



2021 USA Climbing Yeti National Championship **Informational Document**

November 13 – 15, 2021 | Momentum Millcreek | 3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84109
November 16 – 17, 2021 | Momentum Lehi | 401 S 850 E, Lehi, UT 84043

Schedule:

November 13, 2021 | Millcreek | Lead Qualification
November 14, 2021 | Millcreek | Lead Semi-Finals & Finals
November 15, 2021 | Millcreek | Speed Qualification & Finals
November 16, 2021 | Lehi | Bouldering Qualification
November 17, 2021 | Lehi | Bouldering Semi-Finals & Finals

A more detailed schedule may be found on the event webpage [HERE](#).

Technical Meeting:

The virtual technical meeting will be held, Friday, 11/12/21 at 5:00pm MT ([ZOOM LINK](#))

Travel Information:

[Hotel Reservation Link](#) (Room blocks expire October 29th)

COVID-19 Countermeasures:

In an effort to hold the safest event possible, **ALL** attendees of the 2021 USA Climbing National Championship being held at Momentum Millcreek and Momentum Lehi on November 13th – 17th, 2021 must adhere to the USAC National Championship COVID-19 Countermeasures document posted on the event webpage [HERE](#).

Event Participation:

Spectators:

- The qualification and semi-final rounds for bouldering and lead will be FREE to the public.
- The qualification and final rounds for speed will be FREE to the public.
- Tickets will be required for entry to the final rounds of bouldering and lead. Information about ticket sales will be provided on the event webpage [HERE](#). All finalists will receive a wristband to a preferred seating area that may be given to whom they choose but that

individual must have purchased a spectator ticket. A competitor's bib (specific to each discipline) will gain them entry into that specific discipline's finals.

Eligibility:

- The National Championship Eligibility Ranking may be found [HERE](#).
- **National Championship Qualification and Seeding**
- The (Elite) National Championship event rules are set forth in the USA Climbing Rulebook, subject to relevant eligibility and seeding rules within the Team Selection Procedures document.
- To be eligible for the National Championship, a competitor must be sixteen (16) years of age or older on December 31st of the year of the first World Cup immediately following the National Championship.

For the avoidance of doubt, if the National Championship is late in the calendar year, a competitor who is fifteen (15) years of age on December 31st of the year of the National Championship will not have been eligible for other Elite Series events that year (e.g. North American Cup Series), but may still achieve eligibility for the National Championship via performance at the Youth National Championship that year.

- The competitor Qualification requirements for NCH eligibility for US citizens for each of the Lead, Boulder, and Speed Disciplines are as follows: (Important: see 2021 National Championship Eligibility Exceptions below.)

Pri	NCH Disc.	Set of Eligible Athletes	Seed Order Within Set (*d)	Notes
1	B,L,S	US Olympic Team or Recent US Olympic Team	Olympic Seed/Rank	(a)
2	B,L,S	Discipline World Elite	Disc CUWR	(a)
3	B,L,S	Top 80% (at most top-80 rank) in Discipline Nationals Eligibility Ranking	Disc NER	(b)(c)(d)
4	B,L	Top-3 Boulder+Lead Youth National Team Ranking	B+L YNTR	(a)(d)(e)(f)
5	B,L,S	Top-6 Discipline Youth National Team Ranking	Disc YNTR	(a)(d)(e)
6	B,L	Top-1 Boulder+Lead Collegiate National Team Ranking	B+L CNTR	(a)(d)(e)(f)
7	B,L,S	Top-3 Discipline Collegiate National Team Ranking	Disc CNTR	(a)(d)(e)

NCH Disc. column: criterion applies to (B)oulder, (L)ead, and/or (S)peed.

