



CEC/USAC Routesetting Exchange Program

The CEC/USAC Routesetting Exchange aims to strengthen collaboration between Climbing Escalade Canada (CEC) and USA Climbing (USAC) by creating high-quality, meaningful opportunities for routesetters from both countries to gain international experience. This initiative supports professional growth, fosters knowledge sharing, and enhances the diversity and creativity of event routesetting teams—all without increasing event costs.

Through a one-for-one exchange model, each organization will provide one routesetter for up to three events per year. These exchange positions are designed not to increase team size or budgets (when possible) but rather replace an existing team member, ensuring cost neutrality while maximizing developmental value. The program reflects CEC and USAC's shared commitment to elevating routesetting standards and strengthening cross-border collaboration within the North American climbing community.

Goals:

- Provide high-quality, meaningful opportunities for CEC routesetters to gain hands-on experience working with USAC, and vice-versa.
- Enhance the diversity and expertise of CEC and USAC routesetting teams without increasing event costs.

Process:

Each National Federation will provide one routesetter as follows:

	Events	Honorarium*	Flight allowance*	Accommodation
Canadian Routesetters to US-based events	NACS Boulder (Vail)	\$225 CAD per day × 6 days	\$800 CAD	Provided by USAC
	NACS Lead (USA)	\$225 CAD per day × 6 days	\$800 CAD	Provided by USAC
	USAC Youth Boulder Nationals	\$175 CAD per day × 7 days	\$800 CAD	Provided by USAC

USA Routesetters to CAN-based events	NACS Boulder (Canada)	Determined and covered by USAC	Determined and covered by USAC	Provided by CEC
	NACS Lead (Canada)	Determined and covered by USAC	Determined and covered by USAC	Provided by CEC
	CEC Youth Boulder Nationals	Determined and covered by USAC	Determined and covered by USAC	Provided by CEC

**Honorarium and Flight Allowance will be reviewed on an annual basis by the respective National Federation.*

Selection Criteria

All participating setters must hold a valid certification of [CEC Level 3 or 4](#) or [USAC Level 4 or 5](#), and be a member in good standing of their respective National Federation (either CEC or USAC).

Setters will be jointly selected and vetted by:

- Head Routesetter for each respective event
- CEC Routesetting Committee Chair
- USAC Routesetting Program Manager

For information about this program, please contact info@climbingcanada.ca and/or routesetting@usaclimbing.org.

Program Approval

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