

NUS Boulderactive Rules and Regulations

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1. The rules and regulations contained herein shall be known as the **BA21 Rules** and shall be read in conjunction with the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) Rules and Regulations. In the event of conflicts between the BA21 Rules and the IFSC Rules and Regulations, the BA21 Rules shall prevail.

A. Categories and Eligibility

2. NUS Boulderactive 2021 will organise the following categories with the respective eligibility:

	Competitive Category	Eligibility
1	Novice	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Competitors must not have been finalists in the Novice, Intermediate or Open categories of previous competitions.2. National (Boulder/Lead) climbers are not allowed to join this category.
2	Intermediate	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Competitors must not have been amongst the top 3 positions in the Intermediate category of previous competitions.2. Competitors must not have been a finalist in the Open category of previous competitions.3. National (Boulder/Lead) climbers are not allowed to join this category.
3	Open	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. All are welcome!2. National (Boulder/Lead) climbers can only join this category.
4	Team Category	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Each team can have a maximum of 3 people.2. Minimum one female and one male climber.3. Minimum of one Novice climber.4. Maximum of one Intermediate climber.5. National (Boulder/Lead) and Open climbers are not allowed to join this category.

BA21 will **not** be promotional.

3. Any competitor found to have registered and competed in any category he/she is ineligible for will immediately be disqualified and moved to a higher category; each competitor may only sign up for **one** category.

4. International climbers may contact the Organisers for clarification on category eligibility.

A. Competition Format and Score

5. The competition formats to be used for the different categories in each round of competition are as follows:

	Category\Round	Qualifying	Semi Finals	Finals
1	Novice	Carnival	Carnival	Rotation
2	Intermediate	Carnival	Carnival	Rotation
3	Open	Carnival	NA	IFSC Finals (Concurrent)
4	Team	Carnival	NA	NA

Specific rules on climbing are detailed in Annex A.

Carnival-style Format & Scoring

6. Various routes in the climbing gym shall be part of the Boulderactive set for each category and labelled accordingly.
7. Each Boulderactive route shall be given a point allocation (weightage).
8. While each competitor is free to attempt any Boulderactive route, scoring shall be determined by only the 6 routes which yield him/her the highest number of points.
9. Only tops and zones shall count towards each competitor's score. Attempts will **not** be scored.
10. A successful top on a route provides the full number of points allocated to that route, while obtaining a zone provides **50%** of the allocated points.
11. Video verification of tops and zones must be provided in strict accordance with the rules in Annex A, failing which the Organisers retain the discretion to decline to award a competitor points for disputed tops and zones.
12. Notwithstanding Articles 8-11 above, the Organisers may at their discretion choose to ignore video submissions should they determine that a competitor has failed to satisfactorily adhere to the Video Submission Guidelines set out at Articles 32-35 below.

13. For the avoidance of doubt, a competitor will not be awarded points for tops and zones on routes not part of the Boulderactive set for his/her category.
14. For avoidance of doubt, there is **no limit on the number of sessions** competitors are allowed to use to attempt and film the Boulderactive routes, provided video submissions are sent in before the stipulated deadline.

Rotation Scoring Format & Scoring

15. A designated pair of 1 male and 1 female competitor shall climb simultaneously on their individual routes. Each pair is to attempt all 3 routes in the order set out in the official start list.
16. Competitors shall be given 3.5 minutes to attempt each route, with no additional time to be given to complete climbing.
17. Competitors shall be given a mandatory rest time of 3.5 minutes between routes, during which no observation of other routes shall be allowed.

IFSC Finals (Concurrent) Format & Scoring

18. Before the start of the round, competitors will be given an observation period of two minutes per route. During this period, competitors may touch (only) the marked Starting Holds and are prohibited from using any recording equipment. At the end of this period, competitors shall return to the isolation zone.
19. Competitors shall attempt all 3 routes in the order set out in the official start list.
20. Competitors shall be given 4 minutes to attempt each route, with no additional time to be given to complete climbing.
21. Upon completion of the route or after 4 minutes have elapsed (whichever is sooner), climbers will return to the isolation zone. In any case, the next competitor shall commence climbing only 4 minutes after the previous competitor has started climbing.
22. Once all competitors have completed their attempts on a boulder, they shall move on to the next boulder as a group.
23. Scoring shall be based on the IFSC format of tops, attempts and zones.
24. Manpower from the Boulderactive committee will be present (route judges and key committee members).

