



2022 USA Climbing: Paraclimbing National Championships Informational Document

High Point Birmingham | Birmingham, AL | March 26th – 27th

The 2022 Paraclimbing National Championship will be at High Point Birmingham in Birmingham, AL.

March 23rd, 2022 | In-Person Classification | Lakeshore Foundation, Birmingham, AL

March 24th, 2022 | In-Person Classification | Lakeshore Foundation, Birmingham, AL

March 25th, 2022 | In-Person Classification | Lakeshore Foundation, Birmingham, AL

March 26th, 2022 | Qualification Round | High Point Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

March 27th, 2022 | Final Round | High Point Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

Athlete Classification / Registration:

Registration Deadlines:

Normal Registration: 2/8 – 3/7

Extended Registration: 3/8 – 3/18

Late Registration: 3/19 – 3/22

All Paraclimbing competitors must meet the specification for at least one category.

For each gender, the base categories are: Upper Limb Amputee (AU2), Lower Limb Amputee (AL2), Range of Power (RP3), Visually Impaired (B3), and Youth B. (For the avoidance of doubt, a competition shall have a minimum 5 Female and 5 Male categories.)

Adult Paraclimbing competitors must be at least sixteen (16) years of age or older, by December 31st, of the year in which the National Championship is held. Each Adult Paraclimbing competitor registering for a competition shall register in an appropriate category as defined in the Paraclimbing Classification System.

Youth Paraclimbing competitors must not exceed sixteen (16) years of age, by December 31st, of the year in which the National Championship is held. Each Youth

Paralimbing competitor registering for a competition shall register in the appropriate age category. Such competitor shall also indicate on their registration their appropriate category as defined in the Paralimbing Classification System.

USA Climbing will be conducting in-person classification at Paralimbing Nationals this year. During registration, competitors must select a classification appointment on March 23rd, 24th or 25th. Medical doctors will perform physical examinations to assess the competitor's range of motion, strength, and function. They will then use that information to classify each athlete based on the 2022 IFSC Classification Standards.

Competitors must be classified in order to compete in Paralimbing Nationals. If a competitor has a confirmed classification status from the IFSC, they do not need to get classified at Nationals. If they do not have a confirmed classification status from the IFSC, competitors will need to be classified at Nationals. During Nationals registration each competitor will select their classification time and select the sport class they have either competed in in the past or they think is the best fit. During classification they will be placed in the correct sport class. Classification will be done in accordance with 2022 IFSC Classification rules.

Prior to Nationals, competitors will also need to submit their IFSC Medical Diagnostic Form. To be classified, each competitor, must submit a new Medical Diagnostic Form: [Physical Impaired MDF](#) ; [Visual Impaired MDF](#); [Upload Here](#)

If a competitor has a confirmed classification status from the IFSC they will not need to supply a Medical Diagnostic Form.

Within Nationals registration, competitors will also select if they plan to represent USA Climbing if they are eligible to at IFSC competitions. If a competitor is not a U.S. Citizen and/or does not have a valid U.S. Passport, please select no, even if they plan to represent their home country at IFSC competitions. Each competitor will also be asked to complete a Google Form before the end of Nationals if they are interested in international competition.

Athlete / Coach / Aide Check-In & Technical Meeting:

Each competitor must have completed the High Point Birmingham waiver in order to check-in. Waivers should be filled out in advance via the High Point Birmingham website:

[High Point Birmingham Waiver](#)

The Jury President will host a virtual technical meeting Friday March 25th at 6 PM Central Time. Competition information such as format, timing, and rules will be presented, and time will be allocated to answer questions. A Zoom link will be provided via the event page on the USA Climbing Website.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84256742982?pwd=bDU0OG83ejJ5QnRLdjV3ZFIEaG9idz09>

Meeting ID: 842 5674 2982
Passcode: 156784

Technical Meeting Recording:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/yHfvuUnx0N8WfDxFSWaGlwu6Yc2fHvY58GqTy7ocUQkela0uBaotpwNUV0Z9YWY.U46kgR8i9RTQdRYc>

Passcode: L00VbD9?

