

Youth Fun Climbing Competition, Friday 11th November 2011

As it says in the title, this competition is designed to be fun. This may be your first climbing competition or you may have competed before. To help the evening run smoothly and so that you have an enjoyable and safe time, please read through this information sheet regarding the competition structure.

The structure of the evening

5-5.45pm Arrival and Registration: Please arrive between these times so we can sign you in against our registration list. You will receive your score card at this point. You will need to keep this with you throughout the evening.

If you need to hire shoes (£2, availability on a first come basis) now is the time to do so.

6pm Welcome and Launch: We will be giving all competitors a short briefing. Make sure you are smiling as we will be taking some group photos.

6-8.45pm The Climbing Competition: See below for further information on the structure and scoring. As you complete the climbs and problems the judges will complete your score cards. As soon as you have had a go at all of the climbs and problems, take your score card to the registration desk so we can add your score to the overall positions board. You can still attempt the fun climbing challenges after submitting your score card.

9pm The Award Ceremony: As always, points, and effort, mean prizes! (Thanks to our sponsors).

Structure and scoring

Each competitor can have one attempt at each of the 3 top roped climbs (These can be done in any order). You will be awarded 3 points for each hold you successfully touch.

Each competitor can have 3 attempts at each of the 12 boulder problems (These can be done in any order). Some routes will have marked holds which can only be used by competitors in certain categories. If you complete a boulder problem on the first attempt you will receive 10 points, if you complete a boulder problem on the second attempt you will receive 5 points and if you complete a boulder problem on your third and final attempt you will receive 3 points.

A Team Trophy is available for teams of 3 or more competitors, with the chance for the highest scoring school team to win a free Big Rock mobile climbing wall visit for their school! Team members do not have to attend the same school or youth organisation to compete for the Team Trophy, but must attend the same school to be eligible to win the mobile climbing wall visit.

Judging will be carried out by experienced climbers and their decision is final.

Fun challenges

During the evening, there will also be some fun climbing challenges on offer. These won't be part of the climbing competition scoring system but there will still be prizes. More information about these will be given on the night during the briefing.

Safety

Helmets will be available for all competitors to use at the bottom of each climb/problem. These must be worn by anyone climbing.

Harnesses will be available to use, free of charge, at the bottom of the roped climbs.

Experienced climbers will be belaying the roped climbers. All routes are top roped.

No climbing, other than on the competition climbs is allowed by competitors.

An area will be set aside for floor based warm ups.

Facilities, including the café

Big Rock Café will be open all evening serving hot and cold food, drinks, cakes and snacks for both competitors and supporters.

There are plenty of places where supporters can view from, however, we do ask, for their safety, that they do not go on to the matted areas.

Changing rooms, showers and toilets are available to all visitors.

Photographs

During the evening we will be taking photographs for publicity material. Should you not wish to be in these photographs please inform us when you first arrive.