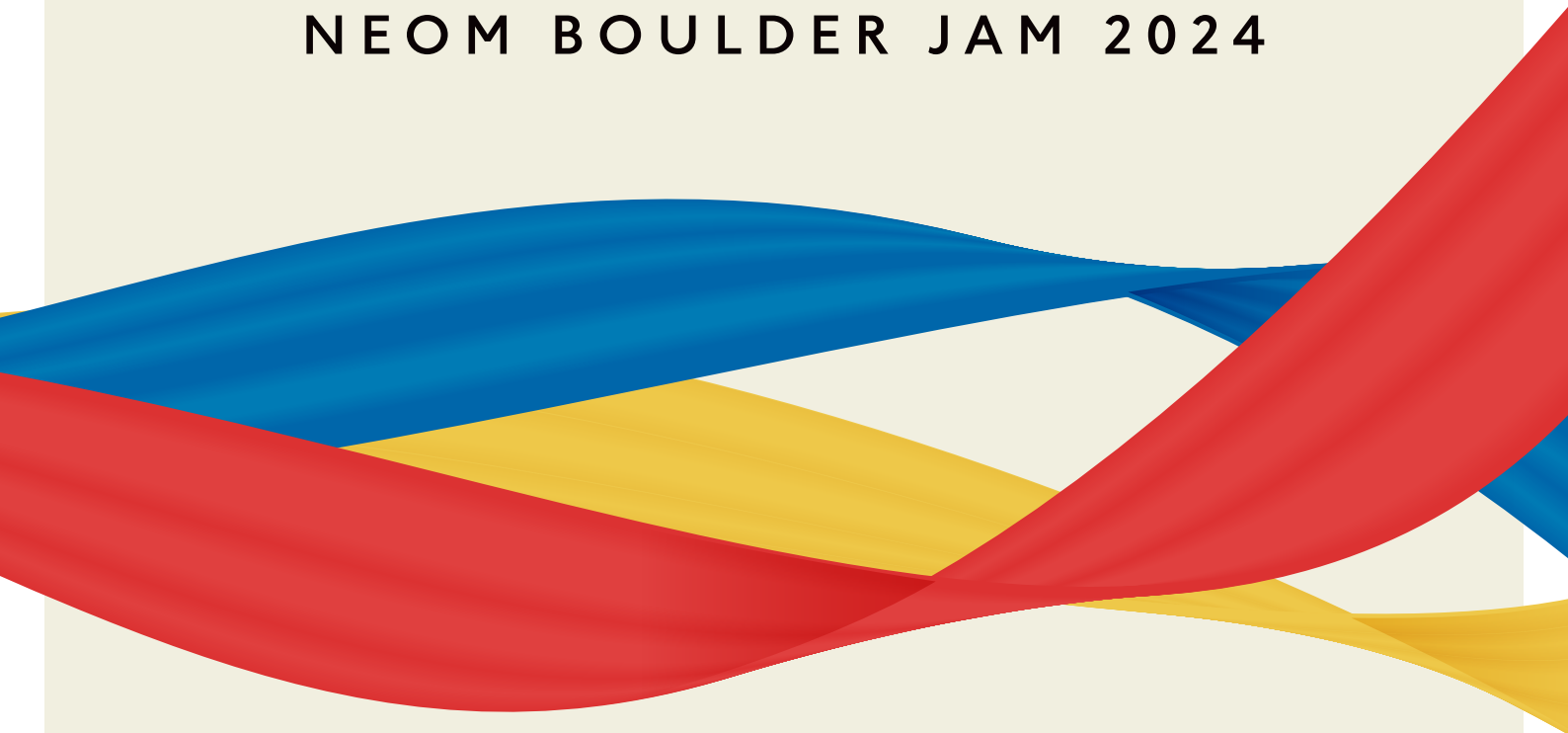




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# CLIMBING ACTIVATION GUIDE

NEOM BOULDER JAM 2024



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# NEOM CLIMBING ACTIVATION WELCOME

The Saudi Climbing & Hiking Federation is delighted to once again offer the opportunity for selected members to attend the NEOM Climbing Activation 2024. In 2023 SCHF members attended the NEOM Beach Games and had the opportunity to improve their skills, have fun and develop new friendships all in the incredible surroundings of the Bajda mountains. We will be offering a similar opportunity again this year with the added draw of being able to witness some of the world's best climbers, many of whom competed at Paris 2024.

