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Competition Policy

Structure, Requirements, Categories, Ranking and Officials



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1 Structure

1.1 Disciplines

- **Lead:** Climbs ('Routes') are climbed with the competitor clipping into protection points as they climb (on "Lead"). Progression along the line of the route determines a competitor's ranking.
- **Bouldering:** Short climbs ('Boulders') are attempted without ropes but with landing mats for protection. The number of boulders completed determines a competitor's ranking.
- **Speed:** Climbs are attempted with an in-situ rope (on "Top-Rope"). The time to complete the route determines a competitor's ranking.

1.2 Competition in Australia

- **Regional events and competitions:** These events are organized by climbing facilities and/or SCA Member States. Rules and governance of these events is at the discretion of the organiser. The Youth event and Open event may be held at different dates.
- **State Titles:** State Titles may be held in each state once a year for each discipline. All SCA Guidelines and Policies apply to these events. It is possible for a competition to be held as a multiple state competition. In that case, podiums and ranking points will be split. The Youth event and Open event may be held at different dates.
- **National Championships:** National Championships are held once a year. All SCA Guidelines and Policies apply to these events. The Youth event and Open event may be held at different dates.

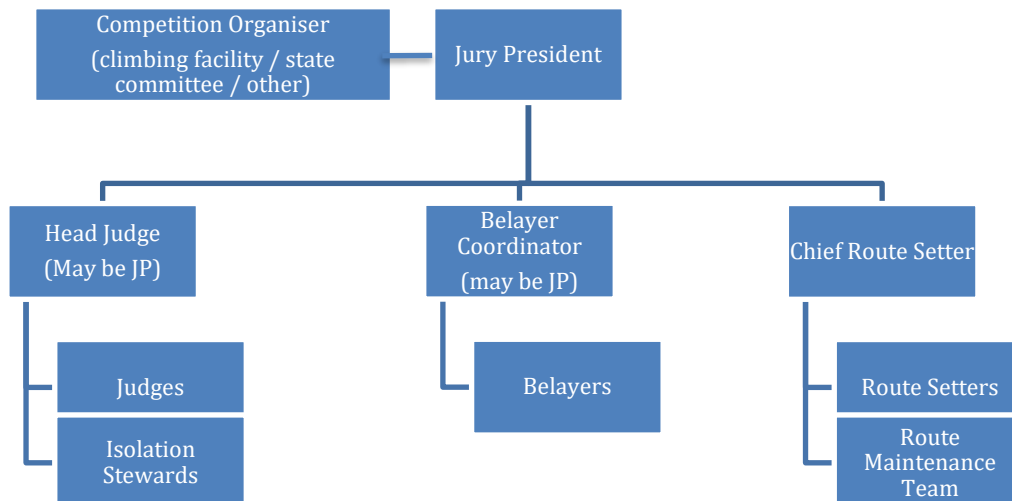
1.3 Rules and Policies

Rules for the three disciplines are the official Sport Climbing Australia Rules. These can be found at sportclimbingaustralia.com.au. The speed rules are not yet written and SCA uses the official IFSC rules as a guideline.



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1.4 Officials Hierarchy (state and national events)



The Jury president (JP) has overall authority in the competition area. The JP works closely to Head Judge, Belay Coordinator and Chief Route Setters. Some events may not have a Head Judge or Belay Coordinator. In that case the Jury President will take these roles.

1.5 Membership Requirements

All participants in an SCA sanctioned event in a specific calendar year must have a valid Sport Climbing Australia membership for this calendar year prior to the commencement of the event. Any participant failing to do so will have their Ranking Points, Titles and Medal revoked. They will also not appear in the result sheet for the event.

A State level membership is required for participating in the State Title. An individual with a state membership is only allowed to participate in the state title of the state that they have declared as their state of affiliation.

A National level membership is required for participating in to other state titles than the one of affiliation, National, Continental and International Championships.

