



# Petzl RopeTrip® 2018 Rules

## 1. ORGANISER

PETZL Distribution, *Société par Actions Simplifiée*, registered No. 388 381 642 on the Grenoble Companies Register (France), having its head office at ZI de Crolles, Cedex 105A, 38920 Crolles, France (hereafter “the Organiser”) is organising a sporting event called Petzl RopeTrip® 2018.

## 2. CONCEPT OF PETZL ROPETRIP® 2018

Petzl RopeTrip® 2018 is a competition between teams of 3 members competing in several challenges involving progressions on ropes. These challenges can be team-based or individual, and timed or not.

## 3. DATE AND LOCATION OF PETZL ROPETRIP® 2018

Petzl RopeTrip® 2018 will be held between 7 and 9 June 2018 in Landschaftspark Duisburg - North, Emscherstraße 71, 47137 DUISBURG (GERMANY).

## 4. TERMS OF ENTRY

Petzl RopeTrip® 2018 is open to anyone over the age of majority, provided they are a recognised and certified rope specialist or professionally trained rope access technician and their physical condition enables them to work with ropes (hereafter the Participant(s)).

Participants must provide proof that they meet the entry and aptitude conditions by providing:

- a copy of an identity document with photo (national identity card, passport, etc.)
- a copy of a rope specialist certificate or certificate of authorisation to work with ropes or equivalent
- Petzl RopeTrip disclaimer, completed and signed.

Any application without one of the documents mentioned above will be refused.

In addition, Participants must, at the Organiser’s request, provide a copy of a medical certificate dated within the last 3 months confirming their capacity to work with ropes or a statement provided by the Participants and guaranteeing that they are able to work with ropes.

## 5. REGISTRATION

Only teams of 3 members will be able to register for the event.

The registration form can be downloaded from [www.petzl.com/ropetrip](http://www.petzl.com/ropetrip).

In the event of any incorrect, non-compliant or false statements, the Organiser reserves the right to refuse the registration concerned.

Registration forms must be sent:

- by email to [petzlropetrip@petzl.com](mailto:petzlropetrip@petzl.com)
- by post to Petzl Distribution, Service Promotion Internationale, ZI de Crolles, Cidex 105A, 38920 Crolles, France

Registrations will not be accepted at the Organiser’s head office or at the Petzl RopeTrip® 2018 event.

All registrations must be received by the Organiser before 11 May 2018 (one month prior to the event).

A fee of 120 (one hundred and twenty) Euros per person must be sent along with the registration forms to cover the cost of the challenges and the Petzl RopeTrip® 2018 symposium, lunch and evening meals on Thursday 7 June, Friday 8 June and Saturday 9 June, registration and festivities organised on the Saturday evening after the Petzl RopeTrip® 2018 final.

Registration forms and fees must be received by the Organiser before 11 May 2018. If Participants have any questions relating to the event, they can contact the Organiser by email at [petzloropetrip@petzl.com](mailto:petzloropetrip@petzl.com)

Registrations without the necessary fee will be refused.

The Organiser reserves the right to close registration when 40 teams have registered. If registrations close before 11 May 2018, the Organiser will indicate this by all means of communication at its disposal, including via [www.petzl.com/ropetrip](http://www.petzl.com/ropetrip).

## **6.ACCEPTANCE OF RULES**

By taking part in Petzl RopeTrip® 2018, participants accept the rules set out in this document (“the Rules”).

This document sets out all the Rules applicable. The Organiser may decide to add to and/or modify said rules by means of appendices, without assuming any liability in this regard or paying any damages claimed by Participants.

## **7.CONDITIONS FOR ENTERING CHALLENGES**

All Participants must arrive with the following equipment:

- 1 full body harness (EN 361, ANSI Z359.1 or .11, CSA Z259.12, EN 361 or equivalent or 1 standardized sit (EN 813) + chest harness)
- 1 self-braking descender (EN 341, ANSI Z359.4, CSA Z259.2.3, EN 12841 C or equivalent) with a compatible locking carabiner (EN 362, ANSI Z359.1, CSA Z259.12).
- 2 or 3 rope clamps (EN 567, NFPA 1983 or equivalent): 1 chest and 1 handled rope clamp, or 2 handled rope clamps, or 1 chest clamp and 2 handles rope clamps
- 1 mobile fall-arrester (EN 353-2, ANSI Z359.1 or .15, CSA Z259.2.1, EN 12841 A or equivalent) with lanyard and appropriate connector.
- 1 double or triple lanyard and locking carabiners (adjustable lanyard accepted)
- 1 suitable helmet for rope work
- 1 pair of safety shoes and suitable clothing for rope work

The use of a foot ascender is allowed. Participants can only use one foot-loop. It can however have several etrier-type steps or be adjustable. Equipment for which a standard is cited in the above list (harness, descender, rope clamps, fall-arrester) must not have been modified and must be used in accordance with the applicable instructions.

