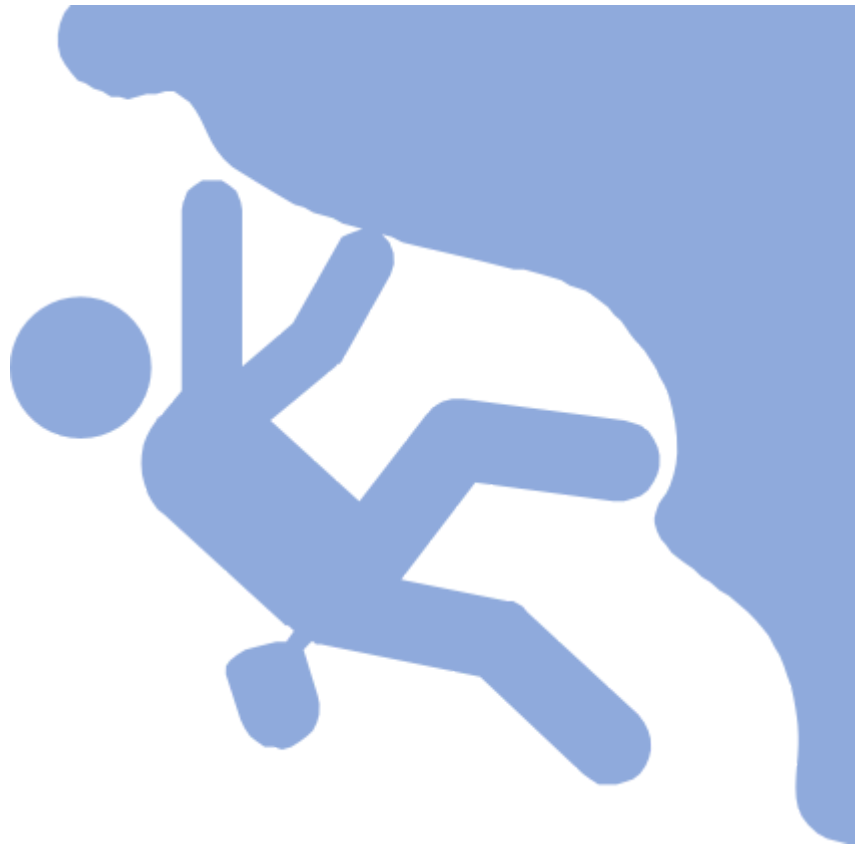


Rock Climbing handbook 2025

Auckland College Climbing series



Rock Climbing Indoor Series

Entry & Event Information 2025

Event	Venue	Competition Date	Entry Deadline
Top Rope	Extreme Edge , Panmure	Sunday 6 April	Thursday 27 March
Boulder	Northern Rocks , Wairau Valley	Sunday 18 May	Thursday 8 May
Top Rope	Vertical Adventures , Glen Eden	Sunday 15 June	Thursday 5 June
Boulder	Boulder Co , Massey	Sunday 10 August	Thursday 31 July

Divisions

- Girls Juniors - Year 9 & 10
- Boys Juniors - Year 9 & 10
- Girls Seniors - Year 11 - 13
- Boys Seniors - Year 11 - 13
- Novice/1st year climbers - no finals

Eligibility

- Year 7 & 8 students may compete in the year 9-10 division, if their school has opted to pay College Sport Auckland year 7 & 8 levies.
- Refer to College Sport Auckland Bylaw 4 [College Sport Bylaw 4](#) - General Eligibility

Entries

- Each round will open up on Enter Now (School - College Sport Portal) approximately 6 weeks prior to the event.
- New or additional entries Schools please enter on **ENTER NOW** with the information required: *Students name; School year; M or F*
- College Sport Auckland will invoice schools once entries have closed.
- This year in round 1 you have the option of entering all 4 rounds - \$95 (this is non refundable at any time) or just round 1 - \$30 there are no other alternatives. For round 2 onwards, events can only be entered 1 at a time.
- \$30 per event if being entered separately, event fee includes harness & shoe hire for those that require them.
- Cancellation up until the deadline (Thursday 10 days prior), is permitted for the current event, once the deadline has passed it is non refundable. If all 4 events were entered in round 1, then it is non-refundable after the first event's deadline (Thursday 27 March)
- **Please notify us of non attendances to help with our health & safety requirements on the day. Feel free to contact us for late entries to see if we can help.**

All further information including timetable, climber & volunteer information can be found on [Auckland College Climbing Series](#)

General & Event information

What is Top rope climbing

Round 1 at Extreme Edge and round 3 at Vertical Adventures will involve top rope climbing. Top roping is a kind of climbing where the climber is attached to a rope threaded through an anchor at the top of the wall. This rope is controlled by a belayer at the bottom of the route. Using a top rope allows climbers to scale taller walls while mitigating risk of injury.

