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## **OPEN BOULDER**

### **COMPETITION FORMAT**

Any climber who would like to compete must be born in 2010 or earlier.

The AGE CATEGORIES are as follows:

1. STUDENTS – (UCT, MATIES, UWC or any other Private tertiary institution)
  - a. Kook – Climbs up to dice level 4 at Bloc11
  - b. Advanced
2. Legends (40+) – Any climber over the age of 40
3. Opens – any climber born in 2010 and earlier who is not a student and is not over 40 years old. ie (15 – 40)



The Boulder competition includes 15 qualifying boulders that will be climbed over 2.5 hours. You will be able to climb any boulder in any order, so you will be able to climb with your friends. You will be able to learn the BETA from stronger climbers by talking to them and watching them climb. You will NOT be allowed to give BETA (climbing tips) to any climber who is currently on the wall. They need to figure it out on their own while climbing. They can get help once off the boulder. Each climbing route will be monitored by an allocated judge or scorer, ensuring accurate assessment of performance and points earned.

In addition to the competitive individual climbing, participants will have the opportunity to watch and support their friends as they take on their own climbing challenges. This aspect of the competition fosters a sense of community and encouragement among climbers.

Winners of each category age group will be announced. Fun giveaways and bonus surprises will be given.

The Top 8 male and female athletes will go through to a 3-boulder final. Male and Female boulders will happen simultaneously. Each boulder will be completed fully before moving on to the next boulder. This means that all 8 climbers will complete the first problem (boulder) before moving on to the next problem. There will be a period of 20 minutes for each boulder. The athletes will take turns on each boulder. If you complete the boulder, you will be able to rest. If you do not complete the boulder you will go to the back of the line and wait for your next turn.

Overall, this competition format is designed to promote skill development, competitive spirit, and a sense of community within the climbing culture. By encouraging participants to learn from each other and strive for personal excellence, the event aims to create a positive and enriching environment for all climbers involved.

After the competition beer and pizza will be on sale and climbers will be able to enjoy an amazing social time.

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