2021 USA Climbing: National Team Trials Informational Document
March 26th – 30th, 2021 | High Point Memphis | 21 N Humphreys Blvd, Memphis, TN 38120

Schedule
March 25th, 2021 | Technical Meeting (Virtual)
March 26th, 2021 | Female Bouldering / Male Lead Qualification
March 27th, 2021 | Female Bouldering / Male Lead Semi-Final & Final
March 28th, 2021 | Speed Qualification
March 29th, 2021 | Male Bouldering / Female Lead Qualification & Speed Finals
March 30th, 2021 | Male Bouldering / Female Lead Semi-Final & Final

A more detailed schedule can be found on the National Team Trials page of the USA Climbing Website.

Event Participation
In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, only athletes, routesetters and event personnel will be permitted in the facility during the competition. (Disclaimer: High Point has reserved space that will be available to their members throughout the competition. This space will be separated from the competition area.)

- Spectators will not be permitted at the 2021 National Team Trials. USA Climbing will produce a livestream of the event to replace in-person spectating.
- Personal coaches will not be allowed to accompany athletes, but USA Climbing will ensure a US National Team coach is in isolation and available to all athletes, whether for assistance in warming up or if needed in support of an appeal.
- Competitors must provide their own climbing rope and rope bag if entering the Lead discipline. Competitors may share a climbing rope with another competitor or share a climbing rope with a team. Climbing ropes must be 9.6mm-10.1mm in diameter, must be a minimum of 40 meters in length and must be approved by the rope manufacture for Lead climbing.

COVID-19 Countermeasures
In an effort to hold the safest event possible, ALL attendees of the 2021 USA Climbing National Team Trials being held in Memphis, TN on March 26th-30th, 2021 must adhere to the USAC National Team Trials COVID-19 Countermeasures document which can be found on the National Team Trials page of the USA Climbing Website. The requirements in this document takes precedence over the guidelines of the Shelby County, TN Local Health Department and the Tennessee Pledge for sporting events.

During registration all athletes will be required to attest to the following:
- Strongly recommend self-quarantine for 14 days before your event.
- Mandatory negative COVID-19 PCR Test results within 3 days of your event.
- You must present a hard copy of your negative test results at check-in at the competition venue.
If you have had CLOSE CONTACT with a person who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 within 14 days prior to the event, you must inform USAC at events@usaclimbing.org as soon as possible and PRIOR to your departure for Memphis.

LIMIT EXPOSURE to avoid infection before, during and after the event.

Bring your own Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - e.g masks

Provide your own food and drink for the event.

“I have read the Public Health Directive for Shelby County, TN.” (LINK)

Follow CDC guidelines: social distancing, wear masks, sanitizing, disinfection of shared surfaces.

**Athlete Check-In & Seeding**

- All Competitors must check-in during their respective check-in times as outlined on the schedule. Competitors will receive their competition bibs at check-in and will be expected to wear them in the middle of their back throughout the competition. Check-in on Qualification days (March 26th and 29th) will be rolling, meaning athletes will check-in according to the running order. Athletes are strongly encouraged to check in no later than 30 minutes prior to their assigned climbing time to avoid being disqualified. If an athlete is not present at their climb when called, they will be disqualified from that climb.

- Competitors shall be seeded in order of National Ranking in Bouldering, with higher ranked competitors seeded ahead of lower ranked competitors. For the Lead and Speed disciplines, starting orders will be randomized.

**Format**

**Qualification**

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1. Competitors will wait in the parking lot and will check-in in queue at the check-in station (#1). They will then roll through staging (#2), warm-up/iso (#3) and climbing (#4) according to the running order.

2. Once climbing starts, competitors are filtered through one at a time. As one leaves #3 to climb, another moves from #2 to #3, and another moves from #1 to #2.

3. For Lead and Speed, once a climber finishes their first route or speed run, they will return to check-in or staging to queue for their next. For bouldering, competitors will exit the facility after their last boulder.

