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2017 Clif Bar Youth Championships

**May 19th to 21st
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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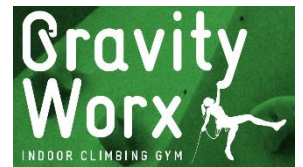
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Our Partners

We must start by thanking all our partners and sponsors for helping us put on 2017 National Youth Climbing Championships.

Event Organiser and Host



Our Sponsors





The Event

Introduction

This year the Youth Climbing Championships will be held in Carrum Downs, Nunawading, and Coburg, Victoria. This is the first time that Youth categories have their own National event with the three disciplines. We expect that it will enhance the event in many ways for the athletes and make the format similar to the World Youth Championships and the 2020 Olympics.

The Youth Climbing Championships will decide the Australian Youth Champion in Boulder, Lead and Speed categories as well as an overall champion. It is also the selection event for the Australian Youth Team.

Dates

The event will be held from Friday 19th May until Sunday 21st May 2017.

The Boulder competition will be on Friday. The Lead competition will run on Saturday. The Speed competition will finish the event on Sunday. Please refer to the event timetable in this handbook for more details.

Locations

Friday:

Bayside Rock Climbing
9 Network Dr, Carrum Downs, VIC 3201
www.baysiderock.com.au
03 9775 1557

Saturday:

Hardrock Climbing
16-18 Varman Court, Nunawading, VIC 3131
www.hardrock.com.au
Tel: 03 9894 4183

Sunday:

Gravityworx
182-184 Sussex St, Coburg, VIC 3058
www.gravityworx.com.au
03 9350 1789



Getting There

Bayside Rock Climbing

9 Network Dr, Carrum Downs, VIC 3201. [Get Directions \(Google Maps Link\)](#).

Bayside Rock is located at the end of Eastlink. There is plenty of parking at the venue and on the street.

By Car: about 45 min from Melbourne CBD

By Public Transportation: Check routes and timetables at [Public Transport Victoria](#).



Hardrock Nunawading

16 - 18 Varman Court Nunawading, VIC 3131. [Get Directions \(Google Maps Link\)](#).

By Car: about 30 minutes from Melbourne CBD

By Train:

From the city, take the Belgrave/Lilydale Line and get off at Nunawading Train Station. Hardrock is approximately 3 minutes walk from the station, west along Oval Way. Check routes and timetables at [Public Transport Victoria](#).

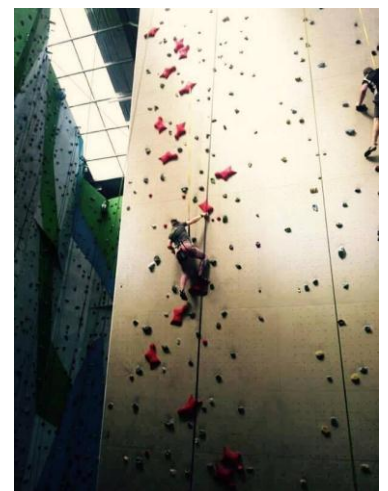
Gravityworx

182-184 Sussex St, Coburg, VIC 3058. [Get Directions \(Google Maps Link\)](#)

By Car: Gravity Worx have their own parking lot with plenty of surrounding streets parking. About 40 minutes from Melbourne CBD

By Tram: Catch the 19 tram to North Coburg, get off at Stop 40, then walk the 15 minutes to Gravityworx down Bakers road.

By Bus: As shown above the 561 and 534 buses go right near Gravity Worx and so does the 527 Bus to Gowrie. Just get off at Essex St and Derby St and walk the 5-10 minutes down Essex St to reach our door step!



Food and Drink

Food and drink will be available at the events.

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 – Boulder at Bayside Rock

Gym open	8:00am
Boulder Event – Junior Youth A & Youth B	
Registration Junior, Youth A & Youth B	8:00am to 8:30am
Briefing judges	8:30am
Briefing climbers	8:45am
Boulderjam Qualifier Junior, Youth A & Youth B	9.00 to 11.00am
Results Published	11.15am
Boulder Event – Youth C & Youth D	
Registration Youth C & Youth D	10:00am to 10:30am
Briefing climbers	10.45am
Boulderjam Qualifier Youth C & Youth D	11:15am to 1:15pm
Results published	1:30pm
Presentation and prize giving	2:00pm
Final - Youth B	
Isolation open	1:00pm
Isolation closes	1:15pm
Final Preview	2:30pm
Final Start	2:45pm
Final End	3:45pm
Results published	4:00pm
Presentation and prize giving	4:30pm
Final - Youth A & Junior	
Isolation open	3:15pm
Isolation closes	3:30pm
Final Preview	5:00pm
Final Start Youth A	5:15pm
Final Start Junior	5.50pm
Final End	6:50pm
Results Finals	7:00pm
Presentation and prize giving	7:30pm





