

2016 BOULDERFEST

QLD STATE TITLES
FOR **BOULDERING**

SAT 13TH - SUN 14TH
AUGUST 2016



COMPETITOR HANDBOOK

Start time indicates when registration opens. Registration is open for one hour. \$1000 Grand Prize and OVER \$15,000 in cash and prizes - All Ages welcome. @UrbanClimbMilton. Sign Up Today!

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The 2016 QLD State Bouldering Titles will decide the QLD Champions in Bouldering for all Open and Youth categories.

1. Location

Urban Climb Milton, 17 Roy St, Milton QLD, 4064

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2. Dates

The event will be held on Saturday & Sunday the **13 & 14 August 2016**

3. Registration

Pre registration is recommended. Due to time constraints numbers for all categories will be limited. Entries on the day will be accepted during registration times until the maximum numbers are reached.

Sign-Up Here:

<https://www.fingercomps.com/organiser/urban-climb/clifbar-boulderfest-2016>

SCA membership:

All competitors must have a valid 2016 SCA membership; this is an annual membership in which the fees go towards the future development of sport climbing competitions in Australia. If you have not already done so since 1st January 2016 please follow this link to the [SCA website](#) to pay your 2016 SCA Membership.

You will have the choice of purchasing a State or National level membership. State membership covers you for ALL competitions held in Queensland in 2016, National membership covers you for ALL competitions throughout Australia in 2016. If you have any questions you can contact Sport Climbing Queensland at admin@sportclimbingqueensland.com.

Comp Fee

All Categories \$45 (\$55 from August 1st)

Foreign Climbers

Foreign climbers are welcome to compete and will be awarded their places and prizes but not an Australian ranking.



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4. Categories

Male and female in each of the following:

Youth X	Born 2008 and after**
Youth D	Born 2005 and after
Youth C	Born 2003 and 2004
Youth B	Born 2001 and 2002
Youth A	Born 1999 and 2000
Junior	Born 1997 and 1998
Masters	Born 1976 and before

***Youth X is not a SCA category and Youth X competitors can NOT qualify for Nationals*

*Youth B, Youth A, Junior and Masters may also enter **OPEN A** and if they wish to do so will need to pay the entry fee for both categories.*

Open A/B/C grade cut-offs:

The following refer to your hardest climbing (ewbank) and bouldering (Vermin) grade completed by the participant in the last 12 months. Open A competitors must also be born in 2000 or before (Youth A or older). Youth B competitors wanting to compete in open A must be approved by the jury president.

	Male		Female	
	Climbing	Bouldering	Climbing	Bouldering
<i>Open A</i>	25+	V5+	24+	V4+
<i>Open B</i>	22 - 24	V2 – V4	21 - 23	V1 – V3
<i>Open C</i>	21-	V1-	20-	V0-

Please stick to these guidelines and be respectful of your fellow climbers



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5. Format overview

- 5.1. The Bouldering festival will consist of a qualification round in Pumpfest format for all competitors. For all categories except for Open A and B males and females, the competitors place in the Pumpfest round will also be their finals place.
- 5.2. The top 8 qualifiers from Open B males and females and the top 6 qualifiers from the Open A males and females will automatically go through to the final round, which will be World Cup format final on 4 boulders.
- 5.3. QLD State Champions for Youth, Masters and Open C categories will be decided by **placing in the Pumpfest round**. Open A and B category Champions will be decided by **placing in the World Cup format finals round**. Count-back to the number of attempts at a boulder will be used in the result of a tie in both round formats. In the case of tied places (Open A and B only) the results from the pumpfest round shall be taken into account in the count back procedure. If after applying the count back procedure there is a tie for first place a super final shall be held on one boulder (see rules section for more details).
- 5.4. **Qualification (Pumpfest):**
Competitors will sign-up for **one of 3 pumpfest sessions**. Each session is 2.5 hours long and consists of a competitor briefing followed by **2 hours of climbing**. There are over 80 boulders ranging from 10 points to 60 points distributed amongst clearly marked stations around the gym. Competitors may have one attempt and then queue for another attempt (NOTE: this waiting is best utilised watching others attempt your boulder and trying to rest!). Climbers are permitted to try as many boulders and attempts on each boulder as they wish. If your 1st attempt is successful you will receive 1 bonus FLASH point. After a successful attempt you will need to sign off the ascent with the station judge and it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to check that you are awarded the right boulder. Your TOTAL score is the sum of your **TOP 8 boulders**.
- 5.5. **Final:**
Climbers qualified for the final round will be kept in isolation to warm up before they climb. There will be a 2 minute common observation period for each of the 4 finals boulders. Competitors will have 4 min to attempt one of the 4 boulders before returning to isolation for the next 4 min rotation, this will continue until all competitors have attempted each of the 4 finals boulders. Each finals boulder will have clearly marked BONUS hold. If a competitor reaches and controls this hold with one hand they will be awarded the BONUS hold for that attempt. FLASH points DO NOT apply in the final round; it is the number of attempts recorded to complete the boulder that counts.
- 5.6. Climbers who are **colour-blind** need to notify the routesetters via Urban Climb at least one week prior to the event.



