

**2008 IFSC YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Sydney, Australia**  
**August 28 – 31**



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Boulder, CO 80307

**Registration:**

Deadline for first-round invitees for registration for Youth Worlds is **11:59p MDT on Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008**. Registration is registering on-line at [www.usaclimbing.org](http://www.usaclimbing.org) – the link is on the home page under “USA Climbing News” and is also linked on the [www.scsnationals.org](http://www.scsnationals.org) site.

THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS FOR LATE REGISTRATION.

We will update the list of registered competitors on [www.scsnationals.org](http://www.scsnationals.org). Second-round invitations will go out on Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> and all invitees in this round or later will have 48 hours to register on-line. No invitations will be issued past Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>.

If you are having difficulty registering, please notify us well before the deadline so we can be sure you get registered on time. Any unclaimed or declined invitation will be passed on to the next eligible competitor on Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 at 12:01a MDT.

**Once you have registered, please have the following postmarked no later than Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>:**

- A signed and filled out IFSC License for each competitor
- A legible copy of each competitors passport
- Copy of permission letter if competitor is traveling alone or with only ONE parent (more details below)

**Mail to:**  
**USA Climbing**  
**PO Box 3405**  
**Boulder, CO 80307**

**Complete Information:**

You can find all information and links on travel, lodging, time schedules, etc on [www.usaclimbing.org](http://www.usaclimbing.org) or at <http://www.sportclimbingaustralia.org.au/1.0/WYC/default.htm>.

You can always call the office at 888.944.4244 if you have questions that are not answered by the information posted on the website. You can also email Anne-Worley Moelter at [awm@usaclimbing.org](mailto:awm@usaclimbing.org).

### **Important VISA/ETA Information:**

All US Citizens must have a Visa or an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) to travel to Australia.

The following is an excerpt from the US Department of State Travel website ([http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_954.html#entry\\_requirements](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_954.html#entry_requirements)):

**ENTRY/EXIT REQUIREMENTS:** American citizens are required to have a valid U.S. passport to enter Australia. Americans must enter with an Australian visa or, if eligible, through Electronic Travel Authority (ETA). The ETA replaces a visa and allows a stay of up to three months. It may be obtained for a small service fee at <http://www.eta.immi.gov.au/>. Airlines and many travel agents in the United States are also able to issue ETA's. Please note that American citizens, who overstay their ETA or visa, even for short periods, may be subject to exclusion, detention, and removal. More information about the ETA, other visas, and entry requirements may be obtained from the Embassy of Australia at 1601 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036, telephone (202) 797-3000, or via the Australian Embassy home page on the Internet at <http://www.austemb.org/>. Visa inquiries may be directed to the Australian Visa Information Service at 888-990-8888. Visit the Embassy of Australia web site at <http://www.austemb.org/> for the most current visa information.

**\*\*\*Please note that any competitors traveling alone or with only ONE parent MUST HAVE A NOTARIZED travel document stating permission of the other parent and/or guardian. Competitors without these will not be allowed into the country, so please make sure to have proper documentation!**

### **Details for the Event:**

All US Team members must be in Sydney for the US Team meeting and practice at 1:00p on Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Please bring snacks and water with you to practice.

Please see the tentative schedule below for the duration of the event, as per the Australian Sport Climbing Federation. Please note the schedule is absolutely subject to change.

During the event, we have arranged for buses to transport team members and their families to and from the venue. The cost per person is still being determined but will cover commutes from Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. I anticipate the cost to be approximately \$50 per person for the duration.

### **Accommodations:**

USA Climbing has set up a block of rooms at the Novotel Sydney Olympic Park Hotel and the Ibis Sydney Olympic Park Hotel. Please fill out the enclosed form and send it directly to the booking agency.

**Reservations need to be made individually by each family and may be made until Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.**

The Novotel Hotel will serve as the Host Hotel during the event and is where all US Team meetings will take place. (The hotels are right next to each other.) Buses for transportation will also leave from this Hotel each day

### **Transportation:**

There are daily flights from the US to Sydney. Please remember that you will arrive in Sydney TWO DAYS after you leave the US.

During the event, from Thursday, Aug 27 through Sunday, Aug 31, USA Climbing has arranged transportation to-and-from the venue.

Otherwise, each family will need to arrange for their own transportation.

## Tentative Schedule:

- Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>  
1:00p to 4:00p – **US Team meeting and practice in Sydney, mandatory**  
Meet at the Novotel Sydney Olympic Park Hotel.  
Transportation to be arranged by USA Climbing. Cost per person is \$20 and includes transportation and gym entry.  
US Team Members and Coaches ONLY. Due to space limits, no friends or family, please.
- Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>  
3:00p to 5:00p – Team registration (handled by US Manager and Head Coach)  
6:00p – Technical Meeting (handled by US Manager and Head Coach)  
7:00p – **Opening Ceremony, mandatory**  
8:30p – **US Team Technical Meeting at Novotel Hotel, mandatory** (this will be directly following the Opening Ceremony, should it run late)
- Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>  
8:00a to 6:00p – Qualification Round One: Sport  
**US Team meeting time TBA, mandatory**
- Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>  
8:00a to 5:00p – Qualification Round Two: Sport  
**US Team meeting time TBA, mandatory**
- Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>  
8:00a to 11:00a – Semifinal Sport  
2:00p to end – Qualification Speed  
**US Team meeting time TBA, mandatory**
- Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>  
9:00a to 11:00p – Final Speed  
1:00p – Final Sport  
2:00p – **Award Ceremony, mandatory**

## Communication:

Once in Sydney, all communication about the competition and events will be posted in the lobby of Novotel Hotel. **It is very important (and mandatory) that all competitors attend competitor meetings to make sure they have correct information.**

## Other:

We will be there during Australia's spring time which usually means temperatures ranging between 46 degrees F during the evening and 64 degrees F during the day.

While at the competition, we ask that all US Team members support fellow team members when they are climbing. **US Team Members must wear their uniforms AT ALL TIMES during the competition and while in the competition venue.**

We will take a team photo after the initial US Team meeting on Wednesday night and again on Sunday after the awards ceremony. We ask that all be present!

**A chart of invitees will be posted by Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.** Unused/declined invitations from the first-round will be passed out on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and those invitees **MUST reply within 48 hours.** The last invitations will be passed down on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Frequent updates will be posted on [www.scsnationals.org](http://www.scsnationals.org) and emailed to addresses provided.