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2024 National Team Selection Policy

Australian Open Lead, Speed and Boulder Teams Australian Paraclimbing Team

For 2024, SCA will have two tiers of Team membership for Open Athletes:

- Level 1: Elite Team
- Level 2: International Team

Level 1: SCA Elite Team

Aim:

To maximise the opportunities and support for athletes who have a proven record of high performance in World Cup and World Championship events. This team is designed to be in alignment with AIS podium and podium ready athletes in the pathway categorisation.

If an athlete is:

- selected for the Olympic qualification pathway (winners of 2023 Oceania Continental Qualifier Event & athletes selected for participation to the Olympic Qualifier Series)
- meets such other eligibility requirements as SCA determines and
- signs SCA Athlete Agreement

or:

- successfully meets the selection criteria below at any time prior to 2024 and
- meets such other eligibility requirements as SCA determines and
- signs SCA Athlete Agreement

The athlete is eligible for selection as an elite team member. If selected they will become a member of the international team for the subsequent year, and will be eligible to receive additional support as it may become available.

Goal:

To have an athlete achieve a podium result at a World Cup event.



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Elite Speed Team:

Athletes can qualify for the SCA Elite Team for Speed in any of 3 ways:

1. Record a time faster than the minimum qualification time in an official IFSC competition.
2. Achieve an overall Speed ranking in the top 30 in the IFSC 2023 or 2024 World Cup Seasons.
3. Qualify for the final rounds (top 16) at a 2024 IFSC Speed World Cup.

Minimum qualification times:

Women: 8:00 seconds

Men: 6:00 seconds

Elite Lead or Boulder Team

Athletes can qualify for the SCA Elite Team for Lead/Boulder through having a record of consistent performance in the IFSC 2023 World Cup Seasons or via the aforementioned selection criteria through the Olympic qualification pathway. Consistent performance is defined as achieving:

- 3 or more semi-finals performances in one discipline across an IFSC World Cup Season

Level 2: SCA International Team

Aim:

To provide opportunities for Australian athletes to compete at a high level at IFSC World Cup and World Championship events.

Goal:

For Australian athletes to be consistently making semi-finals and higher at the 2024 IFSC World Cup and World Championship events. This team is designed to be in alignment with AIS podium potential and some developing athletes in the pathway categorisation.

Notes:

- Athletes on the SCA Elite Team will become members of the SCA International Team in their respective discipline and will receive first preference in selection for the Australian Team at each IFSC event in their respective discipline/s.
- Elite Team Athletes who qualify for IFSC 2024 World Cup or World Championship events based on their 2023 results will become members of the SCA International Team and shall receive priority to compete at those events.



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International Speed Team:

Athletes may qualify for the SCA International Team Level for Speed in 5 ways:

1. Elite Team
2. Record time faster than the minimum qualification time in an official IFSC competition.
3. Have a position in the IFSC Continuous Ranking for Speed of 30 or higher.
4. Achieve a ranking of first place or second place at the 2023 SCA Speed Climbing National Championships (or selection event as designated by SCA) and record a time that is within 0.5 seconds of the minimum qualification time at some stage in the competition.

Minimum qualification times:

Women: 9:40 seconds

Men: 7:30 seconds

5. By special consideration.

International Lead and Boulder Team:

Athletes may qualify for the SCA International Team Level for in 4 ways:

1. Elite Lead/Boulder Team Members (Elite Lead/Boulder Team are automatically qualified for both the Lead Team and the Boulder Team)
2. Have a position in the IFSC Continuous Ranking for Lead or Boulder of 40 or higher.
3. Achieve a ranking of first or second in the 2023 SCA Boulder Climbing National Championships (Boulder Team); Achieve a ranking of first in the 2023 SCA Lead Selection Event (Lead Team)
4. By special consideration. Deadline to submit to info@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au is December 1st 2023.

Note: The first place and second positions roll down to the next athlete/s if the first-place athlete already qualified for the International Team.



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For Speed, Lead and Boulder International Teams:

Places on the Australian Team to compete at World Cup and World Championships will be offered to International team members ranked according to the following criteria:

1. SCA Elite Team members, Elite Team members will be ranked according to their current position on the IFSC continuous ranking for that discipline.
2. Current position on the IFSC continuous ranking for that discipline, up to position 40.
3. (a) - (Boulder) Placing first at 2023 Australian Boulder National Championships.
(b) - (Lead) Placing first at 2023 Australian Lead Selection Event.
(c) - (Speed) Current fastest recorded time in IFSC Competition
4. The selection committee will establish a ranking for athletes requiring special consideration and/or other athletes.

Note:

- A maximum of 6 positions on the International Team for each discipline will be allocated, due to the small quotas for each country at World Cup Competitions in 2024.
- Australian Team members selected to the SCA International Team are not guaranteed the opportunity to participate in an IFSC competition.

Validity of Membership

Australian Sport Climbing Team membership is valid from the time of acceptance of an offer of a team position until one month after the next selection event. In that one-month period, a member who joined the new team and was not part of the preceding year's international team can also register to international events if there are spots available. Priority will be given to the preceding year's team members.



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Sport Climbing Australia Paraclimbing Team

Paraclimbing:

Athletes may qualify to the SCA Para Team by meeting the following selection criteria:

1. Previous attendance of at least two state-level or higher sanctioned events, including attendance of a 2023 National/Selection event. If required events are not available or accessible, selection may be made at the discretion of the selection committee.
2. Documentation from a medical officer to confirm their underlying health condition.
3. Classification by an SCA National classifier to have an eligible impairment AND meet the minimum impairment criteria for IFSC Paraclimbing sport class allocation.

