

BOULDERING SERIES 2023 RULES

General

- You must join [the Bouldering Series 2023 KAYA challenge](#) prior to logging any sends. You are responsible for joining the KAYA challenge and logging your own scores. There is no alternate method of scorekeeping for this event.
- All boulders are set by color of holds.
- To successfully complete a boulder, you must upload a video of the climb that shows an established start and finish. All videos are subject to review.

Teams

- Teams must consist of exactly four climbers.
- Scoring is relative to each climber's current ability, so teams can include any combination of beginner to advanced climbers.
- Teams are allowed one permanent climber swap for any reason, be it injury, illness, vacation, or something else. The swap is permanent, meaning the original climber will no longer be eligible to compete or win prizes once the swap has occurred. Teams should email David Chancellor (david@climbsoill.com) and Chris Shultes (chris@climbsoill.com) directly to request a swap.

Scoring

- **Choose your max grade based on the difficulty of climb you can typically send within a single session (3-5 attempts).**
- The Bouldering Series will use relative scoring. Points for each climb are assigned based on your max grade reported during registration:
 - You will earn 100 points for sending your max grade.
 - You will be awarded an additional 10 points for a grade above.
 - You will be awarded 20 points fewer for a grade below.
- Boulders will be eligible for scoring for 7 days (Monday - Sunday) after they are set and visible in the KAYA app.
- **Your top 5 sends each week will count toward your team's cumulative score.**
- An individual leaderboard will be live on KAYA. Climb So iLL will manually calculate team scores and post the team leaderboard each week.
- Points will not be awarded for repeat sends.
- Sends logged prior to joining the KAYA challenge will not count toward your score. No exceptions will be made for this situation.

Sandbagging

- Sandbagging is defined as "a tactic used to mask a climber's strength in order to produce greater than anticipated results."
- Scores will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine if a climber is sandbagging.

Volumes, Off-Route Features

- All volumes are considered “on route” for every climb.
- Holds from other climbs that are on volumes are considered “off route”.
- Using holds, features or non-climbing surfaces (building walls, structures, etc) that are “off route” will disqualify your send.

Finals

- Finals will consist of four total boulders. Each team member will attempt only one boulder.
- Finals will be an onsight format competition. This means that climbers will not see any other person climb the boulder prior to attempting it themselves. Climbers will enter an isolation area prior to the event to ensure that they cannot watch other climbers before them.
- Teams will have a four-minute preview period to look at all the boulders and decide who will climb each boulder before moving into isolation.
- Climbers are scored based on highest hold reached. Team scores will be determined by the sum of all team members' scores on the final boulders. Ties will be broken by the total number of attempts for the team.