



2026 NACS Vail (Boulder | Speed) Technical Meeting Outline

Boulder: Nature Valley Mountain Plaza
Speed: The Bulleit Hangout at Golden Peak

Technical Meeting Recording

[Meeting Recording](#)

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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:** Meridith Buehner, jurypresident@usaclimbing.org
- **USAC Judge:** Jeremy Sato
- **USAC Speed Judge:** Tami Pellicane
- **Aspirant USAC Judge:** Tessie Bailey

Event Officials

- **Sport Manager:** John Muse
- **Event Manager:** Trevor Clay, trevor@usaclimbing.org
- **Scorekeeper:** Madeleine Palmer
- **Head Routesetter:** Chris LoCrasto

General Info

- Event updates will be sent via WhatsApp. Athletes/Coaches can join using the link below.
 - [Athlete | Coach WhatsApp](#)

- Venue information:
 - Boulder - Nature Valley Mountain Plaza
 - Speed - The Bulleit Hangout at Golden Peak

- General Information:
 - All visitors will be required to have a valid [liability waiver](#) on file.
 - Boulder Venue:
 - Athletes must remain within the fenced in barricades to avoid inference with other events at the GoPro Mountain Games
 - Bathrooms - 2 porta potties behind the wall and public restrooms at the Express Lift Bar adjacent to the Celsius Climbing Tent (*for Redpoint Qualification rounds only*).
 - Speed Venue:
 - Athletes must remain within the fenced in barricades to avoid inference with other events at the GoPro Mountain Games and must stay off the roped off ski lift chairs.
 - Bathrooms - bathrooms are available in the Golden Peak building adjacent to the Speed Wall.
 - Weather:
 - All changes to the event schedule based on potential incimate weather will be communicated through the Athlete | Coach WhatsApp group.
 - USA Climbing has disposable shoe booties in the event of weather to help keep athlete shoes clean.
 - Athletes are encouraged to bring layers for their comfort as the weather can change quickly.

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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 World Climbing Rulebooks.
 - Speed Finals, Boulder Semi-Finals, and Boulder 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 via the Coach/Athlete WhatsApp
 - For Boulder Qualifications, Men and Women are allowed to spectate all rounds.

- For Boulder Finals, any competitors coming to spectate will be allowed in the public general spectating area after Iso check-in closes.
- Athlete Check In:
 - All competitors will be required to have a valid [liability waiver](#) on file
 - Boulder Athletes must check in at the CELSIUS Climbing Wall in Nature Valley Mountain Plaza during the designated check in times on the schedule.
 - Speed Athletes must check in at the Speed Wall during the designated check in times on the schedule.
 - All competitors will receive one Vail athlete bag they can pick up at Golden Peak, after they have checked in for their respective NACS Qualification round(s).
 - Those who are registered for both boulder and speed will receive their athlete bag ticket at boulder check in
- Coach Check In:
 - Coaches are required to register for the “2026 NACS Vail (Boulder | Speed) 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 their harness)
 - Bibs are not allowed to be trimmed, cut, folded, and/or modified in any way.
- Results
 - Official results will be posted in the Coach/Athlete WhatsApp. If there are any technical difficulties, they will be posted at the venue
 - Please note that results for boulder qualifier sessions will not be final until the end of the second session for that category
- 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 World Climbing/NACS rules the appeal deadline will NOT be extended based upon, or pending results of, an appeal.**
- Warm-up area (Boulder Semi-Finals and Finals)
 - Any devices with wireless (wifi/cellular/Bluetooth) connectivity are not allowed and will be collected upon warm up 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 Warm-up areas.

- **If you are late to warm up 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 as early as possible and before warm up closes. This does not guarantee access and is up to JP discretion.
- Warm up will have access to:
 - Boulder
 - Three wall panels with holds
 - 2 Hangboards
 - Speed
 - Two wall panels with holds
 - The open area behind the wall for cardio (*be mindful of ski lift and mountain bike course*)

Boulder

- Qualification: Modified Redpoint;
 - Each category will have two, 3-hour qualification sessions
 - Each qualification round will have 8 boulders (same per category), with a maximum of 6 attempts.
 - Each boulder will have a 10-point Zone and 25-point Top, with a -0.1 point being deducted for each unsuccessful attempt.
- Semi-Finals and Finals – On-Sight Format
 - 24 competitors advance to Semis, 8 advance to Finals
 - On-Sight; Climb time format, 5 minutes for semi-finals with a 15 second prep period and 4 minutes for finals.
 - Official clock will be visible to climbers
 - Finals will be preceded by Competitor Introductions and Collective Observation
 - For Semi-Finals Men and Women will climb simultaneously
 - For Finals, Men and Women will climb at the same time. Once both competitors finish their attempt, the next pair of competitors will climb.
- 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.

Speed

- Refer to the schedule for all session times
- 15 m speed wall; Deepron Timing System; Trublue Speed auto belay; Volx barcoded holds; National Record Certified standard Walltopia 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
- We will conduct two Speed events:
 - NACS Speed Competition
 - Yeti Speed Showdown - Separate registration is required to compete in the Yeti Showdown. NACS competitors are eligible to compete.
 - The NACS events will follow the following format:
 - Open Practice:
 - A 2-hour open practice session to registered NACS competitors will be available from 1pm - 3pm.
 - There is no limit to the number of practice runs during open practice, however athletes must be mindful of all competitors utilizing the wall.
 - 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 reclip 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 World Climbing 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*
 - Will alternate rounds, men followed by women
 - False starts result in a loss
 - If you rock and let the pressure off the plate, it is a false start
 - Stages will advance through Semifinal stage then to small and big Finals similar to WC knockout finals
- Each competitor must be in the Call Zone 5 minutes before their race.
- All fans and earbuds should remain in the Call Zone and not be brought into the Competition Area.