Notes:

- a. Only applicable to U.S. citizens. (e.g., National Team Rankings only include U.S. citizens.)
- b. For each of the Lead, Bouldering, and Speed Disciplines, USA Climbing will determine and publish a Required Rank (N) in that Discipline's Nationals Eligibility Ranking in order for an athlete to be eligible via the Discipline Nationals Eligibility ranking for the National Championship in that Discipline.
- c. Given the number of National Team Ranking points required at the NCH+NTT for an athlete to be eligible for a WC/WCH, it is highly unlikely for that athlete to not have enough Nationals Eligibility ranking points from the NCH+NTT to qualify for, and likely be seeded well in, the following season's NCH, even if they do not accumulate any additional points between the NTT and the following season's NCH.

- d. Unless specified otherwise, order within a set is by way of the relevant National Ranking, Youth National Ranking, or Collegiate National Ranking.
 - e. Eligibility is based on Youth (or as relevant, Collegiate) National Team Ranking points solely from the Youth (or as relevant, Collegiate) National Championships in the last 15 months, based on ranking among *all* U.S. citizen competitors in the category, including those otherwise qualified for NCH and those not age-eligible for upcoming NCH. (i.e., top-N eligibility is not “passed down.”)
 - f. Not applicable to 2021 National Championship.
- The competitor Qualification requirement for NCH eligibility for non-US citizens for each of the Lead, Boulder, and Speed Disciplines is a top twenty (top-20) rank in a NACS competition in the Discipline since the prior National Championship.
 - The competitor Qualification requirements for NCH eligibility in this document are in addition to further requirements (e.g., USA Climbing membership) set forth in the USA Climbing Rulebook.
 - The competitor Seeding Order (i.e., used for starting lists in Bouldering Qualification Round) is strictly by the order of priority list in Rule 2.1.3. Non-US citizens shall be seeded as if they had Nationals Eligibility Ranking points and were ranked in the Nationals Eligibility Ranking. For the avoidance of doubt, non-US citizens are not actually awarded such points or ranking, but similar determinations are made for seeding purposes only.

2021 National Championship Eligibility Exceptions:

- For the 2021 National Championship **ONLY**, the requirement for top 80% in Nationals Eligibility Ranking is relaxed; any athlete with more than zero (0) Nationals Eligibility Ranking Points in the Discipline is granted eligibility.
- For the 2021 National Championship **ONLY**, any competitor:
 - granted eligibility for Lead by the above criteria and not granted eligibility for Bouldering by the above criteria is nonetheless granted eligibility for Bouldering and such a competitor is seeded last in Bouldering; and
 - granted eligibility for Boulder by the above criteria and not granted eligibility for Lead by the above criteria is nonetheless granted eligibility for Lead and such a competitor is seeded last in Lead.

Thus, any competitor eligible for either Boulder or Lead is eligible for both.
- For the 2021 National Championships **ONLY**, athletes may petition for their eligibility to the National Championships subject to the following:
 - To file a waiver petition, an athlete must email USA Climbing at eligibility@usacimbing.org with their rationale and supporting documentation by October 25th, 11:59pm MT.
 - To be considered eligible to file a waiver petition in the Bouldering or Lead disciplines, an athlete must have:
 - qualified for semi-finals in one of the most recent two (Elite) Nationals; or
 - been on the top-3 in one of the most recent two Youth Nationals or Collegiate Nationals.
 - To be considered eligible to file a waiver petition in the Speed discipline, an athlete must have qualified for the final round in one of the most recent two (Elite) Nationals.

Registration:

- Once registered, if a competitor is found to be ineligible for a specific discipline they will be removed from that discipline's competition.
- The normal registration period will open Monday, October 18th and will close Friday, October 29th at 11:59 pm MT.
- The extended registration period will open immediately following the normal registration period and close Wednesday, November 3rd at 11:59pm MT. Competitors are subject to a \$50 additional fee during the extended registration period.
- A late registration period will open immediately following the extended registration period and close Friday, November 12th at 11:59pm MT. Competitors are subject to a \$250 additional fee during the late registration period.

Cash Purse:

- Due to the financial impact of COVID, USA Climbing is unable to provide a cash purse to the level we have historically. This year's cash purse will be \$5,000 per discipline split between genders.

