



2025 NACS (Lead | Speed) - Salt Lake City, UT **Technical Meeting Outline**

Speed and Lead: USA Climbing National 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 Rulebooks and the Team Selection Procedures document govern this event.

Event Links

[Event Page](#) (info sheet, latest schedule, results, etc.)

[Volunteer Sign Up](#)

[Final Schedule](#)

[Athlete | Coach WhatsApp](#)

Officials

Head Judging Officials (HJOs)

- **Jury President:** Ruchir Sehra, jurypresident@usaclimbing.org
- **USAC Judge:** Meridith Buehner
- **USAC Speed Judge:** Ruchir Sehra
- **Aspirant USAC Judge:** Matt Richards

Event Officials

- **Sport Manager:** John Muse
- **Event Manager:** Trevor Clay, trevor@usaclimbing.org
- **Volunteer Coordinator:** Madeleine Palmer, madeleine@usaclimbing.org
- **Scorekeeper:** Gwen Buehner
- **Head Routesetter:** Kyle McCabe
- **Head Belayer:** Steve Baker
- **Assistant Head Belayer:** Cheryl Adams

General Info

- Event updates will be sent via WhatsApp. Athletes/Coaches can join using the link below.
 - [Athlete | Coaches WhatsApp](#)
 - Venue information:
 - Speed - USA Climbing Training Center (TC)
 - Lead Rope - USA Climbing Training Center (TC)
 - Additional Warm-Up Opportunity:
 - For the 2025 NACS (Lead \ Speed) Salt Lake City, UT event, there will be limited warm up terrain available in the USA Climbing Training Center.
 - For additional warm-up terrain and facilities, please feel free to utilize Boulder Project SLC (660 S 400 W, Suite 600, Salt Lake City, UT 84101).
 - All visitors will be required to have a valid liability waiver on file for Boulder Project SLC and cover their entry fee.
 - In addition to BP's day pass option (\$18-20) they are offering a 2-week pass for \$30. NACS Competitors and their coaches are eligible to purchase the 2-week pass which includes unlimited 24/7 access to their facility and all gym services and amenities (yoga, sauna, etc.).
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- Competitors are responsible for being on time for check-in and climbing. No exceptions.
 - Competitors and coaches are responsible to know information provided in the "Info Sheet," the Final Schedule, and the Current NACS and IFSC Rulebooks.
 - Speed Finals, Lead Semi-Finals, and Lead Finals will be Livestreamed on the USA Climbing YouTube channel.
 - Start Lists will be posted on the USA Climbing Startlist/Results website found on the Event Page; a notice will be sent to all competitors once live
 - For Lead Finals, any competitors coming to spectate will be allowed in the spectating area after Iso check-in closes, and must show their bib to be allowed entry. A Competitor list will be provided 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 NACS SLC 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
 - **NOTE: In IFSC/NACS rules the appeal deadline will NOT be extended based upon, or pending results of, an appeal.**
- Isolation (Lead 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 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. This does not guarantee access and is up to JP discretion.
 - Isolation will have access to:
 - Restrooms (*upstairs and outside*)
 - Water Station(s)
 - Pullup Bars / Racking Area (*downstairs*) - not anchored into ground, athletes please be mindful when utilizing.
 - Campus / Hangboard Area (*upstairs*)
 - Grasshopper Board (*downstairs*)
 - Limited Boulders (*upstairs*)
 - Limited Spray wall terrain

Lead

- 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. 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.
 - When an athlete two ahead of you is climbing, you should report to the belayer tent to start tie-in.

- 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.
- Semi-Finals and Finals – On-Sight Format
 - 24 competitors advance to Semis, 8 advance to Finals
 - On-Sight; Climb time format, 6 minutes, One Route per Round
 - 6 minute collective observation period for both Semis and Finals Routes
 - Athletes will be permitted to observe from on or off the stage, so long as they remain within the stanchioned 'Officials' lane.
 - 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
 - Finals will be preceded by Competitor Introductions
 - For Semi-Finals men and women will climb simultaneously
 - 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. Notice of an intention to appeal may be made verbally to a Head Judging Official and the appellant will be allowed up to 5 minutes to submit a written appeal to the Jury President.
- An Appeal relating to the Scoring or Ranking of any competitor
 - Quals and Semi-Finals: Must be made within 5 minutes of the publication of the Official Results
 - Finals: The deadline for appeals in this Medal Phase 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.
- Competitors must use the ropes provided by USA Climbing for the event.

Speed

- Refer to the schedule for all session times
- 15 m speed wall; Deepron Timing System; Trublue Speed auto belay; Volx barcoded holds; National event standard E/P wall
- Wall has been inspected to determine homologation for records - Certified for National Record
- Notice of an intention to appeal the scoring of a competitor's attempt in any heat must be made prior to the start of the next heat. This notice may be made verbally, and the appellant will be allowed up to 5 minutes to submit a written appeal
- Clippers will clip and unclip athletes
- Start Judge will direct field of play
- We will conduct two Speed events:

- NACS Speed Competition
- U17 Speed Competition - Please note that the U17 speed scores do not affect any USA Climbing National ranking points or otherwise affect scoring for the NACS Adult categories
- 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 followed by women
 - 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 (FS), opposing athlete runs alone
 - If FS on first run, athlete may still make second run but will be ranked based upon IFSC rules
- Finals: Knockout Round
 - With 16 or more valid times from Qualification round, 16 athletes will advance to finals
 - If between 8-15, 8 will advance
 - *As of now, due to registration, Men may advance 16 and Women may advance 8*
 - *For U17 final round, due to lower registration, a combined Final round will be used to provide competitors more experience. Additional competitors will be added from the qualification round in the NACS group (those who did not qualify for the NACS group Final round) by rank to try to have 8-16 competitors in each gender, if possible, for the Final round of this combined group.*
 - Will alternate rounds, men followed by women
 - False starts result in a loss
 - Stages will advance through Semifinal stage then to small and big Finals similar to IFSC knockout finals