



Auckland College Climbing Series dates & changes for 2024

Top Rope - Extreme Edge - 7 April

Boulder - Northern Rocks - 19 May

Top rope - Vertical Adventures - 23 Jun

Boulder - Boulder Co - 11 Aug

- **Girls only hour at Northern Rocks** - we are looking into starting an hour earlier for an optional girls only round at Northern Rocks (round 2). Research has shown that this works better for some girls, and we would like to do all we can to increase girls participation numbers. Please email if you would be interested in this. accseries1@gmail.com
- **Sensory free** - if you (the climber) would benefit from a sensory free environment please email us to see how we can support this.
- **School Shield Series** - the minimum amount of climbers has **increased** from 2 to **3** from the same school, does not have to be the same climbers each round.
- **Novice (1st year climbers) awards** - at each round at the end of spot prizes. There will still be "Most Improved" awards of each division, at the end of the Series.
- **Rainbow/Open division** - Now an option you can select. There are no finals for this division, finalists will compete in M or F division (for what they were at birth). There will be placings awards at the end of the series.
- **Entering the events** - Can enter all 4 events in the first round, but this will be **non refundable**. Or can enter 1 event at a time now, when they open up 6 weeks prior to the event (via your school). No other options.

- **Cancellation prior to the deadline** is permitted for the current event, once the deadline has past (10 days) it is non refundable. If all 4 events were entered in round 1, then it is non refundable regardless of when cancellation is.
- **Fee - DECREASE**, \$80 if all 4 events are entered in round 1, **this is non refundable**. Otherwise price stays the same at **\$25 per event including gear hire**. Average gym entry price \$21 + \$5 per item for gear hire, so this is fantastic value. A huge thanks to our participating gyms for their support with our entry fees.
- **Event week reminders & timetable** - Links to the timetable & event week reminders will be on our website & Facebook to download, so you do not have to rely on emails from your school
<http://www.aucklandclimbing.co.nz/auckland-college-climbing-series/news/>
- **Top Rope Belayers policy** - **Our expectation is that every climber supplies a top rope belayer, or gets an exemption from us.** In schools where there are 2 or more students a ratio applies see our web page for more info [ACCS Belay policies](#)

For all options we need to be advised of the belayer name and email prior, or exemption applied for.

Extreme Edge:

- If you have never been assessed by EE, go and get assessed with a climber, or do the course on belaying (about 30 mins) so you can top rope belay on the day.
- If you have been signed off previously by EE but it's not in 2024, EE will assess you on the day, before the event starts. **We would like to keep numbers down for this, and save for genuine cases that due distance or another reason, can not get signed off prior.**
- If you have been signed off by EE within 3 months of the event (2024)- Perfect, nothing to do but advise us prior to the event of your details.

Vertical Adventures top rope belay policy - no changes

- VA will assess belayers that are not signed off at this specific venue on the competition morning.
- Must have top rope belayed previously at another gym as a minimum.

- **8 boulder finalists** (up from 6)
- **Top rope finals** will be 2 divisions at a time & seniors will remain as top rope

- **Top rope finals** - if a draw/tie in finals then it goes back to qualifiers score, if this is a draw/tie then rather than go to time for the final climb, it will go to count back of next highest climb in the qualifiers, like boulder.
- **Times of rounds** - Boulder rounds we expect to be 1.5 hours & top rope 1.75 hours per division. Depending on entry numbers we may have a crossover time for 45 mins in the middle with both divisions climbing.
- **Which division climbs first** - Top rope Events - Juniors (yr 9-10) climb first.
Boulder events - Seniors (yr 11-13) climb first.
- **School Sportsmanship** - now an award for Senior & Junior rounds