



Sport Climbing Events (4)



Men's Speed
Men's Combined

Women's Speed
Women's Combined



How Olympic Sport Climbing Works

Sport climbing is typically divided into three disciplines: speed, bouldering, and lead.

The goal of **speed climbing** is to scale a 49-foot wall as quickly as possible. The speed competition begins with a qualification "seeding round" in which the athletes are placed into a bracket based on their times.

The next step of the speed competition is an elimination round in which two athletes actually race one another to the top of the wall. The winner moves on in the competition and the losing climber is eliminated with the exception of one "lucky loser", the losing climber who had the fastest time.

Sport climbing was introduced into the Olympics in the Tokyo games, but it's inclusion into the Games was somewhat controversial and even frustrating for those in the climbing community. Traditionally, the three disciplines are competed separately since they utilize very different skill sets. All three disciplines were combined into one event in Tokyo. Speed climbing has been separated into its own event but bouldering and lead climbing have not.

In **bouldering**, the goal is to make it through four different routes called "problems" in as few attempts as possible within the time limit. Climbers can earn five points for each checkpoint they reach with a maximum of 25 points scored for completing a problem (for a total of 100 possible points in bouldering). A failed attempt takes away 0.1 points from the score.

The goal of **lead climbing** is to climb as high on the wall as possible. Each hold on the wall has a point value assigned and the highest possible score is 100.

The scores from bouldering and lead are combined into an overall score and the climber with the highest score wins the gold medal.



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Sport Climbing Schedule

Events in ET, medal events in **bold**

Date	Time	Event
Mon, Aug 5	4:00 AM	Men's Combined - Boulder Semis
Mon, Aug 5	7:00 AM	Women's Speed Seeding Heats
Mon, Aug 5	7:35 AM	Women's Speed Elimination Heats
Tue, Aug 6	4:00 AM	Women's Combined - Boulder Semis
Tue, Aug 6	7:00 AM	Men's Speed Seeding Heats
Tue, Aug 6	7:35 AM	Men's Speed Elimination Heats
Wed, Aug 7	4:00 AM	Men's Combined - Lead Semis
Wed, Aug 7	6:35 AM	Women's Speed Quarterfinals

Date	Time	Event
Wed, Aug 7	6:46 AM	Women's Speed Semifinals
Wed, Aug 7	6:54 AM	Women's Speed Final
Thu, Aug 8	4:00 AM	Women's Combined - Lead Semis
Thu, Aug 8	6:35 AM	Men's Speed Quarterfinals
Thu, Aug 8	6:46 AM	Men's Speed Semifinals
Thu, Aug 8	6:54 AM	Men's Speed Final
Fri, Aug 9	4:15 AM	Men's Combined - Boulder Final
Fri, Aug 9	6:35 AM	Men's Combined - Lead Final
Sat, Aug 10	4:15 AM	Women's Combined - Boulder Final
Sat, Aug 10	6:35 AM	Women's Combined - Lead Final