

RACE DIVISION FAQs

1. Are participants required to climb in full turnout gear?

No. In 2024, firefighters have the option of wearing full structural gear or not.

2. Are all participants required to climb on-air?

Yes. Regardless of what race division you choose, every climber is required to complete the climb while on-air.

3. Can I change my mind about wearing turnouts after I register?

Yes. During the registration process, you will be asked if you plan to climb in turnouts or without. If you'd like to change your response after you register, reach out to firefighterstairclimb@lls.org to update your record.

4. Will the route/stairwell be the same for each division?

Yes.

5. Will I only be climbing with firefighters in the same race division?

No. The battalion start waves will be mixed with climbers from each division.

6. Will my start time be based on what division I am in?

No. Start times will continue to be based on fundraising.

7. Are the registration and fundraising requirements the same for both divisions?

Yes. There is an \$80 registration fee and \$300 fundraising minimum for all participants.

8. Will there still be racing awards?

Yes. There will be trophies for the top three climbers and top three teams in each division.

9. What are the gear requirements for the Open Division (climbing without turnouts)?

Climbers without turnouts complete the course in any apparel and shoes. They are required to wear their helmet. Breathing apparatus will be worn and used every step of the course.

10. What are the gear requirements for the Fire Division (climbing in turnouts)?

Bunker gear participants complete the course in full structural gear including boots, pants, coat (liners intact), and helmet. Hoods will not be worn. Breathing apparatus will be worn and used every step of the course.

11. Do you have to be a firefighter to participate in the LLS Firefighter Stairclimb?

Yes. Regardless of race division, the LLS Firefighter Stairclimb is open solely to career, volunteer, or retired firefighters.

For questions, contact firefighterstairclimb@lls.org