



## 2019 USA Climbing: Sport & Speed Open National Championships Informational Document

**Sportrock Climbing Centers | March 8 & 9, 2019  
5308 Eisenhower Ave | Alexandria, Virginia | 22304**

The 2019 USA Climbing: Sport & Speed Open National Championships will take place at Sportrock Climbing Centers, in Alexandria, Virginia.

**March 8, 2019** | Open Nationals Sport & Speed Qualifier Round | Sportrock Climbing Centers

**March 9, 2019** | Open Nationals Sport Semi-Final Round | Sportrock Climbing Centers

**March 9, 2019** | Open Nationals Sport & Speed Finals Round | Sportrock Climbing Centers

The Sport & Speed Open National Championships are open to all USA Climbing Competitor Members provided they will be 16 years of age or older by December 31, 2019. Competitors may register for Sport Only, Speed Only or Sport & Speed – the registration fee is a single price regardless of discipline(s) selected during registration. Competitor registration includes one ticket for Qualifiers (intended for use by the Competitor), one ticket for Semi-Finals/Finals (also intended for use by the Competitor if they do not advance) and one commemorative event t-shirt.

On Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, **speed** climbers will be able to participate in a warm-up/practice session and attempt two practice runs prior to the Speed qualification round. Since we'll be running this practice session in the qualification running order, Competitors must check-in by 8:00am to ensure a slot during the practice session. The pairings for the qualification round will be based on a randomized running order and the individuals in each pairing will compete against each other on both routes. Sportrock has a **15m** IFSC Homologated Speed route. We will use the 3-beep system to start each speed run, as outlined in the USA Climbing Rulebook. In the event there is an odd number of competitors in either gender, the first competitor will climb against a 'rabbit.' Here is an example of the pairings for the qualification round:

Route A	Route B
20	19
18	17
16	15
14	13
12	11
10	9
8	7
6	5
4	3
2	1
19	20
17	18
15	16
13	14
11	12
9	10
7	8
5	6
3	4
1	2

Advancement between rounds and final placement will be based on a competitor's fastest time, of the two routes, with the fastest (lowest) time being ranked first and the slowest (highest) time being ranked last. The top 8 speed competitors at the conclusion of the qualification round will advance to speed finals. Speed finals will take place at the conclusion of Sport finals on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and speed finalists may warm-up in the bouldering area (not the isolation zone) during the sport finals round. The pairings for the final Speed round shall be based on the ranking from the qualification round. Therefore, Speed Competitors advancing to finals shall climb in the following order:

Route A	Route B
8	7
6	5
4	3
2	1
7	8
5	6
3	4
1	2

The Sport qualification round will be Flash format with two routes per gender. The route demonstrations will be available on a continuous video playback in the Competitor warm-up area. Video recording of the routes by competitors and/or spectators is not permitted. Running orders for this competition will be randomly generated and available after registration for this competition closes on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm MST. The randomized running orders will be split in half, with the first half of the category climbing the first route and the bottom half of the category climbing the second route first. The competitors will then switch routes and climb in same order. There will be 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. Competitors will have 6 minutes to attempt each route. Competitors will be expected to wear their USA Climbing Competitor Bib in the middle of their back.

Tentative real-time results can be viewed on the USA Climbing website and official results will be posted on either a designated 'Results Board' inside the competition venue, or an announcement will be made that the results on the website are the official results- this will be at the discretion of the Chief Judge. During the Qualifier round appeals against the ranking of a competitor must be made no later than 20 minutes after the official results have been posted.

The top 20 Competitors plus any special cases or ties at 20<sup>th</sup>, based on the results of the Qualifier round, will advance to Saturday mornings Semi-Final round. During the Onsite Semi-Final round each category will climb 1 route without having watched any other competitors' attempt the route. Competitors will be given 5 minutes to preview their respective route, prior to the start of the competition and will only be given one attempt on the Semi-Final route respective to their category. Competitors will have 6 minutes to attempt each route. Competitors will be expected to wear their USA Climbing Competitor Bib in the middle of their back.

Competitors will be expected to check-in to isolation during the isolation check-in times outlined on the USA Climbing event schedule. Tentative real-time results can be viewed on the USA Climbing website and official results will be posted on either a designated 'Results Board' inside the competition venue, or an announcement will be made that the results on the website are the official results- this will be at the discretion of the Chief Judge. During the Semi-Final round appeals against the ranking of a competitor must be made no later than 20 minutes after the official results have been posted.

Only the top 8 Competitors, based on the results of the Semi-Final round will advance to Saturday evenings Sport Final round. During the Onsite Final round competitors will be given 5 minutes to observe the respective Finals route. Competitors will only be given one attempt on the Sport Finals route and running orders will be based on the reverse order of the ranking from the Sport Semi-Final round. Competitors will have 6 minutes to attempt each route. Competitors will be expected to wear their USA Climbing Competitor Bib in the middle of their back.

All Competitors and Coaches will be expected to check-in to isolation during the isolation check-in time outlined on the USA Climbing event schedule. Tentative real-time results can be viewed on the USA Climbing website and official results will be posted on either a designated 'Results Board' inside the competition venue, or an announcement will be made that the results on the website are the official results- this will be at the discretion of the Chief Judge. During the Final round, appeals against the ranking of a competitor must be made no later than 10 minutes after the official results have been posted.

USA Climbing strongly encourages each Competitor to familiarize themselves with the USA Climbing Rulebook and the competition schedule for this event. If you have any questions, please contact us: [info@usacimbing.org](mailto:info@usacimbing.org) or 303.499.0715.