

The logo features a stylized letter 'W' composed of multiple parallel green lines that create a sense of depth and movement, resembling a climbing wall or a boulder. To the right of the 'W', the words 'WINTER', 'BOULDERING', and 'SERIES' are stacked vertically in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

# WINTER BOULDERING SERIES

The Climb So iLL Winter Series is a ten week, team bouldering competition with an emphasis on personal achievement, team camaraderie, and community. Teams of five will compete against one another every two weeks, culminating with a team championship round at the end of the series. The winning team will take home a customized prize pack. Can your team claim the top spot as the Climb So iLL Winter Series Champions?

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**Registration:** December 1st - December 31st | Open to anyone ages 18 and up

**Cost:** \$60 per team

**Winter Series Begins:** January 2nd

**Competition Weeks:** January 2nd, 16th + 30th | February 13th + 27th

**Winter Series Championship Round:** TBD

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## Basic Information

### Pick Your Team

Form a team of **five boulderers** (you need a minimum of four climbers to compete on comp week – for weeks when a teammate can't make it!). Climbers of all ability levels are welcome. We encourage you to form teams of all ages, gender, and climbing skill. The Winter Series is scored using a handicap system (explained below) to encourage fair participation with teams of varying ability levels. A V2 climber can be on the same team as a V10 climber!

*Interested in signing up, but don't have a team? Email [johnno@climbsoill.com](mailto:johnno@climbsoill.com) with "Winter Series Team Placement" in the subject line and we will do our best to find you a team.*

### Register Your Team

Once you have your team together, designate one member to register your team at [www.climbsoill.com/winter-bouldering-series](http://www.climbsoill.com/winter-bouldering-series). Winter Series team members must either be *Climb So iLL members*, *10 Punch Pass holders*, or may purchase a day pass with each visit. **Registration is \$60 per team. All teams must be registered by December 30th.** Once registered, be sure to "Like" the Climb So iLL Facebook page to keep updated on any Winter Series updates. Scores, rankings, and other announcements will be posted at the link above.

## Winter Series Format

The Winter Series will take place between January 2nd through March 3rd. Competition weeks will take place every other week: **January 2nd, January 16th, January 30th, February 13th, and February 27th**. The Winter Series Championship round will take place after the conclusion of the last weekly competition. The date for this event has yet to be determined, but team leaders will be notified via email.

On the Monday of a competition week, scorecards will be made available at the front desk. During a competition week, each team must pick a day to compete together as a team. Four members of your team must be present to pick up your scorecard. *Teams are only allowed one day to fill out their scorecard, but it can be any day of the competition week.* If your team does not turn in a score card, a score of 0 will be assigned to your team for that week.

Each competition week, teams will be paired up and compete against each other and be given a win/loss record based on that weeks performance. If your team wins the matchup for that week, you will be assigned a win (W) for that week, for a total of 5 possible wins throughout the series. On March 3rd, teams with the best win/loss records will be face off against each other in the Championship Round.

During competition days, teams are responsible for their own scorecards, keeping track of each team member's progress. Rules and guidelines will be clearly printed on each scorecard. The Winter Series is all about community and, as such, uses an honor system to keep track of scoring - you are responsible for your team. Please be honest when filling out the scorecard. Anyone found to be cheating will be eliminated, as will their team, from the Winter Series.

Please note that you ***are allowed to climb on the bouldering wall during a competition week without your team present.*** If you attempt any problems that are designated for the Winter Series during a competition week, without your team and scorecard present, you will forfeit your "flash" attempt on that problem. While we don't want to limit your access to the bouldering wall, we encourage you to climb the problems with your team first, if possible.

## Winter Series Scoring + Handicap System

Scoring in the Winter Series will be based on a handicap system that allows teams of any ability level to compete against one another. This system rewards personal climbing achievement while prioritizing team camaraderie in a fun environment.

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Each team member will receive the following points for the top three problems they complete during a competition day:

- ❖ **10 points** for redpointing a climb equal to your handicap grade
- ❖ **+1 point** for redpointing a climb above your handicap grade
- ❖ **+1 point** for redpointing a climb below your handicap grade
- ❖ **+3 points** for flashing a climb

*A "flash" means completing a boulder on your very first attempt. A "redpoint" means completing a boulder with two or more attempts.*

During a competition week, problems will be set and designated on the bouldering wall ranging from V0 - V10. Your goal as a competitor is to attempt to flash or redpoint problems at or above your handicap level, earning points for your team. The top three boulders of each team member will be added together to determine your team's score for that week. If all five members of your team are competing that week, the four best scores will count for that week.

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Determining your handicap is fairly simple. When your team competes during the first competition week, each competitor will write down the v-grade in which they consistently finish problems (what "v-grade" do you climb?). Here are some examples to help decide your v-grade/handicap:

- ❖ You can usually climb a V6 each time you visit the gym. Your handicap would be V6
- ❖ Usually you can climb V3, but every couple of weeks you manage to climb a V4. Your handicap would be V3.
- ❖ You climbed a V15 last year, but this year you're only able to climb V9. Your handicap would be V9.

*If you need help in determining your handicap, ask a staff member for help.*

Handicaps can change throughout the competition, so don't worry too much about being perfect with your self-assessment. In fact, one of the underlying goals of the Winter Series is to help you improve your climbing in a team environment! Our scorekeepers will monitor your progress and adjust your handicap as necessary for the duration of the league. Likewise, if you feel your handicap should be adjusted, just email [johno@climbsoill.com](mailto:johno@climbsoill.com) and we'll take care of it.