The 2020 USA Climbing: Combined Invitational will take place at Summit Climbing and Fitness in Plano, TX.

**January 10, 2020**  |  Sport & Speed Qualifier Round  |  Summit Plano  
**January 11, 2020**  |  Bouldering Qualifier Round  |  Summit Plano  
**January 12, 2020**  |  Combined Final Round  |  Summit Plano

All Competitors and USA Climbing L2 Certified Coaches must check-in to isolation during the respective check-in times outlined on the schedule. A list of all USA Climbing Certified Coaches can be found on the ‘Coach Membership List’ page of [www.usaclimbing.org](http://www.usaclimbing.org). Running orders for this competition will be generated according to USA Climbing rule 10. Running orders will be available on the USA Climbing website the week of the event. Competitors will be expected to wear their USA Climbing Competitor Bib in the center of their back.

All competitors will climb during the Qualifier rounds. Friday, January 10th Speed and Sport qualifiers will be held at Summit Plano. Speed qualifiers will be completed first with the female category then the male category. Once Speed qualifiers are completed there will be a short break then Sport qualifiers will begin. Saturday, January 11th Bouldering qualifiers will be held at Summit Plano. Individual results will be tabulated in addition to a Combined result. The top 8 Combined ranked competitors, per gender, will advance to the Sunday, January 12th Combined final based on the competitor’s Combined result during qualifiers.

The seeding for this event will be ordered by 2019 U.S. Overall Ranking, where the highest ranked competitor is seeded 1st. The order among any competitors with the same such ranking will be randomized. Any competitors not ranked in the 2019 U.S. Overall Ranking will be seeded last, with the order of those competitors being randomized.

On Friday, January 10th, speed climbers will be able to participate in a warm-up/practice session and attempt two practice runs prior to the Speed qualification round. Since we’ll be running this practice session in the qualification running order, Competitors must check-in by 9:00am to ensure a slot during the practice session. The Speed Qualification round will be run using the same running order from the Sport Qualification round, where the Route A and Route B running orders from Sport are used on the two Speed routes (A and B). Summit Plano has two (2), 15m IFSC Homologated Speed walls. We will use the 3-beep system to start each speed run, as outlined in the USA Climbing Rulebook.
The Sport qualification round will be Flash format with two routes per gender. The route demonstrations will be available on a continuous video playback in the Competitor warm-up area. Video recording of the routes by competitors and/or spectators is not permitted. Sport Qualification running orders will be generated for Route A, by random selection, and then for Route B, in the same order of Route A but with a stagger of 50% rounding down where there is an odd number of competitors.

There will be a minimum resting period of 20 minutes between the end of a competitors attempt on the first route and the start of that competitors attempt on the second route. Competitors will have 6 minutes to attempt each route. The holds on each route will be brushed approximately halfway through the running order. In the event of a tie, the competitors total time from both qualification routes will be used as the tie breaker. Competitors will be expected to wear their USA Climbing Competitor Bib in the middle of their back.

The Bouldering qualification round will be Onsight format with 5 boulders per gender. Competitors will have 5 minutes to attempt each boulder with a 5-minute rest between problems, there will not be a transition period. The running order for Bouldering Qualification round will be in order of seeding for this event, such that the highest seeded competitor (the competitor with the highest 2019 U.S. Overall Ranking) will be first in the Bouldering running order. USA Climbing’s multi-zone scoring methodology will be utilized.

All Speed races, both qualification and final rounds, will utilize new USA Climbing Speed rules that are to be published prior to the event. These new Speed rules are based on IFSC Speed Rules, and it is important to note that a competitor making a single False Start will be eliminated from the respective speed round and therefore be ranked at the end of the competitors in that round. Further details will be in the upcoming USA Climbing Rulebook version.

Results can be viewed within the competition venue during all rounds of competition, on the USA Climbing website and official results will be posted on the designated ‘Results Board’ inside the competition venue. During the Qualifier round appeals must be made no later than 5-minutes after the official results have been posted.

The top 8 Combined ranked competitors only, based on the Combined results of the Qualification rounds will advance to Sunday’s Combined Final round. During the Combined Final round, competitors will climb in each discipline with a 15-minute transition between disciplines. The order of the disciplines will be Speed then Bouldering then Sport. The female Combined Final will take place first then after a short break the male Combined Final. Competitors and Coaches will be expected to check-in to isolation during the isolation check-in times outlined on the USA Climbing event schedule. MALE competitors are not allowed into the competition venue prior to their climbing time. Results can be viewed within the competition venue, on the USA Climbing website and official results will be posted on the designated ‘Results Board’ inside the competition venue. During the Final round appeals must be made no later than 1-minute after the official results have been posted.

During the Combined Final, climbing will be formatted as follows:

- Competitors will compete in Speed according to the format described in the 2019 IFSC Combined Rules. The running order will be based on the competitor’s rank of the Speed Qualification round. Losing competitors in the quarter-final and semi-final races will not be eliminated, but will advance into a series of additional races to determine places three (3)
through eight (8), such that all competitors complete the same number of races. The speed combined bracket is as follows:

- For Bouldering, competitors will be given two minutes per boulder to preview each problem. Competitors will climb 3 boulders and have at a maximum, 4 minutes to attempt each boulder. The format for finals will be world cup format (i.e. all competitors will attempt the first boulder before moving onto the next boulder, with 4 minutes per problem.). The scoring for finals will utilize USA Climbing’s multizone scoring system. The running order will be based on the competitor’s rank in the Speed Final.

- For Sport, competitors will be given 5 minutes to observe the respective Finals route. Competitors will only be given one attempt on the Sport Finals route, with a maximum of 6 minutes climbing time, and running orders will based on the competitor’s Combined Finals rank after the Speed and Bouldering Final. In the event of a tie during Sport finals, the tie will be first broken by a count back to Sport Qualifiers, then by the competitor’s time on the final’s route.

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