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*Thank you to the team at **Cliffhanger** for their on-going support of the Victorian Sport Climbing community and for hosting this competition.*

A huge thank you to all our sponsors for their generous support and for helping us to bring you the 2026 Victorian Youth Lead Titles.

Sport Climbing Victoria acknowledges and pays respect to the traditional custodians of the lands, waterways and skies where we work, meet, live and climb. We recognise the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures as among the oldest in the world, and we acknowledge the enduring cultural practices of caring for Country. We pay our greatest respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

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EVENT SUMMARY

The 2026 Victorian Youth Lead Titles are to be held at Cliffhanger Altona. This is the qualifying event for the 2026 Australian Youth Lead Nationals.

DATE

Date

Saturday 28th March 2026

Sunday 29th March 2026

LOCATION

Address

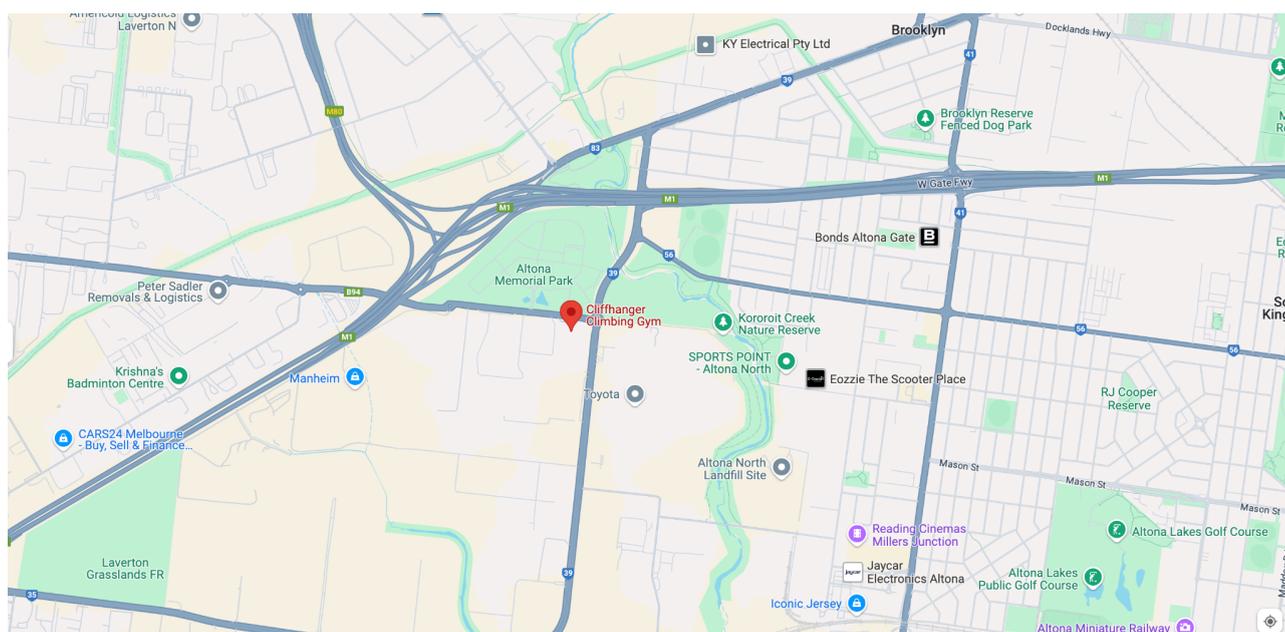
The 2026 Victorian Youth Lead Titles will be held at:

Cliffhanger Climbing <https://cliffhanger.com.au/>

61/65 Dohertys Rd

Altona North VIC 3025

<https://www.instagram.com/cliffhangerclimbing/>





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Getting There

Bus: The gym is located on bus routes 414, 232, and 471.

