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Open National Lead & Speed Climbing Championships

March 31st to April 1st 2017

Competitor Handbook

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





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Our Partners

We must start by thanking all our partners and sponsors for helping us put on 2017 Open National Lead & Speed Climbing Championships. They are the ones powering this event.

Event Organiser and Host



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The Event

Introduction

This year Open Lead & Speed Climbing Championships will be held in Sydney. This event is the most prestigious event of the Australian Climbing Calendar. Also, it will be the first time that Open and Adult competitors are competing in a National event without the youth categories. We expect that it will enhance the quality of the event in many ways.

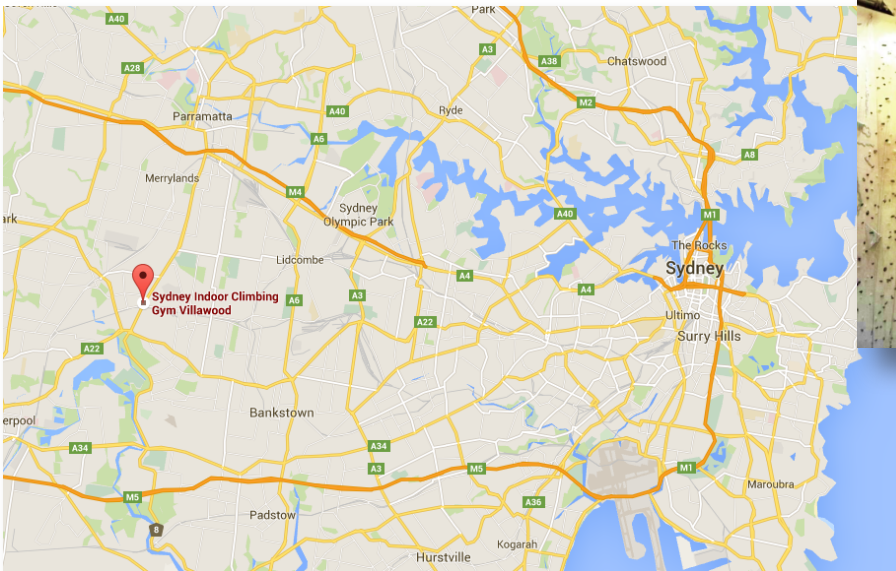
The National Lead and Speed Climbing Championships will decide the Australian Champion in Lead and Speed in Opens, Masters and paraclimbing categories.

Dates

The event will be held from Friday 31st March until Saturday 1st April 2017. The Speed event will be on Friday afternoon. The Lead competition will run on Saturday. Please refer to the event timetable in this handbook for more details.

Location

Sydney Indoor Climbing Gym Villawood
5/850 Woodville Rd, Villawood





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Getting There

SICG Villawood is a 5 minute walk from Villawood Train Station: Walk over the overpass, cross River Ave and straight down into the car park. Sydney Indoor Climbing Gym is on the right.

The gym is only a 10 minute drive from both the M4 to the north and the M5 to the south, making it easy to get to from all over Sydney.

Food and Drink

Food and drink will be available for purchase from the Sport Climbing NSW/ACT BBQ stall.

Entertainment and Sponsor Stalls

Entertainment, games and prizes hosted by the sponsors will be ongoing throughout the event, especially during the interim periods between rounds and finals.

Furthermore, there will be a number of local and interstate retailers setting up stalls. Word has it they will be having some insane special event deals on their products!



LeadFest & State Lead Titles 2015 at Urban Climb - ©Climb Media





Timetable

The following timetable is a draft and subject to change.

- Times are approximate and will vary depending on the running of the event.
- Climbers are advised to be at the event and ready to climb at all times.
- Changes will be announced on the day and shared on social media

Friday

Gym open	4:00pm
Speed Event	
Registration	4:00pm to 4:30pm
Briefing judges / belayers	4:45pm
Briefing climbers	4:45pm
Speed Event	5:00pm to 7:30pm
Podiums	7:30pm
End of the competition	8pm

Saturday

Gym open (breakfast for organisation team)	08:00am
Qualifier	
Registration	8:30am to 9:00am
Briefing judges / belayers	8:45am
Briefing climbers	9:15am
Qualification Q1 and Q2 (1st Climber at 9:30am)	9:30am to 2:00pm
Results Published	2:15pm
Final Masters and Open B	
Isolation open	2:45pm
Isolation closes	3:00pm
Final Starts	3:45pm
Finals End	5:00pm
Results Finals	5:30pm
Final Open A	
Isolation open	4:45pm
Isolation closes	5:00pm
Final Starts	6:30pm
Finals End	7:30pm
Results Finals	7:45pm
Presentation and prize giving	8:00pm
End of the competition	8:30pm



Categories and Participation Requirements

LEAD

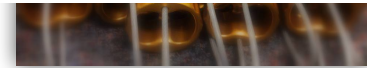
- Open A
- Open B – climbers climbing up to grade 24 (male) and grade 22 (female)
- Masters – born 1976 or before
- Paraclimbing - all divisions (top rope)

SPEED

- Open A
- Masters

Open B Category

Open B category is a friendly and social category. It is recommended for participants who are not familiar with competition climbing and wish to be part of a **social event on national competition quality routes**.



