



BRITISH JUNIOR BOULDERING CHAMPIONSHIP RULES and REGULATIONS

These rules and regulations shall be read in conjunction with the International Rules and Regulations for Competition Climbing

1. GENERAL

1.1. The British Junior Bouldering Championships consist of a series of short routes, called boulders. All boulders shall be climbed without ropes. The number of movements in each boulder shall be at most 12 and the average number of movements for all boulders in one round has to be between 4 and 8.

1.2. All boulders shall be secured with landing mats. It is the responsibility of the route-setter to manage the size and the position of the mats.

1.3. A single event of the British Junior Bouldering Championships shall consist of two rounds, namely qualifying and final rounds.

1.4. There shall be 8 boulders in the qualifying round. The numbers of boulders in the final round shall be 4.

1.5. If necessary, a clearly identifiable marking can be used to define the boundaries of a boulder.

1.6. The top edge of the wall shall not be used for climbing.

1.7. Height of the boulder: the climbers should never be higher than 3 metres above the landing mat with the lowest part of the body

1.8. The finishing hold must be clearly marked.

1.9. A tie-break point, referred to, as a zone point will be awarded for holding a specified hold on the boulder. The zone point is not conditional on the boulder being successfully attempted. The zone point must be awarded once the boulder has been successfully completed, regardless of whether it has been used. The positioning of this hold will be at the Route Setters discretion. This hold must be clearly marked.

1.10. The jury of each boulder shall consist of at least one judge.

2. CLIMBING PROCEDURE - QUALIFYING ROUND

2.1. The qualifying round for the Junior British Bouldering Championships shall consist of 8 boulders to be attempted within a specified time.

2.2. Each competitor has maximum 5 attempts on each boulder.

2.3. There will be no isolation for the qualifying round.

2. 4. The qualification round is flash without any demonstration. In case of few competitors, categories may be joined in the same qualification group.

2. 5. The climbers may be authorized to use only one colour of hold.

2.6. Each competitor chooses the moment to attempt each boulder in the order he/she wants and gives his score card to the Boulder Judge before making his attempt. All the competitors from a group try together the 8 boulders in the allocated time.

2.7. Each boulder shall have a pre-designated starting position, consisting of two fixed positions for both hands and optionally one or two fixed positions for one or both feet. These starting holds must be clearly marked.

The use of taped “flashes” to mark as the start a blank or unbounded area of the wall is not permitted. At the discretion of the Chief Route-Setter the starting holds may be labelled left and right to denote a specific required starting position.

2.8. All holds that are permissible for a boulder must be clearly marked.

2.9. An attempt on a boulder is deemed to have started when every part of the body of the competitor has left the ground.

2.10. Competitors shall normally start each boulder:

- a) With both hands on the marked hand-holds; and
 - b) Where the start includes marked footholds, with a foot on one of these footholds.
- If the start for a boulder includes marked footholds for both feet, competitors must place their second foot on the second marked foothold before making any other climbing movement.

2.11. 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.

2.12. A competitor may down-climb at any point during an attempt on a boulder provided he/she does not return to the ground.

2.13. Brushes may be used by competitors to clean holds that may be reached from the ground. Other holds may be cleaned by the competitors as long as there is no tactile inspection of the holds.

2.14. The use of pine resin (commonly known as 'pof') is forbidden.

3. CLIMBING PROCEDURE - FINAL ROUND

3.1. Competitors must attempt 4 boulders. Each boulder must include a clearly marked area from which the competitor can see the route. This area must not allow observation of any other boulders and must include the safety matting.

3.2. For each Category the final will follow the format of an IFSC world cup semi-final round:

- a) Each boulder in the Final round shall be attempted by all competitors in the order set out in Article 6.4.
- b) Once the first Final competitor has finished their attempts at their first boulder they should sit facing the crowd at the front of the competition wall in the designated area and the next competitor shall start their climbing period immediately;
- c) Once the next competitor has completed their attempts, the first competitor will immediately start their attempts at their second boulder, the second competitor will commence their rest period facing the crowd in the designated area and the third competitor will commence their attempts on their first boulder;
- d) This process will continue until all 6 finalists have had their attempts at all four boulders in the Final.

3.3. The climbing period during the Final round shall be five (5) minutes for each competitor. Followed by a period of five (5) minutes rest facing the crowd at the front of the competition wall.

3.4. The beginning (and ending) of every period of time shall be announced by a loud and clear signal. At this signal the competitors that are climbing must finish their attempts and sit facing the crowd in the designated area. This area must not allow observation of any other boulders.

3.6. Each boulder shall have a pre-designated starting position, consisting of two fixed positions for both hands and optionally two fixed positions for both feet. These starting holds must be clearly marked.

3.7. Touching holds others than the starting holds shall be recorded as an attempt.

3.8. An attempt on a boulder is deemed to have started when the competitor leaves the fixed starting positions with one or both hands after every part of his/her body has left the ground. If however the competitor leaves the ground in an incorrect way, this shall be considered as an attempt.

3.9. A competitor may ask the Jury at any time how much of his/her allocated time remains.

3.10. A competitor may down-climb at any point during an attempt on a boulder provided he/she does not return to the ground.

