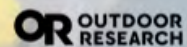




ICE CLIMBING CONTINENTAL CUP

SUNDERLAND, ENGLAND
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ROUND 7 - FINALS



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UIAA Ice Climbing Continental Cup

Round 7 - Sunderland - UK

Athletes Handbook

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List of Abbreviations

- BMC British Mountaineering Council
- U16 Under 16 years of age youth category
- U18 Under 18 years of age youth category
- U20 Under 20 years of age youth category
- UIAA International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation
- SDTC Scottish Dry-Tooling Club

1. Event Description

UIAA Ice Climbing Continental Cup 2024 - Sunderland. 10th February 2024.

The BMC and the Scottish Dry-Tooling Club are proud to announce that they will be hosting the final round of the UIAA Ice Climbing Continental Cup in 'Sunderland Wall' climbing centre on Saturday 10th February 2024.

There will be a U16, U18, U20 and seniors categories at this event.

1.1 The Competition

There will be 2 qualification routes, and one Final route. These will be on plywood kickboards (fruit-boots will be required, no mountaineering boots) climbed on lead with a time limit. The qualifiers will be one flash attempt.

Top 8 male and top 8 female climbers through to an on-sight final.

1.2 Youth Competition

U18 and U20 athletes will compete in the senior qualifiers, and will have a separate finals route. If a U18/U20 athlete qualifies for finals in seniors, they will climb this final too.



U16 Athletes will compete in a separate set of qualifiers which will be top rope. U16 will have a top rope final which will be Flash, not onsight.

Venue Location

The competition will be held at Sunderland Wall climbing centre which will be closed for regular business and open only as the host venue of the competition. The Venue will open at 7am Saturday 10th February and close at 10pm on Saturday 10th. The venue will be open for training on the routes on Sunday 11th.

Address:

Sunderland Wall

Doxford Works

Pallion Quay, Sunderland

SR4 6TQ

Transport

3.1 By plane

Newcastle International Airport

Closest airport, well connected to most UK cities and European Cities

Distance to venue: 18 miles

Connections from Newcastle airport:

To Newcastle city centre is easy via train

[Train information](#)

Newcastle and Sunderland are well connected via bus and train.

Driving from the airport to the venue takes 40 minutes.

Leeds Bradford Airport

Distance to venue: 70 miles

1h 45min drive.

Further away but more flight possibilities from Europe.

Edinburgh Airport

Distance to venue: 100 miles

2h 40min drive.

Further away but more flight possibilities from Europe.

3.2 Public Transport

There are two large train stations near the venue, Newcastle Central and Sunderland Station, both of which are well connected to most UK cities..

The stations are within the city centres, therefore accommodation and the venue can easily be reached via: taxi, public transport or walking if staying nearby.

3.3 Driving

Sunderland is easily accessible from the A1 motorway from the south, the A69 from the west, and the A68 from the North. Once in Sunderland, the venue can be found in the south east of the city, and is accessed via the Northern Spire Bridge.

The venue has a large car park, and there will be on street parking organised around the venue.

Accommodation

Accommodation must be arranged individually. Possible local options include:

Hilton Garden Inn

Distance: 30 minute walk to venue.

Address: Vaux Brewery Way, Monkwearmouth, Sunderland SR5 1SN

Telephone: 01915009494

Website: www.hilton.com/en/hotels/nclgigi-hilton-garden-inn-sunderland/

Holiday Inn - City Centre

Distance to venue: 30 minute walk.

Address: Keel Square, Sunderland SR1 3DS

Telephone: 01917070900

Premier Inn City Centre Hotel

Distance to venue: 20 minute walk, short bus journey (1.5 miles)

Address: 1-3 Hind St, Sunderland SR1 3QD

Telephone: 01915009494

Other Accommodation.

There are alternative hotels/air B&Bs and hostels in the city centre of both Sunderland and Newcastle. Travel from these areas is easy via public transport with a journey time of less than half an hour

Registration

Registration cost will be £40 if registered on the [UIAA database](#) before the deadline (03/02/24). Registration cost will be £45 for registration on the day. Athletes will be able to pay in cash or by card on the day.

Athletes can register themselves on the [UIAA registration system](#) – if you have competed before (this includes the British Ice climbing Championships and Euro Cup Glasgow 2023).

For athletes who have not competed before and are not registered with the system then please [complete this form](#) below and you will be sent an invite to register with the system.

5.1 Timings

07:00 Venue opens
07:15 Registration opens
08:30 Registration closes
09:00 Technical briefing
09:15 Climbing begins

5.2 Lead Competition

This is an open competition. Athletes can register without their federation. Athlete registration is done by registering on the UIAA results service. There will be Male and Female Categories. There will be U16, U18, U20 categories.

5.3 Deadline

Deadline for registration online is the 3rd February 2024.

Visas

If travelling from Europe you will not need a visa.
From the UK government website:

“What you need at the UK border: You must provide a valid passport or travel document. Your passport should be valid for the whole of your stay in the UK.

You may also be asked to prove that you:

- Are visiting for tourism
- Are able to support yourself and your dependents during your trip (or have funding from someone else to support you)
- Have arranged accommodation for your stay
- Are able to pay for your return or onward journey (or have funding from someone else)
- Will leave the UK at the end of your visit”

If travelling from outside of Europe and you require an invitation letter for a visa, please get in touch with the event organiser, Willis Morris. Contact details below.