A specific type of equipment may be required for certain challenges, which is then provided by the organisers.

Participants are required to ensure that all their equipment complies with applicable standards and is free from defects, in perfect working order and has not been modified in any way.

The Organiser reserves the right to refuse entry to any challenge whatsoever to any Participant if it considers said Participant's equipment is unsuitable.

Participants undertake to use their equipment according to correct practice and as per the instructions. Participants are solely responsible for the condition and use of their equipment. The

Organiser reserves the right to inspect the equipment at any time but waives all liability for the safety of such equipment and cannot be held liable in any circumstances for injuries or material damage caused by equipment used by Participants or resulting from their participation in the event concerned.

The conditions of participation include acceptance and signature of this document and the disclaimer stating that Participants assume all the risks inherent in the event. Such disclaimer must be submitted at the same time as the application form. Furthermore, Participants agree to sign the photography and filming consent form indicating whether or not they agree to appear in such photos or videos made during Petzl RopeTrip® 2018. Incomplete application forms will be refused.

## **8. SEQUENCE OF CHALLENGES**

Petzl RopeTrip ® 2018 takes place in two phases:

- a qualifying phase during which each team must complete individual and team challenges.
- a final phase consisting of semi-finals and final

The challenges will be designed by specialists appointed by the Organiser.

Each challenge will take place in front of a judging panel consisting of a president, an assessor and judges (referees or timers). Participants will be informed of the exact composition of this panel prior to the challenges concerned.

Participants must respect the general conditions applicable during each challenge. Additional specific conditions may be applied for certain challenges, in which case Participants are informed before the challenge concerned. Points are awarded for each challenge based either on time, precision or score. The judges check that best practice as defined by the profession is respected and any eliminatory fault will disqualify the Participant from the challenge (score of 0). However, certain faults will only be penalised by a time or points penalty.

Interim times will be set for all the challenges. Participants exceeding such interim times will be disqualified and stopped by the judges and asked to climb back down.

Participants will be informed accordingly prior to the challenge concerned, where applicable.

Each team will have a limited time to complete each challenge. The time used to rank participating teams will be the actual time taken to complete the timed challenge.

Participants will be required by the judging panel to respect the conditions and best practice of the rope access profession, on a case-by-case basis, for each challenge. If a Participant infringes

the rules of a challenge, he/she will be disqualified. If it is a team challenge, the whole team will be disqualified.

Furthermore, the judges might stop a team or one of its members at any time if they feel that safety is compromised.

### **Progression on a rope:**

For challenges including progression on a rope, the following points must be respected:

Participants must be attached to a safety rope from the beginning to the end of the challenge. They are required to install a fall-arrest system (EN 353-2 ANSI Z359.1 or .15, CSA Z259.2.1, EN 12841 A or equivalent), in accordance with the instructions for this system, and maintain it throughout the challenge.

Participants will be disqualified if:

- they are suspended solely by their own safety rope
- they are suspended on a device used in a way that does not comply with its instructions or by a single rope clamp
- they are suspended solely on a point not connected with the progression rope (e.g. deviation)
- they are not attached properly;

Participants will be penalised by 30 seconds if:

- they are suspended solely on an unlocked descender (key or grip), without holding the brake side of the rope

### **Rescue:**

For challenges where Participants are required to reach and rescue another person, the following points must be observed, failing which they will be disqualified:

Participants must respect the principle of always having at least one locked descender (handle in appropriate position or knot below descender) or two rope clamps on the first rope and a fall-arrest on the second rope, for the two people. The two people must be connected by a lanyard connecting one of them to the chest attachment point of the other or by two smaller lanyards connected to each other. This connection is essential even when a “convenience” connection is used (e.g. linked carabiners).

