



2016-17 Open National Team Selection Policy

Following the 2016-17 National Championships in each discipline, Climbing Escalade Canada (CEC) will announce the athletes selected to the Open National Team in that discipline.

Athletes selected for the Open National Team will be invited to attend specific competitions. Being selected for the Open National Team, however, does not provide automatic qualification for all competitions due to specific event quotas. The objective of the CEC is to put forward the strongest team possible for each competition.

The Open National Team will be selected by the CEC Open Team Selection Committee in accordance with the selection criteria outlined below. To be named to the Open National Team, athletes will not be required to formally apply but will be selected based on their results.

Minimum Requirements

In order for an athlete to be selected to the Open National Team, or to be considered as an Alternate for a specific event, the following minimum criteria must be met:

1. All applicants must possess a valid Canadian passport;
2. All applicants must hold a current CEC National License; and
3. With the exception of athletes who hold Extra Quota status as per the IFSC Rules, all bouldering and lead applicants must have finished in the Top 20 of the final 2016-17 National Open Ranking and all speed applicants must have achieved a qualifying time as outlined herein.

Selection Criteria: Bouldering & Lead

Automatic Selection Criteria

Within each discipline, athletes who meet the following criteria shall be automatically named to the Open National Team in the following order:

1. Any athlete who holds Extra Quota status as per the IFSC Rules;
2. Any athlete who finished in the Top 10 at the 2016 IFSC World Championships ;
3. Any athlete who is ranked in the Top 15 of the IFSC World Cup ranking;
4. Any athlete who has finished in the Top 10 at an IFSC World Cup during the previous season;
5. First place at the 2016-17 National Championships;
6. First place in the final 2016-17 National Open Ranking;
7. Second place at the 2016-17 National Championships; and
8. Third place at the 2016-17 National Championships.

Remaining Open National Team Selection



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If the number of Automatic Selections (not including Extra Quota athletes) totals less than 6, remaining team positions will be awarded based in order of placement in the final 2016-17 National Open Ranking until there are a minimum of 6 team members in addition to Extra Quota athletes.

Selection Criteria: Speed

Qualifying Times

Athletes must achieve a qualifying time on a standardized IFSC 10M or 15M speed wall. Qualifying times can be achieved during any round of the 2016-17 Canadian National Speed Championships. The qualifying times are based on the Paris World Championships 2016 round of 16 plus 2.5 seconds:

Men 6.7 plus 2.5 = 9.2 seconds

10m time = 5.52 seconds

Women 9.62 plus 2.5 = 12.12 seconds

10m time = 7.27 seconds

Automatic Selection Criteria

Athletes who meet the following criteria shall be automatically named to the Open National Speed Team in the following order (Note: must meet the qualifying time):

1. Any athlete who holds Extra Quota status for Speed, as per IFSC Rules;
2. Any athlete who finished in the Top 10 at the 2016 IFSC World Championships (Speed);
3. Any athlete who is ranked in the Top 15 of the IFSC Speed World Cup ranking;
4. Any athlete who finished in the Top 10 at an IFSC Speed World Cup during the previous season;
5. First place at the 2016-17 National Championships;
6. First place in the 2016-17 National Open Ranking; and
7. The athlete who posts the fastest time during any round of the 2016-17 National Championships.

Remaining Open National Team Selection

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Selection for Specific Events: All Disciplines

Eligible Athletes Not Selected to the Open National Team

Athletes who meet the Minimum Requirements outlined above who are not named to the Open National Team remain eligible to be selected to compete at specific IFSC events, subject to IFSC quotas.

Selection Process for Specific Events



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All athletes are required to apply to attend specific events, as outlined below. Selection for quota positions among eligible applicants is as follows:

1. Extra Quota athletes as per IFSC Rules are automatically eligible to participate in all IFSC events;
2. Open National Team members will be given the first opportunity to participate in all IFSC events;
3. If there are more Open National Team members than available quota spots for a specific event, quota positions will be filled in the order listed in the Automatic Selection Criteria above; and
4. Remaining quota spots, if any, will be offered to athletes who have attained the Minimum Requirements until the event quota is filled or there are no remaining eligible athletes.

Minimum Requirements for Speed

Qualifying times achieved on a standardized IFSC 10M or 15M speed wall during any round at a National Series Event, Provincial Championships, or USA Climbing National Championships can be considered for addition to the team for a specific event, based on the Open Team Selection Committee's discretion.

Application Process

How to Apply

Applications may be made at any time by CEC National License holders, who must apply in writing to the Open Team Selection Committee (cec.openteam@climbingcanada.ca). Applications must include the International event(s) and competition category being applied for.

Application Deadline

Applications must be received at least 60 days prior to the event(s) in question in order to facilitate licensing/registration. Prospective applicants should be aware that a failure to apply within the 60-day deadline may result in lower ranked athletes being assigned quota positions for specific events.

Notification Process

As soon as practicable following the 60 day deadline for each event, the Open Team Selection Committee will assign available quota positions from among the athletes who have applied for those events and all applicants will be advised of the Committee's decisions in a timely manner.

Successful applicants will be expected to confirm their attendance for the event(s) in question, sign an athlete's agreement, specific waiver, IFSC license agreement, anti-doping declaration and otherwise enter into a legal relationship with the CEC. In addition, successful applicants will be required to purchase a team uniform.

Injury Exception



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In the event of a verified injury that prevents an athlete from competing at the 2016-17 National Championships, the Open Team Selection Committee may, at its sole discretion, select an athlete either as a member of the Open National Team or select an athlete to attend a particular IFSC event, having regard to previous results at the National and International level.

Special Requests re Combined Ranking

The CEC reserves the right to allow any athlete who has been named to the National Team in two disciplines to compete in one or more IFSC World Cup events in a third discipline that they might otherwise not be qualified for. This exception, which would waive all minimum requirements as stated elsewhere in this policy, is intended to be used to allow an athlete to compete for a combined ranking in the 2017 IFSC World Cup season.