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6. At the event

6.1. Food and drink

Food and drink will be available for purchase from the SCQ (Sport Climbing Queensland) BBQ Stall with funds raised going towards future QLD climbing events and supporting QLD teams representing at national and international events.

The menu will consist of meat and vegetarian BBQ options as well as a selection of sandwiches and salads from Sol Breads

RASA coffee will be open during the event purchase so competitors and spectators can enjoy delicious coffee and other hot beverages

6.2. Entertainment and sponsor stalls

Entertainment in the form of live music and games and prizes hosted by the sponsors of the Bouldering Festival will be ongoing throughout the event, especially during the interim periods between rounds and finals. Indoor and outdoor seating will be available to rest weary legs.

Event sponsors ClifBar, Pinnacle Sports and K2 will be setting up stalls at the festival in which they will have special event deals on their products.



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7. Timetable

Times are approximate, are subject to change & will vary depending on the running of the event. All climbers are advised to be at the event and ready to climb at all times. Please listen out for any changes on the day of the event.

Saturday – Youth A/B/C/D/X, Juniors & Masters

Saturday Round 1 – Youth C/D/X

Registration opens	7.15 am
Registration closes	8.15 am
Competitor briefing	8.15 am
Qualification climbing commences	8.30 am
Qualification results posted	10.30 am
Presentations	10.45 am

Saturday Round 2 – Youth B/A

Registration opens	10.00 am
Registration closes	11.00 am
Competitor briefing	11.00 am
Qualification climbing commences	11.15 am
Qualification results posted	1.15 pm
Presentations	1.30 pm

Saturday Round 3 – Juniors & Masters

Registration opens	12.45 pm
Registration closes	1.45 pm
Competitor briefing	1.45 pm
Qualification climbing commences	2.00 pm
Qualification results posted	4.00 pm
Presentations	4.15 pm



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Sunday – Open A/B/C

Sunday Round 1 – Open A/B/C

Registration opens	6.00 am
Registration closes	7.00 am
Competitor briefing	7.00 am
Qualification climbing commences	7.15 am
Qualification results posted	9.15 am

Sunday Round 2 – Open A/B/C

Registration opens	8.15 am
Registration closes	9.15 am
Competitor briefing	9.15 am
Qualification climbing commences	9.30 am
Qualification results posted	11.30 am

Sunday Round 3 – Open A/B/C

Registration opens	10.45 am
Registration closes	11.45 am
Competitor briefing	11.45 am
Qualification climbing commences	12.00 pm
Qualification results posted	14.00 pm
Open C presentation	14:15 pm



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Sunday – Finals

Sunday Finals – Open B

Isolation opens	2.00 pm
Isolation closes	2.15 pm
Viewing	3.30 pm
Finals climbing commences	3.45 pm
Finals results posted	4.30 pm
Finals appeals period closes	4.45 pm
Presentations – combined with Open A	

Sunday Finals – Open A

Isolation opens	4.30 pm
Isolation closes	4.45 pm
Viewing	5.45 pm
Finals climbing commences	6.00 pm
Finals results posted	8.00 pm
Finals appeals period closes	8.15 pm
Presentations	8.30 pm



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8. Officials and Rules

Rules for the 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.

8.1. Event Officials

Event Organiser:	Jonathon Schwartz
Head Judge:	TBD
Head Route Setter:	Daniel Gordon
Jury President:	TBD

8.2. Officials

Officials will be selected closer to the event. However, any complaints or contests can be directed to the acting head Judge on the day. Queries regarding boulders and technicals can be directed to the head route setter. Questions regarding format, registration and any other queries can be directed to the event organiser.

8.3. Climbing rules

To compete in the competition the climber acknowledges all information detailed in this handbook and agrees to abide by Urban Climb rules and Procedures.

