



USA Climbing 2024 Collegiate Nationals **Technical Meeting Outline**

Lead/Top Rope & Speed - Alta Climbing and Fitness, Gilbert, AZ
Boulder - Alta Boulders, Chandler, AZ

Overview and Disclaimer

This document is an outline for the Technical Meeting and it will be shared after the online Technical Meeting. While some rules will be discussed and/or summarized here, the Rulebook and the Team Selection Procedures document govern this event.

Event Links

[Event Page](#) (info sheet, latest schedule, results, etc.)

[Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Officials

Head Judging Officials (HJOs)

- **Jury President:** Ruchir Sehra
- **USAC Judges:** Joel Fisher & JoAnne Carilli
- **USAC Speed Judge:** Karalyn Aronow
- **Aspirant USAC Judge:** Kathryn Richards

Event Officials

- **Event Organizer:** Trevor Clay, trevor@usacimbing.org
- **Collegiate Series Manager:** Madeleine Palmer, madeleine@usacimbing.org
- **Technical Delegate:** John Muse
- **Volunteer Coordinators:** Madeleine Palmer & Kim Mitchell
- **Scorekeeper:** Tami Pellicane
- **Chief Routesetter:** Kyle McCabe
- **Head Belayer:** Karalyn Aronow
- **Assistant Head Belayer:** Alex Ku

General Info

- Event updates will be sent via WhatsApp. Athletes/Coaches can join using the link below.
 - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/HeaL6Ft7eerEjIN0COG7iP>
- Venue information: There are two venues for this competition:
 - Alta Climbing and Fitness - Gilbert, AZ - Lead, Top Rope, Speed
 - Alta Boulders - Chandler, AZ - Boulder
 - refer to the info sheet for the parking and entrance map
 - make sure you leave enough time to get to where you need to be (the venues are 20-30 min apart)
- Alta WiFi will prioritize judging and USAC.
- Competitors are responsible for being on time to the event and their respective climbing times for each route/boulder course. No exceptions!
- Competitor's and coaches are responsible to know information provided in the "Info Sheet," the Final Schedule, and the Current USAC Rulebook
- 2024 [Team Selection Procedures](#) document is online
- Finals for Lead and Bouldering and Speed will be Livestreamed on the USA Climbing YouTube channel.
- Start Lists will be posted on the USAC Startlist/Results website found on the Event Page; a notice will be emailed out to all competitors once live
- For Lead and Boulder Finals, any competitors coming to spectate will be allowed in the gym after Iso check-in closes, and must show their bib to be allowed entry. A Competitor list will be provided to the front desk for competitors who wish to spectate but have not yet received their bib(s).
- All Competitors must check-in during their respective check-in times as outlined in the schedule.
- Coach Check In:
 - Coaches are required to register for the "2024 Collegiate Nationals Coaches Registration" through their USA Climbing Membership Account in advance and are required to scan their electronic or PDF membership card and show ID upon check in at the event.
- Bibs
 - There is a separate bib for each discipline
 - Climbers will need to keep their assigned bib through all rounds for that discipline
 - Bibs must be visibly worn on the back of the shirt (and not under harness)
- Results
 - Provisional and Official results will be posted online. If there are any technical difficulties, they will be posted at the gym
- Appeals
 - Appeals must be made in person
 - Appeals may be made by a competitor or by a Certified Coach
 - Appeal Fee (\$100) must be submitted through a USA Climbing Membership account
 - Only Official Video and official broadcast video recordings will be considered in appeals

- Isolation (Lead/Top Rope Finals for both Advanced and Intermediate, Boulder Finals for Advanced)
 - Any devices with wireless (wifi/cellular/Bluetooth) connectivity are not allowed and will be collected upon Isolation entry and can be picked up at the spectator entry/exit
 - Climbers must carry all belongings with them; personal belongings are not permitted to be left in Isolation or Warm-up areas.
 - **If you are late to isolation check-in, you will not be allowed to check-in or start the round.** If there is an extenuating circumstance that will make you late (e.g., traffic accident), you **must** notify the JP at jurypresident@usaclimbing.org as early as possible and before isolation closes.
 - Isolation will have access to restrooms (portable), water coolers, and bouldering area
 - Competitors are not allowed to top out on Boulders in Isolation

