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USA Climbing announces dates, locations, and livestreaming for 2017/18 USA Climbing: Bouldering National Cup Series events

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USA Climbing, the United States National Governing Body for the sport of competition climbing, announced the second season of the National Cup Series (NCS). The series includes four bouldering competitions hosted by top climbing facilities across the country from October 2017 – January 2018, where the best boulderers in the US will compete against each other for a piece of the \$10,000 cash purse at each event and to gain ranking points towards the adult National Ranking and their share of the \$10,000 cash purse associated with the season's National Ranking which will be awarded at the conclusion of our Open Bouldering Nationals on February 2&3, 2018 in Salt Lake City, UT.

2017-2018 Schedule

In planning the second year of the popular series, USA Climbing received broad interest from both existing and possible new partner facilities. Bridging the desire to work closely again with successful host gyms while also pursuing a forward-looking goal to open new opportunities to additional partners in new regions, USA Climbing finalized the 2017-2018 NCS schedule with two facilities returning as hosts and collaborating with two new venues. The National Cup Series again kicks off at Stone Age Climbing Gym for the Yank-N-Yard in Albuquerque, New Mexico, then moves to first-time host partner facilities, Touchstone's Dogpatch Boulders in San Francisco, and Crux Climbing Center in Austin. For the final competition of the series, competitors will return to High Point Climbing in Birmingham, Alabama.

Oct 20/21, 2017: Yank-N-Yard; Stone Age Climbing Gym; Albuquerque, New Mexico

Nov 10/11, 2017: Dogpatch Boulders; San Francisco, CA

Dec 15/16, 2017: The Violet Crown; Crux Climbing Center; Austin, TX

Jan 5/6, 2018: High Point Climbing Birmingham; Birmingham, AL

USA Climbing CEO Kynan Waggoner said, "USA Climbing could not be more excited to have the National Cup Series return this fall in partnership with some incredible facilities. Additionally, we are even more excited to announce that we will be livestreaming the Final Rounds of all of these NCS events so that our fans can tune in and watch for free. As there are significant costs associated with livestreaming, this NCS season's webcasts may be "basic" in production value (no replay, limited camera angles, etc.) but it's important that we begin taking steps to livestream more and more USA Climbing events and this is a great place to start." National Cup Series Technical Director Chris Danielson says "We have a strong history of major bouldering comps in the US but have lacked structure. The framework is important not only with respect to top athlete preparation for international competitions, but also because the strength of competition here is amazing on its own. With that in mind, we want to provide the best type of opportunities for US competitors and hopefully continue to build a better structure for current adult athletes and up-and-coming youth."

USA Climbing will be updating more information about the National Cup Series on www.usaclimbing.org on or before **September 1, 2017** – rules, registration information, FAQ, etc. With any questions about the National Cup Series please email cupseries@usaclimbing.org.

About USA Climbing: USA Climbing is the United States National Governing Body for the sport of competition climbing. The organization manages the disciplines of Bouldering, Speed, and Sport climbing as well as the Collegiate and Adaptive series. USA Climbing also hosts IFSC World Cup events and sends athletes to participate in the IFSC's World Cup circuit and the World Climbing and Paraclimbing Championships.

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