The competition will use the IFSC rules 2016 as a guideline. A copy of these can be downloaded from:

<https://www.ifsc-climbing.org/index.php/world-competition/event-regulation>

By registering for this competition, the climber authorises Urban Climb, SCQ & SCA to the use of images/photographs/movies that may be taken at the event. To revoke authorisation of the use of personal photographs taken from the event, the climber must submit in writing no later than the 29th of July 2016.

8.4. Results

Results for Youth, Masters and Open C categories will be decided by **placing in the Pumpfest round**. Open A and B category Champions will be decided by **placing in the World Cup format finals round**. Count-back to the number of attempts at a boulder will be used in the result of a tie in both round formats. In the case of tied places in the finals round (Open A and B only) the results from the pumpfest round shall be taken into account in the count back procedure. If after applying the count back procedure there is a tie for first place a single boulder super final shall be held (see rules section below for more details).

8.5. Judges

Only designated Urban Climb & SCQ judges will judge for the event.



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9. Volunteering

The Urban Climb BoulderFest and QLD State Bouldering Titles are a big and exciting event made possible only through the generous efforts of sponsors and volunteers. We are always looking for volunteers to help as judges, scrubbers and general helpers. Even if you are competing it is possible to volunteer at other times during the weekend and volunteers who help out for more than a single session over the course of the weekend will receive one of the highly sought after competition volunteer shirts and all volunteers will also be supplied with some food and drink for the session they are volunteering. If you are interested in volunteering for this year's BoulderFest and QLD State Bouldering Titles please contact the SCQ at: volunteer@sportclimbingqueensland.com.

10. Event Sponsors





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11. Rules

1. GENERAL – APPLY TO ALL ROUNDS

- 1.01** The competition will consist of a qualification round in Pumpfest format for all competitors. For all categories except for Open A and B males and females, the competitors place in the Pumpfest round will also be their finals place.
- 1.02** The top 8 competitors in Open B male and female and the top 6 in Open A male and female categories will automatically go through to the final round.
- 1.03** During the rounds the climbers will attempt short routes called boulders. All boulders shall be climbed without the use of ropes and for safety reasons all boulders will have landing matts underneath them.
- 1.04** Safety is the highest priority for all competition staff and officials. Please bring any safety concerns up immediately with competition organisers. Pay special attention for the following situations:
- Sufficient matting under the “drop zone” of the boulder problem at all times – watch for matting that is moving from its intended position
 - Equipment or objects left on the matting – the matts should be clear at all times
 - Ensure no people including event staff and officials are standing in the path of a possible falling climber – be aware of where a swinging climber could land
 - In the case that it is found a boulder is overlapping with another boulder from an adjacent station, attempts on those boulders will need to be staggered.

It is also the climber’s responsibility to ensure there is sufficient matting underneath their landing zone and to organise spotters if required

- 1.05** Each boulder will have a pre-designated starting position which will consist of at least fixed positions for the two hands, and may include fixed positions for one or both feet. Each starting position shall be clearly marked and can be labelled left or right at the routesettters discretion.
- 1.06** Competitors may only touch the designated start holds from the ground. An attempt must be recorded for touching holds other than the start holds or for adding tick marks or chalking holds.
- 1.07** Each boulder will have a pre-designated finishing hold. This hold shall be clearly marked.
- 1.08** All markings will be consistent though the rounds of the competition.



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1.09 START OF AN ATTEMPT

- An attempt shall be deemed to have started when every part of the competitor's body has left the ground or matting from the designated start holds.

1.10 SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF AN ATTEMPT

- An attempt shall be considered successful when the judge of the station determines that the competitor has held and controlled the finishing hold of the boulder with **two hands**.

1.11 ATTEMPT CONSIDERED UNSUCCESSFUL & AN ATTEMPT RECORDED

- The competitor doesn't start as indicated on the start holds.
- The competitor makes use for climbing any part of the wall, holds or features other than what is permitted for that boulder.
- The competitor touches the ground or matting with any part of their body after starting.

1.12 ATTEMPTS WILL ALSO BE RECORDED FOR

- Touching with hands or feet any holds other than the designated starting holds.
- Adding tick marks or chalking holds

1.13 Any youth competitors wishing to compete in Opens must climb in one of the two Opens pumpfest sessions to qualify. Youth competitors that competed in an earlier pumpfest session for their youth category will not be eligible for FLASH points in the Opens pumpfest session they are competing in.

2. CLIMBING PROCEDURE : PUMPFEST

2.01 Each pumpfest session will be two and a half hours in total:

- 15 minute competitor briefing
- **Two hours climbing time**
- 15 minute score review/appeals period

2.02 Competitors may only have one attempt at a time and after their attempt they must be placed at the back of the queue.