What is bouldering?

Round two at Northern Rocks and round four at Boulder Co will have competitors boulder. Bouldering is a form of climbing done without a rope, on a short wall between 3 - 4 metres.

Special policies for Top Rope events

Given the nature of Top Rope competitions (Round 1 - Extreme Edge and Round 3 - Vertical Adventures), these events can only go ahead if we have enough volunteers to belay the climbers. A survey will be sent ahead of these rounds to collect volunteers' contact details. Their role is detailed in a separate document ["ACCS BELAYER ROLE and POLICIES.pdf"].

Every Climber needs the volunteer survey to be filled out by a parent or caregiver regardless of if a parent/caregiver is attending or not. Teachers and climbing coaches also need to complete this volunteer survey.

THE COMPLETED SURVEY is a requirement for your climbers entry to be accepted.

General Information

- **Very important** - All **Climbers** need to sign in with the Climbing gyms. Please save time and complete the "Sign a waiver" links below.
 - [Extreme Edge Waiver](#)
 - [Vertical Adventures Waiver](#)
 - [Northern Rocks Waiver](#)
 - [BoulderCo Waiver](#)
- **Novice/new to climbing (started climbing after September 2023)** - you can select 'novice' when entering your scores after the round. There are no finals for this division, finalists will compete in the Junior/Senior round they are registered for. Novice placegetter awards will be made when the finalists are announced at the end of spot prizes, so stay for this.
- **Sensory free** - if you (the climber) would benefit from a sensory free environment please email us to see how we can support this.
- **Online scoring system** for entering your final scores. **A cell phone and data is needed**, if this is not possible we will have phones available to use for entering the final scores, see the MC or scoring desk.
- **School Sports top:** This is a School event, so it is **COMPULSORY** for all climbers to be wearing their school's PE top / Sports uniform top. On the bottom half, whatever makes you comfy while climbing. For seniors your School sports department should have a sports top

you can loan for the event.

- **On your feet:** Sneakers / climbing shoes. Bare feet are not permitted on the climbing walls & sneakers are not permitted at the boulder gyms. Entry fee includes harness hire & climbing shoes (if your size is available), please bring socks.
- **Encouragement:** You are allowed to encourage climbers and give each other hints/tips/advice during the qualifying rounds, but getting on the walls and showing the moves is not permitted. The purpose of this is to help the new/inexperienced climbers get ahead, and get more enjoyment from the day. In the finals, encouragement only.
- **No visiting while final climbs are being set please.** We will advise in our event week updates when they are being set. We and the gyms will post on social media detailed timing. For the latest timing please contact us or the climbing gym.
- **Drinks and snacks are available** to be purchased at the gyms, lunches at Boulder Co, but also feel free to bring your own.
- **Results** can be found on this link on the day & the following weeks: [Results](#)



Spot Prizes / Awards (immediately after climbing round has finished)

- Thanks to our fantastic sponsors (30 + of them) we have awesome spot prizes to give away, names are drawn out from those who attended on the day.
- At this time our School Sportsmanship award will be awarded, 1 for each division (Junior & Senior).
- Our Volunteers award from “ The Trusts” will be drawn at this time.
- Novice (started climbing September 2023 onwards) placegetters awards will be given at the end of Spot Prizes before the finalists are announced.

Placegetters Prizegiving (after finals)

- There are certificates & medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in Top ropes or Boulder in their division.
- Thanks to our major sponsor **RAB**, we have 2 RAB gift vouchers to be drawn for our placegetters (one seniors & 1 juniors), so a 1 in 6 chance of being drawn.
 - So we can spread RAB’s generosity around, if a climber has received a placegetter prize, at a previous round, there will be a redraw.
- At the end of round 4 our “**Series Championship**” Placings will be awarded, all podium placings get a chance to pick from the prize table.

