

# The 2nd Annual Hyalite Ice Breaker

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## An Ice Climbing Competition Hyalite Style! December 4 & 6, 2008

**G**ear Up! We are proud to present the 2nd Annual “Hyalite Ice Breaker” INVITATIONAL, December 4th; bringing 10 of the world’s greatest climbers to Bozeman as they attempt to climb as many routes as possible in America’s most concentrated natural ice venue—Hyalite Canyon.

**♦**ur own local veterans, however, will be on hand to give the A-team, stars a Montana-style whipping.

**B**ut just because you might not be a world-famous climber, doesn’t mean you can’t be part of the Hyalite Ice Breaker. Our OPEN Class on Saturday, December 6th is the world’s only competition open to ice climbers of any ability and experience (as long as you can lead climb).

**I**ndeed, separate Advanced and Recreational Divisions leave up for grabs a whole raft of top-notch equipment and apparel from sponsors of the Bozeman Ice Festival; and perhaps more importantly, bragging rights.

**G**o big and take top spot in the Advanced OPEN Class and earn an automatic invite to next year’s INVITATIONAL where you have the opportunity to climb and compete with the best ice climbers in the world, a chance at cash prizes and perhaps your name inscribed on the Invitational “Grivel Golden Ice Axe”—the Stanley Cup of ice climbing.

**!** OPEN Class prizes will be awarded in both the Advanced and Recreational Divisions. Additional prizes will be awarded for other accomplishments, including: Top Men, Women & Mixed Teams, Hardest Pitch, Most Pitches, Most Creative Team Name, Best Outfit and whatever else we can come up with.

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### OPEN CLASS OFFICIAL RULES

- A selection of Hyalite Main Canyon ice and mixed routes will be “scored” according to their length, difficulty, approach and other intangibles.
- All the scored routes will be collected into four general areas.
- The official route list and areas will be made public prior to event.
- Two Open Divisions: **ADVANCED & RECREATIONAL**
- Teams of two. \$20 non-refundable entry fee per team.
- Mandatory meeting Friday, December 5th. To be announced.
- Climb two or more routes in the Advanced Level and you automatically compete in that Division.
- No need to select a Competitive Division prior to the event.
- Every one begins and ends in the Grotto Falls Parking Lot.
- Open event begins at 7:00 a.m. and must be back at parking lot by 4:00 p.m.
- Random selection determines which general area each team must complete their first route.
- Open teams must complete a route in at least two of the general areas.
- Both members must climb every pitch to their generally accepted end. No rules on who leads what.
- 70-meter rope maximum length.
- No soloing or simul-climbing and leader must place at least one protection piece per pitch.
- Leader must redpoint every pitch.
- Only score on the routes from the official list (yet to be determined).
- Teams can only score a route once and no partial scores for attempts.
- Full value of each route will be divided by number of ascents posted by all Ice Breaker teams.
- Must complete an official score card and turn it in once both members get back to the parking lot.
- Teams must be self-sufficient and carry all equipment, food & water.
- No assistance from a third party allowed, including using rappel ropes.
- No motorized travel.
- To score, teams must come back with a digital photo of every route.
- Teams will be penalized points for every 10 minutes (or fraction of) they are over the official end time.
- Other competitors or the general public may complain or contest any ascent based on bad behavior. After review by the Comp Judges, that score may be eliminated from the offending team’s total.
- Highest score wins. Tie-breakers are in this order, 1/ most pitches 2/ hardest pitch(es) 3/ jury decision