



USA Climbing 2025 Collegiate Nationals

Technical Meeting Outline

Speed: Momentum - Fort Union

Lead/Top Rope: USA Climbing Interim Training Center (ITC)

Boulder: USA Climbing Training Center (TC)

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](#)

[Final Schedule](#)

Officials

Head Judging Officials (HJOs)

- **Jury President:** Jeremy Sato
- **USAC Judges:** Ruchir Sehra & Jeff Cass
- **USAC Speed Judge:** Ruchir Sehra
- **Aspirant USAC Judge:** Tessie Bailey

Event Officials

- **Event Manager:** Trevor Clay, trevor@usacimbing.org
- **Collegiate Series Manager:** Madeleine Palmer, madeleine@usacimbing.org
- **Sport Manager:** John Muse
- **Isolation and Volunteer Coordinator:** Jess Sato
- **Scorekeeper:** Tami Pellicane
- **Head Routesetter:** Molly Beard
- **Head Belayer:** Ryan Naone
- **Assistant Head Belayer:** Rick Shar

General Info

- Event updates will be sent via WhatsApp. Athletes/Coaches can join using the link below.
 - [Athlete | Coaches WhatsApp](#)
- Venue information:
 - Speed - Momentum - Fort Union
 - Lead/Top Rope - USA Climbing Interim Training Center (ITC)
 - Boulder - USA Climbing Training Center (TC)
 - Make sure you leave enough time to get to where you need to be
 - For reference, the TC/ITC is approximately 20 minutes from Momentum - Fort Union.
 - For reference, the TC and ITC are approximately 5 minutes apart.
- Competitors are responsible for being on time for check-in and climbing. No exceptions.
- Competitor's and coaches are responsible to know information provided in the "Info Sheet," the Final Schedule, and the Current USAC Rulebook
- 2025 [Team Selection Procedures](#) document is online
- Finals for Lead/TR, 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).
- Coach Check In:
 - Coaches are required to register for the "2025 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 - please make sure you are wearing the correct bib for the 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)
 - Bibs are not allowed to be trimmed, cut, folded, and/or modified in any way.
- Results
 - Provisional and Official results will be posted online. If there are any technical difficulties, they will be posted at the venue
- 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 Sport80 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 and Intermediate)
 - 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

Lead/Top Rope

- Advanced Categories - Lead; Intermediate Categories - Top Rope
- Qualification: Flash Format; 2 routes per category; Climb time format with max time of 6 minutes.
 - The clock will not be visible to climbers for qualifiers, but will be visible for finals. Climbers can ask the judge for time remaining.
 - We will NOT be using “No Earlier Than” (NET) times. It is the climber’s responsibility to report to their climb on time in the order of the Start List.
 - Climbers are responsible for being ready to climb when the climber preceding them comes down.
 - Route demonstration videos will be available via the USA Climbing YouTube channel no later than 60 minutes prior to the start of each round, with best efforts to have them available sooner. A competitor’s phone or other capable device will be the sole means of accessing the route demonstration videos.
- 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, Male and Female categories will climb at the same time. Once both competitors finish their attempt, the next pair 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.
- Top rope routes will use a dual-belay. This technique allows safe top rope climbing on overhanging lead walls and mitigates some post-climb swing
 - This belay technique does not change how one climbs (Climbers do not have to be concerned with unclipping or unhooking the rope), but there are some nuances to consider:
 - Each route will have two belayers, each with different responsibilities depending on the climber's ascent height on the wall
 - Two strands of rope will connect to the athlete's belay loop; one end is belayed by a Primary Belayer through a transition anchor. The Primary Belayer controls falls through the transition and helps to mitigate swing from high falls
 - The other strand is belayed by a Secondary Belayer through the top anchor. The secondary is responsible for high fall catches
 - The Primary Belayer will greet athletes, clip athletes into the system, and perform safety checks
 - While climbing below the transition anchor, anticipate that there will be two strands of rope running upwards
 - While climbing above the transition anchor, expect one strand to descend below the harness

Speed

- Due low registrations for Speed Intermediate categories, we will be combining Speed Intermediate competitors to Speed Advanced.
- On Day 1, Speed athletes also competing in Lead Advanced Women will climb at the end of their first route and the middle of the second route. This will ensure that the competitors will have time to rest between disciplines.
- 15 m speed wall; Deepron Timing System; Trubue Speed auto belay devices; IFSC Volx holds; National event standard Walltopia wall
- Wall NOT certified for National Record
- Warm Up:
 - Speed athletes will only be able to warm up in the boulder area and fitness area at Momentum - Fort Union
 - As the gym is also open to the public so please be mindful of sharing these spaces with patrons at the gym.
- 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 re-climb practice run

- Athletes may opt out of practice runs
- Qualification Round: Standard format
 - Climbers are responsible for reporting to the speed call zone in order of the starting list - men begin with women to follow
 - 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 be able to advance to Finals if they have a Valid Time on their other attempt
- 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*
 - Men begin with women to follow
 - 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

- The following scored holds will be used for the Collegiate NCH. There will not be inclusion of '10' and '25' scored holds:
 - Start
 - Low Zone
 - Zone
 - Top
- Qualification:
 - Rotation Redpoint Format; 2 Courses of 3 Boulders each.
 - 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
 - Each boulder will have two zone holds
 - There is black tape. Note that it is possible the black tape is not visible or shown in the route preview videos.
 - 20 competitors will advance to finals
- Finals:
 - Isolation Format; 4 Boulders; Single Rotation; 4 minute climb time, 15 sec preparation period
 - Each boulder will have a single zone hold
 - There will 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

Safety & National Team Info - John Muse