

Competition Regulations

1. All competitors must be a current undergraduate or graduate student taking a minimum of 6 credits at a state, community or private college or university.
 - a. It is the competitor's responsibility to prove this if necessary. A valid student ID and/or a copy of your current class schedule are sufficient.
2. ***Every competitor that wishes to belay must have or test for a Towson University belay competency certification.*** If you do not already have a Towson belay certification, it is your responsibility to take the belay competency test at Towson the day of the competition between 9-10:30am. ***Registration is open the day of the competition from 9:30 – 10:45 am.***
3. ***At 10:45am there will be a mandatory Climbers Meeting.*** Climbing will begin at 11:00am and will end promptly at 4:00pm. Finals for men's and women's advanced brackets will begin at 5:00pm.
4. The competition will be judged on the honor system. Competitors will belay for each other and sign off on the completion of the climb. Please take this responsibility seriously.
5. Competitors must begin with both hands on the marked starting handholds or features.
6. Each climb will have a total point value.
 - a. If the climb is onsighted, the total score will be earned.
 - b. If the climb is completed on a subsequent try, 1 point will be deducted from the total score for each attempt. A climber can only attempt a climb 5 times before points can no longer be earned.
 - c. To receive points for a climb, the last hold must be held and controlled with two hands.
7. The climber must be lowered to the ground after each fall. If there is no one in line for that rope, the climber may attempt the climb again. If there are competitors waiting for the rope, the climber must move to the end of the line.
8. If a hold spins or breaks, the climber has an immediate choice. He/She may either continue to climb through the spin if the climber hasn't fallen off, or the

climber can immediately be lowered down from that point with out an attempt penalty.

9. If a competitor falls without reaching the first hold or feature they will be allowed a second try without going to the back of the line; the failed attempt does count on their scorecard.

10. Competitors are allowed to down climb part of a route only if they use the marked holds and features and do not weight the rope.

11. Open climb will end promptly at 4:00 pm. Before handing in the scorecards, climbers will record their top 4 climbs in the appropriate boxes on the scorecard. The top 3 will be used for scoring; the 4th will be used to break ties. The score cards will be used to select the winners of door prizes. If a score card is not turned in, the participant will not be permitted to win any prizes.

12. Baltimore Rampage coordinators reserve the right to move a competitor up 1 skill bracket if they feel that his or her climbing skills exceed the climbing in the class they registered for.

13. Only the top four climbers in Men and Women's advanced divisions will compete in a finals event.

- a. The finals will be comprised of one climb for each division.
- b. Each competitor will have one chance to attempt the climb.
- c. The finals climbers will be kept in isolation, in order to prevent competitors from gaining beta from climbers before them.
- d. The climber who gains control of the highest hold will win first place.
- e. In the event of a tie, preliminary scores will be added to the point value gained in the finals.

14. The top three climbers in each skill bracket will be awarded prizes.

15. All participants are expected to treat other competitors, judges, spectators and other persons present with courtesy and respect. If a competitor is found to display unsportsmanlike conduct, they may be asked to leave.