

# USA Climbing Training Center

## Access Protocol



Where Olympic Journeys Begin

The USA Climbing National Team Training Center is designed and intended for elite and developing athletes to train for international competition. The High Performance Staff strive to provide these athletes a training space with appropriate developmental and training tools/terrain for these high competitive goals. The High Performance Staff also aims to provide an environment in the Training Center which allows athletes who are actively training for elite level competition to have the challenge and comfort of training with athletes who share similar goals and training needs.

Session participation will be prioritized by tier and session capacity may be limited by USA Climbing. Only those with tiered access have access to the USA Climbing competition boulder and lead walls unless part of a sanctioned USA Climbing training camp. All individuals aged 18 and older who have access to the Training Center are required to maintain a current Background Screen and SafeSport Training. Both can be completed through a USA Climbing account. To access the Background Screen, individuals must first add the free Volunteer-Covered membership to their account. International athletes using the Training Center for fewer than two weeks are not required to complete a Background Screen. For any questions, please contact [athletesafety@usaclimbing.org](mailto:athletesafety@usaclimbing.org).

### Training Center Access Tier:

#### Platinum – Unpaid / Unlimited:

##### *National Team athletes*

- Olympic
- Elite
- Paraclimbing

#### Gold – Unpaid / Limited:

##### *Elite Top-20 National Rank / Paraclimbing Development Team / Youth (U17,U19,U20) & Collegiate National Teams*

- Access may be limited at times due to other training scheduled for the Tier 1 National Team athletes.

##### *Legacy*

- Former USA Climbing Olympic National Team members
- Former USA Climbing Elite / Paraclimbing National Team members who have podiumed at a World Cup or World Championships.

#### Silver – Paid / Limited:

##### *Elite Top-40 National Rank / Youth (U17,U19,U20) & Collegiate Development Teams*

- Athletes who are actively training toward qualifying for the National Team, demonstrate exceptional ability and drive.
- Athletes should expect full participation in group sessions and may use the facility for their individual training during available sessions.
- Individual or personalized training from coaching staff will be limited by availability and scheduling.

#### Bronze – Paid / Limited:

##### *Application*

- Athletes who do not qualify for any of these groups and wish to be granted a sport performance-based exception, will need to complete, and submit an application to USA Climbing High Performance staff outlining their exceptional circumstance. To apply please use this link. [IC Access Application](#)

#### **Additional Access:**

USA Climbing may extend invitations to international or domestic athletes who have demonstrated exceptional international performance and whose participation in sessions/events would benefit the training of US athletes. These athletes will be invited under the discretion of the Chief of Sport in consultation with High Performance staff and based on past performance in the following areas:

- Olympic qualified
- World Cup gold medalist
- World Cup finalist
- Consistent World Cup semifinalist
- International athlete visiting via coordination with National Federations

Note: In most instances non-US citizen athletes granted access to the Training Center will be required to pay for their access.

#### *Period between Elite Nationals and National Team Trials:*

Annually and during the period between Elite Nationals and National Team Trials, access to the Training Center will be provided to athletes eligible for National Team Trials. Access will be paid and limited.

#### *Period between Youth Divisionals and Youth Nationals:*

Annually and during the period between Youth Divisionals and Youth Nationals, access to the Training Center may be provided for youth athletes eligible for Youth Nationals but must be scheduled. Any access will be contingent on staff availability and must not conflict with Elite training times. To schedule access, email [highperformance@usacimbing.org](mailto:highperformance@usacimbing.org) with the competitor name and requested dates for access.

Access will be paid and limited and may come with limited or no access to the USA Climbing competition boulder or lead walls should they be installed. Routesetting is not customized for youth categories unless part of a sanctioned USA Climbing training camp.

#### *Climbing teams both local and nationally:*

Salt Lake City **based** Climbing Teams (The Front, Momentum and Bouldering Project), have scheduled and limited access to the Training Center as a trade for Elite / Paraclimbing National Team memberships to their respective facilities. Access does not come with access to the USA Climbing competition boulder or lead walls should they be installed.

Climbing Teams **not based** in Salt Lake City may schedule time at the Training Center, based on availability and according to the pricing below. Access does not come with access to the USA Climbing competition boulder or lead walls should they be installed. To schedule access, email [highperformance@usacimbing.org](mailto:highperformance@usacimbing.org) with the climbing team name, number of athletes and requested dates for access.

#### *U15 & U13 Youth National and Development Teams:*

- Access may be provided annually in the form of youth specific training camps.
- These will be limited to the top 10 nationally ranked athletes in each discipline.
- Athletes not ranked within the top 10, wishing to be granted a sport performance-based exception, will need to complete, and submit an application to USA Climbing High Performance staff.

**Training Center Pricing:**

- \$25/day
- \$100/5 punch pass
- \$200/10 punch pass