



Technical Meeting Outline

USA Climbing 2025 National Team Trials

March 12-16, Mesa Rim Climbing Center - Austin

1205 Sheldon Cove, Building 3, Austin, TX 78753

Introductions:

- **Event Organizer:** Trevor Clay
- **HJO Team** - Josh Calfy (JP), Andrew Krajnik & Meredith Buehner (USAC Judges), Holger Roehl (Aspirant USAC Judge)
- **Score Keeper** - Tami Pellicane
- **Head Belay** - Toby Monroe

General Info:

- **Athlete/Coach WhatsApp:** [2025 NTT Athletes/Coaches](#)
- [Team Selection Procedures](#)
- [USA Climbing Rulebook](#)
- [Addendum A](#)
- [2025 NTT Addendum](#)



- Competitors will only be permitted to use the back staircase (*located at athlete/coach check-in*) to move between upstairs and downstairs. Competitors WILL NOT be allowed to use the front staircase (*located next to the front desk*) at any time.
- Competitor's and coaches are responsible to know information provided in this Technical Document, the "2025 NTT Info Sheet," the Final Schedule, the Current USAC Rulebook, the Addendum A, and the 2025 NTT Rules Addendum
- Finals for Speed; and Semi-Finals and Finals for Lead and Boulder will be Livestreamed on Outside Watch TV, and their YouTube channel which will be linked on the Event Page
- Start Lists for each discipline will be published, no later than 90 minutes prior to the start of the Qualification round, on the USAC website under the Event Page, and a notice will be sent out to all competitors.
- Any competitors who have advanced to the next round will check-in according to the schedule.
- Competitors coming to spectate any round they are not competing in, will be allowed entry into the venue when it opens to the public.
- All Competitors must check-in during their respective check-in times as outlined in the schedule.
- Coach Check In:
 - Coaches will be required to register for the event 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 specific 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.
- Brush Breaks
 - Speed – Between each round including practice round
 - Lead – Women: 1 per route for Quals, and 1 for Semis; Men: 1 per route for Quals and 1 for Semis
- Appeals
 - Appeals must be made in person
 - Appeals may be made by a competitor or on a competitor's behalf by any Certified Coach
 - Appeal Fee (\$100) must be submitted in Cash or through Sport80 before an appeal will be accepted.
 - Only official video will be considered in appeals; will not consider spectator video
- Isolation
 - Please don't bring anything with wifi/cellular/Bluetooth connectivity into Isolation. We will collect devices upon entry and they can be picked up at the designated location provided at check-in

- Climbers must carry all belongings with them. Personal belongings are not permitted to be left in Isolation or Warm-up areas.
- Please clean up after yourself. Dispose of any trash before you leave Isolation.
- **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 (i.e traffic accident, flat tire, etc.), you **must** notify the JP at jurypresident@usaclimbing.org before isolation closes. Accommodations may be provided at the discretion of the judging team.
- No topping out on the top-out boulder. This may result in a competitor being disqualified

ADDENDUM A and 25 NTT ADDENDUM UPDATES

- **This is a highlight of the updates that specifically relate to 2025 National Team Trials from Addendum A and the 2025 National Team Trials Rules Addendum. Competitors and Coaches are responsible to know the information from these documents.**
 - Appeals
 - The appeal deadline for Finals in both Lead and Boulder is 5 minutes after the publication of the Official Results.
 - The Jury President can mark Official prior to the 5 minute deadline, if remaining time to submit an appeal is waived by all competitors from that round.
 - Whenever rules allow appeals to be initiated verbally, the deadline for submission of the written appeal is 5 minutes after the appeal has been verbally initiated with the Jury President.
 - Lead and Boulder Advancement Quotas
 - The quotas for both Lead and Boulder Semi-Finals is 24 and for Finals is 8
 - Actual advancement may be greater if National Team Preselected competitors finish in the range of advancement
 - Boulder Scoring
 - The score for a boulder will be calculated as follows:
 - 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
 - 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 either 10 or 25 with attempt deductions (the score on a boulder cannot be negative)
 - The following boulder placards will be utilized: Start, 10, and 25
 - '10' represents the scored 'Zone' hold
 - '25' represents the scored 'Top' hold
 - Boulder Ranking

- 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-backs to the General Ranking after the preceding round, unless that round uses multiple starting groups.
- Boulder Final round rotational format will be that which was used for the 2024 Paris Olympic Final Boulder stage
 - For each competitor, there are 3 rest rotations between boulders
 - Should any National Team Preselected competitors advance to finals, an additional rest rotation will be added
 - Like the standard Final round format,
 - competitors do not face the boulder to start their attempts until directed by the judge
 - 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
 - the Climbing Period shall be 4 minutes
- Speed Qualification Round Ranking
 - 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:
 - 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 comparisons of their second results placing competitors with a second time ahead of any without
 - second: any competitors who recorded a FALL on both routes
 - third: any competitors who made a FALSE START, ranked relative to each other by comparison of their second result
- Speed Falls
 - 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

Lead

- Qualification: Flash Format; 2 routes per gender; Climb time format with max time of 6 minutes
 - Clock will not be visible to climber or spectators; Climbing Judge will track climb time and attempt to notify competitor when time is done
 - Climbers are responsible to report to their climb in order of the Start List. If a competitor is unable to start at the relevant time, no rescheduling shall be permitted. Starting order will indicate which route the climber climbs first
 - We will be using "No Earlier Than" (NET) times. This is the earliest time that you will climb. If a climb is climbing slower, you may start your climb after this NET time, but no one will ever climb earlier than their NET time.

