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SCA Selection Policy

**2024 Sport Climbing Australia Youth Team
(IFSC World Youth Championships)**

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Boulder, Lead and Speed

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1. Introduction

Being part of the Australian Sport Climbing Youth Team (ASCYT) is the highest level of excellence for young Sport Climbers in Australia. It is also a great responsibility as joining the team can involve representing Australia at international events.

This policy seeks to select the best possible team to represent Australia with the best chance of international success. Athletes selected for the ASCYT are those in pursuit of excellence and have a strong commitment to preparation and effort.

Sport Climbing Australia (SCA) expects all athletes who are offered and accept a position on the ASCYT to commit to representing Australia at International Events. 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.

As part of SCA's Coaching and High-Performance strategy, this Policy will be reviewed annually and amendments may be made to ensure the Policy provides the best possible outcome for Australian sport climbing.

2. Objectives

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

- 3.1 athletes who have the potential to qualify for World Youth Championship semifinal (top-16 Speed)
- 3.2 athletes demonstrating the potential to progress towards future international success in the IFSC World Youth Championships, World Cups and World Championships and, Olympic Games.

3. Fee's

- 3.1. Selection to the SCAYT will incur an athlete levy to cover associated expenses with the IFSC Youth World Championships, pre-event training



camps, uniform and administration. SCA will also make a significant contribution to the running of this activity.

3.2. The fee will be \$600 plus GST.

3.3. The team fee does not include any athlete travel or accommodation. This information will be provided separately however please note:

3.3.1. Travel and accommodation expenses associated with SCAYT members are the responsibility of the athlete.

3.3.2. Any athlete under the age of 18 will be required to travel with a parent or legal guardian to the 2024 World Youth Championship.

3.3.3. All athletes, including parents or guardians, will be required to stay in a central SCAYT identified hotel. This centralisation aim's to support the creation of a positive Team AUS environment, facilitate effective Coach-Athlete and all-of-team meetings and the general running of a positive high performing team.

4. Athlete eligibility

To be eligible for consideration for selection to an SCAYT, athletes must:

4.1. be an Australian citizen.

4.2. have read, signed, and returned the execution page of the SCA National Team Agreement and/or Code of Conduct.

4.3. be a current SCA National Level Member with no outstanding invoices to SCA.

4.4. meet the age requirement to participate in youth 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.



- 4.5. agree to participate in and meet all competition, training and participation requirements as determined by SCA.
- 4.6. 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);
- 4.7. 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:
 - 4.7.1. 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
 - 4.7.2. a failure to comply with an athlete's obligations under an ADP, even if such a breach does not result in an ADRV; and
 - 4.7.3. 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
 - 4.7.4. current at the time of selection with all online updates and provide online learning certificates to SCA.
- 4.8. 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 SCAYT for the duration of the penalty issued. On a case-by-case basis, SCA may extend the non-eligibility to a longer period.
- 4.9. 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 an SCAYT, 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 SCAYT 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.

5. Selection criteria

- 5.1. Australia can field a team of up to 3 athletes per gender, per category for each discipline of lead, boulder, and speed.
- 5.2. All selection's will be made in alignment with the identified objectives and SCA reserves the right to not fill event quota's where it considers these objectives cannot be met.
- 5.3. Athlete selection will be reviewed and confirmed by a National Selection Panel. This panel will comprise of:
 - 5.3.1. SCA National Performance Pathway Lead (Chair)
 - 5.3.2. SCA National Youth Team Coach representative
 - 5.3.3. SCA National Team Coach representative (independent of this event)
 - 5.3.4. Board Member (non-voting)
- 5.4. Places on the Sport Climbing Australia Youth Team to compete at the 2024 IFSC Youth World Championships will be offered according to the following ranked criteria:
 - 5.4.1. **Automatic selection** - Any eligible athlete for the Sport Climbing Australia Youth Team and who is also qualified for the 2024 IOC Olympic Qualifier Series (Urban Sport Series)
 - 5.4.2. **Automatic selection** - Any eligible athlete for the Sport Climbing Australia Youth Team and who qualified for a semifinal in any IFSC Open World Cup or World Championship event in 2023.
 - 5.4.2.1. Boulder – Top-20
 - 5.4.2.2. Lead – Top 26
 - 5.4.2.3. Speed – Top 16



5.4.3. **Automatic selection** - Any eligible athlete for the Sport Climbing Australia Youth Team and who finishes 1st place in Sport Climbing Australia National Youth Championships in an age category.

