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Selection Policy

2023 Oceania Lead/ Boulder Combined & Speed Climbing Olympic Qualifier



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1. INTRODUCTION

The 2023 Oceania Olympic Qualifier (OOQ) will be the Oceania Continent's selection event for the 2024 Olympic games. Subject to Sport Climbing Australia (SCA) and AOC Olympic selection policies one male and one female athlete may be nominated to participate in the 2024 Paris Olympic Games if those athletes garner the first place position in lead/boulder or speed climbing.

The Oceania Council of Sport Climbing Oceanic Championship Event Policy provides that 8 Australian climbers will be able to participate in the OOQ for each gender in the boulder/lead combined event and 25 Australian climbers will be able to participate in the OOQ for each gender in the speed event. Additional quota positions may be granted by the Oceania Council of Sport Climbing closer to the event depending on participation intention for other countries in the Oceanic region.

This policy seeks to continue the pursuit of:

- (a) High performance and athletic excellence of Australian athletes at international events;
- (b) High levels of commitment to the sport from Australian athletes; and therefore

SCA expects that all athletes who are offered and accept a position to participate in the OOQ, will commit to participate in the event. It is the responsibility of selected athletes to ensure that they comply with this policy, including attending required selection events and otherwise complying with all applicable terms and conditions by the relevant deadlines.

Athletes selected to participate in the OOQ will form the 2023 Australian Continental Climbing Team (Team).

The SCA National Selection Panel (Selectors) will select athletes who it considers in its absolute discretion will have the best chance of meeting either or both the following two objectives:

- (a) athletes who will produce the best results at the OOQ and qualify for the 2024 Olympics; and/or
- (b) athletes with potential to progress towards better results at future Continental Championships.



2. GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 SCA 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).

2.2 Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration for selection, athletes must:

- (a) be an Australian citizen;
- (b) have read, signed an 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 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, have not been issued a red card in the last 12 months, have read, signed and returned the SCA 'No Doping Declaration Policy' and declare that the circumstances have not changed since submitting the declaration;
- (e) agree to participate in and meet all competition, training and participation requirements as determined by SCA;
- (f) 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);
- (g) 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; and
- (h) be required to be up to date and fully compliant with the SIA Anti-doping Education (SIA e-learning), and therefore have completed and be current at the time of selection with all online updates and provide online learning certificates to SCA.



An athlete will not be considered for selection while 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 the Team 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, will not be eligible for consideration for selection to the Team, 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 Team 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. The Board is not obliged to consider any request.

2.3 National Selection Panels (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:

- (a) National Coaching Team members
- (b) One representative of the High Performance Committee
- (c) One representative from the SCA Board.

The SCA Board will appoint a Chairperson of Selectors. In the case of unavailability or a conflict of interest the SCA Board will appoint a replacement Selector. The selection committee charter is available on the SCA website.

Each Selector will vote on athlete selection in line with the selection criteria objectives and without bias. If panel members cannot agree, the chairperson will have the final selection decision.

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 2023 national championships
- 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).
- Medical or health impacts on performance at any of the above events

2.4 Amendment

This policy may be amended or supplemented, particularly where matters arise which have not been provided for in this policy. All amendments must be approved by the SCA Board. If approved, the SCA Executive Officer 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.

2.5 Appeals

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

3. SELECTION

3.1 Athletes Selection for Boulder/Lead Combined – for each gender

(a) Automatic Selection

Subject to complying with the requirements of clauses 3.3 athletes who achieve the following results will be automatically selected to be a member of the Team to a maximum of 2 athletes:

- (i) Any Australian athlete already selected to participate in the 2024 Olympic games in lead/boulder discipline.
- (ii) Any Australian athlete that achieved a top 20 performance in the lead/boulder combined event at the 2023 World Championships
- (iii) Any Australian athlete that achieved a semi-finals performance in both a lead and boulder world cup event in 2023 occurring before the 2023 Australian Open Nationals Lead and Boulder event.

- (b) If more than 2 athletes qualify for automatic selection based on criteria listed in 3.1 (a), priority will be given to athletes with a higher the selection committee will allocate the automatic selection quota positions

(c) Regular Selection



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Regular Selection will be based on the 2023 Australian Open National Performance. The following athletes will be selected to participate:

- (i) If 0 athletes have been selected via 3.1(a): athletes placing in the Top 6 of the 2023 Australian Nationals Boulder/Lead Combined Event or Boulder/Lead Combined Calculation
- (ii) If 1 athlete has been selected via 3.1(a) : athletes placing in the Top 5 without including the athletes already selected via 3.1 (i) of the 2023 Australian Nationals Boulder/Lead Combined Event or Boulder/Lead Combined Calculation
- (iii) If 2 athletes have been selected via 3.1(a): athletes placing in the Top 4 without including the athletes already selected via 3.1 (i) of the 2023 Australian Nationals Boulder/Lead Combined Event or Boulder/Lead Combined Calculation

(d) Special Consideration

Two positions will be considered for special consideration.