Athlete Check-In & Seeding:

All Competitors must check-in during their respective check-in times as outlined on the schedule. Competitors will receive their competition bibs at check-in and will be expected to wear them in the middle of their back throughout the competition.

Check-in for lead and speed qualification (November 13th and 15th respectively) will be rolling. Athletes are strongly encouraged to check in no later than 30 minutes prior to their climbing time to avoid being disqualified. If an athlete is not present at their climb when called, they will be disqualified.

Competitors shall be seeded in order of National Championship eligibility in Bouldering, with higher ranked competitors seeded ahead of lower ranked competitors. For the Lead and Speed disciplines, starting orders will be randomized.

Format:

The National Championship shall follow the USA Climbing Rulebook. The following summary does not override the Rulebook. In case of any discrepancy, the Rulebook shall govern.

Qualification:

- Bouldering:
 - Onsight format with 5 boulders. Competitors will have 5 minutes to attempt each boulder with a 5-minute rest between problems, there will not be a transition period.
 - The running order for Bouldering Qualification round will be in order of seeding for this event, such that the highest seeded competitor will be first in the Bouldering running order.
- Lead:
 - Flash format with two routes. Competitors will have 6 minutes to attempt each route with a minimum resting period of 50 minutes between the end of a competitors attempt on the first route and the start of that competitors attempt on the second route.
 - The holds on each route will be brushed approximately halfway through the running order.

- In the event of a tie, the competitors total time from both qualification routes will be used as the tie breaker.
- Route demonstrations will be available via a link on YouTube at minimum 1 hour before the competition begins. Route demonstration videos will not be available on in-venue displays.
- Lead Qualification running orders will be generated for Route A, by random selection, and then for Route B, in the same order of Route A but with a stagger of 50% rounding down where there is an odd number of competitors.
- **Speed:**
 - Climbers will be able to participate in a warm-up/practice session and attempt two practice runs prior to the Speed qualification round.
 - Since we'll be running this practice session in the qualification running order, Competitors must check-in by the time outlined in the event schedule to ensure a slot during the practice session.
 - Momentum Millcreek has a 15m IFSC Homologated Speed wall built by Walltopia, the official Volx IFSC speed holds and the 3-beep timing system to start each speed run, as outlined in the USA Climbing Rulebook. The speed wall meets the National Standard.
 - Any competitor making a False Start in any race in the Qualification round will be ranked last in that round.
 - The Qualification Round shall use the "Staggered" Starting Order. The "Staggered" order shall be determined as follows: a) for Lane A, by random selection; and b) for Lane B, in the same order as Lane A with a stagger of 50%, e.g., where the Starting List includes twenty (20) or twenty-one (21) competitors, the competitor starting 11th on Lane A will start 1st on Lane B.

Semi-Finals:

- **Bouldering:**
 - The top 20 ranked competitors based on the results of the Qualification round will advance to the Semi-Final round.
 - Onsight format with 4 boulders. Competitors will have 5 minutes to attempt each boulder with a 5-minute rest between problems, there will not be a transition period.
 - The running order for each round after the Qualification Round, will be the reverse of the ranking from the preceding round, i.e., the highest ranked starts last.
- **Lead:**
 - The top 26 ranked competitors based on the results of the Qualification round will advance to the Semi-Final round.
 - On-Sight Format with 1 Route. Competitors will have 6 minutes to attempt the route.
 - The running order for each round after the Qualification Round shall be the reverse of the ranking from the relevant preceding round, i.e., the best ranked starts last.

Finals:

- **Bouldering:**
 - The top 6 ranked competitors based on the results of the Semi-Final round will advance to the Final round.
 - Onsight World Cup format with 4 boulders. Competitors will have 4 minutes to attempt each boulder.
 - The running order for each round after the Qualification Round, will be the reverse of the ranking from the preceding round, i.e., the highest ranked starts last.
- **Lead:**

- The top 8 ranked competitors based on the results of the Semi-Final Round will advance to the Final round.
- On-Sight Format with 1 route per gender. Competitors will have 6 minutes to attempt the route.
- The running order for each round after the Qualification Round shall be the reverse of the ranking from the relevant preceding round, i.e., the best ranked starts last.
- Speed:
 - The top 16 ranked competitors based on the results of the Qualification Round will advance to the Final round.

