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2025 National Youth Lead and Boulder Championships

15-18 May 2025 in Ballina, NSW



Competitor Handbook

The details may change.



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The event

Introduction

This year the Youth Climbing Championships will be held in NSW, Ballina (/bəˈlɪnə/). Ballina is a town in the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales, Australia, and the seat of the Ballina Shire local government area. It lies 740 km (460 mi) north of Sydney and 185 km (115 mi) south of Brisbane. Ballina's urban population at the end of 2021 was 46,190.

The Youth Lead and Bouldering Championships will decide the Australian Youth Champion in Boulder and Lead categories. It is also part of the selection process for the Australian Youth Team.

National Speed Championships and Speed selection will be held separately.

Our Partners

We thank all our partners for helping us put on the 2025 Youth Climbing Championships.

Event Host

Thank you to the Climbing Jungle Team for supporting the event and hosting us.

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Dates

15 May - 18 May 2025

The 2025 National Youth Lead and Bouldering Championships will take place over four days.

Both Boulder and Lead competitions will run simultaneously throughout the event.

Location

Climbing Jungle

Smith Dr, West Ballina

NSW 2478



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Competition Details

Timetable

This timetable is a draft and subject to change. Times may be adjusted on the day depending on the running of the event.

PLEASE DO NOT PRINT TIMETABLE and use the link below to prevent any discrepancies.

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. Link to time table:

[Timetable Youth Nationals 2025](#)

Categories and Participation Requirements

- Junior (Born 2005 / 2006)
- Youth A (Born 2007 / 2008)
- Youth B (Born 2009 / 2010)
- Youth C (Born 2011 / 2012)
- Youth D (Born 2013 / 2016)

Non-citizens Residing in Australia

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

International Guest Competitors

Places and medals can only be awarded to Australian citizens. Overseas guest competitors must be a current 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.





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Registration

Selection and registration

Selection to participate at Youth Nationals is via your state body. Final registration and payment will be via the SCA website once your registration is confirmed. Please ensure you have a current SCA membership and that your email address is updated on your SCA account.

The full selection policy can be found [HERE](#)

Participation in the event is not confirmed until full payment is received.

Sport Climbing ACT: info@sportclimbingact.org

Sport Climbing NSW: youthteam@sportclimbingnsw.org.au

Sport Climbing QLD: president@sportclimbingqueensland.com

Sport Climbing SA: president@sportclimbing.sa.com.au

Sport Climbing TAS: president@sportclimbingtasmania.org.au

Sport Climbing VIC: secretary@sportclimbingvictoria.com.au

Sport Climbing WA: info@sportclimbingwa.com.au

Registration Closing date

Please note registration for each discipline will close on the 5th May at 11.59pm EST.

There will be no registration after the cut off date OR on the day of the event.

SCA Membership - National Championship

All competitors must be current members of Sport Climbing Australia.

[Join on the SCA website](#)

Entry Fee

Championship Event

A special price entry is available to compete in both disciplines:

Standard: \$280 (until 14th April 11:59pm EST)

Late Entry: \$380 (until registration closes 5th May at 11.59pm EST)

Single Discipline

The cost for the single event (lead or boulder) is as follows:

Standard: \$150 (until 14th April 11:59pm EST)

Late Entry: \$200 (until registration closes 5th May at 11.59pm EST)



Event Regulation

Event Officials

Event Organiser: TBA	Boulder Head Judge: Charmaine Mullaly
SCA Delegate: Romain Thevenot	Boulder Head Route Setter: Sam Lavender
Jury President: Rick Perry	Lead Head Judge: Jason Gatehouse
Volunteer Coordinator: TBA	Lead Head Route Setter: Carlie LeBreton

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 on the [SCA website](#).

Lead Competition Format

The Lead event will include 2 flash qualifier climbs for each category. Junior, Youth A, Youth B and Youth C will lead all of their routes.

Youth D will top rope all of their routes.

Boulder Competition Format

Youth C and Youth D will compete in a Boulderjam with 7 problems.

Youth A, Youth B and Junior will compete as per IFSC WYCH 2024 rules in qualifiers. Finals will be the IFSC semi finals format as per IFSC rules.

Quota for finals

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





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Other Information

Important Information

Climbers who are colour-blind need to notify the event organiser via info@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au at least one week prior to the event.

By registering for this competition, the climber authorises SCA to use images/photographs/videos 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 12th May 2025.

Official photographers only will be allowed to take photographs at the event. Other professional photographers may apply to SCA for Please only take photographs from the spectator areas and only take photographs of your own children.

Live streaming of the event will be on the SCA YouTube Channel.





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Volunteers → WE NEED YOU

Join Us

The 2025 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, isolation stewards and general helpers.

Even if you are competing it is possible to volunteer at other times during the weekend. Briefing and training sessions will be organised during the week leading up to the event where necessary.

In 2025 we will be requiring each state to provide judges and belayers for the event as per the selection policy. For each five athletes registered, the state board must send one volunteer. For more information on these requirements please email info@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au

If you are interested in volunteering for this year's National Youth Climbing Championships please sign up here:

[2025 National Youth Volunteer Sign Up](#)



Contact

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

Spectators

Spectators will not be allowed in the marked competition area. Only State Team Coaches, Team Managers will be allowed in the area, along with judges and event volunteers.

Spectator viewing may be limited depending on the facility layout and number of spectators.

If further restrictions are required for safety or the smooth running of the event, priority will be given to those who volunteer at the event.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sport Climbing Australia