

Regulations for Climbing Sports

GNSK 2026 / NSK Boulder + Toprope 2026

1. Eligibility

1. Multiple individuals may be registered per Umbrella Student Sports Organization (hereinafter: OSSO)/city. The first three men and the first three women registered per OSSO/city are always eligible to participate. Depending on the number of registered individuals, a decision will be made as to whether the other individuals can participate. If there are too many individuals for the remaining places, participation will be based on the order of registration.

2. The registered participants of an OSSO/city may only consist of students who meet the conditions set out in the Right of participation GNSK 2026. If these rules are violated, all results of this participant will be deleted. If an unauthorized participant takes part in the GNSK, a fine of €200 will be charged to the OSSO/representative organization in the city for which that participant is competing.

3. The climber must register with the climbing committee before the start of his/her first route/boulder.

2. Competition rules

1. NSK Boulder + Toprope 2026 will use a combined format of top rope and bouldering. Participants do not need to possess a top rope certificate. Participants who don't have a top rope certificate will be belayed by certified volunteers or participants.

2.1 Qualifications

1. Participants may climb each route a maximum of one time during the qualification.

2. Participants may climb each boulder as many times as they wish.

3. Participants may skip routes and boulders.

4. The climbing committee will determine in advance how long the qualification will last.

5. Each climber will receive an individual sheet of paper with all the qualifying routes and boulders, on which the participant (on trust) fills in which climbing routes/boulders they have flashed or topped or which zone they have reached. In case of abuse, the climbing committee will consult with the GNSK committee and/or SSN and may take the binding decision to disqualify this climber.

6. Male and female participants compete in separate tournaments, but climb the same routes and boulders during the qualification round. There are approximately 6 to 8 qualifying routes and 20 qualifying boulders with levels ranging between 5a to 8a. Bouldering and top rope both account for 50% of the total possible score.

7. Based on the highest qualification scores, the 5 best male and 5 best female climbers will advance to the final. The climbing committee may decide to deviate from this number if it deems it necessary.

2.2 Finals

1. The finals for men and women will each consist of two disciplines: top rope and bouldering. These will take place sequentially.

2. In the top rope final, each climber will climb one route per category. The climber's progress is assessed based on the highest hold reached. Holds may be skipped. In the bouldering final, each climber will attempt three boulders. Scoring is based on the number of tops and zones achieved, as well as the number of attempts needed to reach them.

3. The final ranking will be determined by combining the results from both disciplines. The climber with the best overall performance across top rope and bouldering will be declared the winner.

4. In the event of a tie, qualifying scores are the deciding factor.

5. Objections and/or irregularities must be reported to the climbing committee as soon as possible after participation, up to a maximum of 30 minutes after the announcement of the results. The climbing committee will then consult with the judges and the GNSK committee and/or SSN to determine whether the results need to be adjusted. No objections to this decision will be accepted.

3. Closing provisions

1. Participants must be self-sufficient in terms of proper clothing, equipment and accessories, except for climbing harnesses and belay devices. Those will be provided by the competition organization if required.

2. The organisation is not responsible for accidents or damage to third parties before, during or after the competition. Participation is at your own risk.



3. The organisation is not responsible for theft before, during or after the competition.

4. In all cases, the climbing committee reserves the right to make a binding decision that does not necessarily correspond to the above. This decision is in accordance with the documents mentioned in article 5 of the final provisions and cannot be implemented without the consent of the GNSK committee and/or SSN.

5. In all cases not covered by this regulation, the rules and provisions of the SSN Event Regulations 2026 and [regulations of the NKBV](#) apply.