1.6 Anti-Doping

- SCA will endeavor to conduct drug testing through the services of ASADA at one or more state or national event each year. ASADA will be conducting random drug testing at national competitions.



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2 Competition Requirements

2.1 Lead Events

	State Titles	National Championships
Climbing Structure	<p>The Competition shall take place on purpose-designed, artificial climbing walls having a minimum height of 10 meters.</p> <p>The climbing surface shall permit routes to be constructed with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a minimum length of 10 metres for qualifier rounds and Semifinals - a minimum length of 12 metres for final rounds - a minimum width of 2 metres for each route (recommended 3 meters for semifinal and final rounds). At the discretion of the Jury President, a width of less than two (2) metres may be accepted for limited sections of the wall 	<p>The Competition shall take place on purpose-designed, artificial climbing walls having a minimum height of 12 meters.</p> <p>The climbing surface shall permit routes to be constructed with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a minimum length of 12 metres for qualifier rounds and Semifinals - a minimum length of 14 metres for final rounds - a minimum width of 2 metres for each route (recommended 3 meters for semifinal and final rounds). At the discretion of the Jury President, a width of less than two (2) metres may be accepted for limited sections of the wall
Format	<p>All categories should compete in the following format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 Qualifying routes to be climbed flash format with forerunning on video or forerunning before the round starts. - 1 final route to be climbed in an "onsight" format. <p>A Semi-Final round may be added in the case of a large field of climbers.</p> <p>Youth C and Youth D will Top Rope all their routes and may participate in a 4 Qualifier format at the discretion of the State Board.</p> <p>Youth B, Youth A, Junior, Masters and Open A will Lead all their routes.</p>	<p>All categories should compete in the following format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 Qualifying routes to be climbed flash format with forerunning on video or forerunning before the round starts. - 1 final route to be climbed in an "onsight" format. <p>A Semi-Final round may be added in the case of a large field of climbers.</p> <p>Youth D will Top Rope all their routes.</p> <p>Youth C, Youth B, Youth A, Junior, Masters and Open A will Lead all their routes.</p>
Route Setters	<p>There should be one State or National Head Route Setter present during the setting phase and during the competition. This person may be the official Head Route Setter of the event or mentor the head setter of the competition.</p> <p>The route setting team will be selected by the Head Route Setter in consultation with their mentor (when applicable).</p>	<p>There should be one National Head Route Setter present during the setting phase and for the competition itself. This person may be the official Head Route Setter of the event or mentor the head setter of the competition.</p> <p>The route setting team will be selected by the Head Route Setter in consultation with their mentor (when applicable).</p>



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	Final routes for Youth B, Youth A, Junior, Master and Open A should be set under the supervision of a State or National Route Setter.	All Route Setters should be at least State Route Setters. All final routes should be set under the supervision of a National Route Setter.
Judges	<p>There should be a State or National Jury President at the event. This person may be the official Head Judge and/or Jury President of the event or mentor the Head Judge and/or Jury President of the competition.</p> <p><u>Judges requirements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All judges should be briefed and trained before the event (competition format and rules). At the end of the briefing judges will take a written test. If they pass the written test they will be allowed to judge at the competition. Youth B, Youth A, Junior and Master finals should be judged by a State or National Judge. Open A Finals should be judged by a State or National Judge and another judge. <p>In the event there are not enough qualified judges the Jury President or Head Judge may need to be involved. Otherwise Judges with the highest level of experience will be selected at the discretion of the Jury President.</p>	<p>There should be a Jury President at the event. This person may be the official Head Judge and/or Jury President of the event or mentor the Head Judge and/or Jury President of the competition.</p> <p><u>Judges requirements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All judges should be briefed before the event (competition format and rules). At the end of the briefing judges will take a written test. If they pass the written test they will be allowed to judge at the competition. Youth D, C, B, A, Junior and Master Finals should be judged by a State Judge. Open A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualifiers and Semi Final should be judge by a National Judge. Finals should be judged by a National Judge and another judge. <p>In the event there are not enough qualified judges the Jury President or Head Judge may need to be involved. Otherwise Judges with the highest level of experience will be selected at the discretion of the Jury President.</p>
Route Overlap	<p>A maximum of two routes overlapping in any section will be allowed.</p> <p>Also finals for Open A, Junior, Youth A and Youth B will be set without any other route overlapping.</p>	<p>With respect to the qualifier round a maximum of two routes overlapping in any section will be allowed.</p> <p>With respect to the semi-final and final round: routes will be set without any other route overlapping.</p> <p>Also, Open A Qualifiers and Semifinals will be set without any other route overlapping. It is highly recommended to extend it to Youth B, Youth A, Junior and Master categories.</p>