- **Bouldering:**
  - Onsight format with 5 boulders. Competitors will have 5 minutes to attempt each boulder with a 5-minute rest between problems, there will not be a transition period.
  - The running order for Bouldering Qualification round will be in order of seeding for this event, such that the highest seeded competitor will be first in the Bouldering running order.
• Lead:
  o Flash format with two routes. Competitors will have 6 minutes to attempt each route with a minimum resting period of 20 minutes between the end of a competitors attempt on the first route and the start of that competitors attempt on the second route. In order for competitor to plan their warmup times all climbers will be assigned a targeted climb time. Climbers will not begin before that targeted climb time.
  o The holds on each route will be brushed approximately halfway through the running order.
  o In the event of a tie, the competitors total time from both qualification routes will be used as the tie breaker.
  o Route demonstrations will be available via a link on YouTube at minimum 1 hour before the competition begins.
  o Lead Qualification running orders will be generated for Route A, by random selection, and then for Route B, in the same order of Route A but with a stagger of 50% rounding down where there is an odd number of competitors.

• Speed:
  o Climbers will be able to participate in a warm-up/practice session and attempt two practice runs prior to the Speed qualification round.
  o Since we’ll be running this practice session in the qualification running order, Competitors must check-in by the time outlined in the event schedule to ensure a slot during the practice session.
  o High Point Memphis has a 15m IFSC Homologated Speed wall built by Walltopia. USA Climbing will supply the official Volx IFSC speed holds and the 3-beep timing system to start each speed run, as outlined in the USA Climbing Rulebook.
  o Any competitor making a single False Start will be eliminated from the respective speed round and therefore be ranked at the end of the competitors in that round.
  o Standard Speed Starting Order competitions shall use the “Staggered” order for the Qualification Round Starting Orders. The “Staggered” order shall be determined as follows: a) for Lane A, by random selection; and b) for Lane B, in the same order as Lane A with a stagger of 50%, e.g., where the Starting List includes twenty (20) or twenty-one (21) competitors, the competitor starting 11th on Lane A will start 1st on Lane B.

Semi-Finals:

1. Competitors will check-in (#1) and head directly to warm-up/iso (#2).
2. Once climbing starts (#3), competitors are filtered through one at a time.
3. Once a climber finishes their last boulder/route, they will leave the facility.
• **Bouldering:**
  o The top 20 ranked competitors based on the results of the Qualification round will advance to the Semi-Final round.
  o Onsight format with 4 boulders. Competitors will have 5 minutes to attempt each boulder with a 5-minute rest between problems, there will not be a transition period.
  o The running order for each round after the Qualification Round, will be the reverse of the ranking from the preceding round, i.e., the highest ranked starts last.

• **Lead:**
  o The top 26 ranked competitors based on the results of the Qualification round will advance to the Semi-Final round.
  o On-Sight Format with 1 Route. Competitors will have 6 minutes to attempt the route.
  o The running order for each round after the Qualification Round shall be the reverse of the ranking from the relevant preceding round, i.e., the best ranked starts last.

**Finals:**

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**Bouldering**

1. Competitors will check-in (#1) and head directly to warm-up/iso (#2).
2. Once climbing starts (#3), competitors are filtered through one at a time.
3. Once a climber finishes their last boulder/route, they will stay in the facility.

**Lead**

1. Competitors will check-in (#1) and head directly to warm-up/iso (#2).
2. Once climbing starts (#3), competitors are filtered through one at a time.
3. Once a climber finishes their last boulder/route, they will stay in the facility.

**Speed**

1. Competitors will check-in (#1) and head directly to warm-up/iso (#2).
2. Once climbing starts (#3), competitors are filtered through one at a time.
3. Once a climber finishes their last boulder/route, they will stay in the facility.

• **Bouldering:**
  o The top 6 ranked competitors based on the results of the Semi-Final round will advance to the Final round.
  o Onsight World Cup format with 4 boulders. Competitors will have 4 minutes to attempt each boulder.
  o The running order for each round after the Qualification Round, will be the reverse of the ranking from the preceding round, i.e., the highest ranked starts last.

