



Climbing Escalade Canada

2025 National Team Selection Policy Update

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Approved by: High Performance Director & High Performance Committee

Context and Purpose

This policy update addresses the recent inclusion of additional Pan American Cups on the 2025 IFSC Continental Calendar and outlines how Climbing Escalade Canada (CEC) will manage athlete selection and quota allocation for these events in accordance with the current National Team Program Policy and Canadian National Ranking (CNR) Policy.

New Event Added

An IFSC Pan American Cup has been confirmed:

Armenia, Colombia

November 21–27, 2025

(Boulder, Lead, and Speed)

Athlete quotas for Armenia are confirmed at **7 athletes per country/NF per discipline**.

Ranking Point Allocation

Per the IFSC Continental Ranking Policy and supporting IFSC documentation, performances at the Pan American Cup in Armenia will award IFSC ranking points down to **10th place**, using:

- **Status Factor:** 0.10
- **Continental Strength of Field Factor:** 1.25

These results will be reflected in the IFSC rankings. For the purposes of the CEC CNR, results will be evaluated in accordance with the current CNR Policy and the **Correction Notice** issued in May 2025.

National Team Squad Performance Objectives

Results from the Pan American Cup will be included in **National Team Squad placements**. Specifically, Pan American Cup results will be considered **equivalent to North American Cup results**.

This means:

- A **finalist** (or **Top 4 in Speed**) will earn a spot on the **National Team Development Squad**.
 - A **podium finish** at the Pan American Cup will count as **one of the two required performance benchmarks** for **National Team Performance Squad** selection.
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CEC Athlete Selection Process for the Pan American Cup

In the event that the quota (7 athletes per gender per discipline) exceeds the number of eligible or available National Team athletes, the following selection priority will apply, per discipline and gender:

1. **Current National Team athletes**
Invited in the same order and priority sequence used for other international events (as per the NTP).
 2. **2025 Youth World Championship semi-finalists**
Youth A (U19) athletes only, recognized as emerging high-performance candidates.
 3. **Top 15 CNR athletes**
 - Athletes aged U19 (Youth A) or U21 (Junior)
 - Invitations sent in descending order of CNR rank
 4. **Remaining Top 15 CNR athletes**
All other athletes within the Top 15 CNR not previously selected above.
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Development Emphasis

CEC will emphasize the selection of younger, emerging athletes to fill available quota spaces. This strategic focus supports long-term athlete development aligned with Olympic performance pathways.

Next Steps

Boulder invitations for the Armenia Pan American Cup will be extended after July 31st (following the Youth World Championships), based on the updated selection criteria communicated on June 23rd.

Lead and Speed athlete invitations will occur after the Salt Lake City NACS, taking place August 23–24, 2025.

Invitations will be managed by the High Performance Director in consultation with the High Performance Committee.

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