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# **Youth Climbing Series 2023 Grand Final Regulations**

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## 1. General

### 1.1 Youth Climbing Series- Grand Final

- 1.1.1 These rules must be read in conjunction with the regional YCS Rules.
- 1.1.2 Competitors in categories A, B and C will lead climb all routes. Competitors in category D will top-rope all routes.
- 1.1.3 The top three competitors in each category at the end of the regional series who have competed in at least 3 rounds will qualify to enter the Grand Final.
- 1.1.4 A qualifying competitor may withdraw from taking part in the Grand Final. No replacement competitor will be sourced.
- 1.1.5 At the conclusion of the Grand final competition of the annual Series, the Championship Medals shall be awarded to the competitor(s) in each category achieving the highest number of points in accordance with these regulations.

### 1.2 Eligibility

- 1.2.1 All ages are inclusive. Competitors must be no younger than 8 and not older than 17 on the 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of the Series.
- 1.2.2 Colour-blind competitors must be identified as such to the Event Organiser prior to the registration deadline for the competition. The Area Youth Coordinators will inform the judges of any Colour-blind competitors.
- 1.2.3 Competitors must be registered within the deadlines published for the competition. Payment for the competition cannot be taken on the day and therefore must be made with the competition entry
- 1.2.4 Anyone route setting for the Grand Final may not compete in the Grand Final.

### 1.3 Scoring

- 1.3.1 The scoring for all routes and boulders will be in line with the British national competition climbing rules and regulations. These rules must be read in conjunction with the current National Competition Rules.

## 2. Grand Final Boulder Competition

### 2.1 Format

The Regional bouldering format shall be used for the Grand Final bouldering competition.

## 3. Grand Final Lead and Top Roping Competition

### 3.1 Format

The Regional lead and top roping format shall be used for the grand Final competition.

## 4. Grand Final Team Competition

- 4.1.1 A regional team competition will run concurrently with the Grand Final. At the end of the event, the competitors in each category shall be awarded ranking points as shown in the table in Article **Error! Reference source not found.**

- 4.1.2 Where competitors are tied in a category, each will be awarded the average of ranking points shared by the tied group.

Example 1: If three competitors are tied in third place they are 'occupying' third, fourth and fifth places which would be a total of  $65+55+51=171$  ranking points so each competitor would be awarded  $171\div 3=57$  points.

Example 2: If two competitors are tied in second place they would each be awarded  $(80+65)\div 2=72.5$  points.

- 4.1.3 Each region's team score is the sum of the best ranking points in that team.
- 4.1.4 The number of individual scores counting towards the regional team score will be the fewer of;
  - a) The average of all regional team sizes rounded down to the nearest whole number;
  - b) The whole regional team;

## 4.2 Overall Grand Final Ranking

- 4.2.1 Each competitor participating in the grand final shall be awarded "Overall Ranking Points" for each individual event.
- 4.2.2 A Ranking Point Total shall be calculated for each relevant competitor by adding together the Ranking Points awarded for each discipline
- 4.2.3 The overall winner of the YCS will be the competitor with the highest number of ranking points achieved during the two-day Grand Final.
- 4.2.4 The series climb-off procedure shall be used to resolve ties after completion of the Grand Final lead and top- roping competition. A Climb-off must take place on an appropriate roped route (i.e. not a boulder).

## 4.3 Award Ceremonies

- 4.3.1 The competitors' award ceremony at the Grand Final shall comply with the basic IOC protocol for such events. All podium placed competitors shall attend the award ceremony. Failure to observe this regulation will make the competitor liable to a red card sanction.

## 5. Competition Appeals

### 5.1 Procedure

- 5.1.1 All oral and written appeals and official responses to appeals shall be made in English.
- 5.1.2 Any appeal made must include the appeal fee of £20. If an appeal is successful, the appeal fee will be returned.
- 5.1.3 An appeal against a ruling by a Category Judge during a round of the competition must be made to the Chief Judge by the competitor no later than 30 minutes after the ruling.
- 5.1.4 An appeal against the ranking of a competitor after the completion of a round of the competition and after the official results have been published must be made no later than 15 minutes after the publication of the results. The appeal must be made following the publication of the results at the end of each round of the Series. The appeal may be made in writing to the Event Coordinator and Chief Judge by the competitor.

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- 5.1.5** In the event of an appeal, the Chief Judge shall convene an Appeals Jury comprising of the Chief Judge, a Category Judge not involved in the case (if available) and the NGB Delegate (if available). A decision shall be made as rapidly as circumstances allow. In the case of written appeals, the decision of the Competition Appeal Jury shall be made in writing and handed by the Chief Judge to the person who officially lodged the appeal.
- 5.1.6** The decision of the Appeal Jury in respect of these regulations shall be final and not subject to further appeal.
- 5.1.7** In those cases where the Event Coordinator and Chief Judge assess that an infringement of the regulation's merits consideration by the NGB's Disciplinary Body, the matter shall be referred to the Disciplinary Body together the Chief Judge's report, copies of written communications between the Chief Judge and the competitor concerned, and all relevant evidence.
- 5.1.8** The composition and the procedures of the Disciplinary Body are defined in the NGB's referred documents