• **Lead:**
  o The top 8 ranked competitors based on the results of the Semi-Final Round will advance to the Final round.
  o On-Sight Format with 1 route per gender. Competitors will have 6 minutes to attempt the route.
  o The running order for each round after the Qualification Round shall be the reverse of the ranking from the relevant preceding round, i.e., the best ranked starts last.

• **Speed:**
  o The top 16 ranked competitors based on the results of the Qualification Round will advance to the Final round.
Speed Competitions with multiple rounds, where the Final Round uses a Knockout Format Final Round, shall use, for each stage of the Final Round, the starting orders as set out above, which also sets out the lane allocation for each race. If two or more competitors are tied following the immediately preceding round, their starting order in the first stage of the Final Round shall be determined by random selection.

Results

Results can be viewed during all rounds of competition, on the USA Climbing website. Results will be made “official” following each round of competition on the USA Climbing website. Given the COVID restrictions placed on National Team Trials, the appeals process and timeline will be further communicated during the virtual Technical Meeting, March 25th and also provided to competitors as they check in for their competition.

National Team Selection

2021 Team selection Criteria
Invitations will be first extended in order of National Ranking as outlined in the USA Climbing Rulebook up to the competition’s US quota. Invitations will not be extended past the 16th ranked athlete per the National Ranking per discipline. Some portion of the competition’s US quota may not be used in the event there are not sufficient competitors eligible to receive invitations per rule 29.2.1 (b). Upon review of the National Ranking for Speed, an oversight in the rulebook has been identified whereby the inclusion of “Time Rank” was mistakenly omitted when information was carried over from the prior version of the Rulebook. As such, National Ranking for Speed is under review and likely to be updated.

Meiringen Invitation Acceptance / Registration
As the registration deadline for the Meiringen World Cup closely follows the conclusion of the National Team Trials, Invited athletes will need to confirm their attendance at the Meiringen World Cup immediately once the athlete’s applicable event concludes.

Confirmation will require:

- Signing 2021 Athlete Agreement and Code of Conduct
- Completion of google form for necessary registration/licensing info
- Athlete confirmation of license (confirmation link will be sent via email)

**In order to accept a Meiringen World Cup invitation, athletes will be required to present a copy of their valid passport (digital). Passports must not be expiring within 6 months after athlete’s last day of International travel.**

**Meiringen Funding Statement**

*Due to the proximity of the Meiringen World Cup to NTT, USA Climbing will fully fund all attending athletes up to the US quota per gender. Note: this funding approach is an exception for Meiringen. Funding for future World Cups will be communicated to athletes who achieve eligibility after the NTT.*

These athletes will receive; airfare, lodging, transportation, and food during Team travel.

All funded travel will be arranged and reserved by the US National Teams Manager. Athletes may request to arrange their own travel, but this request must be approved by the US National Teams Manager or High Performance Management and will be reimbursed only up to the amount approved by US National Teams Manager or High Performance Management. Any unfunded travel will be self-arranged.

**Additional Topics**

- Video recording of the routes by competitors is not permitted and will result in disqualification.
- Use of liquid chalk or a chalk ball is strongly encouraged.
- Personal fans (including but not limited to electric or manual) are prohibited.
- Competitors must use the brush designated to the route(s)/problems(s).
- Competitors must carry all personal belongings with them through each part of the competition. Personal belongings are not permitted to be left in Isolation or Warm-up areas.
- Competitors must wear masks at all time including during climbing, and maintain 6-feet physical distance as much as feasible.
- MASKS: Facial masks shall cover the nose and mouth and extend below the chin. Acceptable masks for use during competition include: two-layer cloth masks, surgical masks, and sport facial masks. Masks **not acceptable** during competition include: N95 masks, Leon Paul Face Mask Shields, Neck/face sleeves or gaiters, masks with one-way valves. Single-use masks will be provided should an individual’s mask be deemed inappropriate by USAC personnel.
- If you have any questions, please contact us: [events@usaclimbing.org](mailto:events@usaclimbing.org) or 303.499.0715.