Qualification for Semi-Finals

25. The 20 highest-scoring competitors from the Novice and Intermediate categories in their respective gender categories shall proceed to the semi-final rounds.
26. Semi-finals will be held in the week immediately after the qualifiers for each category (e.g. novice semi-finals to be held on the same week as intermediate qualifiers)
27. Semi-finalists shall climb the same routes as those being climbed by the qualifying category of the week (e.g. novice semi-finalists to climb the intermediate qualifiers routes)

28. In the case of a tie, the tiebreaker mechanism in Article 31 shall be applied.

Qualification for Finals

- 29. The 6 competitors with the highest scores in the semi-finals (for Novice and Intermediate) or qualifiers (for the Open category) will proceed to the finals.
- 30. In the case of a tie, Article 31 below operates *mutatis mutandis* with respect to the number of points accumulated in the semi-finals (for Novice and Intermediate) or qualifiers (for the Open category).

Tiebreaker

- 31. In the case of a tie where competitors have the same total qualifying score, a tiebreaker will be applied by comparing the number of points allocated to each competitor's **highest scoring top**. The tiebreaker operates in favour of the competitor whose highest scoring top yields the greatest number of points. Should competitors' highest scoring top be the same, the next highest scoring top will be considered, and so on until there is a difference between the tied competitors.

C. VIDEO SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- 32. Due to the nature of BA21, route judges will not be physically present for route judging; as such, competitors are to adhere strictly to the following video submission guidelines for carnival-style climbing formats.
- 33. At the start of each video submission, each competitor must stand on the climbing mat facing the camera such the following are clearly visible:
 - a. The competitor's face
 - b. The start tags of the boulder problem
 - c. The boulder problem number
- 34. The entirety of the competitor's body must be visible throughout each video submission. In particular, a competitor's feet must be visible such that the Organisers can determine from the video submission if the competitor has adhered to the rules in Annex A.
- 35. Any late video submissions will not be entertained.

D. COMPETITION SCHEDULE

- 36. Refer to Annex B for the Competition Schedule.
- 37. The Competition Schedule is subject to change. Please refer to the final schedule on the NUS Boulderactive website by 4 June 2021.

E. COMPETITOR REGISTRATION AND CALL ZONES (FINALS)

- 38. On the event day, all competitors are expected to register within the stipulated time before the start of their scheduled categories to avoid immediate disqualification.
- 39. The Organisers retain full discretion in deciding whether to permit latecomers to compete.
- 40. No additional warm-up time will be provided.

Isolation Zone

- 41. Once the closure of the isolation zone is announced, only competitors eligible to compete in that round are allowed to enter the isolation zone.
- 42. If competitors would like to leave the isolation zone for any reason, they must inform the Isolation IC or risk disqualification.
- 43. While in the isolation zone, competitors are allowed to communicate only with other competitors within the isolation zone and event officials.
- 44. The use of mobile phones will NOT be permitted in the isolation zone.
- 45. Any attempts at outside communication will result in immediate disqualification.
- 46. In the event that there is a need for communication in emergency situations, competitors are required to alert the event officials. For the duration of the call, competitors are required to turn on their phones' loudspeaker.

F. COMPETITOR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

- 47. All competitors are expected to be fit and ready to compete when they register on the competition day.
- 48. While the Organisers will ensure that the safety standards are met, all competitors are reminded to take care of their own safety when they compete.
- 49. All competitors are strongly encouraged to have personal accident insurance prior to participating as they will bear all medical expenses incurred during the course of the competition, including hospital evacuation.

G. DISCIPLINE AND CONDUCT

- 50. The purpose of these regulations is to ensure that fairness is upheld, the competition is held without disturbance and to sanction incidents which damage the image of the sport and to uphold the spirit of good sportsmanship.
- 51. All competitors are expected to adhere to venue rules and regulations throughout the competition.
- 52. The final authority over all activities and decisions affecting the competition within the Competition Area will be vested in the Chief Route Judge.

53. The Chief Route Judge, as well as the Route Judges to whom the authority in Article 52 is delegated, shall be authorised to take the following actions in response to infringement of the competition rules and with regard to matters of indiscipline by any competitor:

- a. An informal, verbal warning; and
- b. An official warning.

