

USA CLIMBING ROUTESETTER CERTIFICATION TABLE

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	Prerequisites	Attaining Certification	Attaining Endorsements	Eligibilities based on Certification
Level 1 Certification (L1)	- Ability to work 5.10 and V3; OR - 6 Months Experience	- Successful Completion of Level 1 Routesetting Clinic	Not Applicable	- Assistant Routesetter at any USAC Local Competition

Level 2 Certification (L2)	- Level 1 Certification; OR - Significant experience at USAC Regional or Divisional Competitions; - Ability to work 5.12 and V5	- Successful Completion of Level 2 Routesetting Clinic	- Individual Endorsements attained after successful performance in each discipline at a Level 2 Routesetting Clinic; - Subsequent Endorsements attained after successful completion of Routesetting Practical(s) in specific discipline(s)	- Chief Routesetter at any USAC Local Competitions - Assistant Routesetter at any Regional or Divisional Competition - Intern at National Competitions
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L2 Disciplines of Endorsement

Eligibilities based on Endorsements

LEVEL 2 BOULDERING YOUTH (L2BY)	- Chief Routesetter at ABS Youth Regionals
LEVEL 2 BOULDERING ADULT (L2BA)	- Chief Routesetter at ABS Adult Regionals
LEVEL 2 SPORT YOUTH (L2SY)	- Chief Routesetter at SCS Regionals
LEVEL 2 SPORT ADULT (L2SA)	- Chief Routesetter at SCS Regionals

Level 3 Certification (L3)

- Level 2 Certification - Ability to work 5.13 and V7	- Successful Completion of Internship at National Competition	- Individual Endorsement attained after successful completion of Internship in specific discipline at National Competition; Subsequent Endorsements attained after successful Routesetting Practical in other competition discipline(s)	- Chief Routesetter at any USAC Regional Competition - Apprentice Routesetter at any National Competition
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L3 Disciplines of Endorsement

Eligibilities based on Endorsements

LEVEL 3 BOULDERING YOUTH (L3BY)	- Assistant Routesetter at ABS Youth Nationals
LEVEL 3 BOULDERING ADULT (L3BA)	- Assistant Routesetter at ABS Adult Nationals
LEVEL 3 SPORT YOUTH (L3SY)	- Chief Routesetter at SCS Youth Divisionals - Assistant Routesetter at SCS Youth Nationals
LEVEL 3 SPORT ADULT (L3SA)	- Assistant Routesetter at SCS Adult Nationals

Level 4 Certification (L4)

- Level 3 Certification - Ability to work 5.13 and V9	- Successful Completion of Chief Routesetting Assessment during a National Competition under supervision of the Level 4 Chief Setter	- Individual Endorsement(s) attained after successful Chief Routesetting Assessment(s) in individual competition discipline(s)	- Assistant Routesetter at any National Competition - Qualified to pursue International Certification
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L4 Disciplines of Endorsement

Eligibilities based on Endorsements

LEVEL 4 BOULDERING YOUTH (L4BY)	- Chief Routesetter at ABS Youth Nationals
LEVEL 4 BOULDERING ADULT (L4BA)	- Chief Routesetter at ABS Adult Nationals
LEVEL 4 SPORT YOUTH (L4SY)	- Chief Routesetter at SCS Youth Nationals
LEVEL 4 SPORT ADULT (L4SA)	- Chief Routesetter at SCS Adult Nationals

IFSC International Aspirant (INTLA)

- Certified as IFSC International Aspirant Routesetter

IFSC International Routesetter (INTLR)

- Certified as IFSC International Certified Routesetter

USA CLIMBING - NOTES ON THE ROUTESETTING CLINIC AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

- ~ The USA Climbing Routesetting Committee is constantly working to further professionalize and standardize competition routesetting with an overall goal of increasing the quality and consistency of competition events and support of Routesetters.
- ~ The definitions associated with the Certification program are provided to give Routesetters and competition organizers reliable information to understand and utilize in order to improve their own events and progress as well-trained Routesetters.
- ~ USA Climbing does not currently mandate that host gyms hire Certified Routesetters at Local competitions, nor does it mandate the hierarchical hiring of "Chief," "Assistant," and "Apprentice" titled Routesetters at these events.
- ~ The roles and responsibilities outlined here are applied successfully at the highest levels of sanctioned competition, and are intended as guidelines for organizers and Routesetters at all sanctioned USA Climbing competitions.
- ~ Any changes in the USA Climbing rules that mandate the selection of Certified routesetters for specific Competition Levels will be updated by the USA Climbing Routesetting Committee.

