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AUSTRALIA**

Competition Policy

Requirements for State and National Events



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1 Lead States

1.1 Climbing Structures

The Competition shall take place on purpose-designed, artificial climbing walls having a minimum height of 10 meters.

The climbing surface shall permit routes to be constructed with:

- a minimum length of 10 metres for qualifier rounds and Semifinals
- a minimum length of 12 metres for final rounds
- a minimum width of 2 metres for each route (recommended 3 meters for semifinal and final rounds). At the discretion of the Jury President, a width of less than two (2) metres may be accepted for limited sections of the wall

1.2 Format

All categories should compete in the following format:

- 2 Qualifying routes to be climbed flash format with forerunning on video or forerunning before the round starts.
- 1 final route to be climbed in an “onsight” format.

A Semi-Final round may be added in the case of a large field of climbers.

Youth C and Youth D will Top Rope all their routes.

Youth B, Youth A, Junior, Masters and Open A will Lead all their routes.

1.3 Route Setters

There should be one State or National Head Route Setter present during the setting phase and for the competition itself. This person may be the official Head Route Setter of the event or mentor the head setter of the competition.

The route setting team will be selected by the Head Route Setter in consultation with their mentor (when applicable).

Final routes for Youth B, Youth A, Junior, Master and Open A should be set by a State or National Route Setter.

1.4 Judges

There should be a State or National Head Judge at the event. This person may be the official Head Judge and/or Jury President of the event or mentor the Head Judge and/or Jury President of the competition.

Judges requirements:

- All judges should be briefed and trained before the event (competition format and rules).



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- At the end of the briefing judges will take a written test. If they pass the written test they will be allowed to judge at the competition.
- Youth B, Youth A, Junior and Master finals should be judged by a State or National Judge. In the event there are not enough qualified judges those finals should be judged by two judges or the most experienced judge available.
- Open A Finals should be judged by a State or National Judge and another judge.

1.5 Route Overlap

A maximum of two routes overlapping in any section will be allowed.

Also finals for Open A, Junior, Youth A and Juniors will be set without any other route overlapping.



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2 Lead Nationals

2.1 Climbing Structures

The Competition shall take place on purpose-designed, artificial climbing walls having a minimum height of 12 meters.

The climbing surface shall permit routes to be constructed with:

- a minimum length of 12 metres for qualifier rounds and Semifinals
- a minimum length of 14 metres for final rounds
- a minimum width of 2 metres for each route (recommended 3 meters for semifinal and final rounds). At the discretion of the Jury President, a width of less than two (2) metres may be accepted for limited sections of the wall

2.2 Format

All categories should compete in the following format:

- 2 Qualifying routes to be climbed flash format with forerunning on video or forerunning before the round starts.
- 1 final route to be climbed in an “onsight” format.

A Semi-Final round may be added in the case of a large field of climbers.

Youth D will Top Rope all their routes.

Youth C, Youth B, Youth A, Junior, Masters and Open A will Lead all their routes.

2.3 Route Setters

There should be one National Head Route Setter present during the setting phase and for the competition itself. This person may be the official Head Route Setter of the event or mentor the head setter of the competition.

The route setting team will be selected by the Head Route Setter in consultation with their mentor (when applicable).

All Route Setters should be at least State Route Setters. All final routes should be set by a National Route Setter.

2.4 Judges

There should be a National Head Judge at the event. This person may be the official Head Judge and/or Jury President of the event or mentor the Head Judge and/or Jury President of the competition.

Judges requirements:

- All judges should be briefed before the event (competition format and rules).



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- At the end of the briefing judges will take a written test. If they pass the written test they will be allowed to judge at the competition.
- Youth D, C, B, A, Junior and Master Finals should be judged by a State Judge. In the event there are not enough qualified judges those finals should be judged by two judges.
- Open A
 - Qualifiers and Semi Final should be judge by a National Judge.
 - Finals should be judged by a National Judge and another judge.

2.5 Route Overlap

With respect to the qualifier round a maximum of two routes overlapping in any section will be allowed.

With respect to the semi-final and final round: routes will be set without any other route overlapping.

Also, Open A Qualifiers and Semifinals will be set without any other route overlapping. It is highly recommended to extend it to Youth B, Youth A, Junior and Master categories.



3 Bouldering States

3.1 Climbing Structures

The Competition shall take place on purpose-designed, artificial climbing walls having a minimum height of 3 meters. Youth C and Youth D routes will not be set higher than 3 meters.