Australian athletes who are unable to meet the selection criteria may apply for special consideration to be considered for selection to participate in the OOQ.

Applications must be made to the Selectors by email to info@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au or via the [ONLINE FORM](#) no later than the 30th October at 5pm AEDT and must be accompanied by an application fee of \$200 (to be paid via SCA website or via bank transfer). Successful applicants will have their \$200 application fee reimbursed.

(e) Unfilled quota positions

In the event of quota positions unfilled by special consideration or additional quota positions granted by the Oceania Council of Sport Climbing closer to the event, the Selectors will make the decision about how to allocate the additional quota positions. This may include offering quota positions to additional athletes based on 2023 Australian Nationals Performance or offering more quota positions to special consideration applicants.

3.2 Athletes Selection for Speed – for each gender

(a) Automatic Selection

Subject to complying with the requirements of clauses 3.3 athletes who achieve the following results will be automatically selected to be a member of the Team to a maximum of 5 athletes:

- (i) Any athlete already selected to participate in the 2024 Olympic games.



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- (ii) Any Australian athlete who achieved a finals performance at any 2022 IFSC Speed world cup or world championship event
 - (iii) Any Australian athlete who has recorded a time of 7.3 seconds or less in the Male category or a time of 9.4 seconds or less in the Female category at any IFSC Speed event from 2021 onwards.
- (b) If more than 5 athletes qualify for automatic selection based on criteria listed in 3.2 (a), priority will be given to athletes with a higher IFSC Continuously Updated World Ranking in Speed.
- (c) Regular Selection

Regular Selection will be based on the 2023 Australian Open National Performance The following athletes will be selected to participate:

- (i) If 0 athletes have been selected via 3.2(a): athletes placing in the Top 23 of the 2023 Australian Nationals Speed Event
 - (ii) If 1 athlete has been selected via 3.2(a) : athletes placing in the Top 22 without including the athletes already selected via 3.2 (i) of the 2023 Australian Nationals Speed Event
 - (iii) If 2 athletes have been selected via 3.2(a): athletes placing in the Top 21 without including the athletes already selected via 3.2 (i) of the 2023 Australian Nationals Speed Event
 - (iv) If 3 athletes have been selected via 3.2(a): athletes placing in the Top 20 without including the athletes already selected via 3.2 (i) of the 2023 Australian Nationals Speed Event
 - (v) If 4 athletes have been selected via 3.2(a): athletes placing in the Top 19 without including the athletes already selected via 3.2 (i) of the 2023 Australian Nationals Speed Event
 - (vi) If 5 athletes have been selected via 3.2(a): athletes placing in the Top 18 without including the athletes already selected via 3.2 (i) of the 2023 Australian Nationals Speed Event
- (d) Special Consideration

Two positions will be considered for special consideration.

Australian athletes who are unable to meet the selection criteria may apply for special consideration to be considered for selection to participate in the OOQ.

Applications must be made in writing to the Selectors by email to info@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au no later than one week after the 2023 Australian Speed Nationals and must be accompanied by an application fee



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of \$200. Special consideration applications require supporting evidence for eligibility and payment.

Successful applicants will have their \$200 application fee reimbursed.

(e) Unfilled quota positions

In the event of quota positions unfilled by special consideration or additional quota positions granted by the Oceania Council of Sport Climbing closer to the event, the Selectors will make the decision about how to allocate the additional quota positions. This may include offering more quota positions to special consideration applicants or offering quota positions to athletes based on 2023 Australian Nationals Performance.

3.3 Acceptance of Offer

Athletes selected under clause 3.1 may be offered a place to participate in OOQ. Athletes must accept the offered position within seven days from the date the offer is communicated to them. If they reject the offer or do not accept within time an offer may be extended to the next considered athlete.

Acceptance of offer will require the athlete to:

- (a) Return a signed letter of acceptance to be part of the Team;
- (b) Return a signed code of conduct (if not already provided); and
- (c) Pay all fees required by SCA including the participation fee in the 2023 OOQ.

If an athlete does not compete in the 2023 OOQ this fee is not refundable.

4. Disciplinary Procedure

Once climbers have obtained a place on the Team they are expected and required to conduct themselves at all training events and competitions in a manner that befits an ambassador of the sport and in line with the code of conduct outlined by SCA. In addition, members are required, unless extenuating circumstances arise, to attend all specified National training camps and events as well as maintain a training program agreed upon by the National and State (or individuals) coaches. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in the issuing of a yellow card. Two yellow cards will mean the member is immediately suspended from the Team for a period of time, as decided by the national board.

In addition to this, athletes will be required to sign a code of conduct when they accept their place on the team, as well as meet bench-mark standards at training events and regional competitions to ensure that athlete performance is being maintained throughout the year.