*
- b) *A defined standing position on top of the boulder.*

7.2.3 Each boulder shall have a clearly marked "Zone Hold". The positioning of this hold should aid the separation of competitors with markedly different performance and will be at the Route-Setter's discretion.

7.2.4 The colours used to mark the starting position and the finishing holds shall be the same and a different colour shall be used for the zone holds. Both colours shall be different from the colour used for demarcations in accordance with Article 5.9.5b). An example of these markings shall be installed within the Isolation Zone.

7.2.5 The maximum number of handholds for one boulder shall be twelve (12) and the average number of handholds per boulder in any round shall be between four (4) and eight (8).



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7.3 Safety

7.3.1 Each boulder shall be designed:

- a) *In such a way that the lowest part of the body of the competitor shall never be higher than three (3) meters above the landing mat; and*
- b) *So as to avoid the danger of a competitor's fall injuring the competitor, or injuring or obstructing any other competitor or third party; and*
- c) *Without any downward jumps.*

7.3.2 Landing mats shall protect each boulder. It is the responsibility of the Chief Route-Setter to position the mats provided by the organiser, and to adjust the number and character of the boulders to the mats available. If mats are joined, the gaps shall be covered in order to avoid competitors being able to fall in between them.

Personal Equipment

7.3.3 Competitors are not permitted to carry or use any audio listening equipment during observation or whilst climbing.

Safety Checks

7.3.4 The Jury President, the Head Judge and the Chief Route-Setter shall inspect each boulder and the safety matting for that boulder prior to the start of each round in order to ensure the maintenance of safety standards. In particular, the Head Judge and the Chief Route-Setter shall ensure that all boulders comply with the requirements of Articles 7.3.1 and 7.3.2.

7.4 Scoring and Timing

7.4.1 The jury for each boulder shall be:

- a) *a minimum of one (1) Boulder Judge;*
- b) *In respect of the final round, ideally two Boulder Judges or a single Judge with experience (certified Judge, Head Judge or the Jury President).*

In the event not enough judges are available, the Jury president may assign other judges with the highest level of experience possible.



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Scoring

7.4.2 On each boulder, a 'zone' will be awarded if the competitor controls the Zone Hold. The 'zone' will be awarded also where a competitor successfully completes the boulder without having controlled the Zone Hold. The Zone Hold shall be considered as "controlled" where a competitor has made use of the hold to achieve a stable or controlled position.

7.4.3 For each competitor attempting a boulder, the Boulder Judge will record:

- a) *The number of attempts required by that competitor to gain the zone hold in accordance with Article 7.4.2; and*
- b) *The number of attempts required by that competitor to successfully complete the boulder in accordance with Article 7.9.1.*

7.4.4 For the purposes of scoring, an attempt will be counted each time a competitor:

- a) *Starts the boulder in accordance with Article 7.9.1;*
- b) *Touches, with hands or feet, holds other than the starting holds;*
- c) *Adds any "tick marks"*
- d) *Touches, with any part of the body, the mat after the climber has started in accordance with Article 7.9.1*

Timing

7.4.5 An electronic timing system shall be used for the final round to display the climbing time remaining. The timing display(s) should show time remaining to the nearest second. The timing display(s) shall be of a number, position and size so that all competitors in the Competition Zone can see the display.

7.4.6 For Finals: The beginning (and the end) of every Rotation Period in the Final rounds shall be announced by a loud and clear signal. When one minute remains of the Rotation Period, this will be announced by a clear signal.

7.5 Quota for each round



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- 7.5.1 The quota of competitors qualifying for the Final round is six (6) competitors.
- 7.5.2 If in any Category there are two (2) Starting Groups in the Qualification round, the quota for the next round shall be equally divided and applied to both groups.
- 7.5.3 The quota for the Semi-Final and Final round shall be filled with the highest ranked competitors following the previous round (using countback to the other rounds if necessary). If the quota is exceeded as a result of tied competitors, all tied competitors shall qualify for the next round of the competition. Note that competitors participating in two different starting groups during the qualifier may not be untied using their qualifier results.

7.6 Starting Order

Qualifier (BoulderJam)

- 7.6.1 In the qualification round competitors will attempt the boulders in any order they choose.