Lead/Top Rope

- Advanced Categories - Lead; Intermediate Categories - Top Rope
- Qualification: Flash Format; 3 routes per category; Climb time format with max time of 5 minutes
 - Clock will not be visible to climber or spectators; Climbing Judge will notify competitor when time is done
 - Climbers are responsible to report to their climb in order of the Start List; Climbers are responsible for being ready to climb when the climber preceding them comes down.
 - We will be using “No Earlier Than” (NET) times; this is the earliest time that a competitor will climb, but the competitor may start later.
 - Route demonstration videos will be available via the USA Climbing YouTube channel by no later than 6am on Friday, May 24th, with best efforts to have them available following this Technical Meeting. A competitor’s phone or other capable device will be the sole means of accessing the route demonstration videos. INTERMEDIATE climbers please Note: Your video may show a climber doing Lead but you will do the same route on Top Rope only, not Lead.
 - Climbers need to restrict their warm up to the designated warm-up areas
 - Brush (Cleaning) Breaks: Multiple per route (max 28 competitors between breaks) for Qualification Rounds
- Finals – Isolation Format for both Intermediate and Advanced
 - 20 advance to Finals from Qualification
 - Isolation; Climb time format, 6 minutes, One Route per Category
 - 6 minute collective observation period for Finals Routes
 - Numbered Route Topo will be available through the online USAC Results website after the completion of the collective observation period.

- Official clock will be visible to climbers; NO audible beeps
- For Finals, All categories will climb at the same time. Once all competitors finish their attempt, the next group of competitors will climb.
- An Appeal relating to the termination of a competitor's attempt must be made prior to the next competitor starting their attempt
- An Appeal relating to the Scoring or Ranking of any competitor
 - Quals: Must be made within 20 minutes of the publication of the Official Results
 - Finals: Must be made within 10 minutes of the publication of the Official Results
- Competitors must use the ropes provided by USA Climbing for the event.

Speed

- Refer to the schedule for all session times
- 15 m speed wall; Deepron Timing System; Trublue Speed auto belay; Volx barcoded holds; National event standard Walltopia wall
- Wall has been inspected to determine homologation for records - Certified for National Record
- Claims for a Technical incident must be made by the competitor or certified coach before the start of the next race
- Brush (Cleaning) Breaks: Between each round
- Clippers will clip and unclip athletes
- Start Judge will direct field of play
- Speed Competition:
 - Practice Round: Standard format
 - 2 runs, one run on each lane
 - Same format and Start List as the qualification rounds
 - In event of false start, continue climbing, may not reclip practice run
 - Athletes may opt out of practice runs
 - Qualification Round: Standard format
 - All Speed Climbers with run in the Friday qualification rounds including the Intermediate Category
 - Climbers are responsible for reporting to the speed call zone in order of the starting list - women followed by men
 - Failure to report to the call zone shall result in a DNS
 - Climbers compete in pairs in staggered random running order
 - In the event of a false start, athletes may NOT advance to Finals, opposing athlete runs alone
 - If FS on first run, athlete may make second attempt for time rank but will not advance to Finals
 - Finals: Knockout Rounds/Duels

- With 16 or more valid times from Qualification round, 16 athletes will advance to finals
 - If between 8-15, 8 will advance
 - *intermediate categories will be climbing with Advance due to less than 4 competitors being registered in each intermediate category*
- Will alternate rounds, Men followed by Women
- False starts result in a loss
- Stages will advance through Final stages then to small and big Finals similar to IFSC knockout/dual finals

Boulder

- Qualification:
 - Rotation Redpoint Format; 2 Courses of 3 Boulders each. Each boulder will have a low Zone and a Zone for Intermediate but only a Zone for Advanced.
 - This is a new format for many competitors! Please check the USA Climbing Rulebook (section 8.9, page 78-79)
 - Please be at the start of each course at your scheduled time otherwise you will not be able to participate in that course.
 - Continuous Rotation; 4 minute climb time, 15 sec preparation period
 - 20 competitors will advance to finals
- Finals:
 - 20 competitors will advance to Finals
 - Advanced Categories: Isolation Format; 4 Boulders; Single Rotation; 4 minute climb time, 15 sec preparation period, No low Zones
 - Intermediate Categories: Rotation Redpoint Format; 1 Course of 4 Boulders; 4 minute climb time, 15 sec preparation period,
 - Round will be preceded by athlete introductions
 - For Advanced Categories, there will also be a Route Observation period prior to the Round (2 min/boulder)
- Competitors are expected to provide their own supplies to manage bleeding (e.g., athletic tape, cloth); an EMT will be on site for serious injuries
- An Appeal that would entitle the competitor to make further attempts on the relevant boulder:
 - Qualifier: Must be made before the finish of the next Climbing Period
 - Finals: Must be made prior to the next competitor starting their attempts
- Appeals relating to the scoring or ranking of any competitor:
 - Qualifier: Must be made within 20 minutes of the publication of the Official Results

- Finals: Must be made within 10 minutes of the publication of the Official Results
- Boulder Judges will be given the following instructions regarding the Scoring of Starts and Tops:
 - Make sure competitors make a Correct start, i.e., a stable Controlled body position with both hands and both feet on the Starting Holds
 - A Top is only given if the competitor is in a stable, Controlled body position with both hands matched on the Top Hold

National Team and World University Games Info - John Muse