Parking: The gym is located in Westgate Indoor Sports and there are many parking spaces available.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct any enquiries about the competition to **Sport Climbing Victoria**,
events@sportclimbingvictoria.com.au

EVENT FORMAT & INFORMATION

Categories and Participation Requirements

Youth competitors will be allocated to their appropriate category during the registration process, based on their age in 2026 (as on December 31st).

CATEGORY	YEAR OF BIRTH
● U19 (Formerly Youth A)	born 2008 - 2009
● U17 (Formerly Youth B)	born 2010 - 2011
● U15 (Formerly Youth C)	born 2012 - 2013
● U13* (Formerly Youth D)	born 2014 - 2015
● U11* (Formerly Youth X)	born 2016 - 2017
● Inclusive **15 and above	born 2008 - 2011
● Inclusive **under 15	born 2012 - 2017

* Please note that as per SCA confirmation U11 and U13 will not be included in Youth Nationals.

** Inclusive - designed for climbers who don't climb in the gender binary categories. We celebrate and encourage climbers who identify as non binary and/or are gender fluid and/or those keen to climb in a category that does not recognise gender as binary.



Please note that Inclusive is a social and NOT a pathway category to state team selection for Nationals and as such will not be considered for Special Consideration.

It is strongly recommended and would be greatly appreciated if Youth athletes' parents/guardians and friends would volunteer to support the event. These events cannot run without volunteers.

Sign up via Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44AFAA2DA3FCC16-62460448-2026#/>

Athletes must be eligible for the category they sign up for as per Sport Climbing Australia's **competition policies for [age](#) and [gender](#) categories.**



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Interstate Competitors

Interstate competitors can compete but are not eligible for titles. They are eligible for ranking and prizes.

International Competitors

International competitors are welcome to compete. International competitors will be eligible for prizes but not for an Australian ranking. International climbers must also be members of Sport Climbing Australia.

Event Format

The competition format will follow [Sport Climbing Australia's Competition Policies](#).

Event format will be held in accordance with the Sport Climbing Australia Competition Policy for Lead State Titles with the following for:

U19, U17, U15, Inclusive under 15* & 15 and above

- 2 qualifying routes to be climbed 'flash' format with forerunning on video or forerunning before the round starts. Top 8 athletes qualify for finals.
- 1 final route to be climbed in an 'onsight' format where competitors will be given a viewing period and then will be held in isolation before their attempt begins.

*Climbs for U15 and Inclusive under 15 (format TBC) will be on top rope.

Note that U15 competitors that will be selected for the State team will be required to compete on Lead at the Nationals.

U13, U11

- 4 routes to be climbed on top rope on 'flash' format with forerunning on video or forerunning before the round start. Rankings to be determined by a combined score.

Quota for finals

The quota for finals will be 8 - where there are less than 16 in the preceding round, 9 - from 16 to 25 competitors and 10 - if there are more than 25 competitors.

Appeals Process

Section 5 of SCA's [Competition Rules](#) explains the appeals process in case there is a dispute with the rules or results. Judges are volunteers and mistakes are possible. The appeals process is a part of climbing competitions.

Selection Process

The 2026 Victorian Youth Lead Titles is the selection event for the 2026 National Youth titles, date and location yet to be confirmed. Please keep an eye on SCA's [Instagram](#) and [website](#) for updates. The full SCV [Team Selection Policy](#) can be found on our website. SCV Team selection will be shortly after the event date TBC. Please apply for special consideration ahead of time via form (to be provided) if you're interested in participating in the 2026 Nationals Event and **must be submitted by no later than Date - TBC**.



