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USA Climbing Awards the 2018 Sport & Speed Open National Championships to Mesa Rim Climbing and Fitness Center – Reno, Nevada

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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: Sport & Speed Open National Championships to Mesa Rim Climbing and Fitness Center in Reno, Nevada. This event will be hosted by USA Climbing on March 16 & 17, 2018 and will feature the most elite adult athletes in the country competing for their share of a \$20,000 prize purse and a place on the national US Team in the disciplines of sport and speed climbing.

“Mesa Rim is proud to host the 2018 Sport and Speed Open Nationals and is thrilled to bring a climbing competition of this caliber to the Reno-Tahoe community,” noted Mike Helt, Mesa Rim Reno Climbing Programs Manager. “USA Climbing has been at the forefront of competitive climbing for years, and with climbing joining the Olympics for the first time in 2020 it’s great to support the advancement of the sport. We’re excited to have such a talented pool of athletes coming to town for this event and we can’t wait to showcase climbing at a level Reno has never seen before!”

“I can’t wait to see what the next iteration of our Sport & Speed Open Nationals looks like!” said Kynan Waggoner, CEO of USA Climbing. “Obviously, we really enjoy working with the Mesa Rim family – and I’m sure that our athletes will have an incredible time while in Reno for the event.”

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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About Mesa Rim Climbing & Fitness Centers: Mesa Rim Climbing Centers have been igniting, supporting and inspiring lifelong climbers since 2010. In San Diego, California they operate two full-service climbing facilities; one of which is the largest in the western US, as well as a dedicated climbing training center. They opened their newest location in Reno, Nevada in the summer of 2017. Follow Mesa Rim Reno at www.facebook.com/mesarimreno and @mesarimreno on Instagram; #GoClimb #GoYoga! *For more information contact:*

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