

'BINERS, BOULDERS & BETA CLIMBING COMPETITION- COMPETITORS PACKAGE

We would all rather be climbing outdoors but due to jobs/school/life we can't all go live in the mountains during the warm months, and so, we're here to make indoor climbing fun while we're here! This **member only** climbing competition will take place over the **entire month of June**. We are very motivated to strengthen the newly formed climbing community we have here in The Pit. Because members of the climbing community are infamous for competing against each other while still being encouraging, motivating and supportive, we hope this competition will do just that. We ask all competitors to really try and embrace this mentality while this competition goes on – and after. Because a membership is required, there will be **no additional fee** to sign up for this competition. *You must have a climbing membership and your membership must be valid the entire length of the competition.*

The start date for this competition is **Thursday June 1, 2017**.

The last day to climb will be **Friday June 30, 2017**.

What you need to know:

This competition will include all 3 types of climbing available in The Pit: autobelay routes, top rope routes, and bouldering problems. If you have yet to get certified for top rope, please talk to staff about either challenging the belay test or making an appointment to be taught (~2 hour course). Now is the time to do it, and it's free!

As a competitor you will be blind to the point value of all routes in the competition until the competition is over. We want competitors to be blind to the point values to encourage climbers to try and work on all competition routes/problems. Just because a route challenged your abilities does not mean you can't complete it, especially when you have a whole month to keep trying! If you're truly stumped, ask fellow climbers for beta and you just might surprise yourself.

Any updates involving the competition will be on the **"Central Plains RecPlex Climbing"** Facebook page. The Facebook page will be extremely helpful for knowing when new routes are set and for when there may be more opportunities for bonus points - so make sure you join!

Scoring

As usual, the more difficult routes/problems will be worth more points than the easier ones. We will be sticking to a general star rating to keep consistency in The Pit. With that being said, note that there may be two routes with the **same star rating but they will be worth a different amount of points**.

The amount of attempts **will not affect** the point value that you earn; however, there will be a **flash bonus**. Flashing is when you complete a route on your first attempt **ever**. If you fail to complete a problem one day but complete it on your first attempt the next day, you **did not** flash it.

There will be a poster by the rental harnesses and shoes with a chart: list of competitors on one side and a list of the routes along another. Once a route is complete in front of a witness, it can be signed off on. **Both climber and witness must sign off in the box**. Note that staff will be recording a second copy of the chart throughout the competition as a back-up.

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For additional points, there will be a "Bonus Blitz" held at some point during the month. There may be one, two, three, or more! For a Bonus Blitz, a route will be set and you will have three days to complete it. After the three days, the route will be taken down and you will not be able to get those extra points. You will be notified of a Bonus Blitz via the Facebook page.

As this competition will be scored using an honor based system, you need to understand what completing a route/problem entails. Completing a route/problem occurs when you get both hands on the final hold/mark in a controlled manner. For a general rule, if the climber hangs onto the final hold for 2-3 seconds they likely have control of it and that route can be complete.

Reminder: there must be a witness that sees you complete a problem for you to be able to mark it complete. This includes the flash bonus. Witnesses do not have to be part of the competition; they can be staff, a friend you brought to try climbing for the first time, or even a stranger!

Because there is no limiting time restraint, we are going to count ALL completed routes/problems – so climb everything!

In the event of a tie, there will be a tie breaking competition. More details on that will come if it becomes necessary.

Competition

As there is always setting going on in The Pit, the routes/problems for this competition will be added continuously throughout the month; however, none will be taken down until the competition is over. This will allow you a good amount of time to push yourself to complete the more difficult routes, but also, it will provide a challenge to complete the ones set later on before the competition is over. All competition routes will be clearly marked so there is no confusion with non-competition ones. Any new routes/problems will be posted in the competition Facebook group - so make sure you join! It is also good for you to know that we will be reaching out to fellow climbers to help in the setting of more difficult problems.

Rules & Safety

The general rules and safety that are in place every other day will also apply for this competition. If you need a refresher, please ask any RecPlex staff to go over it with you. By registering and participating in this competition you are stating you understand these rules and agree to comply with them.