USA Climbing, the United States National Governing Body for the sport of sport climbing, hosted the 2018 USA Climbing: Bouldering Youth National Championship at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, UT on February 9-11, 2018.

Top athletes from across the country traveled to Utah to attend the pinnacle event of the USA Climbing Bouldering Youth Season. Just over 500 competitors competed in the weekend’s events, vying for a spot on the US National Team in the discipline of Bouldering. Individual scores also contributed towards the Bouldering Team Championship.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

First place individual winners included: Bimini Horstmann (FJR), Zach Galla (MJR), Brooke Raboutou (FYA), Ross Fulkerson (MYA), Sarah Kate Ashton (FYB), Anthony Lesik (MYB), Olivia Kosanovich (FYC), Brody Rexroad (MYC), Sienna Perez (FYD), Hugo Hoyer (MYD).

TEAM RESULTS

Declared as the 1st Place Bouldering Team Champion was Team ABC, followed by Team Rock (2nd) and Vertical World (3rd).

VIEW FULL INDIVIDUAL & TEAM RESULTS

NEXT UP

Date and Location Announced for the 2019 & 2020 Bouldering Youth National Championship!

THANK YOU

Congratulations to all contenders and thank you to all the volunteers, judges, routesetters and USA Climbing sponsors who made this a premier event! We can't wait to see you next year, in Bend Oregon!
THE NORTH FACE ROOKIE TEAM

As part of USA Climbing's longstanding partnership with our Title Sponsor The North Face, USA Climbing has awarded a Young Gun award for the last thirteen years. This award was created to recognize up-and-coming athletes who represent the values of the climbing community - commitment, leadership, sportsmanship and volunteerism. We are proud to say that many of the past winners have gone on to become true ambassadors of our sport - a tradition we strive to maintain.

USA Climbing announced Ross Fulkerson, from Division 2, as the 2018 Bouldering Youth Nationals North Face Young Gun Award Winner! Read his bio, along with the rest of the 2018 Bouldering Rookie Team below.

2018 BOULDERING YOUTH NATIONAL ROOKIE TEAM
Joey Catama - Division 2
Ross Fulkerson - Division 2
Sami Singleton - Division 2
Sophia Kwon - Division 4
Piper Kelly - Division 5
Emma Grace Lehmann - Division 6
Arabella Jariel - Division 7
Stine Ornes - Division 8

2018 BOULDERING ROOKIE TEAM BIOS

Joey Catama - Division 2
He helped create and build an outdoor climbing wall known as Treedash in his own backyard. In an effort to bring the Southern California climbing community together, he has organized multiple events at Treedash throughout the year. In addition to his busy climbing schedule, this young man is a gifted pianist who often plays for the elderly at nursing home facilities.

Ross Fulkerson - Division 2 | THE NORTH FACE YOUNG GUN AWARD WINNER
Along with his pledge to mentor younger climbers and cultivate a passion for climbing in his community, this young man envisioned, created and taught his high school's first 2-week climbing class. The success of the first class has led to an ongoing climbing program supported by the school in which nearly 100 students have been introduced to climbing.
THE NORTH FACE ROOKIE TEAM

Sami Singleton - Division 3
Not only is she dedicated to climbing, this young woman is also involved with the Salt Lake Climbers Alliance, volunteering her time to keep local crags and boulders safe. In addition, she excels academically by maintaining perfect grades in an advanced academic program. Her success balancing athletics, service, and education is an inspiration to fellow climbers of all ages in the Salt Lake climbing community.

Sophia Kwon - Division 4
As the founder and Chief Owner of All Kids Can Climb, this young woman initiated and planned events benefitting disadvantaged youth in the Dallas metroplex with the objective of providing children with an outlet to gain confidence and strength through rock climbing. Before graduating, she is working hard to expand upon the current website, allkidscanclimb.org, in order to allow younger team members a hand in the work with the hopes that the junior board can continue prioritizing community service.

Piper Kelly - Division 5
Outside of the climbing gym, this young woman is active in several volunteer programs that help the disabled, homeless and poor. During the summer, she volunteers her time for iCanBike, a camp dedicated to teaching disabled children to ride a two-wheeled bicycle. In addition, she is involved in local community programs, which provide food and Christmas gifts to families in need. Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome 2018 Rookie Team member Piper Kelly from Division 5.

Emma Grace Lehmann - Division 6
Through her positive energy, she continually steps up into action to challenge and inspire her teammates by displaying exemplary sportsmanship and leading by example. In 2017, she volunteered to be a leader of the Ronald McDonald House of Durham Climb-a-thon, helping to raise over $15,000 for the house.

Arabella Jariel - Division 7
This young woman spearheaded a bike ride fundraiser to benefit the World Wildlife Fund. As a former graduate at the Montessori School of Northern Virginia, she has gone back to her former school in the role of a teacher’s assistant to mentor the school’s newer generations.

Stine Ornes - Division 8
Often sacrificing her own training time, she mentors and trains younger team members 2 days a week. She dedicates her time to volunteering both within and outside the climbing community through participation in the Rumney Climbing Association trail clean up, the Rock Type 1 organization, and the Groundwork Lawrence/Spigot river clean-up project.
2018 YOUTH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

LIVESTREAM REPLAYS
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SEMIFINAL ROUND Replay
FINAL ROUND Replay

PHOTO GALLERIES
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About USA Climbing: USA Climbing is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee as the 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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