



# Youth Climbing Series 2011

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<b>Northern Ireland</b>		
22 January	Hotrock Climbing Wall	Tollymore Mountain Centre
5 February	Gortatole Climbing Wall	Fermanagh
<b>Republic of Ireland</b>		
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Mardyke Arena	Cork
19 <sup>th</sup> February	UCD Climbing Wall	Dublin
<b><i>Irish Final Saturday 12 March, Ozone wall, Belfast</i></b>		
<b><i>British Final Saturday 25 June – Wolf Mountain, Wolverhampton</i></b>		

The Youth Climbing Series is a fun event organised by the BMC, Mountaineering Council of Scotland and Mountaineering Ireland with hosting walls for young climbers born between 1995 and 2003 inclusive (see Rough Guide for details). Only those in the eldest age group lead their routes. Registration for the event is done through your national representative body (BMC, Mountaineering Council of Scotland, Mountaineering Ireland). This must be done one week prior to the event at the latest. In exceptional circumstances entry may be accepted on the day of the event. You will be sent venue-specific information on the competition when we receive your application. Competitors will normally be expected to arrive at 9:30am on the day of the event, climbing will start at 10:00am.



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## Rough Guide to BMC/MI Youth Climbing Series Rules

The following is a brief summary of the Youth Climbing Series regulations. It is intended to help people gain a quick appreciation of the structure and rules of the series and should not be regarded as a replacement for a full understanding of the official regulations.

### The series

- There are 2 rounds in NI and 2 rounds in RoI. You may enter rounds in both NI and RoI, however, you will only be allocated ranking points for the region in which you live.
- Any competitor who has attended a round in their own region will be eligible for the Irish Final.
- The top 3 climbers in each category qualify for the GB Final.

### The climbers

- There are three age categories:
  - a) Those born in 1995, 1996 and 1997.
  - b) Those born in 1998, 1999 and 2000.
  - c) Those born in 2001, 2002 and 2003.
- There are separate male and female categories.
- All entrants must have some climbing experience.
- All entrants are responsible for providing personal climbing equipment i.e. harness, shoes, chalk bag, helmet. There may be some available from the host venues but remember to check first.

### The competitions

- Each event comprises 3 routes and 3 boulder problems for each category.
- There is to be no isolation (competitors can watch each other climb) except in the case of a superfinal or climb-off.
- All routes will usually be demonstrated.
- Those born in 1995, 1996 & 1997 will **lead** routes. Other categories will **top-rope** routes.
- Climbers will have one attempt only at each route.
- Climbers will have up to three turns at attempting each boulder problem.
- There may be a time limit on each attempt at a route or boulder problem.
- The highest (or furthest) hold used, held or touched will determine route points gained.
- An attempt ends if the climber; steps back down to the ground, falls, rests on the rope, uses prohibited holds or features, uses the side edges or top edge of the wall, runs out of time, fails to clip a quickdraw appropriately.
- Problems and top-ropes are not finished until the last hold is held with both hands.
- Scores for all climbs are totalled to give overall scores for the round.
- Regional changes to the format and rules may apply.

### Conduct

Each regional round of the Youth Climbing Series is run by volunteers such as parents and local climbers. They are generously supported by the host climbing wall and its staff. Certain regulations (most of which apply equally to competitors, spectators, parents and guardians) help to ensure the smooth running of the event and maintain a good natured, fun atmosphere:

- The instructions of the Category Judge and Chief Judge must be followed at all times.
- Any disagreement with judging decisions must be taken up with the Chief Judge; **NOT** the Category Judge.
- Unsporting or abusive behaviour at any time will not be tolerated.
- Climbers must be ready to take their turn on time.
- Do not distract or interfere with any competitor who is preparing for, or in the process of attempting, a climb.

### Technical considerations

- Judging will be along broadly similar lines to the BLCC events (see the BMC website for more details on BLCC events).
- The climbing order for the first climb is random.
- For subsequent climbs the order is rotated so, where possible, the same climbers don't go first again.
- All holds will be marked with tags or tape to aid identification.
- In the case of a tie at the end of a round, the following countback calculations will be considered:
  - a) The number of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> places etc.
  - b) Total number of maximum scores (Tops);
  - c) Total number of attempts at boulder problems.
- If a tie still exists after countback, a superfinal will be held.

### The GB final

- Entry to the British Final is free.
- The best 3 climbers in each category qualify from each region.
- All three results count when deciding qualifiers for the British Final
- Qualifiers must have attended at least two rounds.
- Climbers may enter individual rounds if they choose.
- The British final will be on Saturday 25 June 2011 at Wolf Mountain Climbing Centre, Wolverhampton.

## Risk and responsibility

Parents and young participants should be aware that climbing, hill walking and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Parents and participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement. The BMC publishes a wide range of publicity and good practice advice and provides training opportunities for its members.

**A parent, or an adult that a parent has arranged to be responsible for their child, must remain at the event to look after their child. This is very important.**

# APPLICATION FORM

<b>BMC Youth Climbing Series 2011</b>	1 event	2 events	3 events	
Member (BMC/MCofS/MCI)	£10.00/ €11.50	£18.00 €20.50	£27.00 €31.00	
Non Member	£12.50 €14.50	£24.00 €27.00	£35.00 €40.00	Includes 3 month membership to MI which automatically includes free civil liability and personal accident disability insurance for all events
*Climber whose parents are on income support or family credit. Supported by MI.	£4.00 €4.50	£7.00 €8.00	£10.00 €11.50	

\*NB: To receive the discounted entry, parents must return evidence of receipt of income support or family credit with the application.

First Name ..... Last Name.....Date of Birth.....Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> (tick) Address ..... ..... Post Code ..... My BMC/MCofS/MCI membership number is ..... Tel ..... Email .....
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Please note: in order to increase the speed of communication & save costs, we make the maximum possible use of email. If you do not check your email regularly and would prefer to have information by post please tick this box , otherwise information will be sent out by email only.

**Northern Ireland YCS:** I would like to compete in (please tick appropriate boxes) - **Round 1**  - **Round 2**  **Final**

**RoI YCS:** I would like to compete in (please tick appropriate boxes) - **Round 1**  - **Round 2**

**The following details are to be completed by your parent/guardian:**

Signed parental consent must be received from participants before they may compete.

**PARENTAL CONSENT** I confirm I am the parent/guardian of the above named child and that I consent for him/her to take part in the BMC Youth Climbing Series. I also confirm that I am aware that climbing is an activity with a danger of personal injury or death and that I am responsible for providing appropriate personal safety equipment for the above named child to undertake this competition. I have read the BMC "Rough Guide to BMC/MI Youth Climbing Series Rules" and understand the nature of the competition activity.

Signed (parent or guardian only) ..... Date .....

Name of adult responsible for child on the day of the event..... (if none is provided please provide on the day of the competition to Event Coordinator).

Please note: without this information the child will not be allowed to take part in the event)

Emergency contact number..... (you may pass this to Event Coordinator on the day of the event if necessary)

<p><u>By Cheque:</u> (please tick) <input type="checkbox"/> A cheque for £ ..... payable to the 'Mountaineering Council of Ireland' is enclosed.</p>
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