- Climbers are encouraged to allow for sufficient time to warm up. Pay attention to the climb time and climb order on the Start list for both routes. Some climbers will be starting with Route 1 and others will be starting with Route 2.
- Climbers are responsible for being ready to go when the previous climber comes down.
- Demonstration video will be linked on the Event Page. Competitors will be notified via email and WhatsApp. Competitors will be allowed to use their phone or other device while in the gym.
 - Route Demonstration Videos available no later than 7:00 AM on 3/12
- Climbers will be able to warm up in the designated warm-up/Isolation area within the gym, upstairs.
- Semi-Finals & Finals: Isolation Format
 - 24 competitors advance to Semis, 8 advance to Finals
 - With 20 females confirmed for the Lead discipline, the qualification round will serve as a seeding round for Semi-Finals.
 - Isolation; Climb time format, 6 minutes, One Route per Round
 - There will be a 6 minute collective observation period for both Semis and Finals Routes
 - Official clock will be visible to climbers; no audible beeps
 - Finals will be preceded by Competitor Introductions
 - Finals- Men will climb first, followed by Women
- An Appeal relating to the termination of a competitor's attempt must be made prior to the next competitor starting their attempt.
- If it is relating to the scoring or ranking of any competitor
 - Quals and Semis – must be made within 5 minutes of the publication of the Official Results
 - Finals – 5 minutes, but any remaining time can be waived by all competitors from that round
- Lead climbers must tie in with a figure-8 follow-through knot with a “safety knot”
- Topo viewing for coaches/appeals
 - Qualification: Will be made available soon after the demonstration videos are published.
 - Semi-Finals/Finals: Available after the completion of the collective observation period.
- Competitors must use the ropes provided by USA Climbing for the event.

Speed

- 15 m speed wall; Deepron Timing System; National Record standard wall; Volx barcoded holds
- Speed Wall will be inspected Wednesday, 3/12 and checked for recertification for National Record
- Claims for a Technical incident must be made by the competitor or certified coach before the start of the next race
- Clippers will clip and unclip each climber
- Format:

- Practice Period: 2 runs
- Same format and start list as the qualification round
- Men then women
- in event of false start, continue climbing
- Qualification: Standard format
 - Climbers climb in pairs in “staggered” random running order
 - Men then Women
 - Climbers are responsible for reporting to the speed call zone in order of the starting list
 - Failure to report to the call zone shall result in a DNS
 - False start: Other lane will run alone
 - Will still be eligible to advance to Finals, but will be ranked below all of those with a valid time and no False Start
 - Refer to the schedule for the session times
- Finals: Knockout Rounds
 - If 16 or more valid times, 16 will advance to finals; if between 8-15, only 8 will advance
 - There will be a 1 Hour “Open Training Period” on the speed wall prior to the start of the Final Round. Please refer to the schedule for times.
 - Will alternate male and female rounds; Women then Men
 - False start is a loss
- Speed Time Rank Opportunity
 - Eligible athletes only
 - #1 Friday, 3/14; #2 Saturday, 3/15 (see schedule for times)
 - Up to 5 runs for time
 - Athletes can choose to run with a pair or solo

Boulder

- Will use a point system; 25 points for a Top, 10 points for Zone (only one Zone on every Boulder), 0.1 points deduction for each unsuccessful attempt
- There is a top-out boulder in Isolation that competitors are not allowed to top-out. If this happens, it could lead to a possible disqualification.
- Qualification:
 - Isolation Format; 5 Boulders; Continuous Rotation; 5 minute climb time, 15 sec preparation period
 - Official Clock will be visible to climbers
- Semi-Finals:
 - 24 competitors will advance to Semis
 - Isolation Format; 4 Boulders; Continuous Rotation; 5 minute climb time, 15 sec preparation period (during this time competitors are not allowed to look at the boulder)
 - Official Clock will be visible to climbers
- Finals:
 - 8 competitors will advance to Finals

- Isolation Format; 4 Boulders; Single Rotation; 4 minute climb time;
 - Official Clock will be visible to climbers
 - Round will be preceded by athlete introductions and Observation (2 min/boulder)
 - Olympic Format - 3 rest rotations between climbs.
- An Appeal which would entitle the affected competitor to make further attempts on the relevant boulder
 - For Quals or Semis, must be made before the finish of the next Climbing Period
 - For Finals, prior to the next competitor starting their attempts
- If it is relating to the scoring or ranking of any competitor
 - Quals and Semis – must be made within 5 minutes of the publication of the Official Results
 - Finals – 5 minutes, but any remaining time can be waived by all competitors from that round