Coaches:

Coaches will be required to register and scan their electronic or PDF membership card upon check in at the event. Membership cards can be found in the membership confirmation email. The PDF card can be printed, or the electronic card can be downloaded to your smartphone. Instructions can be found in your membership confirmation email. To access your membership confirmation email, please log in to your USA Climbing account, click on the “Memberships” tab/ “Current”/ “Resend Membership Email”.

Aides:

Aides will be required to register and scan their electronic or PDF membership card upon check in at the event. Membership cards can be found in the membership confirmation email. The PDF card can be printed, or the electronic card can be downloaded to your smartphone. Instructions can be found in your membership confirmation email. To access your membership confirmation email, please log in to your USA Climbing account, click on the “Memberships” tab/ “Current”/ “Resend Membership Email”. Aides will need to have a non-covered volunteer membership and complete the Center for SafeSport training in order to be able to register. Additionally, aides or their athletes need to fill out this [Google Form](#) so we can make sure all aides who intend to come are registered.

Open Category:

Competitors can register for the open category, which is for those who are impaired, but do not meet IFSC classification standards. The open category will be able to climb on any routes during the qualification round. The open category session will be assigned to either session 1 or session 2 according to what best fits within the overall competition and will be finalized no later than one (1) week prior to the competition. This season, there will not be a final for the open category. Those who compete in the open category do not need to complete the IFSC Medical Diagnostic Form.

VI Callers:

Callers for visually impaired climbers are required to have a USA Climbing Paraclimbing Membership. Callers also need to register for Paraclimbing National Championship. To do this, callers will reach out to Rachel Owens (rachel@usacimbing.org) to get a code to register at zero cost.

Entry & Ticketing:

There will be spectators at the 2022 Paraclimbing National Championship, however tickets will not be sold.

Schedule & Format:

The 2022 Paraclimbing National Championships shall be a two-round competition consisting of a Qualification Round and a Final Round.

Qualification:

USA Climbing will run a modified redpoint qualification round. Competitors will check-in to their session at High Point Birmingham. The Jury President of this competition will host a Competitor Meeting prior to the session.

Finals:

The quota for the Final round shall be floating quota determined as follow:

Number of Competitors in the Qualification Round	Final Round Quota
1 to 6	4
7 to 15	5
16 or more	6

~~The Final Round is to be Onsight Format, except for B category (visually impaired) athletes. Final round for athletes with a visual impairment shall use the flash system. Coaches can guide several visually impaired athletes, in the same category or not. Visual impaired Athletes and their callers are subject to the same constraints concerning isolation rules, but they are authorized to leave the isolation zone to join the competition area when proposed by the Jury President which could not be later than 30 minutes before the beginning of the competition. A video recording of the route should be continuously played back in the transit area from this moment to the end of the final round or, if a video recording is not possible, a live demonstration of the route shall be made not less than 30 minutes before the attempt of the first competitor. Demonstration shall not be done by someone having a disability.~~

All finalists must check-in to isolation within the time frame outlined on the Paraclimbing National Championship schedule.

Awards:

The awards ceremony for all disciplines will take place at the conclusion of the Finals Round at High Point Birmingham.

National Team Selection:

The U.S. Paraclimbing National Team, in each category, shall be composed of the top three (3) U.S. citizen competitors from the Paraclimbing National Championships. While categories for Paraclimbing athletes in USA Climbing competitions may be different from IFSC categories, the U.S. Paraclimbing National Team composition and invitations to international competitions shall be based on the IFSC categories. Invitations to compete at IFSC Paraclimbing World Championships may be extended to:

- a) Members of the U.S. Paraclimbing National Team, up to the maximum number of USA Climbing competitors eligible to compete based on the competition quota.
- b) In addition to (a), where the IFSC grants byes to Champion status competitors to compete in the Paraclimbing World Championships, U.S. citizens that hold such status may also be extended an invitation.

USA Climbing has the discretion to distribute additional or unused international competition invites among Paraclimbing National participants.

Covid Resources:

Please look at the USA Climbing [Return to Sport](#) and [Covid Countermeasures](#).

Questions:

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Owens: rachel@usacimbing.org