



USA Climbing Rulebook 2024-2025

Addendum A

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Rulebook Addendum

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

To assist the reader in identifying the changes contained in this Rulebook Addendum, commentary text, if any, is presented in *italic text*, rule text that has been added is marked in red underlined text, and rule text that has been deleted is marked in ~~red strikethrough text~~.

B1 Category Paraclimbing competitors may provide their own blindfold, subject to Jury President approval, as updated in 3.6.2:

3.6.2 A competitor must wear a top, bottoms, climbing shoes and (where relevant) a harness during their attempts. If competing in the B1 Paraclimbing category (i.e., equivalent to an IFSC category that requires a blindfold), a competitor must wear a blindfold either provided by the Event Organizers or approved by the Jury President.

Note if the relevant officials (e.g., Jury President) are unable to sufficiently inspect a harness (e.g., a harness that is integrated into clothing) a Head Judging Official may determine that they are unable to evaluate the harness's level of safety and therefore disallow the harness under the Safety rules in Rule 3.1 and Rule 7.3.3.

The Jury President may take steps outlined in 7.8.6 to ensure fair access to a route/boulder when a competitor appears to be making little progress on a route/boulder without a time limit:

7.8.6 The Jury President has the discretion to instruct a Classic Redpoint or Modified Redpoint competitor to make progress on an attempt or risk having their attempt terminated and must only do so in a fair and consistent manner. Before terminating the attempt, the Jury President should make a reasonable attempt to determine that the competitor's attempt has stalled; once determined, the Jury President must provide the competitor verbal instructions indicating how much time they have before their attempt is terminated. For example, a competitor on a route making no progress for several minutes may be instructed to make progress in the next minute or their attempt will be terminated.

Lead/Top Rope Formats in 12.8.1 are added for:

- Collegiate National Championship Final Round for Intermediate Category
- Paraclimbing National Championship Qualification Round

12.8.1 The following table sets forth specified aspects of Lead/Top Rope Competition Rounds:

Competition	Round	Format	Number of Routes	Time Format and Climbing Period (minutes)
National Championships (“Elite” Series)	Qual	Flash	2	Climb 6
	Semi	Isolation	1	Climb 6
	Final	Isolation	1	Climb 6
Youth Qualification Series (see Rule 12.8.2)	Final	Modified Redpoint	[3,4,5] (3.14.1e)	[Climb 4 or 5 or 6] (3.14.1e)
	Final	Classic Redpoint	(7.8.2)	n/a
	Final	Isolation	2 or 3	Rotation 5 or 6
	Final	Flash	2 or 3	Climb 5 or 6
Youth Regional Championships	Final	Isolation	3	Rotation 5 or 6
Youth Divisional Championships	Qual	Flash	2	Climb 5 or 6
	Final	Isolation	1	Climb 6
Youth National Championships	Qual	Flash	2	Climb 6
	Semi	Isolation	1	Climb 6
	Final	Isolation	1	Climb 6
Collegiate Qualification Series (see Rule 12.8.2)	Final	Modified Redpoint	[3,4,5] (3.14.1e)	[Climb 4 or 5 or 6] (3.14.1e)
	Final	Flash	2 or 3	Climb 5 or 6
	Final	Classic Redpoint	(7.8.2)	n/a
Collegiate Nationals Qualification Events	Final	Flash	2 or 3	Climb 5 or 6
Collegiate National Championships	Qual	Flash	2 or 3	Climb 5 or 6
	Final	Flash (Intermediate only)	1	Climb 6
	Final	Isolation	1	Climb 6
Paraclimbing National Championships	Qual	Flash	2 or 3	Climb 5 or 6
	Qual	Redpoint	[see 7.8]	[see 7.8]
	Final	Isolation	1	Climb 6
Recreational Series	-	[any]	[any]	[any]

Table 12-1 Competition Lead/Top Rope Formats

- a) Where the table provides for discretion, or a competition plus round appears more than once in the table, the format shall be at the discretion of the Jury President after consultation with the Event Organizer and the Head Routesetter.
- b) Format of the Lead/Top Rope competition: Isolation, Flash, or Modified Redpoint.
- c) All Categories at a given competition shall have the same number of routes.
- d) Subject to Sport Discretion (Rule 1.9.2), Youth Qualification Series and Collegiate Qualification Series Flash Format competitions may utilize a Climbing Period of 4 minutes.
- e) Modified Redpoint aspects contained within “□” in the above table are subject to Rule 7.8.3.

