



## **USA Climbing 2025 North American Cup Series**

### **Technical Meeting Outline**

*5PM MT, June 4, 2025, Vail, CO*

***Boulder:*** Nature Valley Mountain Plaza, Gondola 1

***Speed:*** The Hangout at Golden Peak

### **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](#)

[25' NACS Vail, CO: Athletes | Coaches WhatsApp](#)

### **Officials**

#### **Head Judging Officials (HJOs)**

- **Jury President:** Jaime Ray, [jurypresident@usaclimbing.org](mailto:jurypresident@usaclimbing.org)
- **USAC Judges:** Randy Osborne
- **Aspirant USAC Judge:** David Cassel
- **USAC Speed Judge:** John Kelly

#### **Event Officials**

- **Event Manager:** Trevor Clay, [trevor@usaclimbing.org](mailto:trevor@usaclimbing.org)
- **Sport Manager:** John Muse
- **Volunteer Coordinator:** Madeleine Palmer
- **Scorekeeper:** John Muse, Madeleine Palmer, Jess Sato
- **Head Routesetter:** Chris LoCrasto

## General Info

- Venue information: GoPro Mountain Games, Nature Valley Mountain Plaza, Gondola 1, Vail, CO 81657
- All athletes and coaches are required to complete a [2025 GoPro Mountain Games Waiver](#) prior to check-in.
- Real time event updates will be communicated through the event “[25’ NACS Vail, CO: Athletes | Coaches WhatsApp](#)”
- Competitors will need to check-in to access the Isolation/Warm Up zone through the Celsius popup tent on the right side of the climbing wall. Please refer to the site map on the GoPro website [HERE](#) for reference.
- Competitors and coaches are responsible to know information provided in the “Info Sheet,” the Final Schedule, and the current [NACS Event Manual](#).
- Semi Finals and Finals for Boulder will be Livestreamed on the USA Climbing YouTube channel, to be linked on the Event Page.
- 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.
- 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 “2025 North American Cup Series Vail, CO 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.
  - International coaches must email Trevor at [eliteseries@usaclimbing.org](mailto:eliteseries@usaclimbing.org).
- Bibs
  - Climbers will need to keep their assigned bib through all rounds
  - Bibs must be visibly worn on the back of the shirt
  - Bibs can not be trimmed, cut, or modified in any way.
- Results
  - Provisional and Official results will be posted on the 25’ NACS Vail, CO Athlete | Coaches WhatsApp. If there are any technical difficulties, they will be posted at the venue
  - Results can be found on the NACS Info Page under the “North American Cup Series Vail, CO” event [HERE](#).
- 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 (Semi Finals and Finals)
  - 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 Scorekeeper table
  - 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@usacimbing.org](mailto:jurypresident@usacimbing.org) as early as possible and before isolation closes.
  - Isolation will have porta potties, water, spray wall and hangboards.

## Boulder

- 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
- Qualification:
  - Modified Redpoint Format (similar to JAM Format); 8 Boulders per category, with 8 attempts per boulder;
  - There will be 2 rounds of qualification per gender, with each round being 3 hours in length
  - 24 competitors per gender will advance to Semi finals
- Semi-Finals:
  - Isolation Format; 4 Boulders; Continuous Rotation; 5 minute climb time, 15 sec preparation period
  - 8 competitors per gender will advance to Finals
- Finals:
  - Isolation Format; 4 Boulders; Olympic Boulder format, except that both genders will be climbing at the same time; 4 minute climb time
  - Round will be preceded by athlete introductions and Observation (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 a competitor's qualification climbing session. Climbers are responsible to record their remaining time for the boulder related to the appeal.
  - Semi-Final: 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:
  - Semi-Final and Qualifier: Must be made within 5 minutes of the publication of the Official Results
  - Finals: Must be made 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.
- 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 has matched hands on the top hold while in a Controlled position (i.e., stable body position)