Final (5 on / 5 off)

- 7.6.2 The starting order for the Final round shall be the reverse of the ranking order from the previous round, i.e. the highest ranked competitor shall start last. In the case of tied competitors from a previous round, the starting order between them shall be:
- a) *Where the tied competitors each have a Current National Ranking, in descending order of their Current National Ranking (i.e. highest ranked starts last);*
 - b) *Where the tied competitors are each unranked or have the same National Ranking, randomised; and*
 - c) *Where competitor(s) having a National Ranking and unranked competitor(s) are tied, the unranked competitor shall start first.*

7.7 Competition Procedure



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Isolation Rules (only for Final)

- 7.7.1 Once the closing time for the Isolation Zone has passed, Competitors and/or Team Officials must remain within the Isolation Zone unless otherwise instructed.

Note: Competitors/Team Officials or other persons authorised by the Jury President to enter the Isolation Zone may choose to leave the Isolation Zone at any time, but having left the Isolation Zone they may not then return once the closing time has passed, and must leave the Competition Area, unless specifically authorised to remain by the Jury President.

- 7.7.2 Competitors shall have no knowledge of the boulders other than that obtained during the official observation period or that communicated to them by the Jury President or the judges. It is the sole responsibility of each competitor to fully inform themselves with respect to all instructions regarding the boulders. For the avoidance of doubt:
- a) *Whilst in the Competition Area, competitors are not permitted to seek any information from persons outside the Competition Area, unless specifically authorised to do so by the Jury President;*
 - b) *Competitors who have completed their attempt(s) on a boulder and who for any reason remain in the Competition Area must not pass any information concerning that boulder to any competitor who has not yet attempted that route/boulder.*

Preparation prior to Climbing (only for Final)

- 7.7.3 After having received an official instruction to leave the Isolation Zone/Warm-Up Area and proceed to the Call Zone, competitors shall not be accompanied by any person other than authorised officials.
- 7.7.4 On arrival in the Call Zone, each competitor shall make all final preparations for their attempt, such as putting on their climbing shoes.
- 7.7.5 Each competitor shall be ready to leave the Call Zone and enter the Competition Zone when instructed to do so. Any undue delay in this regard may result in the issuing of a Yellow Card. Any further delay shall result in disqualification in accordance with *Disciplinary Procedures*.

Cleaning

- 7.7.6 For Boulderjam: Competitors may clean holds that they can reach from the ground. Only brushes or other materials that are provided by the organisation shall be used for this purpose.
- 7.7.7 For the final round: The Boulder Judge or organising staff shall clean all holds when deemed necessary. A competitor may also request that holds be cleaned before any attempt on the boulder. Competitors may clean holds that they can reach from the ground. Only brushes or other materials that are provided by the organisation shall be used for this purpose.



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Qualifiers (BoulderJam)

- 7.7.8 Climbers receive 2 hours to complete 5 specific problems, marked with tops and zones. Scoring and ranking is made as per section 7.10
- 7.7.9 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. Scoring and ranking will be in accordance with article 7.10.
- 7.7.10 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.

Final (5 on / 5 off format)

- 7.7.11 The Final round shall take place on one (1) course of four (4) boulders for each Category. Both Categories shall normally compete simultaneously.
- 7.7.12 In the Final round, each competitor participating in the round:
- Shall attempt each boulder of the relevant course in the prescribed order, with a fixed time period (the "Rotation Period") of five (5) minutes for each boulder;*
 - Shall have a resting period equal to the Rotation Period in between their attempts on each successive boulder. At the end of each Rotation Period, the competitors that are climbing shall stop climbing and enter a designated resting area. This area shall not allow observation of any boulder. The competitors who have finished their resting period shall move on to their next boulder.*

Tie-Break boulder

- 7.7.13 In the circumstances described in Article 7.10.4.1, tied competitors shall attempt a "Tie-Break" boulder:
- The starting order for attempts shall be the same as that for the Final round*
 - The performance of each competitor shall be judged in accordance with Articles 7.4.2 to 7.4.5 and 7.10.1.*
 - If two or more competitors remain tied for first, second or third place 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).*
 - If a tie still exists after six (6) attempts, then another Tie-Break boulder will be used.*

7.8 Observation Procedure



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Qualifier (BoulderJam)

- 7.8.1 There shall be no separate observation period as the observation period is part of the allocated time for the boulders.