Participants are also disqualified from the challenge if:

- they cannot complete a manoeuvre without assistance in a set time (indicated before the challenge)
- they place themselves at risk to reach the casualty or are only suspended by their own safety rope

Participants will be penalised 30 seconds if:

- they or their casualty is suspended solely on an unlocked descender (key or grip) without holding the brake side of the rope

Ranking and points: for each challenge, points will be awarded by the judging panel for the style, efficiency, speed and technicality of manoeuvre of the member(s) of each team in each challenge.

For each challenge, teams will be included in a relative ranking based on points obtained.

For each challenge, points will be awarded according to the following table:

Ranking	Number of points	Ranking	Number of points
1	200	26	30
2	170	27	28
3	145	28	26
4	125	29	24
5	110	30	22
6	100	31	20
7	92	32	19
8	85	33	18
9	80	34	17
10	75	35	16
11	70	36	15
12	66	37	14
13	62	38	13
14	58	39	12
15	54	40	11
16	50	41	10
17	48	42	9
18	46	43	8
19	44	44	7
20	42	45	6
21	40	46	5
22	38	47	4
23	36	48	3
24	34	49	2
25	32	50	1

The general rankings for the qualifying rounds will be determined by calculating the total points awarded to each team.

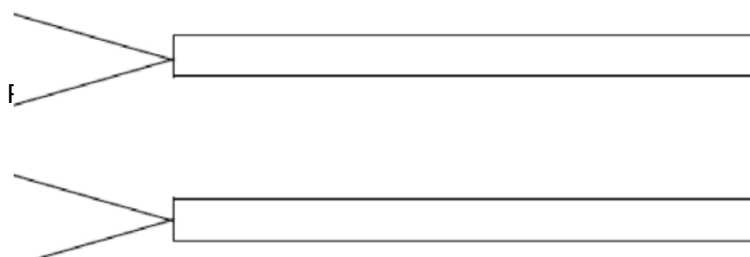
The four top-ranked teams will participate in the final phase.

These four teams will participate in the semi-finals and the two top-ranked teams from this round will go forward to the final.

In the final, teams will compete in a group challenge as indicated in the following diagram:

Semi-finals

Final



1<sup>st</sup> place in general ranking

4<sup>th</sup> place in general ranking

2<sup>nd</sup> place in general ranking

3<sup>rd</sup> place in general ranking

The ranking of the top 2 teams will be decided in the final. For the remaining teams, including the 2 teams eliminated in the semi-finals, their ranking at the end of the qualifying rounds will be used as their general ranking.

## **9. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded after the final, on Saturday evening, 9 June 2018. Participants must attend the prize awards ceremony. If all the members of a team are absent, the team may be disqualified and not receive their prize. Said prize will then be awarded to another team, based on the ranking.

## **10. PARTICIPANTS' IMAGE RIGHTS**

By signing and accepting the photography and filming consent form, participants expressly authorise the Organiser and its partners to take photos and videos of them during Petzl RopeTrip® 2018, whether such photos or videos are taken directly or indirectly, by any person designated by the Organiser and/or its partners, by any process or means.

Participants grant the Organiser and its partners the right to use their name and image (photos and videos), without payment, for advertising and/or promotional purposes, for a period of 30 years from the closing date of Petzl RopeTrip® 2018 and for the entire world.

Participants authorise the Organiser and its partners to use, reproduce, alter and present these images directly or indirectly, and to authorise their use, reproduction, alteration and presentation by third parties.

It is agreed that the publication or presentation of such images, along with accompanying captions or comments, shall respect the dignity and reputation of the Participants concerned.

## **11. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

The personal information of registered participants for Petzl RopeTrip® 2018 shall be processed by Petzl Distribution. Such information is collected by the Organiser for purposes of managing registrations for and participation in Petzl RopeTrip® 2018.

In accordance with the applicable data protection legislation, Participants have at all times a free right to access and correct personal information held about them. Participants are also entitled to request the removal of such information or object to or impose limits on its use by writing to Petzl Distribution, ZI de Crolles, Cedex 105 A, 38920 Crolles, France.

## **12. INTERRUPTION/CANCELLATION**

The Organiser reserves the right to amend, interrupt or cancel Petzl RopeTrip® 2018 or one or more of the challenges in the case of a force majeure event making it impossible to run or

continue running Petzl RopeTrip® 2018 or one of its challenges, in accordance with the stipulations of these rules, without incurring its liability in any way, and without having to refund the Participants' registration fees or pay any damages they might claim.

If the event has to be amended, interrupted or cancelled, the Organiser shall inform the Participants accordingly.