



Squad information for the Gallery Bouldering Birthday Competition

Saturday 9th May 2026

Competition Categories:

We allow junior climbers aged 14-17 years to compete in the following categories:

- Juniors Male (14-17)
- Juniors Female (14-17)

Squad members attending with instructors only

Juniors aged 14-17 years visiting Gallery Bouldering to compete as part of a climbing centre squad may compete under the supervision of a qualified instructor with their own (or climbing gym's) insurance at a ratio of 10:1. Please complete an [Instructor Waiver Form](#) and return it to marketing@gallerybouldering.co.uk along with a copy of the insurance.

If instructors are bringing a maximum of two children aged 14-17 years to take part in the competition, instructors may undertake our Junior Climbing Supervisor assessment on the day of the competition by prior arrangement only. All children must be registered with us as junior climbers before Saturday 9th May 2026. For more information on how to do this, please visit www.gallerybouldering.co.uk/juniors.

Squad members attending with parents or legal guardians only

Any squad members wishing to attend the competition without an instructor must be registered with us as a junior climber before Saturday 9th May 2026. For more information on how to do this, please visit www.gallerybouldering.co.uk/juniors.

All competitors between the ages of 14-17 years must undergo and pass an Unsupervised Junior Assessment in order to compete.

Unsupervised Junior Assessments may be completed at Gallery Bouldering prior to the competition. Both the climber and a parent or legal guardian may visit Gallery Bouldering and speak to one of the members of staff behind the desk to take the assessment.



Alternatively, squad coaches can book Unsupervised Junior Assessments for members of their squad on Saturday 9th May 2026. To do this, please contact marketing@gallerybouldering.co.uk.

Please note that taking the Unsupervised Junior Assessment requires both the candidate and their parent or legal guardian to be present.

Note that a child who has completed the Unsupervised Junior Assessment will have the option of going on to take their own autobelay induction, to allow them to use the autobelays unsupervised.

Under 14s

Juniors under 14 years old may NOT compete in any circumstances but are welcome to attempt the competition blocs under adult supervision. Please note that supervisors must pass our Junior Climbing Supervisor assessment prior to Saturday 9th May 2026 in order to supervise during the competition. No Junior Climbing Supervisor assessments will take place on the day of the competition.

Please visit www.gallerybouldering.co.uk/juniors for more information on how to register to climb and supervise with us, and how to book or attend a Junior Climbing Supervisor course or assessment.

Entrance on the Day

Competitors who benefit from Gallery Bouldering Friends and Family free entry, reciprocal free entry from other climbing gyms, or receive free entry for national youth training programmes must pay for entry on Saturday 9th May 2026 to be eligible for prizes. Customers who gain entry via a free guest pass are not eligible to win prizes. All climbers must hold a recurring membership, 8-month student pass, 30 day pass, 10 entries pass, or day pass to be in contention.

Climbing Rules:

Starting Climbs

All blocs are tagged with 4 points of contact at the start. A climber is 'established' when all four points of contact are securely held in a stable position. Attempts count when all four



limbs have left the floor. Failed attempts to establish count as attempts for scoring purposes.

Zones and Tops

Each bloc will have one taped zone hold that climbers can score points by reaching, zone holds must be held securely in order for points to count. The top of each bloc must be touched with two hands in a position that is stable and secure. The climber must be able to hold the position for 3 full seconds.

Disputes and Tiebreakers:

All participants agree that Gallery Bouldering staff have the right to request climbers to reattempt blocs in instances of disputed attempts (e.g. 'French' starts, or uncontrolled matches for the top). If staff consistently see invalid attempts being reported as valid by a climber then disqualification or point penalties may be applied.

If scores are tied for podium positions at the end of the competition then the winner will be decided through a specific set of criteria in this order:

1. Amount of blocs flashed
2. Hardest bloc successfully climbed
3. Attempts taken to climb this bloc

Gallery Bouldering staff are responsible for resolving all disputes or queries.