Final (5 on / 5 off)

- 7.8.2 A collective observation period of two (2) minutes per boulder shall be held immediately prior to the commencement of the Final round.
- 7.8.3 Team Officials shall not be permitted to accompany the competitors during the observation period. While in the observation area, all competitors remain under the Isolation Rules. Competitors shall remain within the designated observation zone during the observation. They are not permitted to climb on the climbing wall or stand on any equipment or furniture. They may seek clarification only from the Jury President, the Head Judge or the Boulder Judge assigned to the boulder.
- 7.8.4 During the observation period, competitors are allowed to touch only the marked starting holds, without leaving the ground with both their feet. No recording equipment shall be permitted.

7.9 Climbing Procedure

The Start

- 7.9.1 An attempt shall be deemed to have started when every part of the competitor's body has left the ground.
- 7.9.2 Having left the ground, competitors must achieve the start position marked in accordance with Article 7.2.1 before making any other climbing movement.
- 7.9.3 If a competitor cannot reach the starting holds from the ground, they shall be permitted to start the boulder by jumping for the starting holds.

Completion of Attempt

- 7.9.4 An attempt on a boulder shall be considered successful when the Boulder Judge has raised a hand and announced "OK", having determined that the competitor has either:
- a) *Controlled the marked finishing hold of the Boulder with both hands; or*
 - b) *Where the top of the boulder is indicated as set out in Article 5.2.5b), achieved a standing position on top of the boulder, in each case within any fixed time period defined for the competitor's attempts.*
- 7.9.5 An attempt on a boulder shall be considered unsuccessful if the competitor fails to control with both hands the marked finishing hold or, if relevant, achieve a standing position on top of the boulder; or the competitor:



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- a) *Fails to start the boulder in accordance with Articles 7.9.1 to 7.9.3;*
- b) *Uses any part of the wall, holds or features demarcated using continuous and clearly identifiable black tape (or if another colour is required to be used, as specified by the Jury President in a technical briefing to competitors);*
- c) *Uses with their hands any holes provided for the placement of bolt-on holds, excluding any such hole on a bolt-on hold;*
- d) *Uses any advertising or informational placard affixed to the wall, or any part of such material;*
- e) *Uses the side edges or the top edges of the wall for climbing;*
- f) *Touches the ground with any part of the body; or*
- g) *If a fixed climbing period has been defined, fails to complete their attempt before the end of that period;*

7.9.6 In case of infractions related to 5.9.5a) to 7.9.5.7, the Boulder Judge shall instruct the competitor to stop climbing.

7.10 Ranking after each round

General

7.10.1 After each round of the competition, each competitor participating in that round shall be ranked within their Starting Group/Category using the following criteria:

- a) *First, in descending order, the number of successfully completed boulders (“TOPS”) in the current round;*
- b) *Second, in descending order, the total number of zone points gained by the competitor in the current round;*
- c) *Third, in ascending order, the total number of attempts to complete these boulders;*
- d) *Fourth, in ascending order, the total number of attempts to achieve these zone points.*

Example:

Rank	Tops	Zone Points	T-Attempts	B-Attempts
1	4	4	5	5
2	4	3	7	3
3	4	3	7	8
4	3	3	5	5

7.10.2 If a competitor eligible to participate in a round fails to start in the Final Round, they shall be ranked last in that round.



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7.10.3 If any competitors are tied following the ranking calculation of Articles 7.10.1 and 7.10.2, then the ranking of these competitors from the preceding round shall be used to break the tie (“countback”). Tied competitors shall be ranked relative to each other in ascending order of their ranking from the preceding round.

7.10.4 If following the countback process of Article 7.10.3 any competitors remain tied:

- a) *If such tie relates to the placing of competitors in a podium position (1st, 2nd or 3rd) following the Final round, the relative ranking of these competitors will be determined as set out in Article 7.7.13 or*
- b) *If such tie relates to any other competitors, the relevant competitors will be given an equal ranking.*

7.11 Technical Incidents

7.11.1 A Technical Incident is defined as any occurrence that results in a disadvantage or unfair advantage to a competitor, which is not the result of an action on the part of the competitor.

7.11.2 The Head Judge, if necessary in consultation with the Chief Route-Setter shall make the confirmation or refusal of a Technical Incident.

