

BOULDERING SERIES 2024 RULES

GENERAL

- Climbers must join [The Bouldering Series 2024 KAYA challenge](#) prior to logging any sends. Climbers are responsible for joining the KAYA challenge and logging their 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 each 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 substitution for any reason, be it injury, illness, vacation, or something else. The substitution is permanent, meaning the original climber will no longer be eligible to compete or win prizes once the substitution has occurred. The Climber and the substitute must be of equal or lesser abilities. Teams should email David Chancellor (david@climbsoill.com) and Chris Shultes (chris@climbsoill.com) directly to request a substitution.

SCORING

- **Climbers should choose their max grade based on the difficulty of climb they 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 each climber's max grade reported during registration:
 - Climbers will earn 100 points for sending their max grade.
 - Climbers will be awarded an additional 10 points for a grade above
 - Climbers 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.
- **Each individual's top 5 sends each week will count toward their team's cumulative score.**
- A Team leaderboard will be live on KAYA. Climb So iLL will manually calculate team scores and post the team leaderboard on a weekly basis.
- Points will not be awarded for repeat sends.
- Sends logged prior to joining the KAYA challenge will not count towards a climber's 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

- A Volume is defined as a wooden structure that is an extension of the wall.
- A Fiberglass structure is considered a climbing hold.
- 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, fiberglass structures, down-climbing holds, different color climbing holds, etc.) that are “off route” will disqualify your send.
- If your boulder problem has a designated finish hold, the top of the climbing wall is “off route”.

FINALS

- The top 6 teams plus one wild card team will qualify for the Onsite Finals.
- The wild card team will be chosen at random for an invite to the Finals.
- Finals will consist of four (4) total boulders. Each team member will attempt only one boulder. Additionally, if the climber finishes their respective boulder before time has expired then they may go and assist their teammates with coaching in sending their 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 ten (10) minute preview period to look at all the boulders and decide who will climb each boulder before moving into isolation.
- Climbers cannot touch holds off the ground other than the designated start holds.
- Climbers are scored based on highest Zone reached or top secured. 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.
- Climbers must establish a controlled start on the designated start holds and feet. The start holds and feet are designated by four hashes of tape.
- To score a zone the climber must show control of the marked zone hold. Climbers will not be awarded the zone by just touching the zoned hold.
- To secure the top the climber must match and show control of the designated finish holds.
- Down Climb holds are off.
- Top of the wall is off.