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2.2 Bouldering Events

	State Titles	National Championships
Climbing Structure	<p>The Competition shall take place on purpose-designed, artificial climbing walls having a minimum height of 3 meters.</p> <p>Youth D routes will not be set higher than 3 meters (highest hold). Youth C routes will not be set higher than 3.5 meters (highest hold). Other categories will not be set higher than 4.5m (highest hold).</p>	<p>The Competition shall take place on purpose-designed, artificial climbing walls having a minimum height of 3.5 meters.</p> <p>Youth D routes will not be set higher than 3 meters (highest hold). Youth C routes will not be set higher than 3.5 meters (highest hold). Other categories will not be set higher than 4.5m (highest hold).</p>
Format	<p>4 Formats are proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Level 1: Pumpfest - Level 2: BoulderJam - Level 3: BoulderJam followed by 5on/5off final - Level 3 bis: BoulderJam followed by world cup final format - Level 4: World Cup Format (with or without semifinal round) <p>Refer to Bouldering rules for the specifics of each format.</p> <p>Youth D, Youth C, Master shall compete in a level 1 format or higher.</p> <p>Youth B, Youth A and Junior shall compete in a level 2 format or higher.</p> <p>Open A shall compete in a level 3 format or higher.</p>	<p>4 Formats are proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Level 1: Pumpfest - Level 2: BoulderJam - Level 3: BoulderJam followed by 5on/5off final - Level 3 bis: BoulderJam followed by world cup final format - Level 4: World Cup Format (with or without semifinal round) <p>Refer to Bouldering rules for the specifics of each format.</p> <p>Youth D, Youth C, Master shall compete at least in a level 2 format</p> <p>Youth B, Youth A and Junior shall compete at least in a level 3 format</p> <p>Open A shall compete in a level 4 format (with or without semifinals)</p>
Route Setters	<p>There should be one State or National Head Route Setter present during the setting phase and for the competition itself. This person may be the official Head Route Setter of the event or mentor the head setter of the competition.</p> <p>The route setting team will be selected by the Head Route Setter in consultation with their mentor (when applicable).</p> <p>Final routes for Youth B, Youth A, Junior, Master and Open A should be set under the supervision of a State or National Route Setter.</p>	<p>There should be one National Head Route Setter present during the setting phase and for the competition itself. person may be the official Head Route Setter of the event or mentor the head setter of the competition.</p> <p>The route setting team will be selected by the Head Route Setter in consultation with their mentor (when applicable). All Route Setters should be at least State Route Setters. All final routes should be set under the supervision of a National Route Setters.</p>
Judges	<p>There should be a State or National Head Judge at the event. This person may be the official</p>	<p>There should be a National Head Judge at the event. This person may be the official Head Judge</p>



