Rules – 2018/2019 Irish Bouldering League

1. Eligibility

1.1. The competition is open to all climbers over fourteen years of age.

1.2. All competitors must purchase a scorecard prior attempting any problems.

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.

4. Time

4.1. Each round will start at 11:00 on the first day of the round.

4.2. Each round will finish at 18:00 on the last day of the round.

4.3. Start and finish dates for each round are as follows:

Round	Host Venue	Start Date	Finish Date
1	Awesome Walls Dublin	29/09/2018	14/10/2018
2	Suas Climbing Centre	03/11/2018	18/11/2018
3	Awesome Walls Cork	01/12/2018	16/12/2018
4	Gravity Climbing Centre	19/01/2018	03/02/2018
5	The Dublin Climbing Centre	23/02/2018	10/03/2018

5. Format

5.1. The Irish Bouldering League is a flash format bouldering competition.

5.2. Each Competition Category will attempt twenty individual problems.

5.3. Boulder problems may be used by more than one competition category.

5.4. Competitors can make unlimited attempts per boulder problem.

5.5. Dependent on the opening hours of the host venue, competitors can make attempts at any stage within each round.

6. Climbing

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 a competitor *Controls* the *Top* hold with both hands for a count of three seconds.

6.6. Points for the *Bonus* hold are given when a competitor *Holds* or *Uses* the marked *Bonus* hold.
6.7. An attempt on a boulder shall be considered unsuccessful if the competitor:
6.7.1. Fails to start the boulder in accordance with the rules.
6.7.2. Once having started touches the ground with any part of the body.
6.7.3. Uses any part of the wall, holds or features demarcated using continuous and clearly identifiable tape.
6.7.4. Uses the side edges or the top edges of the wall for climbing.
6.7.5. Uses with their hands any holes provided for the placement of bolt-on holds.
6.8. 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 Irish Bouldering League is a self-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 boulder problem it is assumed that the problem was not successfully completed.

8. Scoring

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

Attempt	Points
Top on 1st attempt	10
Top on 2nd attempt	7
Top on 3rd attempt	4
Top on 4th of more attempt	2
Bonus hold	1

8.2. The points from only one attempt are counted.
8.3. If a competitor *Holds* or *Uses* the *Bonus* hold they score one point. This one point is only counted if the *Top* hold is not *Controlled.*
8.4. 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.
8.5. Scorecards must be submitted as soon as the competition closes on the last day of the round.

9. Categories

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

Competition category	Age
Masters	Over 45
Senior	Over 18
Senior B	Over 18
Youth 1	Over 16
Youth 2	Over 14

9.2. Climbers under the age of fourteen 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 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
5	4
4	3
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 three or more rounds.