

The Mountaineering Council of Scotland

MCofS Youth Climbing Series

Parental Information Summary



General

- The Youth Climbing Series is a FUN series for children in Scotland aged between 7 and 16 years of age
- The Scottish Series identifies two Scottish Teams which go on to compete in a British Final against other teams from England and Wales.
- The whole competition is run by volunteers and the host climbing wall staff
- There are 2 'Regions' in Scotland: North and South
- Application must be in the region in which competitors reside
- There are 3 rounds in each region
- Competitors can attend any number of rounds they wish, but to be selected to the final they must compete in at least 2 rounds
- Application to the MCofS is preferred in advance by post with full payment
- Last minute applications (on-the-door) can be taken but only at the discretion of the Area Youth Coordinator and dependent on numbers

On the Day

- Each Round of the competition is a 1-day event
- The length of time the competition takes is dependent on the number of competitors and the number of volunteers
- The day starts with registration (9am -9.30am)
- General Welcome and introductions follow
- A warm-up area is often provided for competitors before starting the comp.
- Competitors are divided into their categories
- Each category of competitor is then moved to their first route / boulder problem.
- There are 3 routes and 3 boulder problems to complete
- Each route / problem is demonstrated by a volunteer
- Time will be allocated for a break for lunch but this may be staggered for each category of competitor – it will be flexible on the day
- When all the categories' competitors have completed their turn they are moved to the next available route / problem until they have finished them all
- Scores are confirmed and a 'climb-off' is arranged if required
- Final Scores are announced; Prizes and Certificates are awarded
- Thanks and depart

Organisational staff

- The MCofS Area Youth Coordinator (AYC) is in attendance and coordinates the whole event
- The AYC also acts as the chief Judge
- The Wall manager will usually also be on hand during the day
- Marshals ensure the rules are abided by, but as it is a FUN event this will not be absolutely strictly enforced for the younger competitors, although all attempts to be fair with all competitors in the older age category will be made as they will invariably be more competitive and may be looking to take their placing on to selection for the British team trials
- Belayers are volunteers who have been assessed as competent

Results and the British Final

- The results from each round are placed on the MCofS website asap
- After all three rounds are complete a final 'Team Ranking' is compiled and posted on the website
- Team members are notified and invited to the British Final

Child Protection

- A parent **MUST** remain at the event with their children
- Parents are responsible for the general behaviour of their child(ren)
- The AYC is responsible for the safety of the children during climbing
- If parents are willing to help as volunteers, they can make this known to the AYC prior to the event or on the morning of the event
- Anyone wishing to take photographs (including Parents) **MUST** register their details at the start of the event
- Volunteers **MUST** register their details at the start of the event
- The MCofS will often wish to use photographs of the event in publications and on the website. Any parent taking photos who is willing to allow their use should contact the MCofS development Officer at the address below.

More information is available from the MCofS website:

- **The Rough** Guide to YCS
- **The YCS Regulations** (including complaints procedures)

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