1/8 stage	1/4 stage	1/2 stage	Final stage
1 A Qualifier #1 B Qualifier #16	9 A Winner Race 1 B Winner Race 2	13 A Winner Race 9 B Winner Race 10	15 A Loser Race 13 B Loser Race 14
2 A Qualifier #8 B Qualifier #9	10 A Winner Race 3 B Winner Race 4	14 A Winner Race 11 B Winner Race 12	16 A Winner Race 13 B Winner Race 14
3 A Qualifier #4 B Qualifier #13	11 A Winner Race 5 B Winner Race 6		
4 A Qualifier #5 B Qualifier #12	12 A Winner Race 7 B Winner Race 8		
5 A Qualifier #2 B Qualifier #15			
6 A Qualifier #7 B Qualifier #10			
7 A Qualifier #3 B Qualifier #14			
8 A Qualifier #6 B Qualifier #11			

- Speed Competitions with multiple rounds, where the Final Round uses a Knockout Format Final Round, shall use, for each stage of the Final Round, the starting orders as set out above, which also sets out the lane allocation for each race. If two or more competitors are tied following the immediately preceding round, their starting order in the first stage of the Final Round shall be determined by random selection.

Results:

Results can be viewed during all rounds of competition, on the USA Climbing website. Results will be made “official” following each round of competition on the USA Climbing website. Given the COVID restrictions placed on the National Championship, the appeals process and timeline will be further communicated during the virtual Technical Meeting, November 12th and provided to competitors as they check in for their competition.

National Team Selection 2022:

2022 Team Selection

We are finalizing the 2022 Team Selection Procedures document. The Team Selection process following the National Team Trials will be published on the USA Climbing website and circulated via email by November 5th, 2021.

While not finalized, eligibility to the 2022 National Team Trials will be awarded to the top ranked National Championship competitors, likely to be top-30 or top-40 in each Discipline.

Additionally, for Speed, there will be a benchmark time that will need to be met in at least one race in the Speed National Championship in order to be eligible for Speed at the NTT.

2022 Team Selection will be determined by adding a competitor's ranking points from both the 2021 National Championships and 2022 National Team Trials. There will be a higher amount of US quota invitations allocated to the Boulder+Lead Combined athletes with fewer invitations reserved for an individual discipline athlete in Boulder or Lead to those discipline's international competitions in 2022. The allocation of quota for Speed discipline international competitions will be solely for the Speed discipline athletes.

Additional Topics:

- Use of liquid chalk or a chalk ball is strongly encouraged.
- Personal fans (including but not limited to electric or manual) are prohibited.
- Competitors must use the brush designated to the route(s)/problems(s).
- Competitors must carry all personal belongings with them through each part of the competition. Personal belongings are not permitted to be left in Isolation or Warm-up areas.
- Competitors must wear masks at all times including during climbing and maintain 6-foot physical distance as much as feasible.
- MASKS: Facial masks shall cover the nose and mouth and extend below the chin. Acceptable masks for use during competition include: two-layer cloth masks, surgical masks, and sport facial masks. Masks not acceptable during competition include: Leon Paul Face Mask Shields, Neck/face sleeves or gaiters, masks with one-way valves. Single-use masks will be provided should an individual's mask be deemed inappropriate by USAC personnel.
- Competitors are responsible for providing their own climbing rope and rope bag, where the rope diameter must be between 9.6mm to 10.1mm and a minimum of 35 meters. Competitors may share a climbing rope with another competitor but if sharing a rope there must be at least 1 hour separation in climbing times, subject to additional sharing limitations established for the competition. If competitors do not arrange for a climbing rope for their personal use, they may not be able to climb in the competition. If you have any questions, please contact us: events@usacimbing.org or 303.499.0715.