3.2 Format

4 Formats are proposed:

- Level 1: Pumpfest
- Level 2: BoulderJam
- Level 3: BoulderJam followed by 5on/5off final
- Level 3 bis: BoulderJam followed by world cup final format
- Level 4: World Cup Format (with or without semifinal round)

Youth D, Youth C, Master shall compete in a level 1 format or higher.

Youth B, Youth A and Junior shall compete in a level 2 format or higher.

Open A shall compete in a level 3 format or higher.

3.3 Route Setters

There should be one State or National Head Route Setter present during the setting phase and for the competition itself. This person may be the official Head Route Setter of the event or mentor the head setter of the competition.

The route setting team will be selected by the Head Route Setter in consultation with their mentor (when applicable).

Final routes for Youth B, Youth A, Junior, Master and Open A should be set by a State or National Route Setter.

3.4 Judges

There should be a State or National Head Judge at the event. This person may be the official Head Judge and/or Jury President of the event or mentor the Head Judge and/or Jury President of the competition.

Judges requirements:

- All judges should be briefed before the event (competition format and rules).
- At the end of the briefing judges will take a written test. If they pass the written test they will be allowed to judge at the competition.



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- Youth B, Youth A, Junior and Master Finals should be judged by a State Judge. In the event there are not enough qualified judges those finals should be judged by two judges.
- Open A Finals should be judged by a State Judge and another judge.

3.5 Route Overlap

For a 5on/5off round and 4+ round, a maximum of two routes overlapping in any section will be allowed.



4 Bouldering Nationals

4.1 Climbing Structures

The Competition shall take place on purpose-designed, artificial climbing walls having a minimum height of 3.5 meters. Youth C and Youth D routes will not be set higher than 3 meters.

4.2 Format

4 Formats are proposed:

- Level 1: Pumpfest
- Level 2: BoulderJam
- Level 3: BoulderJam followed by 5on/5off final
- Level 3 bis: BoulderJam followed by world cup final format
- Level 4: World Cup Format (with or without semifinal round)

Youth D, Youth C, Master shall compete at least in a level 2 format

Youth B, Youth A and Junior shall compete at least in a level 3 format

Open A shall compete in a level 4 format (with or without semifinals)

4.3 Route Setters

There should be one National Head Route Setter present during the setting phase and for the competition itself. person may be the official Head Route Setter of the event or mentor the head setter of the competition.

The route setting team will be selected by the Head Route Setter in consultation with their mentor (when applicable). All Route Setters should be at least State Route Setters. All final routes should be set by a National Route Setters.

4.4 Judges

There should be a National Head Judge at the event. This person may be the official Head Judge and/or Jury President of the event or mentor the Head Judge and/or Jury President of the competition.

Judges requirements:

- All judges should be briefed before the event (competition format and rules).
- At the end of the briefing judges will take a written test. If they pass the written test they will be allowed to judge at the competition.



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- Youth D, C, B, A, Junior and Master Finals should be judged by a State Judge. In the event there are not enough qualified judges those finals should be judged by two judges.
- Open A
 - Qualifiers and Semi Final should be judge by a National Judge. In the event there are not enough qualified judges those rounds should be judged by two judges.
 - Finals should be judged by a National Judge and another judge.

4.5 Route Overlap

For a Boulderjam round, a maximum of three routes overlapping in any section will be allowed.

For a qualifier or semi-final round in format 4, a maximum of two routes overlapping in any section will be allowed.

For a Final Round (5on/5off for format 3 and 4+ for format 4) routes will be set without any other route overlapping.



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5 Minimum Requirements

		State Lead	National Lead	State Boulder	National Boulder
Climbing Structure	Qualifier	Min height: 10m	Min height: 12m	Min Height: 3m	Min Height: 3.5m
	Final	Min length: 12m	Min length: 14m		
Format	Qualifier	2 flash routes	2 flash routes	Depends on category (see 3.2)	Depends on category (see 4.2)
	Final	1 onsite route	1 onsite route		
Route Setters	HRS Level	1 State or National	1 National	1 State or National	1 National
	Final	State or National	National	State or National	National
Judges	Head Judge	1 State HJ/JP	1 National HJ/JP	1 State HJ/JP	1 National HJ/JP
	Qualifier	1 state or 2 'other'	1 national/state or 2 'other'	1 state or 2 'other'	1 national/state or 2 'other'
	Final	1 state or national + 1 other	1 national + 1 state	1 state or national + 1 other	1 national + 1 state
Overlap	Qualifier	2 routes	OA: 1 route Others: 2 routes	Multiple	Level 2 & 3: 3 problems Level 4: 2 problems
	Final	OA: 1 route	1 route	2 problems	Level 3 & 4: 1 problems