Official warnings

54. An official warning may be issued for any of the following infringements of the rules:

- a. Infringements committed in the Competition Area by a competitor
- b. Unsporting behaviour of a relatively minor nature
- c. Use of obscene or abusive language or behaviour of a relatively mild nature
- d. Failure to obey instructions from any NUS Boulderactive Official appointed to the competition, including but not limited to undue delay in returning to the Isolation Zone/ Warm-Up Area upon instructions from Route Judges or the Chief Route Judge
- e. Undue delay in leaving the Call Zone and entering the Competition Zone when instructed to do so
- f. Failure to start in accordance with the Route Judge's instructions

Disqualification

55. The Chief Route Judge alone shall be authorised to disqualify a person from a competition.

56. The following infringements of the rules shall result in the immediate disqualification of the person from the competition:

- a. Infringements committed in the Competition Area by a competitor:
 - i. In respect of any round conducted under Isolation Conditions, gathering or providing information other than as contemplated by the definition of Isolation Conditions, including but not limited to:
 - 1. Communication with any person outside the Competition Area
 - 2. Communication with any person who has already attempted a relevant route/boulder
 - ii. For the avoidance of doubt, these restrictions do not apply in competition rounds where Isolation Conditions do not apply
- b. Distracting or interfering with any competitor who is preparing for or is attempting a route
- c. Failing to comply with the instructions of the judges or organisers or NUS Boulderactive officials
- d. Unsporting behaviour or other causing serious disturbance during a competition
- e. Abusive, threatening or violent behaviour towards NUS Boulderactive officials, organisers, competitors or to any other person

- f. Usage of non-approved equipment
 - g. Infringements committed out of the Competition Area but in the public area or at the competition venue or at any accommodation or facilities used in connection with the competition by a competitor:
 - i. Serious unsporting behavior or other serious disturbance
 - ii. Abusive, threatening or violent behavior to NUS Boulderactive officials, organisers, competitors or to any other person;
 - iii. Disobeying the Rules and Regulations stated by the venue owner
 - iv. Breaking any Singapore laws
57. In the case of disqualification, all results involving the climber shall be considered null and void.
58. The issuance of 2 official warnings to the same person in one competition shall result in the immediate disqualification of that person from the competition.
59. The Chief Route Judge is authorised to demand the immediate dismissal from the Competition Area of any person in contravention of the rules and, if necessary, suspend all competition activities until this demand has been complied with

H. APPEALS

60. All Appeals against the violation of a specific Article of these Rules shall be made within 15 minutes of publication of the Official Results of that round.
61. All Appeals, and all responses to Appeals, must be made in the English language.
62. All Appeals must be presented to the Chief Route Judge
63. Upon receipt of an Appeal, the Chief Route Judge will assess whether the relevant Appeal is:
- a. "Invalid", in which case any Appeal Fee and/or Appeal letter will be returned, with the Appeal letter marked as such; or
 - b. "Valid", in which case the Chief Route Judge shall proceed to determine the outcome of the Appeal
64. To be considered Valid, an Appeal must, unless specifically stated to the contrary in these Rules:
- a. Be made in writing
 - b. Be accompanied by video evidence
 - c. Be accompanied by the relevant Appeal Fee of \$50
 - d. State:
 - i. The specific article of the Rules on which the Appeal is based; and
 - ii. The competitor or class of competitors affected by the Appeal
65. The Chief Route Judge may rule as invalid any Appeal which:

- a. Is fails to adhere to the time limits specified in these Rules
- b. Proposes a matter not relevant to any Article of these Rules
- c. The Chief Route Judge otherwise deems to be so invalid

66. The Appeal process for the respective competitive formats is as set out below.

Carnival

- a. Participants may choose to not submit further video evidence for carnival-style competition formats. In this case, the Organisers will simply review the video submissions originally sent in and base their decisions on such.

Rotation Format

- b. Participants who wish to appeal must first raise the appeal to the Route Judge overseeing the boulder problem in contention. Any appeal shall not be entertained if the participant has moved onto another problem.
- c. The Route Judge shall leave a remark for review by the Chief Route Judge.
- d. The affected climber is advised to continue as if the Route Judge's decision is final.
- e. The Chief Route Judge shall review all appeals after the entire category has finished their climbs, having regard to video evidence submitted.

