

Scottish Youth Championships 2008

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On Saturday 31st May 2008: Scotland's best young climbers descended on Aviemore to contest the second annual Scottish Youth Climbing Championships at Extreme Dream Indoor Climbing Wall. The top 5 qualifiers from each YCS age group represented Scotland North and Scotland South in the battle for individual rankings and regional pride!

The competition was designed to be an intense and rigorous test of all aspects of climbing and was quite different to the YCS format. The main theme throughout the day was on-sight climbing, as competitors were allowed only one attempt on all problems and routes. Each problem tested one particular climbing skill, varying from balance slabs to jug laden roofs and everything in between. Strict time limits were set to ramp up the pressure and the resulting atmosphere was electric!

There were some simply unbelievable performances on the day from all age groups, but one of the highlights was the constant cheers of support competitors gave to each other, even rivals urging each other on; awesome stuff!

Needless to say the finals across the huge leading roof (13m of horizontal lactic hell!) provided a fitting end to a crazy day. Judging by the current crop of youngsters the future of Scottish climbing is looking bright!

A big thanks to all volunteers, judges and route setters who helped make this day such a huge success.

SYCC 2008 Results

8 - 10 years

<i>Position</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>
1st	William Bosi	Rachel Tennant
2nd	Angus Davidson	Karyna McCormack
3rd	Henry Kerr	Rebecca Kinghorn
4th	Scott Robertson	Amy Ryan
5th	Jamie Peden	Lauren Sandbach
6th	Robert Davidson	Niamh Taylor
7th	Rory Cargill	Gabriella Stewart
8th	George Kerr	Elle Hogarth

11 - 13 years

<i>Position</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>
1 st	Dylan Mackenzie	Jaime Davidson
2 nd	Steven Addison	Eleanor Hopkins
3 rd	Gregor McGillivray	Dawn Longworth
4 th	Ruaridh MacAskill	Nikki Addison
5 th	Cameron Carroll	Sophie Stanistreet
6 th	Alexander Bosi	Rachel Carr
7 th	Rhys Edgar	Sofie Brekke Hvide

8 th	Jake Scollay	Christie Macleod
9 th	Daniel Tennant	Sarah Wardrope
10 th		Eilish Bruce
11 th		Rosa Becci

14 - 16 years

<i>Position</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>
1 st	Johnny Stocking	Ellen MacAskill
2 nd	Ross Kirkland	Jessica McCaskey
3 rd	Paul Williamson	Jade Longworth
4 th	Liam Watson	Jasmine Ryan
5 th	Alasdair Johnstone	Abi Beautyman
6 th	Calum Forsyth	Ellen Barber
7 th	Jonathan Field	Abbey Niven
8 th	Tom Jones	Nicola Munro
9 th	Scott Grosdanoff	Whitney Fobister