



# SPORT CLIMBING AUSTRALIA

## Competition Policy

### Judge – Position Description

Judges may be of a state or a national level. Also judges may be certified to judge at lead competitions or bouldering competitions. The learning package required for state and national certification are the same. A national judge will have more experience than a state judge and is required to have judged at least once at a national competition.

#### 1 Before the Competition

A judge needs to fully understand the Sport Climbing Australia Competition rules.

- Get informed about the competition timetable and the time and location of judges briefings
- Get informed about the contacts of the competition officials (Jury President, Head Judge, Head Route Setter)

#### 2 Lead Competitions

During the competition, a judge should:

- Correctly label the holds on a route map
- Judge when an attempt has started
- Be able to follow a climber's progression along a route
- Be able to distinguish between a controlled hold or a used hold in accordance with SCA Competition Rules
- Be aware of the time restrictions for observing a route and climbing a route
- Judge when a climber has successfully completed a climb (TOP)
- Know when to call a climber off the wall
- Score a climber when called off the wall
- Know when to warn a climber during an attempt
- Be aware of any technical changes on a route, e.g. a special clip
- Be aware of what constitutes safe/unsafe climbing and call a climber off the wall if they are unsafe
- Understand what a Z Clip is and the procedure for correction
- Understand that if a climber misses a clip then the climber is to be called off the wall and score their attempt to the highest point where they still could have clipped from
- Understand the procedure (call the Head Judge or Jury President) for any technical issue (eg spinners, short rope, dangerous clips)
- Understand how to record the time of the climb (in finals)
- Be aware to warn spectators/coaches about communicating with the climber during their attempt
- Know what is out of bounds on a climb
- Know the rules of isolation
- Call the Head Judge if after warning spectator/coach they continue to communicate with the climber during their attempt.
- Hand over to the Head Judge the score sheet once a category is done with a route



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## 3 Bouldering Competitions

During the competition, a judge should:

- Judge when an attempt has started
- Know how a problem should be started
- Be able to judge if a bonus hold has been controlled:
  - If it is clear that the competitor did not use the bonus hold to achieve a stable or controlled position, then no bonus should be given
  - If it is clear that the competitor did use the bonus hold to achieve a stable or controlled position, then the bonus should be given
  - If it is not clear whether or not the competitor did use the bonus hold to achieve a stable or controlled position, then the bonus should be given. i.e. the competitor has the benefit of doubt.
- Be aware of the time restrictions for climbing a boulder
- Judge when a climber has successfully completed a boulder (TOP)
- Even if jumping to brush a hold is not allowed (see rule 7.7.11) no attempt can be given for doing this. The competitor should get a verbal warning first and only if he/she continues to do so, receive a yellow card. Jumping to get a better sight on a hold is allowed.
- Warn a climber during an attempt
- Understand the procedure (call the head judge or Jury President) for any technical issue (eg spinners, short rope, dangerous clips)
- Be aware to warn spectators/coaches about communicating with the climber during their attempt
- Know what is out of bounds on a boulder
- Know the rules of isolation
- Call the Head Judge if after warning spectator/coach if they continue to communicate with the climber during their attempt.
- Hand over to the Head Judge the score sheet once a category is done with a boulder