End of competition	8:00pm
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Saturday – Lead at Hardrock Nunawading

Gym open	08:00am
Qualifier	
Registration	8:30am to 9:00am
Briefing judges / belayers	8:45am
Briefing climbers	9:15am
Forerunning qualifications	8:30am
Qualification Q1 and Q2 (1st Climber at 9:30am)	9:30am to 2:30pm
Results Published	2:45pm
Final	
Isolation open	3:15pm
Isolation closes	3:30pm
Final Preview	5:15pm
Final Starts	5:30pm
Results Finals	7:00pm
Presentation and prize giving	7:30pm
End of the competition	8:00pm

Sunday – Speed at Gravity Worx Coburg

Gym open	10:00am
Speed Event	
Registration	10:00am to 10:30am
Briefing judges / belayers	10:30am
Briefing climbers	10:45am
Speed Event	11:00am to 3:00pm
Podiums	3:30pm
End of the competition	4pm



Categories and Participation Requirements

- Junior (Born 1998 & 1999)
- Youth A (Born 2000 & 2001)
- Youth B (Born 2002 & 2003)
- Youth C (Born 2004 & 2005)
- Youth D (Born 2006 & later)

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 citizens. 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.



Selection Process

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

Lead

- **All competitors placing in the top 10 of their category at their 2017 State Youth 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

Boulder

- **All competitors placing in the top 10 of their category at their 2016 State Youth Boulder 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

Speed

- Places will be offered by **date of registration.**
- International competitors are welcome to the limit of three competitors per category per country.
- **Extra places** 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 World Youth Championships representatives and to current Australian, New Zealand and New Caledonian Champions in their category
 2. Places offered to those who 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. 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 5th of May and then registration will remain open until categories are full in order of registration.





Registration

Registration Closing date

Please note that registration for each discipline will be closing two days before the beginning of the discipline. Please note carefully the following closing dates:

- Bouldering: Registration closing on Wednesday 17 May at 11:59pm
- Lead: Registration closing on Thursday 18 May at 11:59pm
- Speed: Registration closing on Friday 19 May at 11:59pm

There will be no registration on the day.

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 lead event is as follows:

Early bird: \$50 (until 1st May)
Standard: \$60 (until registration closes)

Speed Event

The cost for the speed event is as follows:

Early bird: \$25 (until 1st May)
Standard: \$35 (until registration closes)

Boulder Event

The cost for the boulder event is as follows:

Early bird: \$50 (until 1st May)
Standard: \$60 (until 17th May)

Championship Event

A special price entry is available to compete in all three disciplines:

Early bird: \$100 (until 1st May)
Standard: \$120 (until registration closes)

Where to Register

All registrations will be taken online via [Sport Climbing Australia website](http://www.sportclimbingaustralia.org.au).





Event Regulation

Event Officials

Event Organiser		Naomi Cleary
Boulder	Jury President	Ingemar Johnson
	Head Judge	TBA
	Head Route Setter	James Kassay
Lead	Jury President	Pepe Newton
	Head Judge	Kelsey Thomas
	Head Route Setter	Romain Thevenot
Speed	Jury President	Pepe Newton
	Head Judge	Ellen McKenzie

Other Officials

Other 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

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.





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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 for Youth B, Youth A and juniors. Youth C and Youth D will compete in the standard route.

Boulder Competition Format

Youth C and Youth D will compete in a Boulderjam with seven problems. Youth A, Youth B and Junior will compete in a Boulderjam with five problems followed by a five on five off final with four problems.

Overall Championship Format

The winners of the overall championship will be decided by the combined ranking from the three events.

Important Information

- Youth C and D will top rope the lead event. Youth C may lead their final route at the discretion of the Jury President on the day of the event.
- 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 SCV and 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 May 2017.





Volunteers

Join Us

The 2017 National Youth Climbing Championships 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 National Youth Climbing Championships [please register online](#).

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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