## Speed

- Speed Venue: The Hangout at Golden Peak
  - The restrooms for speed will be located inside The Hangout at Golden Peak with additional outdoor porta potties about 200' East of the speed wall behind The Hangout.
  - To cooperate with the city of Vail, the ski lift area to the lookers right side of the speed wall have been barricaded around. This area is not to be entered and the ski lift chairs not touched, sat on etc. Doing so will result in an automatic Yellow Card.
- Refer to the schedule for all session times
- Wall: 15 m speed wall; Deepron timing system; Trublue Speed auto belay; Volx barcoded holds; National event standard Entreprises wall
  - Wall has been inspected to determine homologation for records - Certified for national record
- Start judge will direct field of play
- Speed Competition: 2 rounds
  - Start lists will be posted no later than 60 minutes before the start of the qualification round
  - There will not be access to the speed wall before the qualification round
  - 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 - 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
- o Finals: Knockout rounds/duels (broadcast)
  - With 16 or more valid times from qualification round, 16 athletes will advance to finals
    - o If between 8-15, 8 will advance
  - Will alternate rounds, women followed by men
  - False starts results in a loss
  - Winners may not leave the field of play between rounds
  - Stages will advance through semi final stage then to small and big finals similar to IFSC knockout/dual finals

## Prize Money

### NACS BOULDER PRIZE MONEY and PRIZES

Total prize purse	\$10,000
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Men	\$2,000 cash
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Men	\$1,000 cash
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Men	\$750 cash
4 <sup>th</sup> Place Men	\$500 cash
5 <sup>th</sup> Place Men	\$300 cash
6 <sup>th</sup> Place Men	\$200 cash
7 <sup>th</sup> Place Men	\$150 cash
8 <sup>th</sup> Place Men	\$100 cash
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Women	\$2,000 cash
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Women	\$1000 cash
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Women	\$750 cash
4 <sup>th</sup> Place Women	\$500 cash
5 <sup>th</sup> Place Women	\$300 cash
6 <sup>th</sup> Place Women	\$200 cash
7 <sup>th</sup> Place Men	\$150 cash
8 <sup>th</sup> Place Men	\$100 cash

### NACS SPEED PRIZE MONEY and PRIZES

Total prize purse	\$5,000
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Men	\$1,000 cash
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Men	\$500 cash
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Men	\$375 cash
4 <sup>th</sup> Place Men	\$250 cash
5 <sup>th</sup> Place Men	\$150 cash

6 <sup>th</sup> Place Men	\$100 cash
7 <sup>th</sup> Place Men	\$75 cash
8 <sup>th</sup> Place Men	\$50 cash

1 <sup>st</sup> Place Women	\$1,000 cash
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Women	\$500 cash
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Women	\$375 cash
4 <sup>th</sup> Place Women	\$250 cash
5 <sup>th</sup> Place Women	\$150 cash
6 <sup>th</sup> Place Women	\$100 cash
7 <sup>th</sup> Place Women	\$75 cash
8 <sup>th</sup> Place Women	\$50 cash

- No Prize Money will be given out on-site.
- All athletes who win Prize Money, must fill out tax forms: W9 [US Athletes] or W-8BEN [Foreign Athletes]

### **US ATHLETES**

- There will be a sheet with QR codes that the winning athletes can scan at the Award Ceremony to securely fill out their W9 and submit to VVF.
- After the event, the VVF will follow up with any athlete who has not submitted a W9.
- Prize Money will not be sent to athletes until the VVF receives completed W9 forms.
- Prize Money will be sent out within 3 weeks of the Mountain Games [upon receipt of completed tax forms]
- Prize Money for US Athletes will be sent via check.

### **FOREIGN ATHLETES**

#### **VVF Foreign Athlete Policy**

- All Foreign Athletes will be given a copy of the VVF Foreign Athlete Policy at the Award Ceremony which contains important tax information.

#### **W-8BEN**

- There will be a sheet with QR codes that the winning athletes can scan at the Award Ceremony to securely fill out their W8EBN and submit to VVF.
- After the event, the VVF will follow up with any athlete who has not submitted a W8BEN.

### **WIRE INFORMATION**

- Foreign Athletes will need to provide wire instructions to the VVF for prize money payments.
- A Wire Transfer Form is available to make sure VVF gets complete information from each Foreign Athlete. This information is available via email or paper copy.
- Prize Money will not be sent to Foreign Athletes until the VVF receives completed W-8BEN forms and wire information.
- Prize Money will be sent out within 3 weeks of the Mountain Games [upon receipt of completed tax forms and wire information].
- Prize Money for Foreign Athletes will be sent via wire.