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## Pro Format, Rules, and Regulations

### GENERAL

- 1.0 The Unified Bouldering Championships (UBC) pro division format shall consist of a series of boulder problems. All problems shall be climbed without ropes. Climbers will have a period of 5 minutes (Time periods are determined at the discretion of the head judge and head route setter and are uniform throughout each round of competition) to climb on each problem followed by an equal period of rest.
- 1.1 **SAFETY.** All problems shall be protected by crash pads. It is the responsibility of the head Routesetter to position the pads for maximum possible safety, however in bouldering every fall is a ground fall and your safety is ultimately up to you as well. While all problems will be forerun extensively for safety neither NE2C nor any tour host facility can guarantee you will not be injured while climbing or due to a fall. Please protect yourself at all times.
- 1.2 Bouldering competitions shall consist of two rounds: qualifiers and finals. It is possible that due to weather or other unforeseen events, it may be necessary to cancel one of the rounds. In this case results will be decided by the results of one round.
- 1.3 Each problem will have its own dedicated judge. The Head Judge will oversee all climbing and determine any protests filed.
- 1.4 **DEMARCATIION OF ROUTES.** Each problem shall have a pre-designated starting position from which all attempts shall start. It shall consist of fixed and marked positions for the two hands, and may include marked positions for either one or both feet. These starting positions shall be clearly marked, and the marking shall be the same for all the problems.
  - 1.4.1 All holds that are on route on each problem will be clearly marked with tape. Ideally all problems for each gender in each round will be uniformly colored. Finishing hold(s) will be clearly marked. It is possible that a problem will finish at the top lip of a wall. In this case a finishing area will be clearly marked.
  - 1.4.2 Any areas that are off route will be clearly marked
- 1.5 **STYLE.** UBC route setters will make every effort to ensure that various styles of climbing are required for success in the pro division. There may of course be multiple styles of climbing required to climb any given problem, but the UBC wishes to reward all styles of climbing equally, and not favor one style over another.
- 1.6 **QUALIFICATION FOR FINALS.** Anyone who wishes may compete in the pro division qualifiers. At the Head Judges discretion, a minimum of the top ten, and a maximum of the top twenty climbers ranked by their results from qualifiers will move on from qualifiers to finals. Some events may also feature a Semi-Final round of competition in between Qualifiers and Finals.

### 2.0 ISOLATION

- 2.1 There will be no preview prior to climbing.
- 2.2 Competitors shall remain within the designated Isolation area before climbing. Competitors shall not communicate in any way with any person outside the observation area. If it is necessary to pass a message in or out of Isolation, competitors may communicate only with event staff.
- 2.3 Competitors found to be viewing their problems or to be receiving information about them before their designated climbing time will be disqualified.

### 3.0 CLIMBING

- 3.1 In each round of the competition, competitors shall attempt the designated problems (See 1.1). After each problem the climber has a rest-period equal to the allocated climbing time. The Head Judge shall announce and/or publish the number of problems before the start of the round.
- 3.2 During the given climbing time, a competitor may attempt each problem as many times as he/she wants. The climbing time for each problem is the same for all problems in a given round. The amount of permitted time shall be announced and/or published by the Head Judge.

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- 3.3 Whenever possible there will be a time clock visible to all competitors. As a backup measure the beginning (and ending) of every climbing period shall be announced by the MC. Also when possible, the MC will announce the remaining time in each period.
- 3.4 At the end of each period competitors that are climbing shall stop climbing and enter the resting area/chair for the next problem. This area shall not allow observation of any problem.
- 3.5 An attempt on a problem is counted when every part of the body has left the ground. Unless clearly indicated, "jump starts" or any momentum generated from the ground are not permitted. An illegal jump start will negate that attempt, and be counted against the number of tries for that problem.
- 3.6 Competitor may brush holds before an attempt. Brushes or other materials may only be used by competitors to clean holds that can be reached from the ground. Competitors may only use brushes provided.
- 3.7 Competitors may use only chalk to dry their hands while climbing. The use of Rosin or "Pof" is illegal. Pof bad. No pof.
- 3.8 An attempt is considered successful when the finishing hold is controlled. Control is determined by the problem judge, and that determination is final. Matching will increase the chances that a competitor will be credited with control.
- 3.9 An attempt is considered finished when any part of the climber touches the ground, when the allotted climbing time ends, or if the climber uses an off route hold or climbs out of bounds.

### **4.0 TECHNICAL INCIDENTS**

- 4.1 A technical incident in bouldering competitions is defined as:
  - a) A broken or loose hold;
  - b) Any other occurrence that results in a disadvantage or unfair advantage to a competitor which is not the result of an action on the part of the competitor.
- 4.2 If a competitor wishes to call a technical, he/she must communicate clearly with the route judge who will indicate whether or not the technical is granted.
- 4.3 If a technical concerns a broken or loose hold that can be repaired or fixed before the end of the current rotation period, the climber involved will be offered the opportunity to continue his/her attempts. If the climber elects to continue then the technical incident is finished and no further appeals are allowed. In this case the attempt on which the technical occurred will not count against the climber (Sec 4.5). If the climber elects to not continue his/her attempts within the current rotation period then the climber will resume his/her attempts after completing the round. In this case the Head Judge will decide when the competitor may continue his/her attempts. The competitor shall be allowed the time remaining at the moment when the technical occurred. In the event that the technical occurred with less than one minute remaining in the period, the Head Judge may elect to add time to ensure at least one fair attempt.
- 4.4 If the repair can not be made before the end of the rotation time, when time expires, the round will be stopped for the competitor who has suffered the technical incident as well as for all competitors on the preceding problems. For all the other competitors, the round continues. After repair, the competitor who has suffered the technical incident shall be allowed the time remaining at the moment the incident occurred (as per sec 4.3). After this time, the competition begins again for all the climbers delayed by the technical.
- 4.5 If a technical is granted, the attempt on which the technical occurred will not be counted against the climber.

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## 5.0 SCORING

5.1 After each round of the competition, competitors will be ranked according to the following criteria with each successive criteria used to break ties:

- a) The number of successfully completed problems;
- b) The total number of holds controlled (points);
- c) Total problems flashed;
- d) The total number of attempts to tops;
- e) Total attempts to highpoint.

5.2 In the case of ties beyond the above criteria, results will be determined by count-back to previous rounds.

5.3 If there is still a tie for first place beyond the above criteria, the Head Judge may elect to create a super final. In this instance the Head Judge will announce the rules and format on site.

## 6.0 APPEALS

6.1 Appeals may be made to the Head Judge for up to one half hour (30 min) after results are posted. The ruling of the Head Judge is final. If video is available, the Head Judge will use it to help determine the correct call.

## 7.0 SPORTING BEHAVIOR

7.1 Appropriate behavior and language are required at all times. Failure to behave in an appropriate and respectful manner to other competitors, spectators, judges, or event staff is grounds for disqualification and removal from the UBC tour. Be cool.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US, GOOD LUCK AND CLIMB HARD!

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