Non-citizens Residing in Australia

Foreign citizens who are currently residing in Australia are eligible for an Australian ranking and prizes but not for Australian Titles. Only Australian citizens can receive an official placing. Non-citizens residing in Australia must have a current valid Sport Climbing Australia national membership.

International Guest Competitors

Prizes are to be awarded to overseas guest climbers who earn them; however, places and medals can only be awarded to Australian residents. Overseas guest competitors must be a current national member of Sport Climbing Australia. 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 made for resident climbers.

Youth Competitors in Open

Youth A and Junior wishing to compete in Open A

Youth A and juniors competing in Open A are eligible for title, ranking and prizes.

Youth B competitors

Youth B competitors holding a position in the International or Continental team will be allowed to climb the same routes as the Open A category but will not be part of the competitor field. Youth B participants will not receive any ranking points, medals or placing in the Open category. Also, they will not be marked on the official Open results.

Selection Process





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The maximum number of participant per gender per category is 60. In the event a category is full the following selection criteria will apply:

- **All competitors placing in the top 8 of their category at their 2017 State Lead Competition are automatically selected to compete.** Interstate competitors do not count in the state ranking. Competitors unable to attend their state competition will be selected under the below criteria or must apply in writing to info@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au
- **International competitors are welcome in the limit of 3 competitors per category per country.**
- **Extra spots** are available until the maximum number of competitors per category is reached. Registration fees will be fully reimbursed for all non-selected applicants. The following criteria will be used in the order stipulated below:
 1. Places offered to 2016 Australian Lead Climbing World Cup representatives and to current Australian, New Zealand and New Caledonian Champions in their category
 2. Places offered to those that were denied the chance to qualify at their SCA State Championship due to being a key part of their state's Lead championship; i.e. competition organiser or key route setter.
 3. Places offered according to ranking in Australian State Championships
 4. Remaining places will be offered by date of registration (earliest first)

Special consideration may apply in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Jury President and Sport Climbing Australia.

Selection will be confirmed for all participants on the 20th March and then registration will remain open until categories are full.





Registration

SCA Membership - National Championship

All competitors must be current National members of Sport Climbing Australia. This costs \$59 for the calendar year (only \$45 if you already have a state level membership) Join or upgrade your state membership on the SCA website.:
<http://www.sportclimbingaustralia.org.au/join-us>

Entry Fee

LEAD EVENT

The cost for the speed event is as follow:

Early bird: \$50 (until 14th March)

Standard: \$60 (until 28th March)

Last Minute: \$80 (until start of the event at the discretion of the event organiser)

SPEED EVENT

The cost for the speed event is as follow:

Early bird: \$10 (until 28th March)

Standard: \$20 (until start of the event at the discretion of the event organiser)

Where to Register

All registration will be taken online via Sport Climbing Australia website.
<http://sportclimbingaustralia.org.au/event-2436652>



Event Regulation

Event Officials

Event Organiser: Naomi Cleary

Jury President:

Head Judge:

Head Route Setter: Will Hammersla

Other Officials

Officials will be selected closer to the event. However, any complaints or contests can be directed to the Head Judge and Jury President 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 organiser.

Rules

To compete in this 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.

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

<http://www.sportclimbingaustralia.org.au/page-18117>

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.

Lead Competition Format

➤ Overview

The Lead event will include 2 flash qualifier climbs for each category. This will be followed by one onsight final climb for the top 8 climbers in each category.

Australian National Champions in each category will be decided by placing in the onsight final. Count-back to the heats will be used in the result of a tie in the final, if a tie still remains the climbers' time on the final climb will be used to separate the competitors, the faster climber placing above the other.

➤ Qualification rounds

Categories will be split into gender and will rotate in order. The route setter will forerun each qualifying climb before the first climber starts or a forerunning video of the climbs will be



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running in the warm up area. Competitors will be ranked after their attempts on the two qualification climbs and using a combined ranking calculation (not points) the top eight climbers from each category will progress to the onsite final round. All climbers tied in places up to eight will be included in the final.

➤ Final round

Climbers who qualify for the final round will be kept in isolation to warm up before their climb. There will be a 6 minute viewing period for climbers to visualise the final onsight climb. Each climber will be called one at a time from each category to have an attempt at the onsight final route.

Speed Competition Format

The time to complete the route determines a competitor's ranking. The competition will be on the official IFSC route and IFSC rules will be used as a guideline.

Important Information

- Climbers in Open A, Open B, Masters categories will lead all routes.
- Climbers who are colour-blind need to notify the route setters via info@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au at least one week prior to the event.
- By registering for this competition, the climber authorises SICG Villawood, SCNSW/ACT & SCA to use 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 14th March 2017.



Volunteers

Join Us

The 2017 Open National Lead & Speed is 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, 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 & Speed Climbing Championships please contact: info@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au or register online at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdT_Fjij58ulZjenbIBqSAQDxoSQnZrHBnkVKe3wfNvb8fAhg/viewform?c=0&w=1

Belayers and Judges

Only designated volunteer SCA belayers & judges will belay/judge for the event. Briefing and training sessions will be organised during the week leading to the event.



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Contact

If you have any question or request, please do not hesitate to contact us:

info@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au

We look forward to seeing you there!

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