



**GAUTENG
CLIMBING**

2023 Gauteng Climbing Provincial Competition

**Hosted by
Gauteng Climbing**

**Speed - 3 March 2023
Boulder - 4 March 2023
Lead - 5 March 2023**

Information Brochure

Gauteng Climbing (GC) is pleased to welcome you to the 2023 Gauteng Climbing Provincial Competition for senior athletes in the U13, U15, U17, U19 and Open categories. The competition is taking place at CityROCK Johannesburg.

This event is the official qualifier to select a provincial squad from Gauteng that will be invited to compete in the SANCF Selection event taking place on 17-19 March 2023.

COMPETITION DETAILS

Event Officials

Jury President – Allister Fenton
Competition Manager – Sonja Thomas
Head Route Setter – Katleho Pobe
Volunteer Coordinator - Ziyad Adroos
Venue Manager – Kirsten Lotter
Administration and Registration – Bridgette Erdey
Chief Scorer - Michelle Dowds

Date of Event

1. Speed: Friday 3 March
2. Boulder: Saturday 4 March
3. Lead: Sunday 5 March

Venue – CityROCK Johannesburg at 46 Fourth Ave S, Fontainebleau, Randburg, 2194

[Map](#) to venue.

Restricted Access

No competing athlete may enter CityROCK Johannesburg from Monday 27 February 2023 until the official start of the competition. Entry by competitors during this time will result in disqualification from the event.

IFSC

This event will be run in accordance with IFSC rules adjusted to suit local constraints where necessary. Hence the change to the format of the competition to Speed, Boulder, Lead in this sequence.

Isolation

Isolation rules will apply. Communication with athletes is not permitted at any time whilst they are in isolation. No unauthorized persons are permitted to enter the isolation zone at any time, without express permission from the Isolation Manager and/or event officials. This includes, but is not limited to, coaches, parents, and photographers.

HOW TO ENTER

Who Should Enter, and in Which Age Category:

Clubs that are affiliated and in good standing with Gauteng Climbing should put forward the names of their strongest male and female athletes in the following age categories:

- Under 13 (Youth C) – Born 2010 and 2011
- Under 15 (Youth B) - Born 2008 and 2009
- Under 17 (Youth A) – Born 2006 and 2007
- Under 19 – Born 2004 and 2005
- Open – Born 2003 and prior.

A copy of the athlete **ID or birth certificate** must be available for the competition organisers should any query arise regarding the age category of the competitor. A digital device will be accepted.

GC Registration:

Only those athletes who are members of a club, and registered with their provincial body, and have paid the 2023 annual fee may enter this event. For competitors from Gauteng, all fees are to be paid to your club.

For competitors from other provinces, annual fees are to be up to date as per your local province requirements and a letter of good standing will be required. These competitors will need to pay GC directly.

Gauteng Climbing 2023 annual registration may be accessed [here](#).

Enter the Event [Here](#).

Deadline:

The deadline to enter the competition is **5pm on Wednesday 22 February 2023**. No late entries will be accepted by GC after this date and time.

Cost:

1. One discipline = R250 per competitor.
2. Two disciplines = R450 per competitor
3. Three disciplines = R650 per competitor.

The competition entry fee must be paid to your club.

Responsibility of The Club:

Gauteng Climbing will send each club a list of entries received via the online response form, by Monday 27 February 2023. The club should check and confirm their entries and submit payment of all applicable fees to GC **by no later than Wednesday 1 March 2023**.

It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that their athletes who intend to participate in this event have done the following:

- (a) registered with GC for 2023 and paid the annual licence fee, and
- (b) entered the event via the online link, before the deadline, and paid the competition entry fee.

Only entries received via the online link will be accepted. No entry will be accepted by word of mouth or by call or email sent to any member of the GC committee.

Kit and Gear

1. All athletes must wear their **club shirt** when climbing.
2. The **competition number** label provided at sign-in on the day must be displayed clearly on the back of the vest or shirt.
3. **Helmets** are encouraged for all rope assisted disciplines at GC hosted events. We understand that managing risk is a fundamental aspect of climbing and should you choose not to wear a helmet, you must accept all responsibility for that decision (including potential injury or death).
4. Athletes are to bring their **own gear** including chalk, shoes and harness (and helmet) . For the Lead event athletes must bring their own rope.