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Timetable (Subject to change) - TO BE PROVIDED SHORTLY

Note:

- This is a **Preliminary** timetable only.
- Times are approximate and subject to change
- Please keep an eye on [SCV](#) and [SCA](#) websites and social media for updates.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

7:15 am	Registration Opens (All Categories)
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ROUND 1: U11, U13

8:00 am	Registration Closes (U11, U13)
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8:15 am	Athlete Briefing
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8:30 am - 12:30 pm	U11, U13 - 4 routes followed by Podiums
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ROUND 2: U15, U17, U19, Inclusive

1:00 pm	Registration Closes (U15, U17, U19)
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1:15 pm	Athlete Briefing
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1:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Qualifiers
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SUNDAY

9:00 am	Isolation Opens (U15, U17, U19, Inclusive)
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10:00 am	Isolation Closes (U15, U17, U19, Inclusive)
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FINALS: U15M, U19F

11:00 am - 12:00pm	Athlete Presentation + Viewing followed by Finals
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FINALS: U15F, U17M, U17F, U19M

10:45 am - 2:45 pm	Athlete Presentation + Viewing followed by Finals
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3:15 pm	Podiums
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REGISTRATION AND FEES

Registration for the competition will be online only on the [Sport Climbing Australia website](https://www.sportclimbingaustralia.org.au). Please note there will be three different entry costs tiers for the event:

Early Bird: until 11:59PM, 27/02/26	\$80
Standard: from 28/02/26 – 15/03/26	\$90
Last Minute: from 16/03/26 until close of the registration at 11:59PM 22/03/26	\$100
Coaches: until 11:59, 22/03/26	\$10
Last Minute Coaches: from 23/03/26 until close of the registration at 11:59PM 25/03/26	\$25

All competitors must be either SCV state members (if from Victoria) or SCA national members (if from interstate) - membership is available online at www.sportclimbingaustralia.org.au

Registration of Coaches

To support a professional and structured coaching environment, coaches who wish to attend in an official capacity—whether as part of a squad, private coaching, or otherwise—must register for the event.

Registered coaches will be able to enter the competitor zones designated to coaches and warm-up / isolation areas* during competition.

Coach Registration Requirements:

- Provide Sport Climbing Victoria (SCV) with a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC).
- Provide the name of the registered gym or coaching business they represent or provide evidence of appropriate coaching accreditation*
- Show completion of the “[Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport](#)” e-learning module
- Be a member of Sport Climbing Australia (SCA) and pay the event registration fee to access designated competition areas. Membership is available online at Sport Climbing Australia.
- Coaches entering isolation zones will be subject to all of the isolation area requirements as per SCA Competition policy
- Registration for the event will be through the events page at Sport Climbing Australia.

* SCV may reach out to for further details as required

These requirements help ensure that all coaches present are recognized by SCV and SCA and are bound by the National Integrity Framework, which promotes fairness, safety, and sport integrity.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us create a safe and supportive competition atmosphere.



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Competition Refund Policy

Withdrawal notification

Competitors who wish to withdraw from the competition must notify SCV in writing via email at events@sportclimbingvictoria.com.au as soon as possible.

Refund Eligibility

Refunds will be issued as follows, based on the date of withdrawal notification:

- More than 7 days before the competition: 100% refund of the registration fee.
- Less than 7 days before the competition: No refund, except in exceptional circumstances (see below).

Exceptional circumstances

In cases of medical emergencies or unforeseen events, competitors may request a refund by providing supporting documentation (e.g., a doctor's note). These cases will be reviewed individually, and refunds may be issued at the discretion of the organisers.

Competition T-Shirt

A limited edition competition shirt can be purchased at the registration portal for \$45. Please note that purchases made at the "Last Minute" stage (after 16/3/26) will be subject to availability. There will also be a limited number of shirts available on the day of the event for \$50. Please check the following sizing guides to make sure you're getting the right size.

Sizing guides are here: [Youth Staple Tee](#), [Staple Tee](#)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Colour Blindness

Climbers who are colour-blind need to notify the routesetters via events@sportclimbingvictoria.com.au at least one week prior to the event.

Photography / Recording

By registering for this competition, the climber authorises SCV 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 one week prior to the event. For information on our [Photography and Video](#) policy, please visit our website.

