

## How bouldering competitions work



The Valley runs the Winter Boulder Series (WBS) from October through March. These are 5 casual competitions for all abilities.

Bouldering competitions are scored based on the number of attempts each climb takes you:

- 1<sup>st</sup> attempt – 10 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt – 7 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt – 4 points

Normally you get 1 point for 4 or more attempts, but to reduce crowding this isn't the case this year.

This means it's a good idea to watch others attempt the climb first or have a look at it and figure out each move. WBS is a casual competition, so you score yourself based on the honest number of attempts a climb takes. There are normally 30 climbs in each competition, so the maximum score is 300, but because of Covid and the time limit on climbing sessions this has been reduced to 25.

Pick up a scorecard to keep track of your score.

All the climbs in the competition will be the same colour – usually red – and will have number tags beside them. Start with both hands on the hold next to the tag or, if the tag is between 2 holds, a hand on each. Feet can start anywhere. Finish the climb with both hands on the highest hold or on top of the top-out block (the shorter wall closest to reception, there'll probably be someone stood on top of it).

Because of Covid, each competition is running over 3 days this year. The dates are:

- Round 1 – 30<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November
- Round 2 – 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> December
- Round 3 – 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> January
- Round 4 – 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February
- Round 5 – 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March

Hope to see y'all crushing it!

NUCC love xxx