
2020 CEC Youth Boulder Nationals: Technical Briefing Notes

Athletes and coaches, welcome to the 2020 CEC Youth Boulder Nationals. The competition will occur February 15th to 17th, 2020 at the Hive North Shore Climbing and Fitness. The most up to date schedule is attached to the end of this document in Appendix A. Please ensure you are aware of your respective Isolation Closure times. Athletes appearing for check in after the Isolation closure time will not be admitted.

This document will serve as the technical athlete briefing for coaches and athletes for the event. Athlete briefings prior to heats will be brief and limited to the flow of competition and questions on this document. This document has been prepared to cover the usual topics addressed in athlete technical briefings; coaches or parents/supporters are encouraged to review the details with their athletes prior to arriving at the competition. The most recent Competition Rules published by the CEC (<http://climbingcanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2019-20-CEC-Rule-Amendments-ver2.pdf>), in combination with the IFSC 2019 Rules Version 1.9.2, located at https://cdn.ifsc-climbing.org/images/World_Compétitions/IFSC-Rules_2019_v192_PUBLIC.pdf, form the rules to be used at YBN 2020, and shall take precedent in the event of any discrepancy with this document.

Introductory Comments

- Thank you to the Hive North Shore Climbing and Fitness, and all of the volunteers who make events like this such a great experience for youth climbers in Canada.
- Officials for the competition are:
 - Jury President: Babak Zia
 - CEC Judge: Kateri Belanger
 - Aspirant CEC Judge: Janet Wong
 - Head Route Setter: Simon Parton
 - Technical Delegate: Peter McNamee
- Safety is the top priority for athletes, volunteers and spectators and sportsmanship is very important in competitive climbing. No inappropriate language or behaviour will be allowed. Athletes and team officials who demonstrate inappropriate behaviour may receive informal verbal warnings or official warnings by the showing of a yellow card or red card.
- The top 20 athletes from each category in Qualifiers will advance to Semi Finals.
- The top 6 athletes from each category in Semi Finals will advance to a World Cup Style Final.

Competition Format

- Qualifiers consist of 4 problems with a 5 on, 5 off format.
- Semi Finals consist of 4 problems with a 5 on, 5 off format.
- Finals consist of 4 problems with a 4-minute World Cup Format (i.e. all climbers successively climb problem 1 before advancing to problem 2). A secondary isolation will be used for the Finals for athletes

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Check-in and Isolation

- This is a large competition. To keep the number of athletes in isolation at any time manageable, there are staggered times for check-in depending on category. Please check the schedule in Appendix A and any follow-on schedule updates to ensure athletes arrive before the close of isolation.
- Please see attached map of the Hive Climbing Gym; this should help orient you to the layout of the gym for the competition. Isolation and warmup will be in the upper floor of the gym. Entrance to Isolation will be via a separate marked door to the left of the main entrance doors. There is no access to Isolation and warmup via the main entrance doors of the gym. Look for signage to direct the way into Isolation. Isolation Check-In will be at the top of these stairs.
- For semis and finals, climbers will check in the same as for qualifiers, in the same location as described above.
- Coaches will also need to check in to Isolation before the Isolation period closes. A CEC coaches badge and event sticker will be required for coaches to enter Isolation or to file an appeal. The event stickers will be available on Saturday morning when coaches check into ISO.
- Coaches must either be inside ISO or outside ISO, but cannot move from one area to the other throughout a given round. Once a coach leaves ISO, they will no longer be permitted back into ISO during that round.
- Climbers will receive their scorecard just prior to their start time from an Isolation Coordinator.

Reminders on Technicals

- Technical incidents, such as if a hold spins/breaks, must be called right away. If the athlete does not call the technical right away and continues to climb, they cannot call the technical later.
- Judges are instructed to call a technical if an unsafe situation arises or if a hold spinning creates an advantage for the athlete.
- If a technical is called and verified by the Jury President or CEC Judge, it is not an attempt. The judge will record the time and the athlete will be reinserted to complete their remaining time for that boulder with a minimum waiting period of two minutes.

Scoring

- The judge will give a thumbs up with an extended arm to signal award of the zone hold.
- On the competitor's scorecard the number of attempts for zones and the number of attempts for tops will be recorded for each boulder. The athlete is responsible to check their scorecard after completing the last problem.

Appeals

- Video will be available to support appeals during this competition. Appeal forms will be available at the competition, and all written appeals shall be accompanied by a \$75 appeal bond.

Medical Assistance

- One medic will be present outside ISO each round. In addition, physiotherapists will be in ISO to aid athletes in preparation for the rounds. The athletes will need someone, a coach, to provide written consent for them to use the physiotherapist while in ISO. Coaches may wish to confirm with the parents of their athletes to provide consent in allowing them to sign for physiotherapy treatment; this is done by parents completing a temporary guardianship form (freely available online).

General Reminders

- Brushing is permitted by athletes or designated brushers only. Only brushes supplied by the competition may be used; athletes may not use their own brushes.
- Athletes are considered in Isolation throughout their boulders and 5 minutes after the completion of their last boulder. Any attempt to communicate with athletes, (offers to fill water bottles, handing a chalk bag, conversing congratulations, any coaching, etc.) may result in a red card and disqualification of the athlete and the person communicating.
- If coaches believe a judge has made an error, they should not challenge the judge but should rather file an appeal. Aggressive behaviour toward judges could result in disciplinary action against the athlete and/or their coach. The appropriate action is to approach the Jury President, CEC Judge, Technical Delegate or Aspirant CEC Judge.
- If an athlete is bleeding while climbing, the attempt will be stopped and athlete must come down from the wall. Athletes must stop bleeding to the satisfaction of the Jury President, Head Judge, or Technical Delegate at which time they can resume climbing.
- The viewing area at the Hive is fairly plentiful, but please be courteous to the athletes and judges. Leave plenty of room between spectators and the judging staff.

Appendix A: Summary of Schedule

Friday, February 14th:

5:00pm to 7:00pm - Registration

7:00pm to 7:30pm - Technical Meeting

Saturday, February 15th – Qualifiers: four boulders – 5 on / 5 off

7:30am - ISO opens for Youth B Girls, Youth A Girls, Junior Girls, and Youth B Boys

8:30am - ISO closes

8:30am - Gym Opens

9:00am - qualifiers begin for Youth B Girls, Youth A Girls, Junior Girls

10:15am (approx.) - qualifiers begin for Youth B Boys

12:45pm - ISO opens for Youth A Boys and Junior Boys

1:45pm – ISO closes

2:30pm – qualifiers begin for Youth A Boys and Junior Boys

6:00pm – Gym Closes for Changeover

Sunday, February 16th - Semifinals: four boulders – 5 on / 5 off

7:30am - ISO opens for all categories

8:30am - ISO closes

8:30am - Gym Opens

9:00am – Semifinals begin for Youth B Girls, Youth A Girls, Youth A Boys

11:35am (approx.) – Semifinals begin for Youth B Boys, Junior Girls, Junior Boys

1:30pm – Gym Closes for Changeover

Monday, February 17th - Finals: World Cup format

8:30am - ISO opens for Youth B

9:30am - ISO closes

9:30am - Gym Opens

10:00am - Youth B Finals

12:30pm – Gym Closes for Changeover

2:00pm - ISO opens for Youth A and Junior

3:00pm - ISO closes

3:00pm - Gym Opens

3:30pm - Youth A and Junior Finals

6:00pm - Awards

Note: There may be adjustments to this schedule leading up to and during the competition. Athletes and coaches are encouraged to check the CEC website (www.climbingcanada.ca) and social media sites for updates.