IFSC Concurrent Format (Open Finals):

- f. Participants who wish to appeal must first raise the appeal to the Route Judge overseeing the boulder problem in contention. Any appeal shall not be entertained if the participant has moved onto another problem.
- g. The Route Judge shall raise the issue to the Chief Route Judge immediately.
- h. The affected climber is advised to continue as if the Route Judge's decision is final.
- i. The Chief Route Judge shall review the appeal at the end of the competition round, having regard to video evidence submitted.
- j. Any appeal against the ranking of competitors shall be made immediately following the publication of the Official Results of each respective round.

67. In respect of any Valid Appeal concerning some non-compliance with these rules, or some decision in relation to the competition (the "**Original Decision**"):

- a. If the Appeal concerns the Official Results, the Chief Route Judge shall:
 - i. Mark the published results as 'Under Appeal', indicating which results from the subject of the Appeal
 - ii. Have the Event Organiser broadcast an announcement to the public that the results are 'Under appeal'
- b. The Chief Route Judge shall determine the Appeal:

- i. As soon as practicable with regard to the timetable of the competition
 - ii. Using all personnel and facilities at his disposal
 - c. If the available evidence is inconclusive, or the Chief Route Judge is unable to reach a verdict, then the Appeal shall be **“Undetermined”**, in which case the Original Decision will stand and the Appeal Fee will be returned.
 - d. If the available evidence is conclusive and the Chief Route Judge reaches a verdict, then the Appeal will be determined as either:
 - i. **“Successful”**, in which case the Appeal Fee will be returned and the Original Decision changed; or
 - ii. **“Unsuccessful”**, in which case the Appeal Fee will be forfeited and the Original Decision will stand
68. The determination of the Appeal shall be made in writing and handed by the Chief Route Judge to the person who officially lodged the Appeal.
69. The formal determination of any Appeal by the Chief Route Judge shall be final and not subject to further Appeal.

I. RIGHTS OF THE ORGANISERS

70. The Organisers of NUS Boulderactive reserve the right to decide who shall participate in the competition or to disqualify any competitor at any time and to amend these Rules and Regulations as they deem necessary without notice.
71. Any other matters not provided for in these Rules and Regulations shall be decided by the Organisers at their own discretion.

Annex A – During the Climb

These Guidelines are adapted from the IFSC Rules, which may be found online at:

https://cdn.ifsc-climbing.org/images/World_Competitions/IFSC-Rules_2019_v192_PUBLIC.pdf.

Terms used in these Guidelines are as defined in the IFSC Rules.

Starting the Boulder Problem

1. A stable '4-point' starting position will be adopted for each problem.
 - a. The competitor must achieve a stable Controlled position with both hands and both feet on the Starting Holds without Controlling or Using any other Artificial Holds or Structures.
 - b. For the avoidance of doubt, when starting a boulder, a competitor may:
 - i. Touch, Control or Use any part of the climbing wall or volumes (except Holds part of other boulder problems) in order to attain the Starting Holds; and/or
 - ii. Touch any Blocker Hold(s)
2. There will be special Boulderactive start tags positioned on the wall to indicate the Starting Holds for the boulder problem.
3. 4 strips of tape with a colour similar to the Top hold(s) of the problem will be used to indicate the placement of the designated starting points.
4. Utilising 3 of the designated 4 starting points to assume the 4-point starting position is permitted.
5. A competitor's attempt will be deemed to have started when every part of the competitor's body has left the ground.
6. Should a competitor commit a false start, 1 attempt will be added to the respective problem and they will be asked to return to the ground.
7. False starts include but are not limited to situations where a competitor:
 - a. Fails to achieve a stable Controlled position with both hands and both feet on the Starting Holds; or
 - b. Controls or Uses any Artificial Holds or other Structures not marked as Starting Holds before achieving a stable Controlled position with both hands and both feet on the Starting Holds

Zones

8. There will be a Zone for each boulder problem, indicated by Zone hold(s) marked with strips of tape with a colour different from the 4 tapes used to indicate the starting points.
9. If there is one Zone hold, there will be one strip of tape.
10. Two strips of tape on the same hold will be used to indicate that two hands will be needed to be on the zone hold to score the zone.