Procedure following a Technical Incident

7.11.3 The first attempt made by the competitor who has suffered a Technical Incident, on the same boulder, after the attempt in which the Technical Incident occurred shall be deemed a continuation of that attempt.

7.11.4 When the competitor who has suffered the Technical Incident resumes their attempts after repairing or fixing, the competitor shall be allowed the time remaining at the moment when the Technical Incident occurred, with a minimum of two (2) minutes.

7.11.5 If a confirmed Technical Incident occurs during the final round:

- a) *If the Technical Incident can be repaired or fixed before the end of the current Rotation Period, the competitor involved will be offered the opportunity to continue with their attempts:*
 - i) If the competitor chooses to continue, then the Technical Incident is finished and no further appeals shall be allowed.
 - ii) If the competitor chooses not to continue, then the competitor will resume their attempts in a Rotation Period to be decided by the Jury President.
- b) *If the Technical Incident cannot be repaired or fixed before the end of the current Rotation Period, then at the end of the Rotation Period:*
 - i) The Head Judge will suspend the round for the competitor who has suffered the Technical Incident and all competitors on the preceding boulders; and
 - ii) For all the other competitors, the round shall continue.



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- iii) Once the Technical Incident has been repaired or fixed, the competitor who has suffered the Technical Incident shall resume their attempts. Any other competitors whose round was suspended shall restart at the first full Rotation Period afterward.

7.11.6 If a confirmed Technical Incident occurs during the Qualification round, the competitor suffering the Technical Incident shall wait for the repair. When the Technical Incident has been repaired or fixed, the affected competitor shall re-commence their attempts.

7.12 Appeals

7.12.1 All appeals must be submitted in writing by team officials to the Jury President during the allocated appeals period (see timetable). All appeals must be submitted in English.

Safety Appeals

7.12.2 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

7.12.3 An appeal concerning the judgment of a competitor's attempt must be made immediately.

Where such an appeal is made the affected competitor shall, if necessary, be treated as though a Technical Incident had occurred and Articles 7.11.5.1 and 7.11.6 shall apply. In the case of the qualification round, any such appeal must be resolved (and any action required as a consequence completed) prior to the competitors moving on to the next boulder.

7.12.4 An appeal can only be lodged by paying the \$100 appeal fee. If the appeal is upheld, the fee will be returned.

7.12.5 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

7.12.6 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

7.12.7 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

7.12.8 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.

7.12.9 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

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



8. Rules for BoulderJam

8.1 General

8.1.1 Bouldering competitions shall take place on short climbing routes, called boulders, climbed without ropes, constructed on purpose-designed, artificial climbing walls.

8.1.2 The competition will consist of:

Seven (7) boulders for each Category to be attempted in BoulderJam format;

8.2 Climbing Structure

Design of boulders

8.2.1 Each boulder shall have a clearly marked start which shall consist of:

- (a) Marked handhold(s) for both hands; and
- (b) Marked foothold(s) for both feet.
- (c) The use of taped “flashes” to mark as the start a blank or unbounded area of the wall is not permitted.
- (d) Starting holds should not be marked with specific positions for hands.

8.2.2 Each boulder shall have a clearly marked finish which shall be either:

- (a) A designated finishing hold; or
- (b) A defined standing position on top of the boulder.

8.2.3 Each boulder shall have a clearly marked “Zone Hold”. The positioning of this hold should aid the separation of competitors with markedly different performance and will be at the Route-Setter’s discretion.

8.2.4 The colours used to mark the starting position and the finishing holds shall be the same and a different colour shall be used for the zone holds. Both colours shall be different from the colour used for demarcations in accordance with Article 5.9.5b). An example of these markings shall be installed within the Isolation Zone.

8.2.5 The maximum number of handholds for one boulder shall be twelve (12) and the average number of handholds per boulder in any round shall be between four (4) and eight (8).



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8.3 Safety

8.3.1 Each boulder shall be designed:

- a) *In such a way that the lowest part of the body of the competitor shall never be higher than three (3) meters above the landing mat; and*
- b) *So as to avoid the danger of a competitor's fall injuring the competitor, or injuring or obstructing any other competitor or third party; and*
- c) *Without any downward jumps.*

8.3.2 Landing mats shall protect each boulder. It is the responsibility of the Chief Route-Setter to position the mats provided by the organiser, and to adjust the number and character of the boulders to the mats available. If mats are joined, the gaps shall be covered in order to avoid that competitors can fall in between them.

