

# UP Boulder Competition - Rules & Regulations

Welcome to UP, Batuu's official climbing competition series! We're stoked to have you join us for the Boulder Series. To ensure a fair, safe, and exciting competition for everyone, please carefully review the following rules and regulations:

## I. General Rules:

1. **Eligibility:** Participants must be registered and have paid the entry fee. Age categories are determined by the competitor's birth year on the year of the competition.
2. **Sportsmanship:** All competitors are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship and respect towards other competitors, judges, event staff, and spectators. Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in penalties, warnings, or disqualification.
3. **Waiver:** All participants must sign a waiver form acknowledging the risks associated with climbing and releasing Batuu Climbing and its affiliates from liability. Participants under 18 years of age require a parent/guardian signature.
4. **Rules Interpretation:** The Chief Judge's interpretation of these rules is final. Any disputes or protests must be submitted to the Chief Judge within a specified timeframe (e.g., 15 minutes) after the incident occurs.
  - **Flash Format:** 30 minutes time frame after the competitor's climbing session is completed.
  - **Rotation Format:** 4 – 5 minutes before giving out score-card to head judge after the competitor's climbing session is completed.
  - **Carnival Format:** 30 minutes time frame after the competitor's climbing session is completed.
5. **Start Times:** Competitors must be present at the designated start time for their category. Late arrivals may be penalized or disqualified at the discretion of the organizers.
6. **Equipment:** Competitors are responsible for providing their own climbing shoes and chalk bags. All equipment must be in good working condition. The use of any artificial aids (e.g., sticky spray) is prohibited.

7. **Climbing Attire:** Appropriate climbing attire must be worn. Loose clothing that could interfere with climbing is discouraged.
8. **Alcohol and Drugs:** The consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited during the competition.
9. **Photography/Videography:** Batuu Climbing reserves the right to photograph and video record the event for promotional purposes. By participating, you consent to the use of your image and likeness in these materials.
10. **Changes to Rules:** Batuu Climbing reserves the right to modify these rules and regulations at any time without prior notice. Any changes will be announced to the competitors.

## II. Bouldering Specific Rules:

1. **Scoring System:** Scoring will be based on a combination of tops, zones, and number of attempts depending on the category/format. A "top" is achieved when a climber controls the final hold of a problem. A "zone" is achieved when a climber controls a designated hold on the problem.  
  
An attempt is counted once a competitor has all four limbs off the mat.  
  
An attempt will end when any limb touches the safety mattress/floor.
2. **Time Limit:** Competitors will have a set time limit depending on the category/format to attempt all problems in the qualifying round. The time limit will be announced before the start of the competition.
3. **Isolation:** Competitors may be placed in isolation before their round to prevent them from observing other climbers attempting the problems.
4. **Problem Order:** The order in which competitors attempt the problems may be predetermined or chosen by the competitor, depending on the format of the round. This will be clarified before the competition starts.
5. **Use of Holds:** Competitors may use any part of the wall within the black tape zone to ascend the problem except for bolts on the wall.
6. **Assistance:** Competitors are not allowed to receive any assistance from other climbers, spectators, or coaches during their attempts.
7. **Finals Format:** The format for the finals round is rotation format.

8. **Tie-Breaks:** In the event of a tie in scoring, tie-break criteria will be used to determine the final rankings. These criteria may include number of tops, number of zones, number of attempts, or previous round performance.

### III. Category-Specific Rules (If Applicable):

- Specific rules may apply to different categories (e.g., youth categories). These will be clearly communicated before the competition.

### IV. Protests:

- Any protests regarding scoring, rules violations, or other issues must be submitted in writing to the Chief Judge within 15 minutes of the incident. The protest must include specific details of the incident and any supporting evidence.
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### V. Disqualification:

- Batuu Climbing reserves the right to disqualify any competitor for violating these rules and regulations, unsportsmanlike conduct, or any other behaviour deemed detrimental to the competition.

### VI. Carnival Format (Youth B-E):

- Self-scoring is permitted. Participants, guardians or marshals are allowed to justify the score.

This rule set is a guideline. The final rules will be announced to all participants within their Competition Briefing Email. Please direct any questions to Angie through WhatsApp at [60172030800](https://www.whatsapp.com/business/profile/60172030800). We look forward to a great competition!