The NEOM Beach Games is a series of 6 dynamic sports which see's world leading athletes and teams compete in supertri NEOM, FIBA 3x3 WORLD TOUR NEOM 2024, NEOM IFSC Masters, NEOM Beach Soccer Cup, NEOM TITAN Desert and World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup NEOM.

The competition element of the NEOM Climbing Activation will be a Boulder Jam and will see each climber compete individually, offering a high-quality collective climbing experience, on a wide set of routes of different styles and difficulty.

Our goal is to deliver a safe, fun, competitive event for the SCHF members. There are no start lists which allow for a condensed event while ensuring each climber has many opportunities to try each route.

The program will take place between Sunday 10 and Thursday 14 November, and we would be delighted to have you join us.

## NEOM IFSC MASTERS

You will be onsite to witness the NEOM IFSC Masters in action. The event debuted at the NEOM Beach Games 2023 and introduced innovative change to the boulder competition. This included removal of athlete isolation, allowing climbers to observe the problems beforehand, and setting a 2-minute limit for each attempt.

A selection of 100 of the world's finest speed and boulder athletes from 25 countries will again compete in the speed and boulder disciplines. The competition takes place over three days in the Hisma desert in NEOM, a location known for its stunning rock formations. The event promises to showcase a high level of competition with participants including Olympic medalists, world champions, and world record holders.

Paris 2024 Olympic Champion Veddriq Leonardo from Indonesia, will be looking to reclaim his speed world record from America's Sam Watson. There's also anticipation around whether Mejdī Schalck from France and Levgeniia Kasbekova from Ukraine can repeat their impressive boulder victories from last year.

# SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday, November 10 – Arrivals / Check In / Training</b>	
08:30, 10:30, 13:00, 14:15	Pick up and transportation from the airport
By 14:00	SCHF invited members arrivals
14:00 – 14:30	Technical Meeting for IFSC Masters & NEOM Climbing Activation
17:30 – 19:00	IFSC - Boulder + Speed walls wall open for training (Competing Athletes and SCHF members)
Various Times	Entertainment program available
<b>Monday, November 11 – Boulder Day 1</b>	
Various Times	Entertainment program available
09:00 – 11:00	Speed wall open for training (Competing Athletes and SCHF members)
09:00 – 10:30	Boulder walls open for training (Competing Athletes and SCHF members)
14:30 – 17:00	Watch Men’s Boulder qualification (Masters Athletes)
19:00 – 20:45	Watch Men’s Boulder final (Masters Athletes)
Followed by	Men’s Boulder award ceremony
<b>Tuesday, November 12 – Boulder Day 2</b>	
Various Times	Entertainment program available
09:00 – 11:00	Speed wall open for training (Competing Athletes and SCHF members)
09:00 – 10:30	Boulder walls open for training (Competing Athletes and SCHF members)
14:30 – 17:00	Watch Women’s Boulder qualification (Masters Athletes)
19:00 – 20:45	Watch Women’s Boulder final (Masters Athletes)
Followed by	Women’s Boulder award ceremony
<b>Wednesday, November 13 – Speed</b>	
Various Times	Entertainment program available
09:00 – 11:00	Speed wall open for training (Competing Athletes and SCHF members)
09:00 – 10:30	Boulder walls open for training (Competing Athletes and SCHF members)
16:00 – 17:00	Watch Speed qualification practice (Masters Athletes)
17:00 – 18:45	Watch Men’s & Women’s Speed qualification (Masters Athletes)
19:30 – 20:39	Watch Men’s & Women’s Speed final (Masters Athletes)
Followed by	Speed Award ceremonies
<b>Thursday, November 14 – Activation Day</b>	
09:00 – 12:00	Boulder Jam hosted by the Saudi Climbing and Hiking Federation (SCHF)
Followed by	Awards Ceremony
From 14:00	All Departures
15:00, 16:30, 18:00	Buses to Tabuk airport

# NEOM BOULDER JAM (CLIMBING ACTIVATION) – THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER

## Format:

The event is flash. During the climbing slot, each climber is free to take any route and try it as many times as possible. Each climber shall manage their attempts in respect of the other's attempts. Attempts do not count, only the tops of routes are recorded. At the end of the climbing time, every performance is gathered and ranking created based on the scoring system.

- 15 boulder routes are installed on the competition boulder wall.
- The difficulties of the routes are gradually distributed to match with the levels of the climbers.
- Each participant climbs during a slot of 2,5 hrs., having no constraints regarding when and how the climber tries the routes.
- Each route is assigned a score depending on how many times it has been climbed.
- There's one single round and the ranking is determined at the end of the climbing slot.

