

Competitive Division Rulebook

Classic Redpoint Format

Classic Redpoint Format competitions shall be subject to the following Rules:

- In the Classic Redpoint Format, competitors have the goal of completing the highest value boulders, where each boulder has a unique value.
- A competitor's final score shall be the cumulative value of their top five (5) completed boulders, and competitors shall be ranked in descending order of such cumulative value, where two competitors with the same cumulative value shall be ranked by:
 - ascending order of total number of attempts on such top five (5) completed boulders; then
 - descending order of the value of the competitors' sixth (6th) highest completed boulder; then
 - ascending order of number of attempts on such sixth (6th) highest completed boulder; and so on.
- Each boulder will be worth a specific number of points based on that boulder's anticipated rating/difficulty. The following chart lists the point values that must be awarded to a competitor upon successful completion of the boulder.

REDPOINT SCORING CHART							
route / problem #	Points	route / problem #	Points	route / problem #	Points	route / problem #	Points
1	100	11	1100	21	2100	31	3100
2	200	12	1200	22	2200	32	3200
3	300	13	1300	23	2300	33	3300
4	400	14	1400	24	2400	34	3400
5	500	15	1500	25	2500	35	3500
6	600	16	1600	26	2600	36	3600
7	700	17	1700	27	2700	37	3700
8	800	18	1800	28	2800	38	3800
9	900	19	1900	29	2900	39	3900
10	1000	20	2000	30	3000	40	4000

Note: If the competition has more than forty (40) boulders, then the point values shall remain consistent

with the chart above, extrapolating from the 100-point increments outlined. For example, if there are a total of fifty (50) boulders, boulder #1 shall be worth 100 points, boulder #40 shall be worth 4000 points, as outlined above, and boulder #41 shall be worth 4100 points, boulder #42 worth 4200 points, and so on, with boulder #50 worth the maximum of 5000 points.

There should be no limit on the number of attempts a competitor may make on any given boulder. Each attempt, however, shall be recorded.

At Redpoint Format competitions, a judge (or team of judges) shall be assigned by the Jury President to perform as judge for a “lane” (a set of spatially adjacent boulders on the climbing wall surface) for the session.

Redpoint Formats Competition Procedures

At Redpoint Format competitions, competitors shall be permitted a minimum of three (3) hours to climb, subject to the following:

- Competitors should be given a “ten-minute warning” near the end of the event. At the end of those ten minutes every competitor still on the wall, on an official attempt, will be allowed to continue. The Knot Event Staff may choose to allow competitors with their scorecards in a queue to also make one last attempt (time permitting). Otherwise, competitors must turn in their scorecard. The Jury President, prior to the start of the competition, should announce this information.

Redpoint Format competitors are allowed to watch other competitors climb on a boulder prior to their own attempt.

At Redpoint Format competitions, “beta” (coaching, advice) may not be given to a competitor while the competitor is attempting the boulder (including without limitation “running beta”); however, beta may be given to a competitor before or between attempts of a boulder.

Redpoint Formats Climbing Procedures

All Redpoint Format competitions shall be subject to the following:

- Competitors choose which boulders to attempt and may attempt as many different boulders as they wish, within the rules of the specific Redpoint Format, as time allows.
- Competitors declare their intention to attempt a boulder by handing their scorecard to the Climbing Judge who will call competitors in order of the scorecards received
- After each failed attempt, the Climbing Judge shall record the attempt on the scorecard and the competitor may return to the back of the queue or elect to attempt another boulder.
- Upon successful completion of a boulder, the Climbing Judge shall record such success and the attempt on the scorecard.
- If the competitor flashes the boulder the scorecard shall be marked as having one (1) attempt.