TIMETABLE and FORMAT

- **Timetable for all age categories**

DISCIPLINE	DATE & VENUE		TIME	Duration	GENDER / AGE CATEGORY
SPEED	3 March				
		Registration	14h45 – 15h15	30 minutes	All
		Briefing	15h20 – 15h30	10 minutes	
		Warm up	15h30 – 16h00	30 minutes	
		Isolation closes	16h00		All
		Lap A	16h05 – 16h35	30 minutes	All
		Lap B	16h45 – 17h15	30 minutes	All
		Medal ceremony	17h30 – 17h45	15 minutes	All
BOULDER – session 1	4 March				M and F
		Registration	08h30 – 08h50	20 minutes	U13 - U15
		Briefing and viewing	09h00 – 09h30	30 minutes	U13 - U15
		Warm up	09h30 – 10h00	30 minutes	U13 - U15
		Isolation closes	10h00		U13 - U15
		Competition duration	10h05 – 11h30	1 hr 25 min	U13 - U15
		Medal ceremony	11h45 – 12h00	15 minutes	U13 - U15
BOULDER – session 2	4 March				M and F
		Registration	11h30 – 11h50	20 minutes	U17 – O
		Briefing and viewing	12h15 – 12h45	30 minutes	U17 – O
		Warm up	12h45 – 13h15	30 minutes	U17 – O
		Isolation closes	13h15		U17 – O
		Competition duration	13h20 – 17h15	3 hr 55 min	U17 – O
		Medal ceremony	17h30 – 17h45	15 minutes	U17 – O
LEAD – session 1	5 March				M and F
		Registration	08h30 – 08h50	20 minutes	U13 - U15
		Briefing and viewing	09h00 – 09h30	30 minutes	U13 - U15
		Warm up	09h30 – 10h00	30 minutes	U13 - U15
		Isolation closes	10h00		U13 - U15
		Route 1	10h05 – 10h55	50 min	U13 - U15
		Route 2	11h00 – 11h50	50 min	U13 - U15
		Medal ceremony	12h00 – 12h15	15 minutes	U13 - U15
LEAD – session 2	5 March				M and F
		Registration	11h45 – 12h05	20 minutes	U17 – O
		Briefing and viewing	12h10 – 12h40	30 minutes	U17 – O
		Warm up	12h45 – 13h15	30 minutes	U17 – O
		Isolation closes	13h15		U17 – O
		Route 1	13h20 – 15h50	1 hr 30 min	U17 – O
		Route 2	15h55 – 17h20	1 hr 30 min	U17 – O
		Medal ceremony	17h30 – 17h45	15 minutes	U17 – O

Note: The proposed times stated above, as well as the competition schedule, are entirely dependent on the final number of competitors and may be adjusted accordingly following the closure of entries.

- **SPEED FORMAT**

The start list will be generated in the order that athletes register on the day.

Warm Up Procedure - Kids section (isolation)

- a) All athletes will be given the opportunity to warm up from 15h30 – 16h00

Competition Procedure

- b) Each athlete will have one practice run. This practice run will be timed but will not be used in the final scoring.
- c) Once all athletes have completed their practice run, the first athlete begins their first timed run.
- d) Once all athletes have completed their first timed run, the first athlete begins their second timed run.
- e) Each athlete will have two timed final runs; the athlete's fastest time will be used to determine the final result.
- f) If a competitor falls they will not be disqualified from the event but will be given the maximum time for that run.
- g) If any first placed competitors remain tied following the above, the slower of the two runs will be compared, thereafter the timed practice runs.

Technical Incidents

Should a technical incident occur, the Jury President will decide to pause the competition procedure, or resolve the incident while it continues. A technical incident (for example a wall or hold incident) will be identified by the Jury President.

- **BOULDER FORMAT**

- a) Each athlete will climb 4 boulder problems with a 4 minute on and 4 minute off format.
- b) Athletes will be allowed a 2 minute viewing time per boulder problem before going back into isolation.
- c) A randomised start list will be applied.
- d) IFSC format rules and scoring will apply, subject to adjustment to local constraints.
- e) Scores are judged according to, and in order of:
 - the number of Tops awarded;
 - the number of Zone points awarded;
 - the fewest attempts at Top; and,
 - the fewest attempts at reaching the Zone hold.

- **LEAD FORMAT**

- a) Two routes will be climbed by each category and the aggregated rank scores from both routes will be used to determine the final score.
- b) Both routes will be on-sight, meaning that the groups will be given five minutes to view the route prior to the climb before being confined to isolation. The route will not be demonstrated, and they will not be allowed to watch anyone climb the routes nor share information about the route.
- c) A random start order will apply.
- d) The individual competitor will be led to the route at the appropriate time by a belayer. The competitor must have their shoes and harness on and have their chalk. The Competitor must already be tied in and have been checked by their belayer and be accompanied by their belayer to the route.
- e) The competitor will have 30 seconds to view the route immediately before their climb.
- f) The attempt will be considered started the moment both feet leave the floor and is completed when the climber has either clipped the final draws or fallen.
- g) Climbers have only one attempt per route and have a maximum of five minutes per route after which they will be called down.
- h) Climbers may only use the colour holds of the route and stay within bounds of the route.
- i) The score on each route is judged by the highest hold that is reached and controlled.
- j) Tied results will be resolved by the total number of holds achieved over both climbs, and then by time.

