

## Rock Climbing FAQ

- How do I get the latest information on the Gay Games Climbing Competition?
  - You can sign up for the Gay Games Climbing Newsletter here: <http://eepurl.com/KTi21>
  - Or you can join the Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/ggclimbing2014/>
- What if I am not a very experienced climber or don't know how to climb at all?
  - You can compete in the beginner climbing and bouldering divisions. We'll make sure you know everything you need to know before the competition begins.
- How do I place in my division?
  - Climbers are awarded points for every successfully completed climb. The harder the climb, the more points you earn. The top 5 climbs you finished will be totaled for your final score, and the top 5 climbers in each division will be invited into the finals. Separate score cards will be kept for Bouldering and Climbing.
- Is this an all-day event? Do I have to attend both days?
  - This is a two day event, lasting approximately 6 hours each day. However, you are not obligated to be there all day, both days. You will be given from 10:00 am to 4:00pm each day to work the hardest climbs and obtain the highest score as possible. Finals will be held on the last day at 2:00pm. You could potentially climb on either day 1 or day 2 and earn a high enough score in your division to be invited to the finals.
- Do I need to be able to lead climb?
  - No, only individual competing in the advanced climbing divisions should be familiar with sport lead climbing.
- Do I need to bring someone to belay me?
  - Other competitors and some competition volunteers will be available to belay for you.
- What kind of facilities does the gym offer?
  - There are no changing rooms at the gym, but restrooms are available. A bank of lockers is also available. They are \$0.25 but can also be locked with a personal lock. The lockers are approximately 11" deep x 12" wide x 18" high. There are no water fountains at the gym, but bottled water, energy drinks, soda, etc. are available for purchase in the gym. Granola bars, power bars, candy and other snacks are also available for purchase.
- Who will be judging?
  - Prelims are self-judged. Points are only awarded when you've completed a climb without falling and when another climber has witnessed it. The other climber will sign off on your scorecard. The finals will be judge by the competition organizers.
- Do I need to bring equipment?
  - If you own your own climbing equipment, it is recommended that you bring your climbing

shoes, harness, belay device, and chalk bag. If you do not own any gear, Kendall Cliffs will have equipment available for rent.

- Do I have to pay for climbing and bouldering separately?
  - No, there is only one registration fee. The registration fee covers both the bouldering and climbing competition. You can choose however, to compete in either or both.
- Where should I stay during the competition?
  - More information will be provided on this soon.
- Will the Gay Games provide transportation to the competition venue?
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- Are spectators welcome?
  - Of course, we love spectators! It does not cost anything for spectators to attend the event.
- Will I be able to climb at the gym prior to competition to workout/practice?
  - Competitors are encouraged not to visit the gym a few days prior to the competition as route setting will be taking place. Competitors should not climb any of the competition routes prior to the event. Participants are encouraged to visit the Cleveland Rock Gym (<http://www.clevelandrockgym.com>) if they wish to practice or workout prior to the competition.