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	<p>Head Judge and/or Jury President of the event or mentor the Head Judge and/or Jury President of the competition.</p> <p><u>Judges requirements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All judges should be briefed before the event (competition format and rules). At the end of the briefing judges will take a written test. If they pass the written test they will be allowed to judge at the competition. Youth B, Youth A, Junior and Master Finals should be judged by a State Judge. Open A Finals should be judged by a State Judge and another judge. <p>In the event there are not enough qualified judges the Jury President or Head Judge may need to be involved. Otherwise Judges with the highest level of experience will be selected at the discretion of the Jury President.</p>	<p>and/or Jury President of the event or mentor the Head Judge and/or Jury President of the competition.</p> <p><u>Judges requirements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All judges should be briefed before the event (competition format and rules). At the end of the briefing judges will take a written test. If they pass the written test they will be allowed to judge at the competition. Youth D, C, B, A, Junior and Master Finals should be judged by a State Judge. Open A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualifiers and Semi Final should be judge by a National Judge. In the event there are not enough qualified judges those rounds should be judged by two judges. Finals should be judged by a National Judge and another judge. <p>In the event there are not enough qualified judges the Jury President or Head Judge may need to be involved. Otherwise Judges with the highest level of experience will be selected at the discretion of the Jury President.</p>
<p>Route Overlap</p>	<p>For final YA, YB and Junior as well as qualifier Open A, a maximum of two routes overlapping in any section will be allowed.</p> <p>For final Open A, no route overlapping is allowed.</p>	<p>For a Boulderjam round, a maximum of three routes overlapping in any section will be allowed.</p> <p>For YA,YB and Junior qualifier or final round, a maximum of two routes overlapping in any section will be allowed.</p> <p>For Final Open A, no overlapping is allowed</p> <p>For a Final Round (5on/5off for format 3 and 4+ for format 4) routes will be set without any other route overlapping.</p>



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3 Categories, Titles, Medals and RP

3.1 Definitions

State of affiliation: The state of affiliation for each competitor is as declared when signing up for a membership with Sport Climbing Australia. The state of affiliation cannot be changed during a calendar year. At a state title, competitors with that state of affiliation are state competitors. Other competitors are interstate competitors.

Titles: At each State Titles and National Championship and for each category a Title is earned by the 1st competitor in that category.

Medals: Medals (or trophies) are offered to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd competitor in each category (sometimes referred to as Gold, Silver and bronze).

Prizes: At the discretion of the competition organiser placing in each category may be linked to a prize (in the form of cash or any other prize).

3.2 Categories

Category List

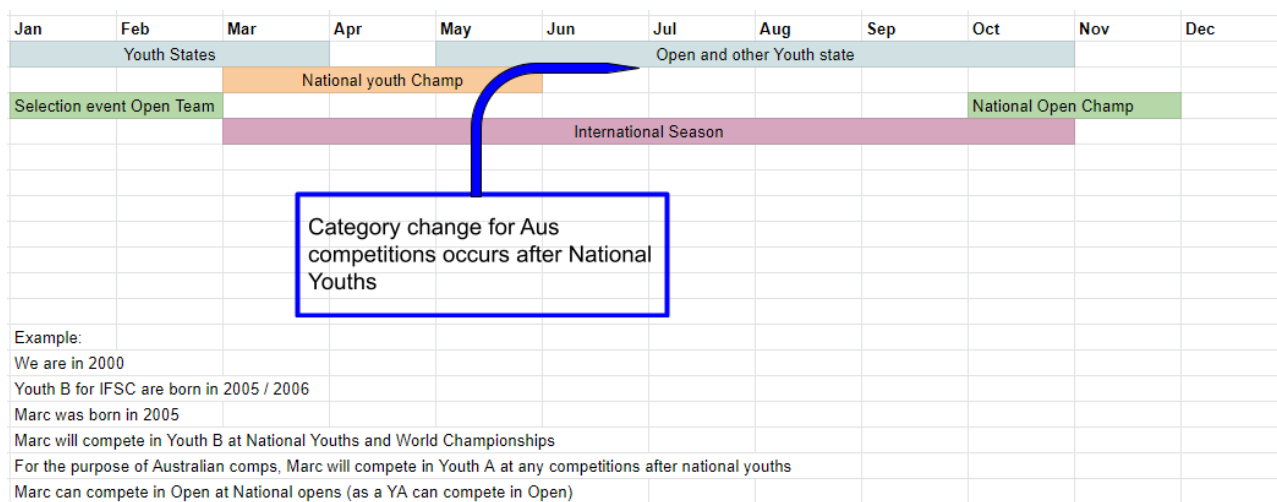
- Youth A, B, C, D, Junior, Masters (40+) and Open A are the official categories.
- Youth X category may be created for competitors younger than Youth D.
- Open B will also be included in all events
- Open C may be included in a competition when appropriate and practical at the discretion of the competition organisers.
- At the discretion of the controlling body in each state and SCA at national level, categories may be run on separate dates.