End of Series Placings awards

- Based on each climber’s placing in their division they will be awarded points. 1st = 100 points, 2nd = 86, 3rd = 74, down to 35th = 1 . Please refer to the Auckland climbing website [Points for ACCSeries](#) for the complete list of points.
- There is no minimum amount of rounds the climber needs to have participated in for an Individual Series Award. The points from the climber’s best 3 of 4 possible scoring rounds will be added together to give the climber their Individual Series Score e.g. if the climber competed in all 4 rounds, then the best 3 of their 4 scores will apply. If the climber only competed in 2 rounds, then the scores from those 2 rounds will count towards their Individual Series Score.

- The Auckland College Climbing Series School Shield will be awarded at Round 4.
- Most Improved climber placings per division and M/F, will be awarded at Round 4 Spot Prizes.
- To be eligible for [College Sport Auckland's Young Sportsman of the Year Awards](#), climbers have to have participated in at least 2 rounds of the ACCSeries. Results are taken from the highest level competition (e.g. International or National) of the entrant.

School Teams

- There is no minimum number of climbers required to be entered by a school, to be eligible for points for that round. However, only the top 3 climbers for each school can contribute to the school's score. Different climbers from the same school can contribute to a School's Shield Round Score in different rounds.
- For each round the top 3 individual climber's points from each school will be added together to give that school their School Shield Round Score. In the instance that a school only has 1 or 2 competitors then they will only have 1 or 2 scores going towards their Shield Round Score.
- Over the series the sum of the school's best 3 School Shield Round Scores will be added together to give them a School Shield Series Score.
- The school with the highest School Shield Series Score at the end of the 4 rounds will be awarded the Auckland College Climbing Series School Shield.
- There is a School Sportsmanship Certificate for each round & each junior/senior division.

Policies

- General Rules, Sportsmanship/ Disputes, Health & Safety, Media, Code of Conduct please see our website [ACCseries](#)

Sportsmanship/ Disputes

- This event relies on your honesty- so please follow the rules, you only cheat yourself in the end if you don't.
- **There will be an announcement by the MC to indicate that results** have been uploaded to google spreadsheet & on the notice board. Any appeals must be lodged at the Scoring Desk (or with a pink high vis vest volunteer) within 5 minutes of the official posting of results. [Disputes/ Appeals form](#)

Timetable

- A **guideline only as each event will be different**. To see the proposed timetables see our website [Proposed timetables for events](#)
- Climbers are expected to sign in at least 30 minutes prior to climbing
- Round 1 (Extreme Edge) and 3 (Vertical Adventures) are top rope competitions:
 - Juniors (Y9-10), climbs from 8:30am to 10am (EE); 9:00am to 10:30am (VA)
 - Seniors (Y11-13), climbs from 10am to 11:30am (EE); 10:30am to 12:00pm (VA)
- Round 2 (Northern Rocks) and 4 (Boulder Co) are boulder competitions:
 - Juniors (Y9-10), climbs from 10am to 11:30am
 - Seniors (Y11-13), climbs from 8:30am to 10am
- For all rounds: finalists must go to isolation at 12pm. Final prize giving should be finished by 3pm
- **If you have a climber wanting to climb in the first round and that is not their division eg Seniors at the Junior round** time for Extreme Edge & they are NOT expecting to make the finals, please email us so we can accommodate this.

- The Senior climber would be required to climb at the Juniors time (1st round), but scoring would go into the Senior round.
- Their name would be entered into the Junior spot prize draw.
- It can't be v/v as Junior finalists will have been announced.
- The confirmed timetable, event week updates will be posted on our Facebook, Instagram & ACCSeries web page as well as emailed to all participating Schools on the Monday of event week.
 - For round timetables & event week updates please see link Timetable & Event week updates which will be posted event week.

Updates/ Contact us

- Email accseries1@gmail.com
- **For Updates** please follow our ...
 - Facebook: [ACCseries](#)
 - Instagram: [@aklcollegeclimbingseries](#)
 - [College Sport Rock Climbing](#) web page
 - [Auckland College Climbing Series](#) web page
- **For information on other climbing events & competitions** see the Auckland Sport Climbing Club calendar <https://www.aucklandclimbing.co.nz/calendar/>
- **For information on outdoor climbing open days at Maungarei Springs** - for new or inexperienced outdoor climbers that have climbed indoors. Please join Facebook page [Maungarei Springs Crag](#) or [Maungarei Springs Young Climbers](#) or email accseries1@gmail.com

Event Format

Check "ACCS - Competition Rules.pdf"