

# BMC Youth Climbing Series 2020

## Agreement between the host boulder venue and the British Mountaineering Council for regional rounds

### 1. BMC Youth Climbing Series

The BMC Youth Climbing Series (YCS) is a series of regional competitions that are co-ordinated into an annual national series by the British Mountaineering Council (BMC). This agreement sets down the particulars by which climbing walls (hereinafter referred to as the “Host Venue”) undertake to run a BMC YCS boulder regional round (hereinafter referred to as “the Round”). The BMC owns the full rights to the YCS.

Each region has a BMC Area Youth Co-ordinator (AYC) who is responsible for organising the Round. Once this contract has been signed, the BMC will inform Host Venues of their AYC and their contact details.

### 2. Commencement and Duration

This agreement will commence on the date it is signed by both parties and it will continue until the invoice sent to the BMC by the Host Venue is settled in full.

### 3. Title

The title of the series shall be the BMC Youth Climbing Series 2020.

### 4. Press and PR

The BMC is responsible for all publicity and advertising of the YCS. During the series, Host Venues will assist the media (if required) by providing information, photos and details of facilities available. Host Venues should always tag YCS (BMCYCS on Facebook and #bmcycs2020), teambmc and gbclimbing in all social media posts.

### 5. Sponsors and Advertising

The BMC will produce posters for the Round. Under no circumstances will the Host Venue accept any association with tobacco, alcohol or any other inappropriate substance sponsorship for the Round. The BMC agrees that (subject to the conditions of this agreement) the Host Venue may arrange for local sponsorship of the Round.

### 6. Host Wall Fees

The BMC will register competitors through its head office. The BMC will pay the Host Venue (upon receipt of an invoice) £1250 (excl VAT) to cover costs involved in hosting the Round. Exclusive use of the Host Venue is preferred for the Round, however, it is not essential. The Host Venue will send the invoice to the BMC no later than one month after the Round.

### 7. Rules

The Round will be conducted under the BMC YCS 2020 rules and take into consideration the YCS event organisational guidelines.

## **8. Date**

The dates of the Round will not be altered.

## **9. Timings**

The AYC will liaise with the Host Venue to organise on-day timings. The Host Venue will allow venue access to the AYC and event staff as early as possible. The BMC will provide AYC's and Host Venues with a suggested timetable for the Round.

## **10. Categories**

The Round age categories are as stipulated in the BMC YCS 2020 rules; rule 1.2 eligibility. They can also be found [here](#).

## **11. Prizes**

The Host Venue may provide and present additional prizes, as stipulated in section 5.

## **12. Route Setting**

The Host Venue is responsible for route setting and the associated costs. The routes and problems must be set in accordance with the BMC YCS Route Setting Guidelines which are [here](#).

The wall need not necessarily be stripped in areas where the YCS routes are, although this is preferred as it offers a better competitor experience and makes judging easier.

The BMC will provide the Host Venue with coloured gaffer tape and route labels in advance of the round. Please contact the BMC directly: [ycs@thebmc.co.uk](mailto:ycs@thebmc.co.uk)

## **13. Equipment Provision**

The Host Venue will provide the AYC with access to a printer and WiFi connection on the day. Print charges can be added to your invoice.

## **14. Competition Area**

The Host Venue will cordon off the competition area so that access is only granted to competitors and event staff if the Host Venue is not closed to the public.

## **15. Closure of the Host Venue**

The BMC recognises the Host Venue is a business and it is therefore up to the Host Venue to decide whether it will close the Host Venue to members of the public for the duration of the Round. Please inform the BMC within 14 business days of the date of this agreement if you are going to close the Host Venue for the duration of the Round. If the BMC does not receive any such notice it will assume the Host Venue is to remain open to the public during the Round. Such notice can be sent to: [ycs@thebmc.co.uk](mailto:ycs@thebmc.co.uk)

## **16. Wall staff & Safety**

The Host Venue will provide the appropriate level of staffing for the Round.

The Host Venue will provide a member of staff on the day who will provide a housekeeping briefing (to include location of fire exits, toilets etc) at the start of the day. This person will remain available throughout to help with any issues such as fire alarms etc.

The Host Venue shall ensure that a first-aid qualified staff member (i.e. minimum holder of a first aid at work certificate or equivalent) is in attendance at all times during the Round.

#### **17. BMC Policy on Colour Blind Climbers**

The BMC capture information regarding colour blindness at the registration of the competitor. The BMC will give this information to the Host Venue 7 days prior to the competition. It is the responsibility of the Host Venue to ensure appropriate colour blind provision is provided for these competitors by taping holds for the specified categories.

#### **18. Volunteers**

The AYC will source experienced volunteer judges for the Round.

The Host Venue will assist the AYC in sourcing volunteers by posting on their social media and emailing their members in advance of the Round. The AYC will send an email to all the parents of the competitors to encourage them to volunteer.

#### **19. Venue and Statutory Regulations**

The Host Venue shall ensure that the Host Venue is in a fit state for competition climbing, for spectators to view the climbing, and that all local planning, health and safety, and other statutory requirements are met.

#### **20. Venue Fire Regulations**

The Host Venue will need to have fire regulations that allow at least a minimum of 300 people in the Host Venue. The BMC can place competitor caps for each region depending on the capacity of all Host Venues. Please let us know your maximum capacity when you return this contract.

#### **21. Event culmination**

All competitors may not necessarily finish their routes and problems at the same time. When each competitor has completed their climbs they should go back to the person responsible for them on the day. Host Venue staff should work with volunteers and the AYC to encourage all young competitors to behave well and respect the rules of the Host Venue in order to prevent incidents or accidents.

#### **22. Insurance**

The BMC shall provide insurance cover for all BMC volunteers and BMC employees working on the day of the Round. All entrants must be members of the BMC or the Mountaineering Councils of Scotland & Ireland, and are therefore covered by BMC civil liability insurance. Volunteers will be covered by BMC liability insurance. The Host Venue will provide insurance cover for any other persons working in connection with the Round; this shall include third party liability and injury to spectators. The duration of the Round includes the time required for route setting and any other preparatory activities.

#### **23. Financial Risk**

The BMC and Host Venue are individually liable for the costs of staging the Round as detailed in this agreement.

#### **24. Cancellation**

In the unlikely event that the Round is cancelled due to circumstances out of the BMC's control, such as weather, a natural disaster or an act of terrorism, the Host Venue will not receive any payment from the BMC. Please be assured that the

cancellation of a Round has only occurred once in 20 years and was due to snow storms and the subsequent dangerous driving conditions.

## 25. Spectators

The Host Venue is entitled to charge spectators on the day of the Round no more than normal wall-entry rates. Spectators are those people who are in addition to a volunteer or legal parent and guardian of the competitor. For Example, an external coach and any additional parents over the one required to look after the competitor can be classed as spectators. The Host Venue must inform the BMC well in advance if they intend to charge spectators.

If the Host Venue plans to charge spectators – please inform the BMC within 14 business days of the date of this agreement so that the BMC can advertise appropriately. The Host Venue can notify the BMC of this by emailing; ycs@thebmc.co.uk

## 26. Entire Agreement

This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes and extinguishes all previous agreements, promises, assurances, warranties, representations and understandings between them, whether written or oral, relating to its subject matter.

## Undertakings by the Host Venue and BMC

I have read, understood, and accepted the agreement and hereby agree to act as the Host Venue for a Round :

**Venue name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of event:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name and position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

I have read, understood, and accepted the agreement and hereby agree that the above named venue and person will act as a Host Venue for a Round :

**Signed**  **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Dave Turnbull, BMC Chief Executive