Judging and Scoring

Each boulder shall be judged by at least one (1) Judge who shall record:

- the number of attempts made by each competitor. An attempt will be counted each time the competitor:
 - makes either a Correct or Incorrect start; or
 - prior to starting, touches or makes use of any Artificial Hold or Structure/Volume other than:
 - the Starting Hold(s), or
 - any Artificial Hold or Structure/Volume which is fixed or positioned so as to modify the usable part(s) of any Starting Hold (a “Start-Blocker Hold”); or
 - adds any “Tick Marks”, and in response to violations of Rules 8.12.1(a)(ii)

or 8.12.1(a)(iii), a disciplinary sanction may also be applied (e.g., a verbal warning may be given on the first violation, and a Yellow Card on subsequent violations); and

- on which attempt the competitor Successfully completes the boulder. Tick Marks added by a competitor must be removed immediately.

A competitor's attempt will be:

- judged "Unsuccessful" where:
 - the competitor has made an Incorrect start; or
 - the competitor has touched the safety matting after leaving the ground; or
 - the competitor has made use of any Artificial Aid, and, where a competitor makes an Unsuccessful attempt, the boulder judge shall order the relevant attempt terminated, and
- otherwise judged "Successful" where the competitor is in a Controlled position:
 - with both hands matched on the Top Hold; or
 - standing on top of the boulder, and in each case, the Climbing Judge may raise a hand and/or announce "OK".

A competitor's start will be judged:

- "Correct" where the competitor achieves a stable Controlled position with both hands and both feet on the Starting Hold(s) without Controlling or Using any other Artificial Holds or Structures. For the avoidance of doubt, when starting a boulder:
 - a competitor must simultaneously contact the marked Starting Hold(s) with one or both hands as marked, in a stable Controlled position; and
 - a competitor may touch, Control or Use any part of the Climbing Surface in order to attain the Starting Hold(s)
- "Incorrect" where the competitor
 - fails to achieve a stable Controlled position with both hands on the

Starting Hold(s); or

- Controls or Uses any Artificial Holds or other Structures not marked as Starting Hold(s) before achieving a stable Controlled position with both hands on the Starting Hold(s).

Ranking

For Classic Redpoint Format, in each Round:

- any competitor who fails or is ineligible to start the round will be unranked in the relevant round and their result marked with the appropriate IRM; and
- each competitor starting the round shall be ranked in descending order by the final score

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- All competitors must be present for the entirety of the rules briefing. If a competitor fails to attend the rules briefing, they may either:
 - Choose to compete in the casual division instead, or
 - Choose to compete in the competitive division, but receive a 30 minute time penalty in which they will be required to review the rules of the competition, or
 - Choose not to compete. Competitors who choose this option will be given a full refund.
- All competitors will be given a wristband upon check-in and must wear it for the entirety of the climb time. Wristbands will be used to distinguish competitors from spectators. No person shall be allowed on the mats unless they are wearing a wristband or they have been designated as a staff member or wall judge.
- Upon registration, competitors must choose if they are competing in the Open or Advanced category. The top 6 highest scoring men and women in the Open category will advance to Finals where they will compete for a \$500 first place

prize and prizes from our sponsors. First place for men and women in the Advanced category will win \$100 and prizes from our sponsors. The Open category is recommended for those who consistently climb V6+ and the Advanced category for climbers in the V0-V6 range.

- Upon completion of the qualifying round, if a competitor in the Advanced category appears to have sandbagged (i.e. sent multiple V6+ routes or flashed a V6+ route) they will be ranked in the Open category instead.

Finals Rulebook

Determining Competitors

- To ensure equitable competition among similarly skilled individuals, competitors will be divided into Men's/Non-binary I and Women's/Non-binary II divisions. These divisions are selected by the participant during registration for The Knot's bouldering comp.
 - For the Open bracket, Non-binary I division is recommended for any participant that identifies as non-binary and regularly projects V7-V8+. The Non-binary II division is recommended for any participant that identifies as non-binary and regularly projects V5-V7.
- The six men/non-binary individuals and six women/non-binary individuals with the highest scores will be invited to compete in finals. If a competitor declines to participate, the next highest scoring competitor in the respective division will be invited to compete.

