

MCofS Scottish Youth 2011 Bouldering Championship



The Rough Guide

To the Scottish Youth Bouldering Championship Regulations

The following is a brief summary of the SYBC regulations. It is intended to help people gain a quick appreciation of the structure and rules of the series and should not be regarded as a replacement for a full understanding of the official regulations. Full details are available at www.mcofs.org.uk/sybc

The Championship:

- The Championship is Scotland's National competition
- All age categories are operated as an **Open Event** available to anyone eligible.
- All climbers resident in Scotland in the age categories below are eligible to take part.

The Climbers:

- There are 4 age categories taken from the YCS:
 - a) Those born in 1992, 1993, and 1994 (17-19 category)
 - b) Those born in 1995, 1996, and 1997 (14-16 category)
 - c) Those born in 1998, 1999 and 2000 (11-13 category)
 - d) Those born in 2001, 2002 and 2003 (8-10 category)
- All entrants must have climbing experience
- There are separate male and female categories
- All entrants are responsible for providing their own climbing equipment, i.e. rock shoes, chalk bag and helmet (if they feel it is required).

The Competition:

- The event comprises a Qualifier and a Final (& Super Final and Duel if required)
- There is no isolation (competitors can watch each other climb) in the qualifier
- The Qualifier will consist of completing 15 boulder problems of varying difficulty
- Competitors will have up to 4 hours to attempt all their boulder problems
- Scores will be given on the successful attempt as follows: 1st attempt (10pts), 2nd attempt (7pts), 3rd attempt (5pts) and any further attempt (1pt)
- Each problem will have a 'Bonus Hold' marked. A score of 1pt will be awarded if it is reached but the problem not completed
- The top placed climbers from the qualifier in each age category will go to a Final in isolation based on the 'quota' numbers (see Regulation No 8)
- The Final will consist of attempting 2 (or more) boulder problems per category
- The Final boulder problems will be attempted on-sight from isolation with a time limit set for each problem, with a allocated rest time between problems. Climbers may make as many attempts as they wish in the time allocated
- If climbers finish in equal positions in the Final, count-back will initially be used to separate them
- If count-back does not identify winners a Super Final or Duel will be held
- The highest (furthest) hold used, held or touched will determine the points awarded
- An attempt starts when a competitor pulls his/her body off the ground from the designated starting holds
- An attempt ends when a competitor: touches the ground with any part of their body, falls off, uses prohibited holds or features, the side edges or top edge of the wall, runs out of time
- Boulder problems are not finished until the last hold is held securely with both hands
- Scores for all problems are totalled to give an overall score

Conduct:

The Championship is run by volunteers such as parents & local climbers. They are supported by the host climbing wall staff and the MCofS Area Youth Coordinators. Certain regulations (applying to everyone involved including competitors, spectators, parents and guardians) help ensure a smooth running, good natured and FUN event:

- The instructions of the Category Judge and Chief Judge must be followed at all times
- Any disagreement with judging decisions must be taken up with the Chief Judge, NOT the Category Judge
- Unsporting or abusive behaviour at any time will not be tolerated
- Competitors must be ready to take their turn on time
- A competitor who is preparing for, or in the process of attempting a climb, should not be distracted or interfered with
- Refer to the MCofS Event Code of Practice for further detail

Technical Considerations:

- Judging will be along broadly similar lines to the Scottish Youth Climbing Championship event (SYCC)
- In the Qualifier round, each climber will be given a score card at the start of the event. It is their responsibility to look after this and have their appropriate score marked beside each numbered boulder problem by the problem Judges
- In the Qualifier, climbers may attempt any of their 15 boulder problems in any order or at any point in the 4 hours allotted time
- Each boulder problem is allocated a Judge.
- Climbers should hand their score card to the Judge of the boulder problem they wish to attempt and wait to be told when they can start their attempt
- In the Final, the climbing order for the first climb is random
- For subsequent climbs the order is rotated so the same climbers do not go first again
- All holds will be marked with tags or tape to aid identification
- 'countback' calculations will be considered as follows:
 - a) The number of 1st, 2nd, 3rd places etc.
 - b) The total number of maximum scores (Tops)
 - c) The total number of attempts at boulder problems
 - d) The number of Bonus Holds used
- If a tie still exists after countback, a superfinal will be held consisting on a single problem head to head using the '+/-' scoring of the MCofS YCS

Prizes:

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd place plaques will be awarded
- There may be additional prizes

Safety:

Parents are reminded that wearing helmets in competitions may prevent head injuries that may result from a fall even in bouldering or from being struck by falling objects. Inexperienced climbers should normally wear helmets and even experienced climbers should consider their actions carefully before deciding not to wear a helmet.

Falling during bouldering is common. Competitors should be aware that falling out of control can be dangerous and therefore it is recommended that they attempt to either climb down or drop down in control at all times. 'Spotting' will help reduce the risk from falling. Only those people authorised by the MCofS are permitted to do so.

Risk & Responsibility

Parents and young participants should be aware that climbing, hill walking and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Parents and participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement. The MCofS publishes a wide range of publicity and good practice advice and provides training opportunities for its members.

A parent, or an adult that a parent has arranged to be responsible for their child, must remain at the event to look after their child.