



## 2025 National Team Trials Rules Addendum

## **USA Climbing Rulebook Addendum**

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*This 2025 NTT Rules Addendum is subject to approval by USA Climbing's Chief Executive Officer. In the event of any conflict between USA Climbing's Bylaws and this Rulebook, USA Climbing's Bylaws will control.*

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Where there is any conflict between this Addendum and the Rulebook for any rule, this Addendum shall govern.

This document is subject to change.

### Introduction

On Jan 31, 2025, USA Climbing communicated to all NTT eligible athletes the intent to adopt some 2025 IFSC rules changes for USA Climbing's 2025 National Team Trials (NTT).

Much of the 2025 NTT will continue to utilize the current 2024-2025 USA Climbing rules as well as other USA Climbing policies and rules. There are, however, significant changes in the 2025 IFSC rules that USA Climbing has determined are important to include in the event, as well as other appeals-related rules changes.

The following are the rules changes that are adopted for the 2025 NTT event that supersede the USA Climbing 2024-2025 Rulebook.

### Appeals

- Wherever rules allow appeals to be initiated verbally, the deadline for submission of the written appeal is five (5) minutes after the appeal has been verbally initiated with the JP.
- The deadline for appeals in the Final round is five (5) minutes after the publication of the Official Results, unless the remaining time before that deadline to appeal is waived by all competitors after publication of the Official Results.

### Lead

- The quota for Semi-Finals is twenty-four (24) (was 26)<sup>1</sup>
- The quota for Finals is eight (8) (no change)<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Actual advancement may be greater if National Team Preselected competitors finish in the range of advancement

<sup>2</sup> See note 1

## Boulder

- The quota for Semi-Finals is twenty-four (24) (was 20)<sup>3</sup>
- The quota for Finals is eight (8) (was 6)<sup>4</sup>
- Scoring and Ranking will follow the 2025 IFSC World Cup Regulations, Annex C
- Scoring will use points as set forth in Annex C, section 5.1<sup>5</sup>

### 5 SCORING

5.1 The score for a boulder will be calculated as follows:

- A) where the competitor has been awarded a Zone, as 10 points, with a deduction of 0.1 points for each attempt made before the Zone is awarded,
- B) where successfully completed, as 25 points, with a deduction of 0.1 points for each unsuccessful attempt.

The final score for a boulder will be the greater of the value calculated under (A) or (B), and 0.0 (i.e., the point score on a boulder cannot be negative).

- Ranking will use only the scoring points, as set forth in Annex C, section 7.1 (e.g., ranking will \*not\* use USA Climbing Rule 8.14.3(ii) as a tie-breaker)

### 7 RANKING

7.1 Competitors who do not start the first boulder in a round will be unranked and marked DNS in the round. Competitors starting a course of boulders will be ranked in descending order of the total number of points gained by them on the course. Ties will be broken by count-back to the General Ranking after the preceding round, unless that round used multiple starting groups.

- Boulder Final round rotational format will be that which was used for the 2024 Paris Olympic Final Boulder stage, which is similar to the Semi-Final round format except that:
  - For each competitor, there are three (3) rest rotations between boulders.<sup>6</sup>
  - Like the standard Final round format, competitors do not face the boulder to start their attempts until directed by the judge.
  - Like the standard Final round format, the next competitor(s) will be brought out as soon as the field of play is clear, regardless of time remaining in the prior rotation.
  - Like the standard Final round format, the Climbing Period shall be four (4) minutes.

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<sup>3</sup> Actual advancement may be greater if National Team Preselected competitors finish in the range of advancement

<sup>4</sup> See note 3

<sup>5</sup> If the boulder is successfully completed (TOP), the number of attempts before being awarded the zone does not factor into the score. Thus, competitors with t4z1 and t4z4 on a boulder both score 24.7 points.

<sup>6</sup> There will be no more than two (2) competitors on the field of play at any one time. Therefore, if more than eight (8) competitors advance to Finals (i.e., in the case of Team Preselected), then additional rest rotations will be added. For example, with 9 competitors in Finals, one additional rest will be added between Boulders 2 and 3; with 10 competitors in Finals, an additional rest will be added between each set of successive boulders; etc.

## Speed:

- The ranking in the Speed qualification round, the eligibility to advance to the final round, and the quota for the final round will follow the 2025 IFSC World Cup Regulations, Annex B
- The qualification round ranking will be as set forth in Annex B, section 8.1.<sup>7</sup>

8.1 Competitors who do not start at least one route in the round will be unranked and marked DNS in the round. Competitors starting at least one route will be ranked in the following order:

- A) first: any competitors who have not made a **False Start** in ascending order of their best recorded time. If multiple competitors have the same best recorded time, their relative ranking will be by similar comparison of their second result placing competitors with a second time ahead of any without.
- B) second: any competitors who recorded a **Fall** on both routes
- C) third: any competitors who made a **False Start**, ranked relative to each other by comparison of their second result.

- The definition of a "fall" in Speed will be as found in 2025 IFSC Rules, endnote 16 (from section 8.1(B))<sup>8</sup>

<sup>16</sup> In speed, a fall should be considered to have occurred where a climber is not able to recover by grabbing another hold or re-gaining their footing.

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<sup>7</sup> Competitors who make a False Start are ranked, and are eligible to advance to the final round, though they are ranked after all those who started the round and did not make a False Start. (A False Start is a valid result, whereas DNS, DSQ, DQB are Invalid Result Marks.)

<sup>8</sup> For example, a Speed competitor who comes completely off the wall and swings back in, returning to the wall, (before contacting the ground) may continue their attempt