Category Age

- SCA follows age categories as designated by the IFSC however the change of category will occur earlier. The change of category occurs after the Selection Event for the National Team is finalized and prior to the start of the state title season.
- To avoid confusion, IFSC categories and SCA categories are the same at the beginning of the year however the SCA categories will change during the year while the IFSC categories change at the end of the calendar year.
- Junior and Youth A competitors are permitted to compete in Open categories. Younger competitors are not permitted to compete in Open categories.
- Masters climbers can choose to compete in Masters and/or Open A when the competition allows it.



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3.3 Interstate Competitors at State Titles

- Any National level SCA member can compete at any SCA sanctioned State Titles.
- Any of the competitors are eligible for **Ranking Points and Prizes**, regardless of their current state of affiliation.
- **Medals and Titles** will only be awarded to climbers competing in their state of affiliation eg. the NSW Champion must be affiliated to the state of NSW. The state of affiliation is as declared when applying for membership and is displayed on the membership card. It can only be changed when requested in writing with justification. Also, in that case the state of affiliation will be used for all events in that calendar year. A competitor cannot win multiple State Titles or Medals.

3.4 Overseas Guest Competitors

- Overseas guest competitors are competitors who are not Australian citizens and not currently residing in Australia. Their state of affiliation is declared as "international".
- Overseas guest competitors are entitled to ranking points.
- Prizes may be awarded to overseas guest climbers who earn them at the discretion of the event organiser.
- Overseas guest competitors are not entitled to ear Titles or Medals at any state title or national championship
- A National Title can only be awarded to an Australian Citizen.
- Overseas guest competitors who make it to a final or semi-final do so as part of the final or semi-final quota, with no extra places for other competitors
- Overseas guest competitors should be clearly marked in the results table

3.5 Medal, Prizes, RP



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	State Titles	National Championships
Medals and Titles	awarded only to competitors having their state of affiliation being the same as the state of the competition.	awarded only to Australian Citizens. The registration form at the event will ask if participants are Australian citizens.
Prizes	at the discretion of the event organiser.	awarded to any participant at the event at the discretion of the event organiser.
Ranking Points	awarded to any competitors.	awarded to any competitors.

3.6 National Ranking

National Ranking will be for each of the Official IFSC disciplines: Lead, Boulder and Speed. Ranking Points are awarded at all SCA endorsed competitions that are designated as State Titles or National Championships.

National Rankings will apply for males and females in the following categories:
Open A, Junior, Youth A, Youth B, Youth C, Youth D, Masters

National Ranking will be made at the end of each calendar year

Competitors will be allocated Ranking Points for the category they compete in. Some climbers may be allocated Ranking Points in multiple categories.

Ranking Points to be awarded:

National Championships						State Titles					
Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1	100	11	31	21	10	1	40	11	12.4	21	4
2	80	12	28	22	9	2	32	12	11.2	22	3.6
3	65	13	26	23	8	3	26	13	10.4	23	3.2
4	55	14	24	24	7	4	22	14	9.6	24	2.8
5	51	15	22	25	6	5	20.4	15	8.8	25	2.4
6	47	16	20	26	5	6	18.8	16	8	26	2
7	43	17	18	27	4	7	17.2	17	7.2	27	1.6
8	40	18	16	28	3	8	16	18	6.4	28	1.2
9	37	19	14	29	2	9	14.8	19	5.6	29	0.8
10	34	20	12	30+	1	10	13.6	20	4.8	30+	0.4



