



## Information for Athletes, Parents, and Coaches Regarding 2021-22 Youth Bouldering Regionals Registration

There are two key components related to competing at the Youth Bouldering Regional Championships: 1) becoming eligible and 2) registering for the event.

**Eligibility:** Per section 8.2 of the USA Climbing Rulebook, there are a few paths to earning eligibility to compete at Youth Bouldering Regionals.

- **For US citizens:** be ranked in the top twenty-six (26) in your Region and Category's Youth Qualification Bouldering Rankings when only US citizens are considered and no Regionals pre-qualified athletes are considered. (Non-US citizens and Regionals pre-qualified athletes do not affect another competitor's place in this ranking.)
- **For non-US citizens:** be ranked in the top twenty-six (26) in your Region and Category's Youth Qualification Bouldering Rankings among all athletes in your Region. (Unlike above, non-US citizens and Regionals pre-qualified athletes may affect another competitor's place in this ranking.)
- Athletes who are pre-qualified for Regionals are those who:
  - are a current World Champion, Pan American Champion, or National Champion in Bouldering in either the Youth or Elite Series; or
  - are the current National Champion in the All-Around Combined, among US citizens who competed in all of the Boulder, Lead, and Speed Disciplines at the 2021 Youth National Championships; or
  - were ranked in the top three (3) in the National Rankings in Bouldering in the Youth or Elite Series in any category at the end of the 2020-21 season; or
  - represented the US in Bouldering at the 2021 Youth World Championships; or
  - are a resident of the state of Alaska or Hawaii (Alaska residents compete in Region 12; Hawaii residents compete in Region 31)

In addition, per Rule 2.7.3, if an athlete changes Regions during the Bouldering season but does not achieve a top-26 ranking in her/his new Region by the end of the season, the athlete shall be "extra-qualified" for Regionals (i.e., doesn't take anyone else's spot), but only if the sum of the Ranking Points from their best two (2) Bouldering QE results from their previous Region and/or their current Region is greater than or equal to the total points of the twenty-sixth (26th) ranked competitor in their Category in their new Region. Contact USA Climbing at [events@usacimbing.org](mailto:events@usacimbing.org) if you believe this applies to you.

USA Climbing has been publishing the Youth Qualification Bouldering Rankings during the season and will publish final Rankings at the conclusion of the QE season, which ends on Saturday, December 18.

**Registration:** USA Climbing will send an invitation to all athletes who meet the eligibility requirements above to the email address associated with the primary contact in their USAC Membership System account ([usacimbing.sport80.com](mailto:usacimbing.sport80.com)) per the schedule outlined at the end of this document. Eligible athletes wishing to compete must have an active Competitor Membership, and their Membership Region must match the Region of the Youth Regional Championship for which they are registering. Registration and payment takes place through the USAC Membership System; the 2021-22 Regionals registration fee is \$135.

## 2021-22 Youth Bouldering Regionals Registration Information

The timeline for the registration process for the Youth Regional Championships is guided by the following sections of the Rulebook:

**2.6.6** *USA Climbing competitions shall have one (1) registration round, where that registration round has one (1) or more registration periods.*

- a) *USA Climbing competitions shall have a registration period termed the Normal Registration period.*
  - i) *The Normal Registration period duration shall be at least four (4) days.*
  - ii) *The Normal Registration period deadline shall be fifteen (15) days prior to the start of competition.*
- b) *A USA Climbing competition may have a registration period termed the Extended Registration period.*
  - i) *The Extended Registration period shall begin at the Normal Registration period deadline, and the Extended Registration period deadline shall be ten (10) days prior to the start of competition.*
  - ii) *Registrations during the Extended Registration period shall incur an additional \$50 Extended Registration fee.*
- c) *A USA Climbing competition that has an Extended Registration period may have a registration period termed the Late Registration period.*

**18.3.2** *Youth Regional Championships competitions shall have an Extended Registration period and shall not have a Late Registration period.*

In the 2021-22 season, there are two different weekends in which the Youth Bouldering Regional Championships will be taking place, depending on the Region. As such, there will be two registration periods based on the date of the Regional Championship. The timeline for Regionals registration for each Region is outlined below.

**NOTE:** there is only a single registration round (with Normal and Extended periods), and there are no “pass-down” invites to other athletes in the Region if an eligible competitor fails to register by the Extended Registration deadline.

	<b>Regions 22, 32, 41, 62, 71, 72, 81, &amp; 82</b>	<b>Regions 11, 12, 21, 31, 42, 51, 52, 61, 91, &amp; 92</b>
Last Bouldering Qualification Events completed	Saturday, December 18	
Initial Rankings and Regionals Eligibility lists published on USAClimbing.org	Tuesday, December 21	
Final Rankings and Regionals Eligibility lists published on USAClimbing.org	Thursday, December 23	
Invitations Emailed to Eligible Competitors, and the Normal Registration Period Opens	Monday, December 27	Monday, January 3
Normal Registration Period Closes, and the Extended Registration Period Opens	Friday, December 31 @11:59PM Mountain	Friday, January 7 @11:59PM Mountain
Extended Registration Period Closes	Wednesday, January 5 @11:59PM Mountain	Wednesday, January 12 @11:59PM Mountain
Regional Championship Weekend	Saturday & Sunday January 15-16	Saturday & Sunday January 22-23