11. If there are two zone holds, there will be one strip of tape on each of the holds. Competitors will need to have both hands on these two holds simultaneously during their attempt to score the zone.
12. Competitors should check with the route judge if they are unsure if they are awarded the zone.

Ending the Boulder Problem

13. Special Boulderactive end tags will be used to indicate the Top hold(s).
14. If there is one Top hold, there will be 1 strip of tape. Competitors will need to end the problem with two hands securely on that hold.
15. If there are two Top holds, there will be one strip of tape on each hold. Competitors need to have one hand on each hold simultaneously to end the problem.
16. The Route Judge will announce to the climber with gestures to confirm the top.
17. For special ending positions other than the aforementioned positions, the Chief Route Judge will explain during the pre-event briefing.

Brushing and Chalking

18. If Competitors would like the holds or wall to be brushed and chalked, they are to inform the Route Judge. The designated spotter will provide assistance.
19. Competitors may chalk and brush the tiles themselves, but may only so with the materials provided by the organisers.
20. Competitors may only request for brushing and chalking before they start the problem.

Boundaries

21. Boundaries will be marked with black tape.
22. Competitors must not come into contact with any hold, volume or part of the wall positioned beyond the boundaries of the problem they are attempting.
23. Competitors must not come into contact with the black tape.
24. Side panels of the wall can be used if there is no boundary tape.

Time-keeping

25. Double whistle – Start and end of Climb
26. Single whistle – 1 minute till end of Climb

Technical Incidents

27. A Technical Incident is defined as any occurrence that results in a disadvantage or unfair advantage to a competitor, which is not the result of an action on the part of the competitor.

28. The Chief Route Judge, in consultation with the Chief Route-Setter (if necessary), shall provide a declaration of whether or not a Technical Incident has occurred.
29. In the event of a Technical Incident, the round will be suspended until it is resolved.
30. Competitors who have begun their attempts will be allowed to complete their attempts.

Annex B – Competition Schedule

Qualifiers					
Event	Date	Time			Remarks
Novice qualifiers	6/7/21			2200-0100	setting day for Novice qualifiers
	7/7/21		1000-1300	2200-0100	
	8/7/21		1000-1300	2200-0100	
	9/7/21		1000-1300	2200-0100	
	10/7/21		1000-1300	2200-0100	
	11/7/21		1000-1300	2200-0100	
	12/7/21		1000-1300	2200-0100	
Intermediate qualifiers + Novice semifinals	13/7/21			2200-0100	setting day for Intermediate qualifiers
	14/7/21		1000-1300	2200-0100	
	15/7/21		1000-1300	2200-0100	
	16/7/21		1000-1300	2200-0100	
	17/7/21	0730-1000	1000-1300	2200-0100	Novice semifinals to take place on 18/7 from 0730-1000. NW: 0730-0845 NM:845-1000
	18/7/21		1000-1300	2200-0100	
	19/7/21		1000-1300	2200-0100	
Hari Raya Haji	20/7/21	No Event			
Open qualifiers + Team qualifiers + Inter semifinals	21/7/21			2200-0100	setting day for Intermediate qualifiers
	22/7/21		1000-1300	2200-0100	setting day for Team qualifiers. Team qualifiers to start from 22/7, 2200-0100 onwards
	23/7/21		1000-1300	2200-0100	
	24/7/21	0730-1000	1000-1300	2200-0100	Inter semifinals to take place on 24/7 from 0730-1000. IW: 073-0845 IM:845-1000
	25/7/21		1000-1300	2200-0100	
	26/7/21		1000-1300	2200-0100	

	27/7/21		1000-1300	2200-0100	
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Finals (1/8/21)		
Time	Event	Remarks
07:00	Reporting for Novice Finalists	
08:00	Novice Women Finals	
09:00	Novice Men Finals	
10:00	Release of Novice results and prize presentation	
10:15	Reporting for Intermediate finalists	Changeover time
11:00	Intermediate Women Finals	
12:00	Intermediate Men Finals	
13:00	Release of Inter results and prize presentation	
14:00	Changeover of routes	
15:00	Reporting for Open finalists	
16:00	Open Finals	
17:00		
18:00	Release of results and prize presentation	