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### **Auckland College Climbing Series Policies as at 15/9/2023**

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### **Eligibility**

* All climbers must be enrolled full-time at School and in Year 9 or above, the exception to this is Colleges that have year 7-8 are welcome to compete in the Year 9-10 category, provided they have affiliation with Auckland College Sport for year 7-8.
* “Full-Time Student” means a student Enrolled at a Participating School and studying at least 80% of a programme that is part of the timetable provided by the school with a satisfactory attendance record.
* Climbers must be under 19 years of age on 1 January of the year of the competition.

**Entries**

* Entries & payment are only through your school sports coordinator. Entries close **Midnight Thursday 10 days prior to the competition.** No entries on the day. *Please be aware that this is our cut off date, we expect Schools will have an earlier deadline of a week.*
* Harness & Climbing Shoe hire is included in the entry fee, these are collected on the day from the Venues. Please bring your own socks. There are limited numbers of climbing shoes available as such it's a first in first served basis as We cannot guarantee your exact shoe size will be available.

### **General Rules**

* Divisions are Girls and Boys year 9-10 and Year 11-13. These age groups are keeping in line with the NZ Secondary Schools Competition. (Note: we are currently investigating a gender neutral category as well as a non competitive category)
* This is a School competition, so it is COMPULSORY for all climbers to be wearing their schools 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 competition.
* On your feet - Sneakers (not at NR or BC) / climbing shoes. Bare feet are not permitted on the climbing walls.
* All competitors and their supporters accept a duty of care in participating in this event.
* The organising committee will work to identify, and minimise or eliminate risks where possible.
* The organising committee reserve the right to make all necessary changes to the routes at any time, in the best interest of safety for competitors.
* Climbers must obey the Judges, Officials and Rock Climbing gym staff at all times.
* These events are Smoke, Drug and Alcohol free events.

### **Sportsmanship / Disputes**

* No swearing or offensive language.
* If you believe someone is cheating or gaining an unfair benefit, please discuss this with a judge or the event coordinator first, rather than confronting the individual.
* This competition relies on your honesty- so please follow the rules, you only cheat yourself in the end if you don’t.
* **These events are run by volunteers**, most of whom have children climbers. As such during finals there is the potential for a child to be judged, managed in isolation, etc by a parent or adult who knows that participant well. We have processes in place to ensure that in every situation there are multiple individuals involved in the decision making process to provide oversight, and ensure a balanced approach is ensured for all participants.
* The event organisers will appoint a President of the Jury to whom disputes relating to the technicalities of climbing/actions within the qualifying and finals rounds can be directed. These Disputes/queries must be lodged at the Scoring Desk within 5 minutes of the official posting of results. Disputes can be written on the official disputes form.
* *The POJ will liaise with judges as required. Disputes are investigated and reported back before any prizegiving, so cannot carry on past the event day.*
* *Any serious disciplinary issues relating to an individual's behaviour (both participant and spectator) will be brought before the Auckland College Climbing Series Committee, who will meet within seven days of the incident and who reserve the right to consult with or pass the matter onto the School Principal and Sports Department, and or College Sport Auckland.*

**Health and Safety**

* All participants are reminded that they compete at their own risk and absolve the event committee, all Judges, helpers and volunteers from any blame or claim.
* Any climbing equipment that a Climber brings to use in the competition must be checked by an official or Gym staff before climbing. Any equipment deemed unsafe cannot be used during the competition.
* Judges / Belayers will check to ensure climbers are clipped in correctly before they start climbing on Top ropes and Speed.
* All climbers & belayers need to complete a safety waiver online prior to arrival with the Climbing gyms.
* Please refer to our [Belayers policy](http://www.aucklandclimbing.co.nz/auckland-college-climbing-series/volunteers/)
* Please email us if you would like a copy of our Event Health & Safety plan

**Media Material Policy**

* Auckland College Climbing Series has the unconditional right to use at its discretion any photographic and/or video images taken of any competitors/officials while participating at the Auckland College Climbing Series, in any form of social media, websites, media, art, advertising, trade, visual documentary, promotional material, merchandise, film coverage etc. without any compensation to you or approval by you.
* All images will be stored in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993.
* The purpose of these images is to use them on future promotional, advertising and marketing materials for the ACC Series, as well as in local media and social media reports before, during and after the Series.
* In addition video’s of finals climbs, may be used for training material for judges.
* Any issues / concerns with this policy, please email accseries1@gmail.com, and make yourself known to the MC on the day.