## Scoring:

For each top of a route a climber gets points. These points are the value of each route, which is itself defined by the number of tops. By default, any route is worth 1000 points; these points are then divided by the number of tops realized by the climbers on that specific route. For example - Route #1 has been topped by 2 climbers, then each of these climbers get 500 points. Therefore, the value of each route is dynamic and the real score of each route can only be calculated at the end of the climbing time. Climbers can intuitively know which are the routes that will be giving the most points, since these are the least climbed and consequently the hardest.

# MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

Accommodation is provided at the Bajda Mountain Village. The Village is a purpose-built camp at 1,100m elevation that sits within the towering sandstone columns of the Hisma Desert plateau, close to the Jebal Al Lawz (Mountain of Almonds) at 2,580m elevation.

The Mountain Village will provide Athletes, Rights Holders and Games Family with a comfortable, friendly and stress-free environment; a “home away from home”, which enables residents to enjoy their Games experience.

## **The camp includes:**

- Traditional Arabian- style (khaimas) tents are triple occupancy
- Toilet and shower facilities
- Towels, linens, and housekeeping
- Relaxation and performance spaces with daily entertainment schedules
- Catering tent for buffet meals and 24-hour snacks / refreshments
- The camp has its own security, health and safety and medical services on-site to maintain guest welfare at all times.

# ACCREDITATION

Upon arrival at the Village, SCHF members will check in, be given an accreditation and receive a goodie bag. You will need to keep this accreditation with you at all times to be able to access the climbing walls, catering and other facilities.

# CATERING

SCHF members will have access to breakfast, lunch and dinner within the Village. Menus represent local and international cuisine. Daily mealtimes are:

<b>Breakfast:</b>	<b>06:00 – 09:00</b>
<b>Lunch:</b>	<b>12:00 – 15:00</b>
<b>Dinner:</b>	<b>18:00 – 21:00</b>

Outside of these times, a 24-hour snack service is available, in the Relax & Briefing Lounge, including sandwiches, salads, wraps, muesli bars, muffins, fresh fruit, nuts, dates, water, tea & coffee.

On arrival day, Sunday 10th November the first meal available will be lunch. On your day of departure, our final meal together in the Village will be lunch on the 14th November prior to catching one of the Shuttles back to Tabuk Airport.

# ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

A program of events will keep you entertained throughout your stay. Activities will include various games, fire talks, stargazing, yoga sessions and music. A daily schedule of entertainment will be available upon arrival.

# ARRIVAL & DEPARTURES

The NEOM Beach Games is happy to offer you shuttle bus transfers to and from Tabuk airport and the Mountain Village. Shuttles will be available at set times throughout the day, please see the table below, and note transfers take 2 – 2 ½ hours each way.

Date	Pick up	Drop off	Time
10 November	Tabuk Airport	Mountain Village	08:30, 10:30, 13:00, 14:15
14 November	Mountain Village	Tabuk Airport	15:00, 16:30, 18:00

On registration please indicate which bus you intend to take.

## WHAT TO PACK

Pack appropriate clothing for the Mountain Village as the temperatures will drop in the evening and it can be very cold at night. Temperatures in the mountains can get down to approximately 5C in November so we would recommend bringing plenty of layers, thick coat, hat, gloves etc.

## INSURANCE

All participants are required to hold a valid personal liability insurance and personal accident insurance that cover participation in the event. Participants are also required to sign a participation disclaimer which will be emailed to you.

