USA Climbing is interested in receiving proposals from interested parties that would like to host our USA Climbing: Combined Invitational Championships in 2019. Our selection criteria will include (but is not limited to):

- level of interest
- overall professionalism and quality of proposal
- geographic location.
- quality of facilities (athletes)
- quality of facilities (spectator)

All submissions / proposals due to USA Climbing (documents@usaclimbing.org) by October 19, 2018 @ 11:59pm Mountain.

Applicants should include:

- Statement verifying that Event Organizer / Host Facility can or cannot accommodate on specific requirements as listed by USA Climbing in this document
- Appropriate / relevant supporting documents (photo / video / history)
- Appropriate / relevant supporting statements (local governmental support, sponsor support, etc.)
- Appropriate / relevant contact information

USA Climbing will notify all applicants of status (selected or not selected) on October 26, 2018.

USA Climbing will publicly announce 2019 Combined Invitational Championships location and dates no later than October 31, 2018.

Below is a rough outline of what we are looking for (according to date): the event dates are January 18 – 20, 2019.

**Overall Event Time Frame:** Friday, Saturday and Sunday

**“Week of” Time frame:** USA Climbing would like to have full and uninterrupted access to all event spaces for a minimum of 7 days.

- Days 1, 2, 3, 4: Routesetting.
- Day 5: Speed Qualification (AM), Lead Qualification (PM)
- Day 6: Bouldering Qualification (AM)
- Day 7: Women Combined Final (AM), Men Combined Final (PM)

**Membership / Eligibility:**

- All competitors must have, at a minimum, a valid USA Climbing Competitor Membership.
- All competitors will be selected through Combined Invitational Championships selection criteria according to USA Climbing rules.

**Registration:**
- All event registration will go through USA Climbing online registration portal.
- Between 20 and 30 competitors per gender expected to participate

**Format:**
- All rounds to follow current (at time of event) USA Climbing scoring methodology
- Three disciplines represented (Bouldering, Sport and Speed)
- 2 rounds of competition for all three disciplines
  - Qualification and Finals

**Competition Walls / Areas:**
- For the Speed Qualification rounds of competition, **Event Organizer / Host Facility** to provide:
  - 15m IFSC Homologated Speed Wall and Belay Anchor

- For the Sport Qualification rounds of competition, **Event Organizer / Host Facility** to provide:
  - enough room to run 4 independent lead routes at the same time. This entire area should be viewable by the spectator from any given location in the venue. This area should also be easily separated from the general public during the duration of routesetting. Spectator area should easily accommodate a minimum of 500 spectators.
  - an appropriate warm up area for up to 60 athletes to relax and warm up as needed. A good representation of hold types and wall angles needs to be included in this area for the climbers to use in their warm up. Athletes will also need access to bathrooms that are not accessible to anyone other than the athletes (no mixing of facilities with the general public).

- For the Bouldering Qualification rounds of competition, **Event Organizer / Host Facility** to provide:
  - enough room to run 8 independent boulder problems at the same time. This entire area should be viewable by the spectator from any given location in the venue. This area should also be easily separated from the general public during the duration of routesetting. Spectator area should easily accommodate a minimum of 500 spectators.
  - an appropriate warm up area for up to 60 athletes to relax and warm up as needed. A good representation of hold types and wall angles needs to be included in this area for the climbers to use in their warm up. Athletes will also need access to bathrooms that are not accessible to anyone other than the athletes (no mixing of facilities with the general public).

- For the Combined Finals rounds of competition, **Event Organizer / Host Facility** to provide (within a single facility):
  - 15m IFSC Homologated Speed Wall and Belay Anchor
  - enough room to run 2 independent lead routes at the same time.
- enough room to run 4 (preferably 8) independent boulder problems at the same time.
- This entire area should be viewable by the spectator from any given location in the venue. This area should also be easily separated from the general public during the duration of routesetting. Spectator area should easily accommodate a minimum of 500 spectators.
- an appropriate warm up area for 12 athletes to relax and warm up as needed. A good representation of hold types and wall angles needs to be included in this area for the climbers to use in their warm up. Athletes will also need access to bathrooms that are not accessible to anyone other than the athletes (no mixing of facilities with the general public).

- Host Facility will be closed to all potential competitors during routesetting dates (January 14 – 17, 2019). Climbing terrain and other areas, not part of the competition, may remain open to non-competitors during routesetting dates.

