

Box Canyon Climbing Comp Rules

All participants must follow 'Leave no trace' principles and climb only established routes. All participants must sign a waiver before climbing. Anyone observed endangering themselves or others while climbing will be disqualified.

Note: There are a few important rule changes for sport climbing this year. If you are planning to enter as a sport climber, please make sure to read the entire sport climbing section for updates.

Bouldering

- Beginner: V0 - V3
- Intermediate: V0 - V5
- Advanced: V0 - V7
- Monster: V0 - V ∞
- Century: As many problems as possible

Scoring

Participants must enter the number of falls taken on each problem (0 or F for flash). A witness must sign beside the number of falls. The top 6 climbs should be noted on the back and they must add up their total, unless they are in the century category. "Sandbaggers," or those who climb beyond the range of the category they signed up for, will be bumped up to their appropriate category! However, no one will be moved out of their category based on their comparative score.

No one will be bumped down from the category they signed up for if they do not climb higher grades than the category below them. In other words, if someone signs up for Intermediate, but only climbs up to V2, they will not be put into the Beginner category.

In the Century Bouldering event, an individual climbs as many problems of any grade. There are no sub categories or different levels within the Century. Everyone competes on the same level and all problems are open, so they may climb at any grade. Century competitors are to add up total point values.

Sport Climbing

- Intermediate: 5.10
- Advanced: 5.10 - 5.12d
- Monster: 5.10 - 5.14 and beyond
- Century: As many routes as possible

Scoring

****2024 Box Comp sport climbing safety update: This year sport climbing will be limited to the following areas: Major Wall, Alcohol Wall, Alcohol South, and Dirt Wall. All routes 5.9 and below, as well as those deemed high-risk, will be removed from the scorecard. This year sport climbing at box comp will require a lead climbing and lead belaying certification from any climbing gym. Please email a photo of your certification to climbingclub@nmt.npe.edu. If you do not have proof of lead and belay certification, you will not be allowed to compete in sport climbing. You will still be allowed to compete in bouldering.****

Points are given for clean lead ascents only. A competitor will have their belayer sign off for each completed route. The top 6 routes on lead of each competitor will be calculated for their score. No route can be repeated by an individual.

A successful "lead" is starting at the bottom, clipping gear along the way, and arriving at the anchors with no falls, no hangs, and no pulling on gear. If someone falls or hangs on gear, they are to lower down and climb back up to their high point in "yo-yo" style, then continue on. Climbers must clip both anchors at the top of the route to lower on. Stick clipping up to the second bolt is allowed, but nothing above that.

In the Century Sport event, each competitor climbs as many routes as possible. There are no sub categories or different levels within the Century. Everyone competes on the same level and all routes are open. Competitors are to add up total point values.