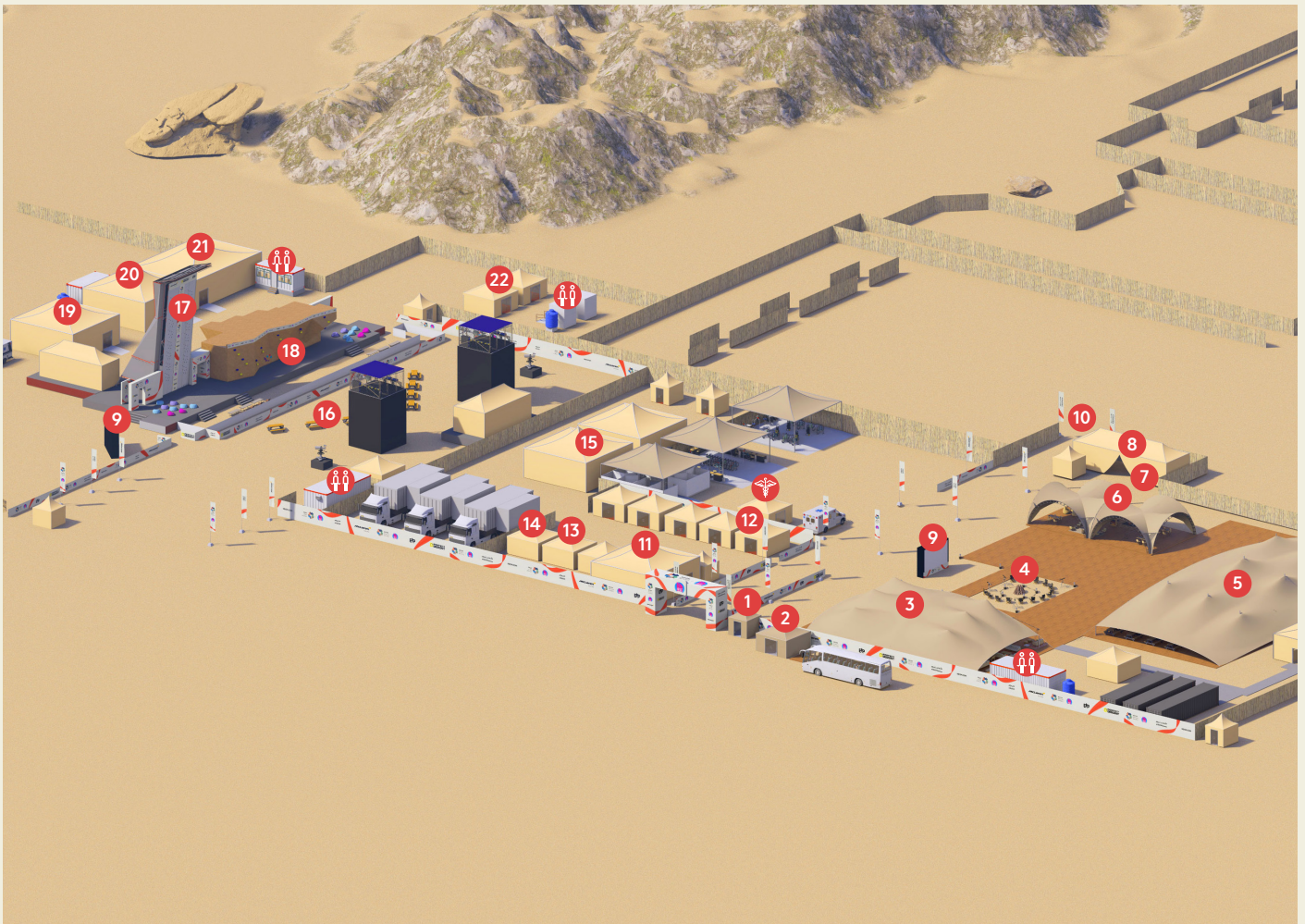
## REGISTRATION



If you would like to join us for this exciting opportunity, please register through the link provided to you.

Please note you will need to book your own flights in alignment with the bus transfers NEOM Beach Games are providing from Tabuk Airport to the Mountain Village.



# VENUE MAP



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|---|--|------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> ENTRANCE   | <b>9</b> LED SCREEN  | <b>17</b> SPEED CLIMBING WALL      |
| <b>2</b> ACCREDITATION OFFICE   | <b>10</b> VILLAGE ENTRANCE   | <b>18</b> BOULDERING WALL          |
| <b>3</b> RELAXATION & BRIEFING LOUNGE   | <b>11</b> CONTROL ROOM   | <b>19</b> IFSC OFFICE              |
| <b>4</b> CAMPFIRE PIT   | <b>12</b> MEDIA TENT   | <b>20</b> WARMUP AREA              |
| <b>5</b> CATERING TENT  | <b>13</b> SPORTS PRESENTATION OFFICE   | <b>21</b> RELAXATION & PHYSIO AREA |
| <b>6</b> ENTERTAINMENT AREA   | <b>14</b> RADIO ROOM   | <b>22</b> ANTI-DOPING              |
| <b>7</b> NOTICE BOARD   | <b>15</b> RELAXATION AREA  |                                    |
| <b>8</b> CONCIERGE TENT   | <b>16</b> SPECTATOR SEATING  |                                    |
|  TOILETS |  MEDICAL TENT |                                    |



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