- Host facility will close all competition areas to non-competitors during competition dates (January 18 – 20, 2019)

**TICKETING:**
USA Climbing and Host Facility will mutually determine appropriate ticket pricing strategy and will negotiate the specifics of the revenue share.

**MEDIA:**
**USA Climbing** will provide:
- Official Finals livestream and replay (free to public)
- Inclusion of event or facility logo in intro and exit of Combined Invitational Championships livestream and curated replay (free to public)
- Official photography / Facebook galleries
- All event promotional graphic design work
- Printing and distribution of promotional materials

**USA Climbing** to own all rights to all media gathered by USA Climbing media partners and may share with **Event Organizer / Host Facility** for the purposes of Host Facility promotion (not for commercial use in any other capacity).

Host Facility may provide videographer / photographer for Host facility promotion but may not contract privately for live stream or television production or for commercial use in any other capacity (unless otherwise approved by USA Climbing).

**USA Climbing** and **Event Organizer / Host Facility** will develop a coordinated social media plan and schedule. **Event Organizer / Host Facility** should have a primary marketing/social media contact to work with USA Climbing media representative(s).

**USA Climbing** and **Event Organizer / Host Facility** will work together to develop promotional and public relations plan and timing.

**LIGHTING / SOUND:**
USA Climbing will plan / manage / incur all expense surrounding the rental and installation of stage-quality lighting and sound equipment.

**SPONSORSHIP / BRANDING:**
USA Climbing will control all sponsorship and branding in relation to the event.

USA Climbing will provide all trophies and medals for use in the awards ceremony.

USA Climbing will design and provide all event competitor and volunteer tee shirts.

**SPONSOR EXHIBIT AREA(S):**
Host Facility should have enough space for a minimum of 10 sponsor tents (10’ x 10’) in a “Vendor Village” or “Expo” space for USA Climbing and / or its sponsors. It is also acceptable for the space to be located near the front door of the venue (parking lot is acceptable) or climbing area.

USA Climbing will retain all revenue associated with sales of USA Climbing and event merchandise.

Event Organizer / Host Facility that possess space, ability, and willingness to host a “Vendor Village” or “Expo” space which includes sponsor booths and screen / projector for Official Livestream viewing will be preferred.

**TECHNICAL/OFFICIALS**
USA Climbing’s Director of Operations will oversee event execution and help ensure events are run according to USA Climbing rules and standards. This includes:

- Cooperation with the Event Organizer / Host Facility in the months preceding the event to finalize the basic event structure including location of Field of Play, event schedule, Officials and other technical details
- Oversight of all Event Officials (Routesetters / Judges)

**EVENT OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS:**
USA Climbing will provide the following:

- Routesetting Team
- Chief Judge(s)
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Emcee
- DJ

Event Organizer / Host Facility should propose candidates in the following roles:

- Event Organizer (previous USAC and Professional competition organization experience ideal)
- Chief Scorekeeper
- Medic (Minimum EMT Basic)

**ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS:**
Event Organizer / Host Facility to provide all volunteers, including, but not limited to, the following positions:
- Judges (16) – Judges must be provided for Qualification and Final Rounds
- Belayers (8) – Belayers must be provided for Qualification and Final Rounds
- Isolation Monitors (2)
- Registration / Check in (4)
- Isolation Monitors / Runners (4)
- Scorekeeping Assistants (2 per qualification round, 1 per final round)

**ADDITIONAL HOST FACILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

**Insurance:** Host Facility to add USA Climbing as Additional Insured on their GL policy, at 1 million per occurrence and 2 million aggregate. USA Climbing will do the same for Host Facility at the same limits.

**Cleaning:** Event Organizer / Host Facility to provide daily, and between all rounds of competition.

**Tables (setup):** Event Organizer / Host Facility to provide a minimum of 10 (10) six-foot long tables and tablecloths.

**Parking:** Minimum of 250 parking spaces on site (or in proximity of Host Facility)

**ADA Compliant:** Self-explanatory

**Internet for Official Livestream:** Dedicated line performing at 35Mbps up / 20Mbps down, verification of speed testing to have occurred no later than 2 months before event date.

**Livestream / production desk:** Three (3) eight-foot long table, 3 chairs, and power drop 15A or 20A.

**Electrical:** Necessary power to run stage lighting and sound. USA Climbing can provide information on adequate power supply.

**Concessions:** A dedicated location for concessions, both food/drink and merchandise.

**Airport:** A major airport servicing the city (within one hour driving distance).

**Host Fee (paid to Host Facility):** Negotiable