



2024
NSW/ACT State Lead & Speed
Titles
15th – 17th March

Climbers' Handbook

This handbook is provided for the information of climbers wishing to participate in the event. The details may change.

The NSW/ACT State Titles competition will decide the NSW/ACT Champion in Lead climbing for all categories. Top ranked NSW and ACT climbers in each category will be invited to represent their state/territory at the National Championships.

1. Dates:

The event will be held over three days:

- Friday 15th March 2024
- Saturday 16th March 2024
- Sunday 17th March 2024

2. Location:

Sydney Indoor Climbing Gym Villawood

5/850 Woodville Rd, Villawood

Phone: (02) 97282825

Email: sicgvillawood@hotmail.com

Directions for parking and public transport can be found on their website:

www.indoorclimbing.com.au/villawood/

3. Categories:

There will be male and female categories in:

LEAD

- Open A – climbers born 2008 or earlier, experienced at lead climbing
- Open B – climbers born 2008 or earlier, capable of lead climbing
- Masters – born 1984 or earlier, capable of lead climbing
- Junior – born 2005/2006
- Youth A – born 2007/2008
- Youth B – born 2009/2010

TOPE ROPE

- Inclusive category – gender diverse climbers at any level
- Paraclimbing – born 2008 or earlier
- Youth C – born 2011/2012
- Youth D – born 2013 or after

SPEED

- Open A – open to any climber born 2008 or earlier (i.e. Open B, Masters, etc)
- Junior – born 2005/2006
- Youth A – born 2007/2008
- Youth B – born 2009/2010
- Youth C – born 2011/2012
- Youth D – born 2013 or after

Youth A and Juniors Competing in Open A

- Youth A and Junior competitors wishing to also compete in the Open A category will be required to register and pay for Open A as well as their respective categories. Junior/Youth climbers are not permitted to climb in Open B.

4. Registration:

4.01 All competitors must be current members of Sport Climbing Australia. This costs only \$30 per year for national membership, and allows you to enter any SCA or SC NSW/ACT competitions. Join at the [SCA website](#).

4.02 Climbers are required to pre-register on the Sport Climbing Australia website. Registration at the venue on the day is not available. Visit <https://sportclimbingaustralia.org.au/Upcoming-Events>

Competitors visiting SICG Villawood for the first time are required by the venue to complete the [SICG Villawood waiver form](#). All competitors are required to check in on the day to collect their climbing bib before competing.

4.03 Entry fee

- The entry fees are published on the SCA website.
- Early bird discounts apply.

4.04 Climbers who are **colour-blind** need to notify the route setters through Sydney Indoor Climbing Gym Villawood and email secretary@sportclimbingnswact.org.au at least one week prior to the event.

5. Lead Climbing Format:

The competition will be run according to SCA rules and policies which can be found [here](#).

5.01 Climbers in **Open A, Open B, Masters, Junior, Youth A, and Youth B** categories will **lead** all routes.

- The lead event will include 2 flash qualification climbs for each category (i.e. one attempt at each route). This will be followed by an onsight final for the top 8 climbers in each category.

5.02 **Inclusive, Paraclimbing, Youth C and Youth D** categories will **top-rope** all routes.

- Competitors will complete 2 routes flash format (i.e. one attempt at each route). This will be followed by an onsight final for the top 8 climbers in each category.

5.03 NSW/ACT State Champion in each category will be decided by **placing in the onsight final** according to the [SCA rules](#). Count-back to the heats will be used in the result of a tie in the final. Podium places and prizes will be awarded to the overall first, second and third place getters in each category regardless of which state they are from. National ranking and team selection will be counted separately for NSW and ACT competitors.

5.04 Climbing Procedure:

a) An attempt shall be deemed to have started, and measurement of the climbing time shall start, when every part of the competitor's body has left the ground.

b) An attempt on a route shall be considered successful if the route has been climbed in accordance with the rules and if the rope has been clipped into the karabiner on the final quickdraw of the route (or two hands are placed on the final hold of a top rope climb for 3 seconds) within the fixed time period for attempts.

- The fixed length of the climbing period in the **Qualification** round shall be **six (6) minutes** for each route.
- The fixed length of the climbing period in the **Finals** rounds shall be **eight (8) minutes** for each route.

c) The attempt of a competitor on a route shall be considered unsuccessful if the competitor:

- Falls.
- Exceeds the fixed climbing time for the route.
- Returns to the ground with any part of the body after having started their attempt.
- Uses any part of the wall, holds or features that are deemed out of bounds or not allowable.

5.05 Finals Procedure:

a) The top 8 climbers from the combined score of the qualifier rounds have an onsight final.

b) During the final, competitors must remain within a designated Isolation Zone until their turn to climb. Unauthorised personnel are not permitted to enter the Isolation Zone.

c) A collective observation period for all finalists shall be held immediately prior to the commencement of the finals round.

d) Climbers are escorted by an official to the Competition Area. Whilst in the Competition Area, competitors are not permitted to seek any information from persons outside the Competition Area (e.g. members of the public, coaches etc.).

NOTE: Full rules and regulations and scoring procedures are available on the [SCA website](#).

6. Speed Format:

6.01 All speed routes are attempted on auto belay.

The time to complete the route determines a competitor's ranking.

6.02 **Open A, JR, YA, YB** climbers will climb the **standard** (world cup) route.

6.03 **Youth C and Youth D** will climb a **classic route** set specifically for the event (about grade 16).

NOTE: Full rules and regulations and scoring procedures are available on the [IFSC website](#).

7. Event Regulation:

7.01 To compete in this State Competition the climber agrees to follow all rules and regulations outlined in this information pack and follow the rules and procedures of the hosting gym.

7.02 This competition will run in conjunction with the Sport Climbing Australia and IFSC rules. Please find the full rules and regulations at the SCA website.

7.03 Specific rules and procedures for this event will be detailed in the briefing period before the commencement of each round of competition. Any questions or clarification regarding the rules must be asked during this time.

7.04 Event Officials:

Event Organiser: Sport Climbing NSW/ACT

Jury President: TBA

Head Judges: TBA

Head Route Setter: TBA

Head Belay: TBA

Any complaints or contests can be directed to the Head Judge on the day
Queries regarding routes and technicalities can be directed to the head route setter

Questions regarding format, registration and any other queries can be directed to the event organisers

8. Volunteers:

- This event is made possible only through the generous efforts of sponsors and volunteers. We are always looking for volunteers to help as judges, belayers and general helpers.
- Even if you are competing it is possible to volunteer at other times during the weekend
- If you are interested in volunteering for this year's Lead Titles please sign up from the link on our [Facebook page](#), Instagram and/or Link.tree profiles

9. Interim Timetable:

TBA – Will be advised closer to the event.

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