Competition Procedures

- All rounds of boulder competitions shall be conducted under Isolation Conditions. Competitors eligible to compete in any round of a competition must report to the Isolation Zone by the time stated by The Knot officials for that round. Competitors who have not reported to the Isolation Zone or who are not present in the Isolation Zone at such time will not be eligible to start the round.

- Each boulder will be attempted by all competitors in the order set out on the Official Start List
 - Once a competitor has finished their attempts, they will return to the isolation zone and the next competitor will start
 - Once all competitors have completed their attempts on a boulder, the competitors will move on to the next boulder as a group
- The Final round shall be preceded by a collective observation for a period of two minutes per boulder.
 - During this period, competitors may touch (only) the marked Starting Hold(s) and are prohibited from using any recording equipment.
 - At the end of this period, competitors will return to the Isolation Zone
- The Attempt Period within the Final rounds shall comprise a fixed Preparation Period during which a competitor may prepare for their attempts prior to entering the Field or Play, and a fixed Climbing Period. The duration of these periods shall be:
 - Preparation period: 15 seconds (will not be denoted on the timer)
 - Climbing period: 4 minutes
- Competitors may make unlimited attempts on any boulder within the relevant Climbing Period.
- Competitors may at any time:
 - Clean any part of the boulder that they can reach without making use of any hold
 - Request that any part of the boulder be cleaned
- A competitor's attempt will be deemed to have:
 - Started when every part of the competitor's body has left the ground.
 - Finished when:
 - Successful;
 - They have fallen or touched the ground after starting; or

- The attempt has been terminated by the boulder judge or an IFSC Official as:

- Unsuccessful; or
- If a Technical Incident has occurred

Judging and Scoring

- Each boulder shall be judged by at least one (1) judge who shall record:
 - The number of attempts made by each competitor. An attempt will be counted each time the competitor:
 - Makes either a Correct or Incorrect start;
 - Prior to starting, touches or makes use of any Artificial Hold or Structure other than:
 - the Starting Hold(s), or
 - any Artificial Hold or Structure which is fixed or positioned so as to modify the usable part(s) of any Starting Hold (a “Blocker Hold”)
 - adds any “tick marks”
 - On which attempts the competitor Controls the Low Zone Hold;
 - On which attempts the competitor Controls the High Zone Hold;
 - On which attempt the competitor Successfully completes the boulder
- A competitor 's attempt will be:
 - Judged “Unsuccessful” if:
 - the competitor has made an Incorrect start;
 - the competitor has touched the safety matting after leaving the ground;
 - the Climbing Period has expired;

- the competitor has made use of any Illegal Aid, and the relevant attempt terminated, and
- Otherwise judged “Successful” where the competitor is in a Controlled position:
 - with both hands matched on the Top Hold; or
 - standing on top of the boulder, and in each case the boulder judge has raised a hand and announced “OK”.
- A competitor’s start will be judged:
 - “Correct” where the competitor achieves a stable controlled position with both hands and both feet on the Starting Hold(s) without controlling or using any other artificial holds or structures. For the avoidance of doubt, when starting a boulder, a competitor may:
 - touch, control or use any part of the climbing surface in order to attain the Starting Hold(s); and/or
 - touch any Blocker Hold(s).
 - “Incorrect” where the competitor
 - fails to achieve a stable controlled position with both hands and both feet on the Starting Hold(s); or
 - controls or uses any artificial holds or other Structures not marked as Starting Hold(s) before achieving a stable controlled position with both hands on the Starting Hold(s).

Scoring

- Points will be awarded in the following manner:
 - 5 points awarded for successfully achieving control of only the Low Zone hold;
 - 15 points awarded for successfully achieving control of the High Zone hold, but not the Top;
 - 25 points awarded for successfully achieving control of the Top hold or with both hands matched on the Top Hold; or standing on top of

the boulder

- 0.1 point will be deducted for every attempt made by the competitor to reach their highest achieved zone
- In the event of a tie based on points, competitors will then be ranked based on their performance in the Qualifying round