

WHAT'S UP BOULDER CONTEST

Instructions

All boulders are made with holds of the same colour. Initial hand holds are pointed out. If only one hold is pointed out, you must start with your two hands on this precise hold. You can use the whole structure, except holes for screws in the wall and the spaces between holds and the wall.

The contest lasts 4 hours. The beginning and the end of the competition will be announced by a loud sound. All boulders can be tried and practised freely before any official try. Every official try must be authorized by the judge responsible for the relevant boulder. The number of official tries is not limited. The use of a sweet brush, and liquid or powder chalk are authorized. The use of wire brushes and "resin" or "rosin" are forbidden. Competitors have to wear the official contest T-shirt when they climb, and the number written on their hand should be clearly visible at any time.

Each boulder is worth 1,000 points, divided by the number of climbers who pass it. Climbers are ranked according to the amount of points corresponding to the value of each boulder they passed, in descending order.

A competitor passes a boulder:

- if he/she holds the last hold with two hands, and at least for two seconds, or if the competitor can sit up or stand up on the top of the structure
AND
- after the judge has validated the position and said "OK"

If the judge reports a technical problem, the boulder is temporarily inaccessible to competitors until it has been repaired. The competitor who was victim of the technical problem has the priority among the other climbers for his new attempt.

Only the 5 best competitors are qualified for the final.

Competitors climb each in his turn, in reverse order from the previous turn ranking (meaning that the last one will begin).

Climbers try to pass 4 boulders "on sight" that are set in a pre-defined order, after a collective observation moment of 2 minutes.

Each climber benefits from, successively, 4 minutes of "climbing-time" to achieve climbing boulders.

All competitors make their attempts each in his turn during their climbing-time on the same boulder before taking the following one.

The end of the climbing-time is announced by a loud sound, and at that precise time, the climber can not have another try on the boulder. However, he/she can end his/her current attempt and in case it is successful, it is then validated. The last minute of the climbing-time is announced by the judge.

If a climber passes a boulder before the end of the given time, the following competitor starts climbing this boulder at once, or the following one if he is the first one on the list.

An attempt is considered as started:

- as soon as the body leaves the ground,
- if the competitor touches other holds than the initial ones

The judge writes the number of attempts needed to achieve climbing the boulder.

In order to decide between potential dead heats, each boulder contains a bonus hold which has a different colour from the initial ones. The validation of this bonus hold is not a compulsory condition to validate a successful attempt.

The bonus hold is taken into account:

- when the climber holds it for 2 seconds
- when the climber achieves climbing the boulder, without using this hold.

The judge writes, for each competitor, the validation, or not, of the bonus hold as well as the number of attempts necessary to validate it.

If the judge points out a technical problem, the climber is isolated and has to wait for the boulder to be repaired. As soon as it is repaired, the climber will start his attempt again.

The climber benefits from the climbing-time that remained when the problem occurred, with a minimum time of 2 minutes.

Climbers are ranked according to:

- the number of boulders that were passed, in increasing order,
- the total amount of attempts needed to pass boulders, in increasing order,
- the number of bonus holds held, in descending order,
- the total amount of attempts made to hold bonus holds, in increasing order.

In case of dead heats in the final turn, results of the previous turn are taken into account to decide between them. If there are still dead heats at the first place, both competitors remain at the same rank and the final classification is announced.