

Rules - 2017 Lead Climbing League

1. Eligibility

- 1.1. The competition is open to members and non-members of Mountaineering Ireland.
- 1.2. All competitors must complete a *Mountaineering Ireland Climbing Competition Registration Form*.
 - 1.2.1. The form must be printed and signed by all relevant parties.
The form is available on the competition web-page and at the competition registration desk.
- 1.3. All competitors must pay the entry fee prior to competing in each round of the competition.
The entry fees are as follows:
 - 1.3.1. Members of Mountaineering Ireland: €10 / £9;
 - 1.3.2. Non-members of Mountaineering Ireland: €15 / £14.
- 1.4. Climbers born in 2009 and later are not eligible to compete.

2. Anti-doping

- 2.1. Mountaineering Ireland fully subscribes to the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) procedures and promotes a drug free sport.

3. Safety

- 3.1. Competitors are personally responsible for their own safety.
- 3.2. Competitors must be competent lead climbers.
- 3.3. Competitors must comply with the safety guidelines of the host venue.
- 3.4. Parental supervision - For competitors under fourteen years of age on the day of the competition a parent or guardian must be present for the entire duration of the competition.
- 3.5. The *Chief Organiser* may remove competitors for safety reasons.

4. Format

- 4.1. The Lead Climbing League is a lead climbing competition.
- 4.2. Each round will have ten routes.
- 4.3. Competitors attempt all ten routes.
- 4.4. Competitors can make two attempts per route.

5. Times

- 5.1. The timing for the competition is as follows:

Registration opens (registration remains open until 16:00)	11:00
Climbing starts	11:30
Climbing finishes	16:30
Results announced	17:00

- 5.2. Timings may vary. Competitors will be made aware of changes by the *Chief Organiser*.

6. Climbing

- 6.1. A *Route ID Card* will clearly identify each of the individual routes and the holds to be used on the route.
- 6.2. An attempt shall be deemed to have started when every part of the competitor's body has left the ground.
- 6.3. Touching holds, other than those which can be reached from the ground, shall be counted as an attempt.
- 6.4. An attempt on a route shall be considered unsuccessful if the competitor:
 - 6.4.1. Falls off so that they are hanging on the rope, or rests on the rope;
 - 6.4.2. Once having started touches the ground with any part of the body;
 - 6.4.3. Uses any holds or features not included in the route;
 - 6.4.4. Uses any part of the wall, holds or features demarcated using continuous and clearly identifiable tape;
 - 6.4.5. Uses the side edges or the top edges of the wall for climbing;
 - 6.4.6. Uses with their hands any holes provided for the placement of bolt-on holds;
 - 6.4.7. Climbs beyond a quickdraw so that in order to clip it the climber would have to reverse moves on the climb.
- 6.5. If a competitor's attempt is hampered due to a loose hold the attempt is not recorded. The *Chief Route Setter* or *Competition Organiser* should be informed.

7. Judging

- 7.1. The Lead Climbing League is a peer judged competition.
- 7.2. It is the responsibility of all competitors to make themselves aware of and apply the rules of the competition.
- 7.3. If there is any doubt over the competitor's successful completion of the route it is assumed that the route was not successfully completed.
- 7.4. The judge should let the competitor know they are successful by saying 'OK' and giving a 'thumbs up'.
- 7.5. The judge enters into the competitor's scorecard the result of the attempt.

8. Scoring

- 8.1. Points are awarded for *holding* the marked scoring holds on the route.
- 8.2. Points are awarded on the following basis:

Scoring hold	First attempt	Second attempt
1	2	1
2	4	3
3	6	5
4	8	7
5 - Top	10	9

- 8.3. The points from one attempt are counted.
- 8.4. To score 10 / 9 points the Top anchor must be clipped.
- 8.5. The score must be clearly marked on the scorecard. If there is any ambiguity the lower score will be used by the *Competition Organiser* when compiling the results.
- 8.6. Scorecards must be submitted within ten minutes of the close of the competition.

9. Categories

- 9.1. Competitors can compete in only one category.
- 9.2. Competitors will be organised into the following Male & Female competition categories:

Competition category	Age
Masters	Born – 1973 and earlier
Senior	Born – 1974 – 2000
Youth A	Born – 2001 / 2002
Youth B	Born – 2003 / 2004
Youth C	Born – 2005 / 2006
Youth D	Born – 2007 / 2008

- 9.1. Age categories are based on IFSC 2018 Age Categories.
- 9.2. Climbers born in 2009 and later are not eligible to compete.
- 9.3. Proof of age may be required.

10. Results

- 10.1. At the end of each individual round results will be given in an *all in* format and a *per category* format.
- 10.2. Results will be published on the Mountaineering Ireland website: www.mountaineering.ie.
- 10.3. League points are awarded in the following manner:

In category placing per round	League points
1st	100
2nd	99
3rd	98
Xth	101 - X

- 10.4. The overall league score for individual competitors is the sum of their league points.
- 10.5. In the event of tie in the top three places of the overall league ranking. Ties will be broken as follows:
 - 10.5.1. The competitor with the better result in the final round will rank ahead;
 - 10.5.2. If the tie remains the competitor in the previous round will rank ahead;
 - 10.5.3. If the tie cannot be broken through countback the tie remains.
- 10.6. The number of rounds to be counted is subject to the number of rounds in the league.
The number of rounds to count is calculated as follows:

Number of rounds in the league	Number of rounds to be counted
3	2
2	2
1	1

11. Prizes

- 11.1. Prizes may be awarded to the top three competitors in each competition category based on overall league score.
- 11.2. To be eligible for a prize competitors must have competed in two or more rounds.