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## USA Climbing Awards the Adaptive National Championship to Vertical Adventures in Columbus, Ohio

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USA Climbing, the United States National Governing Body for the sport of Sport Climbing announced today that it has awarded the 2018 USA Climbing: Adaptive National Championship to Vertical Adventures in Columbus, Ohio. The competition will take place on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 and will provide access for athletes with physical disabilities to compete in sport climbing.

The Adaptive National Championship is open to those with the following physical disabilities: Neurological/ Physical Disability, Visual Impairment, Upper Extremity Amputee, Lower Extremity Amputee, Seated, and Youth. Invitations to the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) Paraclimbing Championship will be awarded based on the results of the Adaptive National Championship.

“Vertical Adventures is excited to host the 2018 USA Climbing Adaptive Climbing National Championship” said Carrie Roccas, owner and director of Community Relations. “Since our opening in 1994, we’ve been committed to making sure that everyone can experience the joys and challenges of climbing. The hard work put in by Jordan Kessler and Amanda Warren in founding and growing our Adaptive Ascents program have formalized this commitment. We are excited for the national adaptive community to meet our incredible climbing family. We are looking forward to working with USA Climbing to provide the most amazing competition environment these athletes have seen.”

Kynan Waggoner, CEO of USA Climbing, expressed his excitement in taking the National Championship to Vertical Adventures: “I couldn’t be happier to take our upcoming Adaptive National Championship to Columbus, OH and Vertical Adventures” said Waggoner. “The team at VA put together an incredible package to show USA Climbing how much they want to host the United States’ best Adaptive climbers, and they have an incredibly successful local Adaptive program as well – I’m sure that our Adaptive athletes are going to enjoy the event in Columbus.”

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**About Vertical Adventures:** Vertical Adventures was founded in Columbus, Ohio in 1994 and has helped shape and serve the climbing community in Central Ohio with a focus on teaching and family. The Vertical Adventures Kingsmill location opened in 2014 and is a purpose-built 15,000 square foot facility with over 16,000 square feet of climbing. The Adaptive Ascents program at Vertical Adventures began as a free climbing event open to the community and has expanded to include youth and adult clubs, weekly groups, and private lessons. Our mission is to provide an opportunity for all climbers and all abilities to enjoy climbing. For more information contact:

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**About USA Climbing:** USA Climbing is the United States National Governing Body for the sport of sport climbing. The organization manages the disciplines of Bouldering, Speed and Sport climbing as well as the Collegiate and Adaptive series. USA Climbing, a member federation of the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC), also hosts IFSC World Cup events and sends athletes to participate in the IFSC’s World Cup circuit and the World Climbing and Adaptive Climbing Championships. *For more information contact:*

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