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**WORLD CLIMBING EUROPE YOUTH SERIES  
REGULATIONS**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The World Climbing Series regulations shall be used for the World Climbing Europe Youth Series. The current document only outlines the amendments of World Climbing Series regulations for World Climbing Europe Youth Series.

1.1. Each World Climbing Europe Youth Series should include competitions in the following disciplines:

- (a) Lead (World Climbing CR-WC / Annex A).
- (b) Speed (World Climbing CR-WC / Annex B).
- (c) Boulder (World Climbing CR-WC / Annex C).

1.2. Each World Climbing Europe Youth Series competition shall not last longer than two (2) days.

1.3 Each World Climbing Europe Youth Series competition should take place between the first weekend of March and mid of October.

1.4. Each World Climbing Europe Youth Series competition should not last longer than two (2) days, during weekends and preferably during holiday periods:

- (a) Whenever possible, World Climbing Europe Youth Series competitions should be completed in one and a half days and end before 16.00 on the Sunday.
- (b) Event Organisers shall declare clearly on the information sheet for the competition if the competition is planned to finish after 16.00 on the Sunday.
- (c) The qualification rounds should be organised on Saturday; the final rounds should be organised on Sunday.

1.5. If the Event Organiser of an World Climbing Europe Youth Series in the Boulder Discipline expects more than 250 competitors, the competition may be held over three days, from Friday to Sunday. In this case, the competition may start on Friday afternoon with the first qualification rounds and last until Sunday afternoon. If the competition lasts more than two days, it shall be clearly announced on the World Climbing – Website and clearly visible on the Event Information Sheet.

1.6. World Climbing may, in any year, nominate one World Climbing Europe Youth Series competition as a test event for new rules formats. Such nomination shall be made prior to the commencement of the season and not less than three months in advance of that competition.

## 2. REGISTRATION & QUOTA

2.1. Each World Climbing Europe Youth Series competition shall include Categories for male and female competitors in the U17 and U19 age groups.

2.2. Member Federations may register, within statutory deadlines, Team Officials for one of the following roles:

- (a) One (1) Team Manager
- (b) Number of coaches per discipline:
  - (i) EYC Boulder: 4 Coaches
  - (ii) EYC Lead: 3 Coaches
  - (iii) EYC Speed: 2 Coaches
- (c) Up to three (3) qualified medicals

2.3. Member Federations may register as competitors per Category:

- (a) U17 and U19
  - (i) up to three (3) competitors for each Category in each relevant discipline
  - (ii) up to two (2) competitors for each Category in each relevant discipline for the Top 10 National Federations based on the European Youth Series National Team Ranking by gender.
- (b) the host federation shall be entitled to register an additional two (2) competitors in each Category for each relevant discipline.
- (c) exceptionally, other spots might be open to athletes from different Continental Councils with a valid World Climbing license, subject to validation of World Climbing Executive Board with the following limitation:
  - (i) Maximum two (2) athletes per gender and discipline
  - (ii) Athletes from other Continents are allowed to reach the podium and take part at the day victory.
  - (iii) Athletes from other continents will not be awarded Ranking points for any World Climbing rankings.

2.4. Member Federations might be entitled to apply late registrations, subject to communication and validation to World Climbing office and payment of penalty fees.

### **3. RANKING, MEDALS AND PRIZES**

#### **Competition Rankings, medals and prizes**

3.1. On completion of World Climbing Europe Youth Series competition:

- (a) The competitors ranked first, second and third in each Category and discipline shall be awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals respectively.
- (b) World Climbing Europe Youth National Team Ranking shall be calculated for each discipline of the competition, using the same methodology as World Climbing Series National Team Ranking. No podium ceremony shall be organised for the European National Team Ranking

#### **Series, Rankings, medals, and prizes**

3.2. European Youth Series Rankings and European Youth National Team Series Ranking shall be calculated separately for each discipline and Category

- (a) where at least three (3) competitions have been held in that year or
- (b) where two (2) Europe Youth Series competitions and any Youth European Championship competition in that discipline have been held in that year

3.3. Youth Series rankings and European National Team Youth Series Rankings shall be calculated for each Category and discipline using the methodology set out in the World Climbing rules for the calculation of the World Series, with the following adaptations:

- (a) Where three (3) competitions are held, the three (3) results shall be counted toward the Youth Series Rankings.
- (b) Where less than three (3) European Youth Series competitions are held, the results of the relevant World Climbing Europe Youth Championship shall be included in the calculation of the Series Rankings.
- (c) Where more than three (3) European Youth Series competitions are held, only the three (3) best results shall be counted, and the lowest result shall be disregarded.
- (d) For the avoidance of doubt, a maximum of three (3) results may be counted toward the Series Youth Rankings in any category and discipline.

3.4. At the end of the overall season, medals and trophies will be given to the top three (3) ranked athletes in each category and discipline. The athlete in first place will receive a trophy and a gold medal, second place will receive a silver medal, and third place will receive a bronze medal.

#### **4. COMPETITION FORMATS**

##### **Lead**

- 4.1. Competitions shall take place over two (2) rounds (Qualification and Final).
- 4.2. The Final round for each Category shall use a fixed quota of ten (10) competitors.

##### **Speed**

4.3. Brushing regulations

- (a) The Cleaning breaks of the Speed route are up to the Jury President. The regulations shall be communicated before the start of the competition at the day of the Technical Meeting.

##### **Boulder**

4.4. World Climbing Europe Youth Series Boulder competitions shall be organized with two (2) rounds for each category and shall be organized with:

- (a) Qualification round in the flash format consisting of two courses (A and B) of three (3) boulders for course (A) and two (2) boulders for course (B) and will be organized with one (1) starting group.
- (b) a final round in the format of the World Climbing Series Finals Format consisting of a single course of four (4) boulders, with a respective fixed quota of 10 competitors.
- (c) The starting order for the Qualification round will be set out as follows:
  - (i) For course A, by random selection; and
  - (ii) for course B, in the same order as for course A but staggered by 50%
  - (iii) for each subsequent round, it shall be the reverse of the ranking from the relevant preceding round, i.e., the best ranked starts last.
  - (iv) In case of equal ranking in previous rounds the starting order for the competitors will be randomised

- (v) There shall be a minimum time gap of not less than 30minutes between the completion of a competitor's final boulder on their first course (A or B) and commencing their second course. (A or B)
- (d) The final round shall be preceded by a collective observation period of eight (8) minutes for all boulders. It is up to the athletes to determine the observation time and order for each boulder.