PREAMBLE

The premise of the Vermont Climbing Competition is to climb your hardest in a single day around Bolton Vermont vying for the top spot, and the joy that comes with competition. Routes must be climbed clean which means no falls, dabs, or hangs to be considered for points. Scoring is individual and you are allowed to climb with whomever. While we do encourage it for logistical reasons, competitors are not locked into a single partnership for the course of the competition.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Whenever there is a competition there are those who will seek every advantage possible. This can sometimes include bending the rules, or skirting around a loophole. This is not only disrespectful to your fellow climbers, but brings down the competition as a whole. Climb hard, push yourself to your limits, but do so in a way that is genuine to the spirit of the competition.

FELLOWSHIP

Climbing, like any other individual focused sport, tends to have a certain amount of ego involved paired with a desire to always be doing better than those to which you compare yourself. While time will likely not be the key factor in this competition please be respectful of your fellow climbers who are climbing around you. Hogging a route, or a whole area is never a good look if you are preventing your fellow climbers from trying a climb that they are looking to attempt. Be willing to share beta, or whatever else is needed. Most of this follows the guidelines of treat others as you would want to be treated.

DIVISIONS

Divisions are based on your best outdoors redpoint level. For example, if you have ever redpointed a 5.11a outside then you are an Advanced Division climber. Do not register Intermediate. You are allowed to climb routes rated both above and below your division category.
Recreational have successfully sent nothing harder than 5.9
Intermediate have successfully sent up to 5.10d but not harder
Advanced have successfully sent up to 5.11c but not harder
Elite have successfully sent equal to or harder than 5.11d

LOGISTICS
All climbers are considered solo with individual points. This means that you can climb with anyone, of any skill level, provided that they know how to belay. Free Soloing does not count for points, and routes may not be reclimbed for additional points.

To receive points, climbers must cleanly lead the route. Pre hung gear or draws are not allowed, and are not considered a clean lead. Top-roping is not allowed.

LEAD - A successful "lead" is starting at the bottom, with no toprope above, clipping gear along the way, and arriving at the anchors with no FALLS, no HANGS, and no PULLING ON GEAR.

If you fall, hang, or grab gear you are allowed to lower down to the ground and climb back up to your high point in "yo-yo" style, then continue on to the anchors. Belayers must not take the weight of the leader at any point.

Stick-clipping up to the second bolt is allowed, but nothing above.

CHECK IN
The day before the competition starts climbers that have registered for the competition will be sent an email with the finalized rules and a score card so they can plan climbs. All competitors will meet at 9:00am the morning of the competition to go over the rules and will be handed a scorecard to use - writing utensils will not be provided. These will be submitted by 5:00pm to the CRAG VT tent.
**SCORING**

Write legibly or your scoring may be incorrect. X out the box next to your ascent and the relevant tick marks.

Tick Marks – Each climb will be given a baseline score. The tick marks will add additional points to the route score. For a multi pitch climb to count EVERY pitch must be led sequentially by the same person. This means no swapping leads mid route.

An extra point will be awarded if you flash the route.

Flashing a route means that you climb it cleanly on your first try. It does not count as a flash if you have ever climbed on that route before.

Redpoint = +0  Flash/Onsight = +1

**SAFETY**

Some teams may climb purely sport routes, while others may do strictly trad lines. The rules apply to either approach. Our rules are simple: climb responsibly. This is a community event, not your personal days of soloing with a rope at the crag. Don't climb recklessly above others, and place enough protection to avoid danger. Remember that climbing is inherently dangerous. The safety of this competition is up to you and your partner. CRAG-VT is not responsible for your safety, climbing gear, or the verification of any fixed protection.