Personal Equipment

8.3.3 Competitors are not permitted to carry or use any audio listening equipment during observation or whilst climbing.

Safety Checks

8.3.4 The Jury President, the Head Judge and the Chief Route-Setter shall inspect each boulder and the safety matting for that boulder prior to the start of each round in order to ensure the maintenance of safety standards. In particular, the Head Judge and the Chief Route-Setter shall ensure that all boulders comply with the requirements of Articles 8.3.1 and 8.3.2.

8.4 Scoring and Timing

8.4.1 The jury for each boulder shall be:

a minimum of one (1) Boulder Judge;

Scoring

8.4.2 On each boulder, a 'zone' will be awarded if the competitor controls the Zone Hold. The 'zone' will be awarded also where a competitor successfully completes the boulder without having controlled the Zone Hold. The Zone Hold shall be considered as "controlled" where a competitor has made use of the hold to achieve a stable or controlled position.

8.4.3 For each competitor attempting a boulder, the Boulder Judge will record:

- (a) The number of attempts required by that competitor to gain the zone hold in accordance with Article 8.4.2; and
- (b) The number of attempts required by that competitor to successfully complete the boulder in accordance with Article 8.8.4.



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8.4.4 For the purposes of scoring, an attempt will be counted each time a competitor:

- a) *Starts the boulder in accordance with Article 8.8;*
- b) *Touches, with hands or feet, holds other than the starting holds;*
- c) *Adds any "tick marks"*
- d) *Touches, with any part of the body, the mat after the climber has started in accordance with Article 8.8*

Timing

8.4.5 An electronic timing system shall be used to display the climbing time remaining. The timing display(s) should show time remaining to the nearest second. The timing display(s) shall be of a number, position and size so that all competitors in the Competition Zone can see the display.

8.4.6 The time allowed for the event will be determined by the Jury President taking into consideration the size of the field and the limitations of the facility. There will be a minimum of one hour and a maximum of three hours allowed.

8.5 Starting Order

BoulderJam

8.5.1 Competitors will attempt the boulders in any order they choose.

8.6 Competition Procedure

Cleaning

8.6.1 For Boulderjam: Competitors may clean holds that they can reach from the ground. Only brushes or other materials that are provided by the organisation shall be used for this purpose.



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- 8.6.2 Climbers receive one to three hours to complete seven specific problems, marked with tops and zones. Scoring and ranking is made as per section 8.4.
- 8.6.3 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. Scoring and ranking will be in accordance with article 8.4 and 8.9.
- 8.6.4 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.

Tie-Break boulder

- 8.6.5 In the circumstances described in Article 8.9.4.a, tied competitors shall attempt a “Tie-Break” boulder:
- a) *The starting order for attempts shall be the same as that for the Final round*
 - b) *The performance of each competitor shall be judged in accordance with Articles 8.4.2 to 8.4.5 and 8.9.1. All these reference the wrong section.*
 - c) *If two or more competitors remain tied for first, second or third place 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).*
 - d) *If a tie still exists after six (6) attempts, then another Tie-Break boulder will be used.*

8.7 Observation Procedure

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- 8.7.1 There shall be no separate observation period as the observation period is part of the allocated time for the boulders.

8.8 Climbing Procedure

The Start

- 8.8.1 An attempt shall be deemed to have started when every part of the competitor's body has left the ground.
- 8.8.2 Having left the ground, competitors must achieve the start position marked in accordance with Article 8.2.1 before making any other climbing movement.
- 8.8.3 If a competitor cannot reach the starting holds from the ground, they shall be permitted to start the boulder by jumping for the starting holds.



