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Fun climbing competition

Young Scots invited to test their vertical limits

Young people are being encouraged to try out their skills on climbing walls. A new fun climbing competition gives them a flavour of the thrills of competition climbing without all the stress.

Climbing walls across Scotland are taking part in the ClimbScotland Fun Climbing Competition this autumn, which focuses on young climbers who are just starting out in competitions.

It offers young people a great way to have a go at competition climbing, perhaps for the first time ever, and compete against their friends, whether they are from school, a youth group or a climbing club.

Until recently, beginners could enter the Youth Climbing Series, but changes to bring that competition more in line with the international event format means that the YCS is no longer an easy entry to competition for young climbers in Scotland.

The new ClimbScotland Fun Climbing Competition allows people to enter as individuals or as teams, with the qualification rounds at times to suit themselves before progressing to a grand final in Aberdeen in November.

Kevin Howett, Sport Development Officer with Mountaineering Scotland's ClimbScotland project, said indoor climbing is becoming increasingly popular with young people and there's a very active competition scene – but competitions have come into line with international standards we felt there was a need for a less formal competition which could be enjoyed by young people no matter what grade or style they climb, or looking to get a fun introduction to the competition scene."

Anyone interested in the ClimbScotland Fun Climbing Competition can find more details at <http://www.climbscotland.net/move-on-up/competitions/climbscotland-fun-competition> or visit their nearest participating climbing wall.

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Notes for editors: The Climbing walls participating in the ClimbScotland Fun Climbing Competition are:

Alien Rock (Alien One), Edinburgh
Alford Community Campus
Avertical World, Dundee
Gairloch Leisure Centre
Glasgow Climbing Centre
Inverness Leisure
Lochbroom Leisure Centre, Ullapool
Perth College Climbing Wall
Pickaquoy Leisure Centre, Orkney
St Andrews University
TCA The Prop Store, Glasgow
The Ice Factor, Kinlochleven
Transition Extreme, Aberdeen
The Peak, Stirling
Three Wise Monkeys, Fort William

Image: Competitor on the climbing wall

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About Mountaineering Scotland:

- Mountaineering Scotland is the only recognised representative organisation for hill walkers, climbers and ski-tourers who live in Scotland or who enjoy Scotland's mountains.
- Mountaineering Scotland provides training and information to mountain users to promote safety, self-reliance and the enjoyment of our mountain environment.
- Mountaineering Scotland is a membership organisation with over 14,000 members representing hill walkers, climbers and mountaineers, funded through a combination of membership subscriptions, non-governmental grants and investment from sportscotland, which supports public initiatives and services in mountain safety, mountain training and the development and promotion of mountaineering activities.
- Mountaineering Scotland also acts for 75,000 members of the BMC or British Mountaineering Council on matters related to Landscape and Access in Scotland.
- Mountaineering Scotland landscape and access work is supported financially by the Scottish Mountaineering Trust and the BMC
- Mountaineering Scotland has launched the ClimbScotland initiative to encourage young people to participate in climbing and support their progression. It offers a dedicated website and a development team, which will introduce young people to climbing at schools, climbing walls and via youth organisations with a range of

activities and events, while developing kids clubs and providing specialist support to parents, volunteers and teachers.

- Mountaineering Scotland is the national governing body for sports climbing. It offers pathways to climbing coaching, organises and promotes a range of regional and national climbing competitions, and manages the Scottish youth squads and teams. It contributes to the management of the GB teams with the ultimate aim of seeing a Scottish athlete achieve a podium position in the Olympic Games.
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