

CLIMB KENT's

Kent Scouts Climbing Competition

Competition Outline and Rules

1. Competition Overview

The Kent Scouts Youth Climbing Competition is a friendly event designed to encourage participation, challenge, and fun in a safe and supportive environment. Competitors will climb set routes appropriate for their age and category.

2. Competition Categories

Participants will compete in one of the following six categories:

1. **Scout Boys (10 – 13 years)**
 2. **Scout Girls (10 – 13 years)**
 3. **Explorer Boys (14 – 17 years)**
 4. **Explorer Girls (14 – 17 years)**
 5. **Adult Men (18+ years)**
 6. **Adult Women (18+ years)**
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3. Competition Format

- Each category will have **four routes** to complete.
 - Routes will vary in difficulty and will be set by qualified route setters.
 - Climbers will climb **individually** under supervision of qualified judges and belayers.
 - The overall score will be the **total of the four route scores**.
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4. Attempts and Scoring

Attempts

- Each climber has a **maximum of two attempts per route**.
- A climber has a time limit of **5 minutes** per route.
- The **first attempt** is worth **full points**.
- The **second attempt** is worth **a maximum of half the first attempt's value**.
- If a second attempt is made the **score from this attempt will be used**.
- An attempt **begins** when the climber's feet leave the ground.

- An attempt must be made using only the **designated climbing holds**.
- An attempt **ends** when:
 - The climber **touches the top of the wall with both hands**.
 - The climber **falls from the route**.
 - The climber **touches the ground**.
 - The climber's **time limit is reached**.
 - The climber **weights the rope**.
 - The climber **uses additional holds beyond those designated for the route**.
 - A **competition official stops the attempt** for safety or rule reasons.

Scoring

- Each route is worth a **maximum of 30 points**.
- **Each hold** is worth **2 points**, counted **downward from the top hold** to the first handhold.
- If the climber falls, points are awarded based on the **last hold securely controlled** or last controlled progressive movement.
- On a **second attempt**, the **final score is halved**.

5. Safety Rules

- All climbers must attend the **safety briefing** before the competition begins.
- Climbers **must be supervised** by a responsible adult throughout the competition.
- Approved **climbing shoes and harnesses** must be worn.
- Only **approved belayers** or **auto-belay systems** may be used.
- Climbers must **follow all instructions** from competition officials, belayers, and judges.
- No climber may enter the climbing area unless called by an official.
- **Only approved personnel** allowed to enter the climbing area. Non-participants may **watch respectfully from the viewing area**.

6. Conduct and Sportsmanship

- Competitors and spectators must demonstrate **good sportsmanship, respect, and supportive behaviour** at all times.
- **Verbal or physical abuse** of any kind toward other competitors, volunteers, or staff will result in **immediate disqualification and removal from the event**.

- **Cheating, unsporting behaviour, or deliberate rule-breaking** will not be tolerated.
 - Climbers must not touch or use any part of the wall or structure outside the marked route.
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7. Protests and Appeals

- Appeals may be made if a competitor believes their result or ranking was affected by:
 - **Judge error**
 - **Scorekeeping error**
 - **Eligibility or conduct matters**
- Appeals must be **submitted in writing** to a competition official **before the end of the competition**.
- The decision of the **competition officials** is **final**.

Our competition is for fun, and we intend to keep it friendly and fair to all in the competition. We will listen to and investigate disputes but will be following our rules and our own judgement on protests and appeals.

8. Rule Infringement and Misconduct

- Any **rule infringement, unsafe behaviour, or misconduct** may result in:
 - **Loss of points,**
 - **Disqualification from a route, or**
 - **Removal from the competition.**
 - Officials reserve the right to enforce disciplinary actions as necessary to ensure fairness and safety.
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9. Prizes and Recognition

- Prizes will be given for **1st, 2nd, and 3rd place** in each category.
 - **First Place** will be awarded the shield.
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10. Final Notes

The aim of this event is to **enjoy climbing, develop skills, and celebrate achievement** within the Kent Scouts community. Please climb safely, support each other, and have fun!