Official SCV photographers will be at the event, and family members are permitted to only take photos of their own children/young person from the spectator area.

There will be a livestream of finals at the event, viewable on the [SCV YouTube page](#).



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Insurance

Sport Climbing Victoria advises that there is an inherent risk to be injured while participating in climbing competition. It is a requirement for each participant to ensure they are fit to participate in the event and to get advice from a health professional if unsure. SCV recommends that every participant has the necessary level of personal injury insurance (including ambulance) as this is not an insurance covered by SCV.

EVENT OFFICIALS

Event Organiser	Alex Poberezovsky
Jury President	Emma Pennefather
Head Judge	Russell Harrison
Head Routesetter	James Roberson
Setting Team	Ryan Lindsay, Alex Walker, Sam Gullifer, Wing Hang Wong
Volunteer Coordinator	Melanie Borcovsky & Dean Hutchins
Belay Coordinator	Stuart Williams

RULES

To compete in this competition, the climber agrees to follow all of the rules and regulations outlined in this information pack, the [competition policy from SCA](#) and the rules and procedures of the hosting gym.

All athletes must fill out the [Cliffhanger Waiver Form](#) prior to the competition, if not done so previously.

All athletes are not permitted to attend the venue from **Tuesday 24th March** until the start of competition and any breach of this will result in disqualification from the event.

SPORTS INTEGRITY

An important reminder for all athletes and support personnel in the lead up to the event:

As with all Sport Climbing Australia events, Anti-doping testing may occur at any event or competition. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of your obligations and have completed clean sport education.

All athletes should complete Anti-Doping Fundamentals and the 2024 Annual Update online courses through the [Sport Integrity Australia eLearning page](#) and download the [Sport Integrity app](#) to check medications, supplements and stay informed.

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The 2026 Victorian Youth Lead Titles is an exciting event made possible only through the generous efforts of sponsors and volunteers. We are always looking for volunteers to help as judges, isolation stewards, first aid, catering and hold brushes.

All training for these positions will be provided by SCV free of charge with the possibility of being recognised at a National Level as a volunteer.

Even if you are competing, please consider volunteering at other times.

Judges training will be held prior to the event and we will confirm the dates in the coming weeks.

Note: All volunteers must be holders of a Working With Children’s Check (WWCC). If you do not hold a WWCC, please apply for one using the link on our sign up form (*to be provided shortly*).

We will make every effort to make sure you can watch your family and friends when you volunteer.

SPECTATORS

Spectators are strongly encouraged to volunteer in order to have the best available viewpoints for the competition. Our volunteer coordinator will do their best to make sure you can watch your family members when you volunteer. We would be very grateful for your help. Please remember that the judges are human, our sport is run by volunteers, and we're here for the love of climbing.

There is an [appeals process](#) for any disputes with the rules and results.

LIVE STREAM - Re-live previous epic memories!



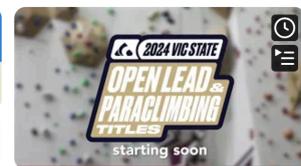
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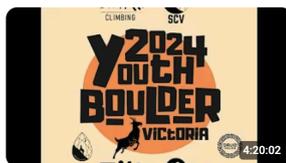
SCV - 2025 La Sportiva Vic State Boulder Titles at Boulder Lab: Ferntree Gully - You...



SCV - 2025 La Sportiva Victorian State Youth Lead Titles at Urban Climb - Finals



SCV - 2024 Stax Climbing Vic State Open Lead and Paraclimbing Titles at Cliffhanger...



Sport Climbing Victoria - 2024 Stax Climbing Vic State Youth Boulder Titles at The Crux ...



Sport Climbing Victoria - 2024 Stax Climbing Vic State Open Boulder Titles at Up Climbin...



Sport Climbing Victoria - State Boulder Titles 2023 at Boulder Lab Ferntree Gully - Open...



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