Medal Ceremony

There will be a medal ceremony at the end of each session on each day. Although we will endeavour to stick to a programmed timetable there could be unpredictable delays and the presentation of final scores and medals will begin as soon as possible.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Volunteers

The success of our event is dependent on assistance from volunteers; should you be able to volunteer as a scorer, judge, runner, or spotter, please email secretary@gauteng-climbing.co.za by no later than 15 February 2023.

In addition, we require a designated volunteer photographer for the day.

Housekeeping and Waiver

CityROCK Johannesburg will be responsible to oversee general housekeeping during these events however all competitors are expected to familiarise themselves

with and adhere to the venue rules, and where possible to assist in keeping the venue clean and tidy.

Climbers will be required to sign the standard gym waiver form at the venue on the day.

Food and Refreshments

The venue has limited snacks, food, cool drinks, tea and coffee. Athletes are advised to bring their own water, food and drinks.

Video Recording & Image Use

Entrants into the competition are aware that spectators or other competitors may record the event at their will and utilise imagery on social media.

Furthermore, participants are aware and confirm that:

- (a) They agree to the possibility of being filmed, photographed, or otherwise recorded while performing at a GC competition.
- (b) They agree that such photographs or audio-visual recordings may be used without limitation of time or territory, for the promotion of Sport Climbing and for querying events on the day.

Whilst there will be no official video recordings taken at this event by the organisers, should an athlete feel that they may be required to query anything related to their climb, the onus will be on that athlete to ensure that clearly visible video evidence of their climb is on hand and presented to the officials in charge.

Medical Officer

A BLS (basic life support) medical officer will be present on the day.

TECHNICAL INCIDENTS

It is the competitor and clubs' responsibility to be familiar with the definition of a technical incident should they be in a position to call for one. A technical incident is defined as any occurrence that results in a disadvantage or advantage to a competitor, which is not the result of an action on the part of the competitor, called by the competitor or their club (no parent may call a technical event on behalf of their athlete but rather refer to their club representative) and confirmed by the judge, and may allow the climber to make another attempt. Examples are a loose or broken hold, or a tight rope which either assists or hinders a competitor. The confirmation or non-confirmation of a technical incident shall be made by the Jury President in consultation with the head route setter at the venue and or other GC officials and scorers, as the Jury President may deem necessary.

POPI ACT COMPLIANCE

The right to privacy is fully respected by Gauteng Climbing and we therefore aim to ensure that we comply with the requirements of the POPI Act which regulates the manner in which we collect, process, store, share and destroy any personal information which you have provided to us.

If you are a parent or legal guardian of a participant who is younger than 18, by submitting Personal Information (including special personal information) you expressly provide your informed consent for the collection, processing and storage of such Personal Information in respect of yourself and your child, and unless you at any time instruct Gauteng Climbing expressly and in writing to the contrary, by entering a competition, consent is given for the following purposes:

- to collect, store and process names, contact details, and information relating to the competing athlete and to such information being made available to responsible persons engaged or authorised by Gauteng Climbing for the purposes of national rankings etc.
- to include photographs, video, and other media with or without the athlete's name in various media platforms which may include the Gauteng Climbing website, Instagram, Facebook, etc.

As a participant in an event authorised and/or recognised by Gauteng Climbing, you agree to be filmed, photographed or otherwise recorded while performing, and for the use of such photographs or audio-visual recordings without limitation of time or territory for observation during events as well as the general promotion of Sport Climbing within South Africa.

ANTI-DOPING

Gauteng Climbing (GC) is a member of the South African National Climbing Federation (SANCF) who is affiliated to both the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) and South African Sports Council and Olympic Committee (SASCOC). In terms of this the SANCF has adopted the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code. The code applies to all competitions held under the auspices of the SANCF and its members and all competitors, coaches, trainers and officials have deemed to have agreed to comply with the code and are fully aware of the list of prohibited substances and medication and confirm they have not taken any of these substances. Please refer to www.wada-ama.org in this regard. Doping violations will be dealt with in accordance with the IFSC Anti-Doping policy and procedure. Please be advised that randomised testing may be conducted during the competition.

LEGAL DISCLAIMER

All climbing related activities are extremely dangerous and always performed completely at your own risk. The organisers, SANCF, Gauteng Climbing, the sponsors and venue owners accept no responsibility for any losses, injury, or death. All participating competitors, helpers, organisers, and spectators take full responsibility for themselves.



Gauteng Climbing would like to thank CityROCK Johannesburg for hosting this event!



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