5.4.3.1. minimum performance standards apply for Speed as follows:

		<i>SCA Ath. Cat. Emerging standard</i>	<i>SCAYT Standard</i>
ME	<i>Junior</i>	6.949 sec	8.339 sec
	N	<i>Youth A</i>	6.948 sec
<i>Youth B</i>		7.073 sec	8.488 sec
WO	<i>Junior</i>	9.950 sec	11.940 sec
ME	<i>Youth A</i>	9.784 sec	11.741 sec
	N	<i>Youth B</i>	9.901 sec

*₂ These standards are based on world best times, averaging the fastest 5 climbs per age group from the 4 years prior to the date of release of the framework; these standards were developed in conjunction with the Australian Institute of Sport.

5.4.4. **Discretionary selection** – Selectors may use absolute discretion to select athletes based on their potential to contribute towards the successful achievement of the identified objectives.

5.5. These selection criteria and any specific discipline criteria may be amended or supplemented, particularly where matters arise which have not been provided for in these criteria. Amendments will be approved by the Sport Climbing Australia Board and will be posted on the Sport Climbing Australia website.

5.6. All athletes seeking selection to the 2024 IFSC World Youth Championships are expected to compete in the 2024 SCA National Youth Championships. Only in extenuating circumstances will an athlete be considered for selection when absent from the National Youth Championships.

5.6.1. Please send an email to info@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au, no later than 17 April, 2024, explaining an athlete's planned absence and extenuating circumstance for consideration by the selection panel.

6. Athlete Selection

6.1. Any athlete seeking selection should forward an expression of interest to



info@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au, no later than **Wednesday, 24 April 2024**.

6.2. Each nomination should clearly state:

6.2.1. Athlete Name

6.2.2. Confirmation you meet SCA eligibility criteria.

6.2.3. Event(s) you are seeking selection for including what criteria you are claiming:

6.2.3.1. 5.4.1 – Automatic

6.2.3.2. 5.4.2 – Automatic

6.2.3.3. 5.4.3 – Automatic

6.2.3.4. 5.4.4 – Discretionary (Special Consideration).

6.2.3.4.1. This should include the provision of evidence to support your request for Special Consideration such as competition results, team selection history, training data, etc. SCA is not obliged to select any athlete due to or,

after Special Consideration. A discretionary selection will only be made if the selection panel believe an athlete capable of helping to achieve the objectives (2.0)

6.3. Provisional athlete selections will be confirmed on **Monday, 29 April 2024** and provisional selection will be communicated to athletes on **Wednesday, 1 May, 2024**. Final selection will be confirmed on May 7th, 2024.

6.4. Athletes will be required to accept an offer to join the 2024 SCAYT by **Tuesday, 10 May, 2024** including payment in full of the Team membership fee (3.0)

7. Appeals Process

7.1. Any appeal against a decision of a Panel must be made within 48 hours of the athlete being advised of their non-selection.

7.2. The appeal must be lodged in writing to info@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au and accompanied by the prescribed fee of \$250. If the matter does not proceed to a hearing or if the appeal is successful, the appeal fee will be refunded in full.



7.3. All correspondence for appeals and proof of payment should be forwarded to info@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au The prescribed fee is to be deposited by Electronic Funds Transfer.

7.4. An appeal must set out:

7.4.1. The decision in question.

7.4.2. The ground(s) on which the appeal is made.

7.4.3. The reasons or circumstances supporting the alleged ground of appeal.

7.4.4. All appeals will be overseen by the SCA Chair. The Chair has no power of selection or re-selection. The Chair may review the matter set out in the appeal and may (as appropriate) refer the matter back to the relevant Panel for consideration.

7.5. The Chair will review any appeal within 5 business days of it being lodged.

7.5.1. Any other athlete(s) who may be affected by the outcome of an appeal shall also be notified and provided with the opportunity to submit a written submission.

7.5.2. A decision will be communicated to all affected athletes within 24hrs of a decision having been made.

7.5.3. If the Chair considers the ground(s) alleged by the appellant to be satisfied, it shall refer the matter back to the relevant Panel for reconsideration. Each Panel member shall comply with any direction provided by the Chair in any referral. Any further selection decision of the Panel under the direction of the Chair shall be final, and no further appeal shall be available to the aggrieved person in respect of that selection.

8. Validity of Membership

SCAYT membership is valid from the time of acceptance of 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



youth team can also register to international events if there are spots available. Priority will be given to the preceding year's team members.

9. Disciplinary Procedure

Once climbers have obtained a place on the SCAYT, 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 SCAYT** for a period of time, as decided by the SCA board.

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

Athletes who are unable to maintain competitive standards at events will be given a yellow card. Athletes will then be expected to increase their competitive standard before the next event (training camp or regional competition). If these standards are not met for a second time, athletes may receive a red card and lose their place on the SCAYT.