

## UGA OUTDOOR RECREATION – CLIMBING WALL – BOULDER BASH

**Purpose:** The purpose of this document is to outline the logistical details of running the Boulder Bash climbing competition each Fall.

**Scope:** Boulder Bash is a one-day bouldering competition that brings climbers from all over the southeast to compete. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Southeastern Climbers Coalition. Climbers will receive a t-shirt. Boulder Bash will consist of 3 divisions. Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced (Male and female divisions for each). Each division will have approximately 20-25 bouldering problems, and each problem will be assigned a specific point value. Climbers who successfully complete a problem will receive the corresponding number of points. If climbers flash a problem (successfully complete the problem with no failed attempts), they will receive a 10% bonus for that problem. For example, if a problem is worth 350 points and a climber flashes the problem, the climber will receive 350 + 35 (385) total points for the problem. No points will be deducted for failed attempts, but a climber must successfully complete an entire problem from start to finish in order to receive any points. Partially completed problems do not receive points. The climber(s) in each division at the end of the competition will be declared the winners.

### Boulder Bash Timeline:

- I. EARLY SPRING SEMESTER
  - a. Identify a Sunday in November. Historically, this date is the Sunday after the Auburn football game.
  - b. Set-up “Boulder Bash” in Fusion.
    - i. System Preferences → Courses → Outdoor Recreation → Climbing Wall → Boulder Bash
    - ii. Click on “offerings” and duplicate the existing item.
    - iii. Change the title, semester, go date, registration periods, web info, and receipt/confirmation information.
    - iv. Note: Non-UGA students can register and pay online.
  - c. Adjust the event website: [http://recsports.uga.edu/content\\_page/boulder-bash](http://recsports.uga.edu/content_page/boulder-bash).
  - d. Submit marketing request to Marketing Team with event date, time, location, and summary.
- II. LATE SPRING SEMESTER
  - a. Reserve the bouldering courtyard in Fusion and alert facilities staff of special event date.
  - b. Have climbing wall staff submit shirt designs; select the most-preferred design.
  - c. Update the Sponsor Letter (Outdoor Rec → Climbing Wall → Special Events → Boulder Bash → [year] → Sponsorship Letter).
  - d. Assign 2-3 sponsors to each wall employee; have them call and email to solicit financial donations and/or in-kind prizes.
  - e. Keep an inventory of sponsors and items. Financial contributions need to be processed by Business Office personnel.

III. SUMMER/EARLY FALL

- a. Send recruitment emails to local colleges and universities in GA, FL, AL, SC, and TN
- b. Send recruitment emails to previous participants
- c. Get print and digital signage posted in Ramsey and around campus
- d. Finalize event schedule and secure wall staff (typical schedule is below)

Registration/Check-in	12:00PM - 1:00PM
Beginner Climbing A*	1:00PM - 2:30PM
Beginner Climbing B*	2:30PM - 4:00PM
Intermediate Climbing	4:00PM - 6:00PM
Advanced Climbing	6:00PM - 8:00PM
Awards	8:30PM

IV. 3 WEEKS BEFORE EVENT

- a. Finalize and print sponsorship posters and t-shirts.
  - i. Old Guard – color shirts approximately \$7 each; 105 ordered; white shirts approximately \$6; 20 ordered.
- b. Strip and reset the wall; each category needs to have between 20-25 problems.
- c. Score cards need to be updated with problems and point values.
  - i. Climbing Wall → Special Events → Boulder Bash → [year] → Boulder Bash Score Cards.
- d. Review and revise event rules (see below).
- e. Confirm food sponsor for employees (Domino’s has sponsored in the past)

V. DAY BEFORE/DAY OF EVENT

- a. Secure extra tables/ chairs from facilities (30-40 folding chairs; 6-7 tables; trash cans).
- b. Secure microphone/audio unit from Assistant Director.
- c. Secure directional/parking signage from Marketing.
- d. Print roster of climbers from Fusion.
- e. Set-up check-in table at Climbing Wall desk (including roster).
  - i. Leave space in each division for same-day registrants.
  - ii. *Cash-handling day of?* ← need to follow up with Tina
- f. Division of responsibilities

- i. Registration / check in - Collect payment (if needed), give t-shirt and score card. Submit cash to FM after registration concludes.
  - ii. Set-up – chairs, tables, parking signs, clean courtyard.
  - iii. Prize table – monitor prizes so they aren't stolen.
  - iv. Courtyard monitor – observe/initial climbing attempts, manage crowds, pick up trash.
  - v. Scorer – tally scores in Excel when climber submits a finalized score card.
  - vi. Awards – announce winners and distribute prizes.
  - vii. Floaters – manage transition from parking lot to courtyard; run errands as needed.
  - viii. Clean-up – restore courtyard to previous condition after event ends.
- g. Review "Scope" section of document for explanation of scoring and prize divisions.

## VI. AFTER EVENT

- a. Schedule a time to debrief with staff about event operations and logistics.
- b. Work with business office to send donation to SCC.
- c. Send thank you letters with a picture to sponsors.