3.11. A competitor may attempt a boulder as many times as he/she wishes within the allocated time.

3.12. If a competitor successfully completes a boulder within the allocated time, he/she must move into the designated resting area.

3.13. Brushes may be used by competitors to clean holds that may be reached from the ground. Only brushes that are provided by the organisation and that are available at every boulder must be used for this purpose.

4. END OF AN ATTEMPT

4.1. An attempt is considered successful when the finishing hold is held with both hands in control and the judge announces "OK".

4.2. An attempt is considered finished in the case of a return to the ground.

4.3. When a competitor succeeds or fails on a route, he/she must jump down to the landing mat.

5. TECHNICAL INCIDENT

5.1. A technical incident is defined as a broken or loose hold, or any other 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.

5.2. Qualifying round

Technical incidents will be dealt with in the following way; the boulder must be repaired and the competitor allowed another attempt on the boulder.

5.3. Final round

Technical incidents will be dealt with in one of the following two methods:

- a) If the technical incident is of a nature that affects an individual boulder the affected competitor will stop his/her attempts on the boulder in question, and wait within the boulder's marked area until the next scheduled changeover is due. Repairs on the boulder will commence as soon as the technical incident has been notified to the Category Judge. At the next scheduled changeover:
 - i. the affected competitor will move onto the next boulder and continue as normal until he/she has completed his/her attempts on the remaining boulders within the round. The competitor will then be returned to the boulder on which the technical incident was claimed and will be allowed to resume his/her attempts on the boulder. The time allowed for the resumed attempts must be a minimum of two minutes and a maximum of the original boulder time minus the time elapsed before the technical incident was notified to the Judges. If the repair to the boulder was not completed within the available time the competitor will be placed in an isolation zone, set aside for this express purpose, for as many complete rotation times as is necessary for the repair to be completed. The competitor will then resume his/her attempts as outlined above.
 - ii. competitors waiting in the transit zone will be held back until the repair is completed. If the repair is completed before the scheduled changeover then subsequent competitors will be held back for one changeover. If the repair extends past the scheduled changeover then subsequent competitors will be held back for as long as is necessary.
 - iii. competitors who have left the transit zone will continue the round as normal if the repair is completed before the scheduled changeover. If the repair cannot be completed before the scheduled changeover the President of the Jury may decide to exclude the boulder from the round, or order the competitors to remain within the area of the boulder that they have just attempted until such a time as the repair is completed. Competitors who have already attempted the affected boulder will complete the round in the normal manner.

- b) If the technical incident is of a nature that the round must be stopped, all of the competitors who are climbing at the time of the incident will be escorted to separate isolation zones until such time as the technical incident has been corrected. All of the competitors must then be returned to the boulder that they were attempting at the time the technical incident was notified to the Judges, to resume their attempts on the boulders. The time allowed for the resumed attempts must be a minimum of two minutes and a maximum of the original boulder time minus the time elapsed before the technical incident was notified to the Judges.

6. RANKING AFTER EACH ROUND

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

- i. First, in descending order, the number of successfully completed boulders ("TOPS") in the current round;
- ii. Second, in descending order, the total number of zone points gained by the competitor in the current round;
- iii. Third, in ascending order, the total number of attempts to complete these boulders;
- iv. Fourth, in ascending order, the total number of attempts to achieve these zone points.

6.2. The ranking/quotas for the final shall be as detailed in section 8.

6.3. There will be a final for each category, with competitors qualifying for the final on the basis of their ranking after the qualification round.

6.4. The starting order for the Final round shall be the reverse of the ranking order from the qualifying 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 randomised.

7. RANKING AFTER FINAL ROUND

After the final round of the competition the competitors shall be ranked according to the criteria detailed in 6.1.

7.1. If any competitors are tied following the ranking calculation of Article 6.1, then the ranking of these competitors from the preceding round shall be used to break the tie ("countback").

7.2. If following the countback process of Article 7.1 any competitors remain tied:

- a) If such tie relates to competitors ranked equal 1st, equal 2nd, or equal 3rd following the Final round, the relative ranking of these competitors will be determined:

- i. by comparing the best results for each such competitor within, starting with the number of Tops attained on the 1st attempt, then the number of Tops attained on the 2nd attempt, and so on;
 - ii. where the comparison in a) cannot break any tie, by comparing the number of Zones attained on the 1st attempt, then the number of Zones attained on the 2nd attempt, and so on.
 - iii. where competitors remain tied following (a) and (b) the results of such competitors shall be considered equal.
- b) If such tie relates to any other competitors, the relevant competitors will be given an equal ranking.

8. QUOTAS FOR FINAL ROUND

8.1. This section must be read in conjunction with sections 6, i.e. the ranking procedure must first be completed before the quota is applied.

8.2. The quota of competitors qualifying for the Final round shall be six (6) competitors.

8.3. If the quota is exceeded as a result of tied competitors, all tied competitors shall qualify for the next round of the competition.

9. APPEALS PROCEDURE

9.1. Any appeal against an official decision shall be made in accordance with the BMC Appeals Procedure.