

USA Climbing 2022 National Team Trials Rope Information for Lead Climbers

Lead rope check-in

- **Date & Time:** Friday, March 11, 2022, 3:00-5:00 pm. This is the evening before competition. Please allow adequate time for check-in
- **Address:** Stone Summit Climbing • 2801 George Busbee Parkway • Kennesaw, GA 30144 • 770-545-6227
- If you are unable to check your rope in at the designated time, please contact events@usacimbing.org
- **Rope Requirements:**
 - Lead ropes must be 9.5mm-10.1mm in diameter (9.8 mm preferred)
 - Rope must be a minimum of 40 meters in length (60m max preferred)
 - Ropes must be approved by manufacturer for lead climbing
 - Ropes with manufacturer's labels on both ends are preferred and will expedite the check-in
- At check-in, unbagged, coiled ropes will be placed into event bags and labeled with competitor's bib and telephone numbers. Ropes will then be checked, flaked, and staged for competition. Rope check-in team will contact athletes should concerns arise with their ropes
- Once checked-in, the belaying team will maintain control of ropes through all rounds for which athletes are eligible to compete
- **Self-inspection:** Prior to rope check-in please verify:
 - Your rope is dry
 - Your rope is not excessively dirty
 - Your rope has no visible damage
 - The ends are not frayed
- **New Ropes:** If you purchase a new rope for this competition please remove it from the packaging, flake it a few times, and coil it before checking it in. It is preferable that the rope is climbed on at least once or, at a minimum, clip it through a hung draw and pull the full length through in order to remove kinks and twists
- **Knot Reminder:** USA Climbing requires a figure-8 follow-through knot, with a "safety knot" (belayers will check and enforce). Neither a figure-9 nor a Yosemite finish is acceptable, by rule, as a "safety knot"