The selection will become final once the following is completed:

- All the necessary eligibility criteria are met
- The offer has been accepted and requirements for acceptance of offer are met

Athletes will be allocated a sport class by the IFSC. If no IFSC sport class has been allocated or IFSC review of sport class status is required, athletes must ensure that IFSC events they intend to compete in have classification available / scheduled.

The selection for participation in Para World Cups and/or World Championships will be as follows:

- Review of each athlete's interest to participate by the selection committee (with the recommendation of the paraclimbing committee and coaching team)
- Meeting the necessary requirements for IFSC classification

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Appendix A: Eligibility Criteria

Endorsement

SCA is the national body responsible for the sport of Sport Climbing in Australia as recognised by the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC), Sport Australia (ASC) and the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC). Athlete selection to an Australian Sport Climbing Team (ASCT) will be made by the Selectors.

Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration for selection to a SCA Team, athletes must meet the following criteria:

- (a) be an Australian citizen;
- (b) have read, signed in agreement and returned the execution page of the SCA National Team Agreement and/or Code of Conduct;
- (c) be a current SCA National Level Member, in good standing and with no outstanding invoices to SCA;
- (d) meet the age requirement to participate in adult international competition under IFSC policy. Note that an athlete may be eligible for selection if they will meet the age requirement for the competition year they are being selected for.
- (e) have not been issued a red card in the last 12 months
- (f) have read, signed and returned the SCA No Doping Declaration Policy and declare that the circumstances have not changed since submitting the declaration;
- (g) agree to participate in and meet all competition, training and participation requirements as determined by SCA;
- (h) be available for sample collection and have provided accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information on a regular basis as directed by IFSC and/or Sport Integrity Australia (SIA), under the policies of IFSC and SCA (ADPs) and the World Anti-Doping Code (Code);
- (i) not have breached any ADP nor have had a sanction imposed which has not been completed. For the purpose of considering eligibility for selection, a breach of an ADP may include: (i) an athlete under investigation for an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV) where an infraction notice has been issued or the athlete has been stood down under the provisions of any ADP; or (ii) a failure to comply with an athlete's obligations under an ADP, even if such a breach does not result in an ADRV;



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(j) be required to be up to date and fully compliant with SIA's Anti-doping Education (SIA e-learning), and therefore have completed and be current at the time of selection with all online updates; and

An athlete will not be considered for selection whilst under SCA suspension.

Any athlete who, after 1 January 2010, has been found guilty of an ADRV and where the consequent penalty applied is a two-year suspension or greater, will no longer be eligible for consideration for selection to an ASCT for the duration of the penalty issued. On a case by case basis, SCA may extend the non eligibility to a longer period.

Any athlete who is currently under investigation because of any indictable criminal charge (even where such charge has been heard summarily) having been brought against them or is currently serving a penalty issued by the Courts because of an indictable criminal charge being proven, is and will not be eligible for consideration for selection to an ASCT, unless he/she is able to satisfy the Board of SCA (at its sole discretion) that exceptional circumstances apply. Where the Board is satisfied that exceptional circumstances apply, the athlete may be considered for selection in the ASCT in accordance with the selection criteria set out in this document. Any request for the Board to consider an athlete's circumstances must be submitted to the Board in writing.



Appendix B: Special Consideration Selection Process

National Selection Panel (Selectors)

The role of assessing athletes against the selection criteria is the responsibility of the Selectors who are appointed by the SCA Board.

The Selectors consist of:

- The National Team Coaches
- One Member of the high-performance committee
- One representative of the SCA Board.

The SCA Board will appoint a chairman of Selectors. In the case of unavailability or a conflict of interest the SCA Board may appoint a replacement Selector. Each Selector will vote on athlete selection in line with the selection criteria objectives and without bias. If Selectors cannot agree, the chairman will have the final selection decision which must be approved by the SCA board.

Amendment

These criteria and sub sections may be amended or supplemented, particularly where matters arise which have not been provided for. All amendments must be approved by the SCA Board. If approved, SCA will notify in writing any criteria amendment or supplement, and will endeavour to give as much notice as possible, to all persons affected by any such amendment or supplement.

Appeal

There is no right of appeal to any athlete who is not selected under these criteria.

Special Consideration

Athletes who are unable to meet the selection criteria may apply for special consideration to be considered for selection to the ASCT. The maximum number of athletes in each gender-discipline is 6.

In considering a Special Consideration application the Selectors may evaluate each application based on a range of criteria, including but not limited to:

- Past ranking at international events
- Past ranking in each round of the selection event
- Past ranking in each round of selection events from previous years
- Past results at state events and National Ranking
- Any yellow card or disciplinary issue
- Combined selection in lead and boulder discipline (considering Paris 2024 Olympic Format)
- Current and previous injuries and rehabilitation plan (health professional advice and documents may be requested by the selector).

Applications must be made in writing to the Selectors by email to info@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au no later than December 1 2023

Applications must be accompanied by an application fee of \$200 which must be paid via the SCA website. Special consideration applications require supporting evidence for eligibility and payment. Successful applications will have their \$200 application fee credited towards their Team Membership fee and event registration.



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Appendix C: Team Fees

The ASCT fee must be paid before an athlete can be accepted to the ASCT. The 2024 Membership Fee is \$150 incl GST. For athletes already selected in another discipline the membership fee for the second and third discipline is \$50 each. Fee are used to cover:

- Team administration
- ASCT Uniform including delivery – *note that athletes already owning the uniform will receive replacement items when required (worn or size change)*
- Access to national team training camps – note that additional camp fees may be applicable
- Event Support Personnel when available
- Access to support by the coaching team throughout the season when requested

The fee does not include:

- IFSC licence fees and event registration administrative cost
- Registration to World Championships
- Registration to World Cup events
- Late payment of event registration