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4 Officials Certification Process

4.1 Judging

Certification Level	Can be Assessed by	Requirement	Required for	SCA Membership Required	Maintaining Certification
Judge	State HJ/JP	Successfully judged at a state, national or regional event		No membership is required for judging. State Level membership required for certification.	Judge <u>once every three years</u>
State Judge	State HJ/JP	Successfully judged at a state event following the judge position description. Completed a SCA judging course and passed the assessment.	Judging finals at state level competitions. Judging at National level competitions	No membership is required for judging. State Level membership required for certification.	Judge <u>once every three years</u> at a state level event.
National Judge	National HJ/JP	Successfully judged at a national event following the judge position description. Be a state judge. Must be in a different year to obtaining state qualification.	Judging finals at national level competitions	No membership is required for judging. National Level membership required for certification.	Judge <u>once every three years</u> at a national level event.
State Head Judge	National HJ/JP	Successfully perform as a HJ at a state event following the HJ position description. Be a State Judge.	Being a HJ at State level competitions	State level membership of the state the event is being held or National Membership	Be a HJ/JP <u>once every three years</u> at a state level event.
State Jury President	National HJ/JP	Successfully perform as a JP at a state event following the JP position description. Be a State Head Judge.	Being a JP at State level competitions	State level membership of the state the event is being held or National Membership	Be a HJ/JP <u>once every three years</u> at a state level event.
National Head Judge	National JP	Successfully perform as a HJ at a national event following the HJ position description. Be a National Judge and state JP.	Being HJ at National level competitions	National Membership	Be a HJ/JP <u>once every three years</u> at a national level event.
National Jury President	All National HJ/JP (vote)	Successfully perform as a JP at a national event following the JP position description. Be a National Judge and state JP.	Being JP at National level competitions	National Membership	Be a HJ/JP <u>once every three years</u> at a national level event.



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4.2 Route Setting

SCA offers five types of Route Setters qualifications:

- Regional Route Setter
- State Route Setter
- National Route Setter
- State Head Route Setter (HRS)
- National Head Route Setter (HRS)

Certification Level	Can be Assessed by	Requirement	Required for	SCA Membership Required	Ongoing Requirement
Regional Route Setter	State HRS	Successfully route set at a state event		State level membership of the state the event is being held or National Membership.	Route Set <u>once every three years</u> at a state level event
State Route Setter	State HRS	Successfully route set at a state event following the route setter position description.	Route Set at national level competitions	State level membership of the state the event is being held or National Membership.	Route Set <u>once every three years</u> at a state level event
National Route Setter	National HRS	Successfully route set at a national event following the route setter position description	Route Set at national level competitions (setting final climbs)	National Level Membership	Route Set <u>once every three years</u> at a national level event
State HRS	National HRS	Successfully perform as a HRS at a state event following the HRS position description. Be a State RS.	Being HRS at National level competitions	State level membership of the state the event is being held or National Membership.	Be a HRS <u>once every three years</u> at a state level event
National HRS	All National HRS (vote)	Successfully perform as a HRS at a national event following the HRS position description. Be a National RS and state HRS.		National membership	Be a HRS <u>once every three years</u> at a national level event

4.3 Belaying

SCA will offer two types of belayers certifications.

- Competition Belayer



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- Belayer Assessor

Certification Level	Can be Assessed by	Requirement	Required for	SCA Membership Required	Ongoing Requirement
Competition Belayer	Belayer Assessor	Successfully belay at a state event following the belayer position description. Passed the belaying assessment.	Belaying at a state or national event	No membership is required for belaying only but only to receive certification (state level membership of the state the event is being held)	Belay <u>once every two years</u> at a state level event
Belayer Assessor	All Belayer Assessors (Vote)	Passed the belayer assessor assessment.		State level membership of the state the event is being held or National Membership.	Participate <u>once every three years</u> to the national belayer seminar (at lead nationals)

Note that the belaying certification framework is being developed and is not currently in place.