2.03 During the two hours competitors are permitted to try as many boulders and have as many attempts of any boulder as they wish.

2.04 If the competitor's first attempt of a particular boulder is deemed successful they receive 1 FLASH point.



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- 2.05** The station judge and the competitor must both sign off on a successful attempt on the official score sheets that are provided

It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that the correct score is recorded by the Judge

- 2.06** The end of the climbing session will be announced by a clear signal. Competitors that are still on the climbing wall may finish the attempt that they are on. Competitors that are not on the climbing wall may not start another attempt.
- 2.07** The competitor's total score will be the total points of the **8 highest scoring boulders** that they successfully completed plus any FLASH points linked to those boulders.
- 2.08** Competition officials may clean the holds using only brushes or materials supplied by the event organisers. Competitors may request for hold/s to be cleaned before any attempt.

3. CLIMBING PROCEDURE: FINALS FOR OPEN A & B

- 3.01** In the final round competitors from each category will attempt four separate boulders on-sight, rotating from a boulder to designated isolation rest areas.
- 3.02** The climbing period during the final round shall be 4 minutes. However, if a competitor begins an attempt prior to the end of the 4 minute period, he/she will be allowed to finish that attempt. If a competitor finishes his/her attempts before the end of the 4 minute period, he/she shall move to the next isolation rest area.
- 3.03** Competitors who have qualified for the final round must be present in the isolation room at the closing time announced by event officials
- 3.04** Once the isolation room has closed competitors are not permitted to:
- Leave the isolation room/areas without the escort of an event official
 - Communicate in any way with any person outside of the isolation areas
 - Use mobile phones or cameras



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- 3.05** Before the beginning of the round there will be a 2 minute common observation period for each of the four final boulders
- During the observation period competitors must remain in the observation area and are not permitted to climb on the climbing wall or stand on any equipment or furniture.
 - They must not communicate in any way with any person outside of the observation area and may only seek clarification from the event officials

Failure to comply with any of the rules above may see a competitor disqualified from the final round

- 3.06** The beginning and end of each 4 minute rotation period shall be announced by a loud and clear signal. When one minute remains of the rotation period, this will be announced by a different signal.
- 3.07** Each finals boulder will have clearly marked BONUS hold. If a competitor reaches and **controls this hold with one hand** they will be awarded the BONUS hold for that attempt. FLASH points DO NOT apply in the final round; it is the number of attempts recorded to complete the boulder that counts.
- 3.08** Competitors may clean their own holds during the final round.
- 3.09 RANKING FOR THE FINAL ROUND**

After the final round competitors will be ranked according to the following criteria:

- a) The number of successfully completed boulders (TOPS)
- b) The total numbers of attempts to complete these boulders (TOPS)
- c) The total number of BONUS holds held
- d) The total number of attempts to achieve these BONUS holds

In the case of tied places the results from the pumpfest round shall be taken into account in the count back procedure. If after applying the count back procedure there is a tie for first place a super final shall be held on one "Tie Break Boulder":

- 3.10 Tie-Break boulder**
- a) Tied competitors shall make attempt a "Tie-Break" boulder
 - b) The starting order for attempts shall be the same as that for the Final round.
 - c) The performance of each competitor shall be judged in accordance with lead climbing rules.
 - d) If two or more competitors remain tied for first place after having attempted this "Tie-Break" boulder, then these competitors may make further attempts on the boulder (up to a maximum of six attempts in total).



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4. TECHNICAL INCIDENTS

4.01 It is the competitor's responsibility to inform the station judge immediately if a technical incident occurs.

A technical incident can be defined as:

An incident that is a disadvantage or unfair advantage to a competitor which is not a result of an action on the part of the competitor, typically:

- A broken or loose hold

4.02 During the PUMPFEST :

If a technical incident occurs on a competitor's flash attempt, they may have another flash attempt after the incident is repaired.

4.03 During the FINAL ROUNDS :

- a) If a technical incident occurs during the final round, the competitor suffering the technical incident shall return to a separate isolation area and await the repair. When the technical incident has been repaired the competitor shall recommence his/her attempts.
- b) The first attempt on the same boulder after the technical incident occurred shall be deemed a continuation of the attempt on which it occurred.
- c) When the competitor who suffered the technical incident resumes his/her attempt after the repair, the competitor will be allowed the time remaining at the moment the technical incident occurred, with a minimum of 2 minutes.