

Rules – 2017 Youth 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 2011 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 comply with the safety guidelines of the host venue.
- 3.3. It is the personal responsibility of competitors to make sure that the landing zone below the boulder problem being attempted is kept clear.
- 3.4. Competitors not attempting a problem or judging are asked to keep out of the competition zone.
- 3.5. 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.
- 3.6. The *Chief Organiser* may remove competitors for safety reasons.

4. Format

- 4.1. The competition is organised on a provincial basis. In 2017 the competition takes place in Ulster, Leinster and Munster.
- 4.2. The competition comprises of two rounds per province.
- 4.3. Round One will be a bouldering round.
 - 4.3.1. Each competitor will have ten boulder problems to attempt.
- 4.4. Round Two will be a route climbing round.
 - 4.4.1. Each competitor will have five routes to attempt.
 - 4.4.2. Routes will be top roped.
- 4.5. Boulder problems and routes may be used by more than one Competition Category.

5. Schedule

5.1. The timing for the competition is as follows:

Registration opens (registration remains open until 16:00)	12:00
Climbing starts	12:30
Climbing finishes	16:30
Results announced	17:00

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

6. Climbing – Round One - Bouldering

- 6.1. A *Problem ID Card* will identify each of the problems to be attempted by each category.
- 6.2. Starting handholds will be tagged.
- 6.3. Competitors must simultaneously hold the tagged starting handholds before progressing with their attempt.
- 6.4. An attempt shall be deemed to have started when every part of the competitor's body has left the ground.
- 6.5. Points for the *Top* hold are given when competitor *Controls* the *Top* hold with both hands for a count of three seconds.
- 6.6. An attempt on a boulder shall be considered unsuccessful if the competitor:
 - 6.6.1. Fails to start the boulder in accordance with the rules;
 - 6.6.2. Once having started touches the ground with any part of the body;
 - 6.6.3. Uses any part of the wall, holds or features demarcated using continuous and clearly identifiable tape;
 - 6.6.4. Uses the side edges or the top edges of the wall for climbing;
 - 6.6.5. Uses with their hands any holes provided for the placement of bolt-on holds.
- 6.7. 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. Climbing – Round Two – Routes

- 7.1. A *Route ID Card* will identify each of the routes to be attempted by each category.
- 7.2. An attempt shall be deemed to have started when every part of the competitor's body has left the ground.
- 7.3. Touching holds, other than those which can be reached from the ground, will be counted as an attempt.
- 7.4. An attempt on a route will be considered unsuccessful if the competitor:
 - 7.4.1. Falls off so that they are hanging on the rope, or rests on the rope;
 - 7.4.2. Once having started touches the ground with any part of the body;
 - 7.4.3. Uses any holds or features not included in the route;
 - 7.4.4. Uses any part of the wall, holds or features demarcated using continuous and clearly identifiable tape;
 - 7.4.5. Uses the side edges or the top edges of the wall for climbing;
 - 7.4.6. Uses with their hands any holes provided for the placement of bolt-on holds;
- 7.5. 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.

8. Judging

- 8.1. The Youth Climbing League is a peer judged competition.
- 8.2. It is the responsibility of all competitors to make themselves aware of and apply the rules of the competition.
- 8.3. If there is any doubt over the competitor's successful completion of the boulder problem it is assumed that the problem was not successfully completed.
- 8.4. The judge should let the competitor know they are successful by saying 'OK' and giving a 'thumbs up'.
- 8.5. The judge enters into the competitor's scorecard the result of the attempt.

9. Scoring – Round One - Bouldering

- 9.1. On successful completion of the boulder problem the competitor is awarded points on the following basis:

Attempt No.	Points
1	10
2	7
3	4

10. Scoring – Round Two Routes

- 10.1. Points are awarded for holding the marked scoring holds on the route.
- 10.2. 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

- 10.3. To score 10 / 9 points the *Top* hold must be held with both hands.

11. Scoring – both rounds

- 11.1. The points from one attempt are counted.
- 11.2. The score must be clearly marked on the scorecard. If there is any ambiguity the lower score will be used by the event organiser when compiling the results.
- 11.3. Scorecards must be submitted within ten minutes of the close of the competition.

12. Categories

12.1. Competitors will be organised into the following Male & Female competition categories:

Competition category	Age
Youth B	Born - 2003 / 2004
Youth C	Born - 2005 / 2006
Youth D	Born - 2007 / 2008
Youth E	Born - 2009 / 2010

12.2. Age categories are based on IFSC 2018 Age Categories.

12.3. Climbers born in 2011 and later are not eligible to compete.

12.4. Proof of age may be required.

13. Results

13.1. At the end of each individual round results will be given in a *per category* format.

13.2. Results will be published on the Mountaineering Ireland website: www.mountaineering.ie.

13.3. League points are awarded in the following manner:

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

13.4. The overall league score for individual competitors is the sum of their league points.

13.5. In the event of tie in the top three places of the overall league ranking. Ties will be broken as follows:

13.5.1. The competitor with the better result in the final round will rank ahead;

13.5.2. If the tie remains the competitor in the previous round will rank ahead;

13.5.3. If the tie cannot be broken through countback the tie remains.

14. Prizes

14.1. Prizes may be awarded to the top three competitors in each competition category based on overall league score.