Communication

7.1 Communication to Athletes

The most important information is communicated to athletes via three ways.

1. Email.

- a. The most important information is communicated to athletes and federations by email in two ways.
- b. Important email updates from the UIAA Ice Climbing team, iceclimbing@theuiaa.org
- c. Specific news releases sent by the UIAA to a dedicated ice climbing mailing list.
- d. Route information and links to the demo videos from The Scottish Dry-Tooling Club via: Scottishdrytoolingclub@gmail.com

2. UIAA Athlete Facebook Page.

UIAA Athletes Facebook group – please join up to this if you haven't already and read all the information posted – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/837078173169225/> All athletes that were registered for the 2022/23 UIAA Ice Climbing season have been added to the ice climbing mailing list using the email provided when applying for your competition licence. Any athletes not receiving news releases or emails are invited to contact iceclimbing@theuiaa.org and they will be immediately added to the lists.

3. Facebook Event Page.

We will organise a Facebook event page where we can release important information. Please search Facebook for 'UIAA Continental Cup - Final Round - Sunderland'.

Important news articles and documents can be found on the dedicated UIAA ice climbing website page – <https://iceclimbing.sport/> and on the UIAA's social media channels.

Scottish Dry-Tooling Club via: Scottishdrytoolingclub@gmail.com

7.2 Communication to Media

The BMC and SDTC will distribute press releases to its media lists.

This includes the event preview and event report.

Media wishing to be added to the distribution list, or athletes wanting to add sponsor addresses or media from their own area or country, are invited to contact

zoe@thebmc.co.uk

Media

8.1 Live Streaming and Video Coverage

For the event, the BMC will be working hard to ensure the competition is covered in an innovative, comprehensive and professional manner with great live and non-live content. We also have media partners in the SDTC, Mountaineering Scotland and hopefully others to help us gain coverage.

Live Streaming will be available for the Finals of the competition via the UIAA YouTube channel. This will be available immediately as a play-back. Furthermore, highlights of key competition moments such as medal climbs, decisive duels and spectacular moments will be cut as clips and shared on the BMC and SDTC social media channels. The livestream will be covered by a commentator.

The livestream will be fed into the BMC and SDTC Facebook, Instagram and YouTube channels and also embedded on the SDTC website. Media organisations, member federations or climbing channels wishing to share the livestream from competition are invited to contact Scottishdrytoolingclub@gmail.com or zoe@thebmc.co.uk. If you don't make finals and would like to be involved in the livestream as a co-commentator commenting on the finals please contact the club in advance or speak to the Event Coordinator – Willis Morris at the event itself.

8.2 Photography

The official photographer for the event will be confirmed at a later date.

The BMC and SDTC will have access to all the official photographs after the event and will share them to the competitors as and when possible.

8.3 Social Media

To help amplify coverage of the sport of competitive ice climbing, the UIAA, BMC and SDTC encourages athletes to share content from the event, either material produced by the BMC/SDTC or athlete-generated 'behind the scenes' content. Introducing the sport to new athletes, fans, media and sponsors is a shared goal for everyone involved. Please make sure you encourage all of your friends, family and fans to follow the following social media channels to ensure maximum exposure!

Before, during and after the event the event will be featured on the following channels:

Facebook –

BMC - Scottish Dry-Tooling Club - Livestream, news articles, photo galleries, results, video highlights and clips



Instagram –

@teambmc @uiaa_iceclimbing @scottishdrytoolingclub - photo stories, video clips

YouTube –

UIAA–

[youtube.com/@uiaa](https://www.youtube.com/@uiaa) - livestream

Website –

<https://www.thebmc.co.uk/>

scottishdrytoolingclub.square.site –

Hi-res images available to download from all events on the gallery of the SDTC website.

Hashtags –

The dedicated hashtags are:

#EuroiceGlasgow #SDTC #uiaaiceclimbing

Tags –

You can tag our sponsors and event supporters with these tags:

@scottishdrytoolingclub @glasgow_climbing_centre @teambmc @gb_climbing

@uiaaiceclimbingworldtour

Details of the Event Organiser

BMC . The Scottish Dry-Tooling Club

SDTC email : Scottishdrytoolingclub@gmail.com

Club President - Willis Morris - WhatsApp +447456500611

BMC contact zoe@thebmc.co.uk

Route Setters

We have several route setters for the event. Route setters cannot compete in the competition if they are setting the holds. They can compete if they have been involved in the organisation and set-up of the venue.

The Finals of the competition will be climbed 'On-sight. Therefore the finals routes will have the holds hidden from view during the qualifiers and will only be revealed during route observation. The Lead comp finals will be set by the Head Route-setter with no other competitors in the venue. This will keep the competition fair.



10.1 Lead Comp Head Route-setter



Willis Morris - Club President - GB Team Athlete

Route Setters

David Hamilton

Scott Dearie

Gavin Symonds

Live Results

Live results for the Competition will be available on the UIAA results service:

<https://uiaa.results.info/> The results system provides live digital updates and mobile friendly service for which will be updated instantly after each competitor, showing live rankings and results.

Official Regulations and Rules

This comp will run in accordance with the [UIAA 2024 COMPETITION REGULATIONS](#)