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Completion of Attempt

- 8.8.4 An attempt on a boulder shall be considered successful when the Boulder Judge has raised a hand and announced “OK”, having determined that the competitor has either:
- Controlled the marked finishing hold of the Boulder with both hands; or*
 - Where the top of the boulder is indicated as set out in Article 5.2.5b), achieved a standing position on top of the boulder, in each case within any fixed time period defined for the competitor’s attempts.*
- 8.8.5 An attempt on a boulder shall be considered unsuccessful if the competitor fails to control with both hands the marked finishing hold or, if relevant, achieve a standing position on top of the boulder; or the competitor:
- Fails to start the boulder in accordance with Articles 8.8.1 to 8.8.3;*
 - Uses any part of the wall, holds or features demarcated using continuous and clearly identifiable black tape (or if another colour is required to be used, as specified by the Jury President in a technical briefing to competitors);*
 - Uses with their hands any holes provided for the placement of bolt-on holds, excluding any such hole on a bolt-on hold;*
 - Uses any advertising or informational placard affixed to the wall, or any part of such material;*
 - Uses the side edges or the top edges of the wall for climbing;*
 - Touches the ground with any part of the body; or*
 - If a fixed climbing period has been defined, fails to complete their attempt before the end of that period;*
- 8.8.6 In case of infractions related to 5.9.5a) to 8.8.5.g, the Boulder Judge shall instruct the competitor to stop climbing.

8.9 Ranking after each round

General

- 8.9.1 After each round of the competition, each competitor participating in that round shall be ranked within their Starting Group/Category using the following criteria:
- First, in descending order, the number of successfully completed boulders (“TOPS”) in the current round;*
 - Second, in descending order, the total number of zone points gained by the competitor in the current round;*
 - Third, in ascending order, the total number of attempts to complete these boulders;*



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d) *Fourth, in ascending order, the total number of attempts to achieve these zone points.*

Example:

Rank	Tops	Zone Points	T-Attempts	B-Attempts
1	4	4	5	5
2	4	3	7	3
3	4	3	7	8
4	3	3	5	5

8.9.2 If a competitor eligible to participate in a round fails to start in the Final Round, they shall be ranked last in that round.

8.9.3 If any competitors are tied following the ranking calculation of Articles 8.10.1 and 8.10.2, then the ranking of these competitors from the preceding round shall be used to break the tie ("countback"). Tied competitors shall be ranked relative to each other in ascending order of their ranking from the preceding round

8.9.4 If following the countback process of Article 8.9.3 any competitors remain tied:

- a) *If such tie relates to the placing of competitors in a podium position (1st, 2nd or 3rd) following the Final round, the relative ranking of these competitors will be determined as set out in Article 8.6.5 or*
- b) *If such tie relates to any other competitors, the relevant competitors will be given an equal ranking.*



8.10 Technical Incidents

- 8.10.1 A Technical Incident is defined as any occurrence that results in a disadvantage or unfair advantage to a competitor, which is not the result of an action on the part of the competitor.
- 8.10.2 The Head Judge, if necessary in consultation with the Chief Route-Setter shall make the confirmation or refusal of a Technical Incident.

Procedure following a Technical Incident

- 8.10.3 The first attempt made by the competitor who has suffered a Technical Incident, on the same boulder, after the attempt in which the Technical Incident occurred shall be deemed a continuation of that attempt.
- 8.10.4 When the competitor who has suffered the Technical Incident resumes their attempts after repairing or fixing, the competitor shall be allowed the time remaining at the moment when the Technical Incident occurred, with a minimum of two (2) minutes.
- 8.10.5 If a confirmed Technical Incident occurs, the competitor suffering the Technical Incident shall wait for the repair. When the Technical Incident has been repaired or fixed, the affected competitor shall recommence their attempts.

8.11 Appeals

- 8.11.1 All appeals must be submitted in writing by your team officials to the Jury President during the allocated appeals period (see timetable). All appeals must be submitted in English.

Safety Appeals

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

Appeals Process

- 8.11.3 An appeal concerning the judgement of a competitor's attempt must be made immediately
- 8.11.4 An appeal can only be lodged if paying the \$100 appeal fee. If the appeal is upheld, the fee will be returned.
- 8.11.5 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.
- 8.11.6 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.



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- 8.11.7 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.
- 8.11.8 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.
- 8.11.9 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

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



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9. Competition Rules for Pumpfest format

- 9.1 Each round of the Pumpfest will run for 2 hours.
- 9.2 During the Pumpfest, each group will have numerous problems to attempt in the allocated time of varying difficulty.
- 9.3 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.
- 9.4 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.
- 9.5 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.
- 9.6 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.
- 9.7 The judge's decision is final as there is no opportunity for appeal in this format.