USA CLIMBING - ROUTESETTING TITLES AND DESCRIPTIONS

- Chief Routesetter** ~ A Chief Routesetter is responsible for all route organization, delegating routesetting roles, grades, and scoring during a competition.
 - ~ A Chief Routesetter should be familiar with all USAC competition rules, coordinate with Head Judge regarding all scoring and appeals.
- Assistant Routesetter** ~ An Assistant Routesetter is responsible for routesetting and forerunning delegated by the Chief Routesetter, typically including on-sight climbing rounds and finals specific routesetting, and may oversee Apprentice Routesetters.
- Apprentice Routesetter** ~ An Apprentice Routesetter is responsible for routesetting and forerunning delegated by the Chief Routesetter, typically including preliminary rounds of competition such as redpoint climbing, qualifier and semi-finals specific routesetting.
 - ~ Successful completion of an Apprenticeship will result in an Endorsement in the specific level and discipline of the event.
- Intern Routesetter** ~ An Intern Routesetter is responsible for routesetting and forerunning delegated by the Chief Routesetter, and will receive specific direction and training from the Chief Routesetter of the competition in order to further advance their skills.
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 - ~ A Level 2 Certified Routesetter may intern at a National level competition in order to attain Level 3 Certification.
 - ~ After successful completion of an internship, a Routesetter may receive an Endorsement only in the specific competition discipline for which they interned.
- Endorsements** ~ An Endorsement formally acknowledges that a Routesetter is qualified as a Chief, Assistant, or Apprentice Routesetter at specific competition levels as outlined in the Certification Table.
 - ~ A Routesetter may receive individual L2 Endorsements upon successful completion of a Level 2 Routesetting Clinic, and subsequent Level 2 Endorsements upon successful completion of an Apprenticeship(s) at each respective competition level.
 - ~ A Routesetter may receive an initial L3 Endorsement upon successful completion of an Internship and subsequent Level 3 Endorsements upon successful completion of an Apprenticeship(s) at each respective competition level.
- Routesetting Practical** ~ A Routesetting Practical is a "test" event for a Routesetter who has a specific Level of Certification but is attaining one or more Endorsements in other competition disciplines of that level.
 - ~ Routesetting Practicals will typically be attained in the role of Apprentice.
- Chief Routesetter Assessment** ~ A Chief Routesetter Assessment is an assessment completed by a Chief Routesetter at a specific event approving that an Assistant Setter be given a Level 4 Endorsement to be Chief Routesetter for that discipline of competition.
- Petition for Certification** ~ Under special circumstances, a Routesetter may submit a Petition for Certification to the USAC Routesetting Committee, in order to be reviewed to receive Certification or Endorsement in a specific discipline based on prior experience.

USA CLIMBING - ROUTESETTING CLINIC INSTRUCTION

- USA Climbing Routesetting Instructor** ~ A Certified USAC Routesetting Instructor will either be a member of the USAC RSC or be approved by the RSC to instruct sanctioned USAC Clinics.
 - ~ Routesetting Instructors must have a minimum of Level 3 Certification with Endorsements in both Youth and Adult categories, and both Bouldering and Sport disciplines.
 - ~ Routesetting Instructors must have experience as Chief Routesetter of at least one ABS Regional or SCS Divisional event.
 - ~ Routesetting Instructors must have experience participating in and/or assisting at a minimum of two Level 1 Routesetting Clinics, instructed by two different USAC Routesetting Instructors.