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## National youth climbing competition seeks entries

Scotland's next generation climbers have a chance to show they have what it takes to be the champions of the future – and have fun at the same time.

Entries are open for the 2022 Youth Climbing Series (YCS), the national youth competition in Scotland, and part of a wider series of competitions across the UK and Ireland.

The series is held over four rounds, in Aberdeen, Hamilton, Glasgow and Edinburgh, from September to November, bringing together young climbers from all over Scotland.

Jamie Smith, ClimbScotland Development Manager, said: "The YCS is a great way to meet other young climbers, make new friends and climb at some of the best climbing walls in Scotland.

"The Scottish YCS is part of a wider series across the UK and Ireland. Each country organises its own series to select teams which then come together in a grand final, which this year will be at the Rockstar climbing wall in Swindon.

"The final sees the teams come together to find not just the best young climbers in the UK and Ireland in each category but also to find the strongest team."

Round 1 of the series will be at Transition Extreme, Aberdeen, on September 17

Round 2 will be at HangOn Climbing Centre, Hamilton, on October 1

Round 3 will be at Edinburgh International Climbing Arena, Ratho, on October 22

Round 4 will be at The Prop Store, Glasgow, on November 5

ClimbScotland is an initiative by Mountaineering Scotland and is the governing body for competition climbing in Scotland, a sport which has seen growing interest since becoming an Olympic sport in 2020.

Interest will be further increased in the wake of one round of the IFSC World Lead and Speed Climbing Championships being held at EICA: Ratho on 9-11 September. Spectator tickets for this event sold out within an hour when they went on sale last week. More information and booking instructions for the Youth Climbing Series is available at <u>www.climbscotland.net/move-on-up/competitions/youth-climbing-series</u> and booking will remain open until Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

## Ends

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