

Youth Climbing Series

Volunteer Requirements – Roped (page 1 of 2)

Each round relies on the help of volunteers in order to run. See below the requirements of volunteers needed at a bouldering round of the Youth Climbing Series.

Please familiarise yourself with the full rules ahead of volunteering

Registration assistance

- At the start of each round the Youth Climbing Series Coordinator (YCSC) will require assistance signing in each competitor.
- Assistance with registration requires being at the check-in point and helping with the competitor register.
- Each competitor is to be handed a scorecard at registration.

Judging

- Every route at a roped round will require a judge. There are four routes per category.
- A judge will have a route topo/map which informs the judge what each hold is worth.
- A climber receives a '+' point for **legitimate** movement toward the next hold.
- Completion of a climb will be signified and logged on the scorecard as 'TOP'.
- An attempt on a **top-rope** route shall be considered successful when the judge has signalled or announced "OK", having determined that the competitor has controlled the marked finishing hold of the route with both hands.
- An attempt on a **lead** route shall be considered successful when the rope has been clipped into the final karabiner of the route from a legitimate position within the fixed time period for the route and all the quickdraws have been clipped in order.
- If a competitor misses a quickdraw, they will be disqualified from the competition.
- Each competitor has one attempt only per route.
- The start holds will be marked with tape.
- Any out of bounds will be marked with tape.

Judging responsibilities

- It is the judge's responsibility to mark the competitors scores on each competitor's scorecard, immediately after the competitors attempt.
- Each competitor is given a scorecard at registration.
- Each competitor will hand their scorecard to the judge when they wish to attempt the route.

- Any new scorecards must be put to the back of the pile to ensure the running order reflects the order in which the competitors arrived at the route.
- The judge will need to time each climber and make a note of this on their scorecard.
- Judges will need to return the scorecard to the competitor once they've completed their attempt on the route.
- See below an example scorecard for a roped round:

YOUTH CLIMBING SERIES - ROUTE SCORECARD													
Venue								Date					
Category	FA	FB	FC	FD	FE	MA	MB	MC	MD	ME			
Name													
Route number	Score	Judge's initials											
1													
2													
3													
4													
JUDGES: PLEASE RECORD RESULTS CLEARLY													
EXAMPLE:													
Route number	Score	Judge's initials											
1	17+	ABC											
2	21	XYZ											

Belaying - top rope

To top-rope belay at a roped round you must be able to:

- Competently belay a climber on top-rope without guidance.
- Have top-rope belayed regularly for at least two years.
- Have top-rope belayed at least twice within the last month.

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Belaying - top rope (continued...)

- Be able to attach and use a manual or assisted braking device.
- Ensure the rope does not become a hindrance to the climber. For example, the rope pulling on or obstructing the climber.
- Pay attention to the climber throughout the entire duration of the climb and lower-off.
- Be happy to complete a self-declaration form.
- Be available to attend the belay-briefing at the start of each roped round.

Before the competitor begins to climb you must check:

- the competitor's harness is properly fitted and fastened;
- the climbing rope is connected to the competitor's harness using a figure of eight knot plus stopper knot;
- the climbing rope is coiled or arranged in a manner ready for immediate and proper use.

Belaying - lead

To lead belay at a roped round you must be able to:

- Competently belay a climber on lead without guidance.
- Have lead belayed regularly for at least two years.
- Have lead belayed at least twice within the last month.
- Be able to attach and use a manual or assisted braking device.
- Provide extra attentive belaying particularly between the first and third clip.
- Have an active stance throughout the climb to ensure you're prepared for immediate action.
- Be happy to complete a self-declaration form.
- Be available to attend the belay-briefing at the start of each roped round.

Before the competitor begins to climb you must check:

- the competitor's harness is properly fitted and fastened;
- the climbing rope is connected to the competitor's harness using a figure of eight knot plus stopper knot;
- the climbing rope is coiled or arranged in a manner ready for immediate and proper use.

Floorwalking

- To be a floorwalker you must be a competent top-rope and/or lead belayer. See page one.
- Be able to identify someone belaying incorrectly on top-rope and/or lead.
- Foresee potential risks or hindrance to the climber and belayer.
- Report any concerns and actions taken to your YCSC immediately.
- Be confident in your decision making.
- Be confident in approaching belayers with a concern and identifying the appropriate time to do so, without putting the climber at risk.
- A floorwalker needs to monitor more than one belayer at a time and remain constantly focussed.

Judging top tips

- **To believe in your own ability to judge.**
- **To be consistent in your scoring and decision making.**
- **To concentrate on each climber as they climb and avoid distractions whilst competitors are on the wall.**
- **If you're unsure about anything, always ask your YCSC for clarification.**