The Category names in 12.9.1 are fixed to reflect updated 2024-2025 Categories:

12.9.1 The following table sets forth specified aspects of Boulder Competition Rounds:

Competition	Round	Format	Number of Boulders	Number of Zones	Climbing Period (minutes)
National Championships (“Elite” Series)	Qual	Isolation	5	1	5
	Semi	Isolation	4	1	5
	Final	Isolation	4	1	4
Youth Qualification Series (see Rule 12.9.1)	Final	Modified Redpoint	[6 to 10] (c)	1 or 2	n/a
	Final	Rotation Redpoint	4 to 10 (1 or more courses)	1 or 2	4
	Final	Classic Redpoint	(8.10.2)	0	n/a
	Final	Isolation	4	1 or 2	4
Youth Regional Championships	Final	Isolation	4	1 or 2	4
Youth Divisional Championships	Qual	Isolation	4	1 or 2	4
	Qual	Rotation Redpoint	4-6 (e)	1 or 2	4
	Final	Isolation	4	1	4
Youth National Championships	Qual	Isolation	4 or 5	U17/19/20:1 U15: 1 or 2	4
	Qual	Rotation Redpoint	2 courses of 3	U17/19/20:1 U15: 1 or 2	4
	Semi	Isolation	4	1	4
	Final	Isolation	4	1	4
Collegiate Qualification Series (see Rule 12.9.2)	Final	Modified Redpoint	[6 to 10] (c)	1 or 2	n/a
	Final	Rotation Redpoint	4 to 10 (1 or more courses)	1 or 2	4
	Final	Classic Redpoint	(8.10.2)	0	n/a
Collegiate Nationals Qualification Events	Final	Modified Redpoint	[6 to 10] (c)	1 or 2	n/a
	Final	Rotation Redpoint	4 to 10 (1 or more courses)	1 or 2	4
Collegiate National Championships	Qual	Modified Redpoint	[6 to 10] (c)	1 or 2	n/a
	Qual	Rotation Redpoint	4 to 10 (1 or more courses)	1 or 2	4
	Final	Isolation	4	1	4
	Final (d)	Rotation Redpoint	4 (1 course)	1	4
Recreational Series	-	(any)	(any)	(any)	(any)

Table 12-2 Competition Boulder Formats

- a) Where the table provides for discretion, or a competition plus round appears more than once in the table, the format shall be at the discretion of the Jury President after consultation with the Event Organizer and the Head Routesetter, except for the following:
 - i) The number of zones on a boulder, where such discretion is provided in the table, shall be at the discretion of the Head Routesetter in consultation with the Jury President.
- b) All Categories at a given competition shall have the same number of Boulders.
- c) Modified Redpoint aspects contained within “[]” in the above table are subject to Rule 8.10.3.
- d) Rotation Redpoint Format in the Final round of the Collegiate National Championships shall:
 - i) utilize a start list ordered by Qualification round rank (best ranked starting last); and
 - ii) not be allowed for Advanced Categories.
- e) Rotation Redpoint at the Youth Divisional Championship must use either:
 - i) one (1) course of four (4) boulders, five (5) boulders, or six (6) boulders; or
 - ii) two (2) courses each of two (2) boulders or three (3) boulders,where competitions that use a single course of boulders should utilize a seeded Start Order based on Regional Championship ranking (highest ranked ordered last), though the seeding method and the number of courses and boulders of Rotation Redpoint at the Youth Divisional Championship is subject to Sport Discretion.

The Final round appeal deadline in 12.13.1 for “Elite” Series competitions is updated:

12.13.1 The following table sets forth appeal fee and select deadlines of USA Climbing Lead/Top Rope and Boulder competition rounds.

Competition Types & Categories	Round	Appeal Fee	Scoring & Ranking Appeal Deadline (3.14.1a)
National Championships and NTT (“Elite” Series)	Qual	\$100	5 minutes
	Semi	\$100	5 minutes
	Final	\$100	5 minutes(b)
Youth Qualification Series	Final	\$25	10 minutes
Youth Regional Championships	Final	\$100	10 minutes
Youth Divisional Championships	Qual	\$100	20 minutes
	Final	\$100	10 minutes
Youth National Championships	Qual	\$100	20 minutes
	Semi	\$100	20 minutes
	Final	\$100	10 minutes
Collegiate Qualification Series	Final	\$25	10 minutes
Collegiate Nationals Qualification Events	Final	\$100	10 minutes
Collegiate National Championships	Qual	\$100	20 minutes
	Semi	\$100	20 minutes
	Final	\$100	10 minutes
Paraclimbing National Championship	Qual	\$100	20 minutes
	Final	\$100	10 minutes
Recreational Series	-	none	10 minutes

Table 12-6 Competition Appeal Fees and Certain Appeal Deadlines

- a) The deadline regarding making an appeal relating to the scoring or ranking of any competitor (Rules 7.13.6(b) and 8.15.5(b)) shall be as indicated in the table above, where the relevant entry in the table is either:
 - i) “Immediate”, meaning immediately following the display of the relevant competitor’s Provisional Result (or where no Provisional Result is displayed, the Official Result); or
 - ii) the number of minutes after the publication of the Official Results.
- b) Unless remaining time to submit appeals is waived by all competitors after publication of the Official Results.