



**Climbing Escalade Canada  
("the Corporation")  
Foreign National Participants Policy**

## **1. Definitions**

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1.1 The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:

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| <i>Canadian Citizen</i>                  | An individual holding a valid Canadian Passport or other proof of Canadian Citizenship. Canadian Citizens may or may not reside in Canada.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <i>Canadian Resident</i>                 | An individual residing permanently in Canada, in the process of obtaining Canadian Citizenship or not, and who does not have an active membership in another National Climbing Federation. Examples include Permanent Resident, Landed Immigrant, Refugee. A Canadian Resident is not eligible to compete for Canada internationally under current IFSC and IOC Eligibility Guidelines.                                                                |
| <i>Foreign National (FN) Participant</i> | <p>Any participant wishing to compete in a CEC-sanctioned event and who is not currently a Canadian Citizen or Canadian Resident. A Foreign National participant is not eligible to compete for Canada internationally under current IFSC and IOC Eligibility Guidelines.</p> <p>CEC recognize two types of Foreign National Participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Temporary Residents</li><li>- Affiliated Participants</li></ul> |
| <i>Temporary Resident</i>                | An individual residing temporarily in Canada and who does not have an active membership in another National Federation (NF). Examples include exchange student, temporary working visa holder.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <i>Affiliated Participant</i>            | An individual who is not a Canadian Citizen or Canadian Resident and is an active member of another National Federation (NF).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>National Federation (NF)</i>          | Sole organization that governs sport climbing in a country, recognized by the IFSC. Examples: Climbing Escalade Canada (CEC), USA Climbing (USAC), Sport Climbing Australia (SCA), Fédération Française de la Montagne et de l'Escalade (FFME).                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>IFSC</i>                              | International Federation of Sport Climbing, the International Federation governing sport climbing, of which CEC is a member.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <i>IOC</i>                               | International Olympic Committee, the international body governing the Olympic Games. CEC is a member of the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| <i>Continuous National Ranking (CNR)</i> | CEC's National Ranking System with the purpose of ranking athletes based on performance at multiple levels of domestic, continental and world competitions. The CNR is used in the selection of athletes for the Canadian High-Performance Program. |
| <i>High Performance Program (HPP)</i>    | CEC's Program for elite athletes. The HPP enhances athlete development and performance through support from CEC Coaching Staff, invitations to Training Camps and access to Canadian Sport System resources.                                        |
| <i>Sport Canada</i>                      | CEC is a Sport Canada funded National Sport Organization, and as such, must follow rules and regulations put in place by Sport Canada.                                                                                                              |
| <i>Athlete Assistance Program (AAP)</i>  | Sport Canada's sport funding program that contributes to the pursuit of excellence. To be eligible for the AAP, an athlete must be a Canadian Citizen.                                                                                              |

## **2. Application**

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- 2.1 This policy applies to all CEC-sanctioned events and programs. This includes, but is not limited to, Regional and National Championships, Development National Camps, and High-Performance Program and Events.
- 2.2 This policy does not apply to Continental or International Events held in Canada (ex: North America Cup Series).

## **3. Guiding Principles**

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- 3.1 CEC strives to create a positive and inclusive competitive environment for all participants, regardless of citizenship status.
- 3.2 CEC supports participation in sport for all Canadians, regardless of citizenship status, up until international rules apply.

## **4. Eligibility**

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- 4.1 The following individuals are eligible to compete at CEC-Sanctioned events, with no restriction nor change to the Event Competition Format:
  - a. Canadian Citizen: an individual holding a valid Canadian Passport or other proof of Canadian Citizenship. Canadian Citizens may or may not reside in Canada.
  - b. Canadian Resident: An individual residing permanently in Canada, in the process of obtaining Canadian Citizenship or not, and who does not have an active membership in another National Climbing Federation. Examples include Permanent Resident, Landed Immigrant, Refugee.
  - 4.1.1 Canadian Citizens and Residents must qualify for CEC Sanctioned-events through the provincial or territorial qualification process, or the High-Performance qualification process when applicable.
- 4.2 The following individuals may be permitted to compete at CEC-Sanctioned events, with changes to the Event Competition Format:
  - a. Temporary Resident: an individual residing temporarily in Canada and who does not have an active membership in another National Federation (NF). Examples include exchange student, temporary working visa holder.
  - b. Affiliated Participant: an individual who is not a Canadian Citizen or Canadian Resident and is an active member of another National Federation (NF).

- 4.2.1 Temporary Residents and Affiliated Participants are listed as Foreign National (FN) Participants when registering with CEC.
- 4.2.2 Temporary Residents and Affiliated Foreign National Participants must apply and be approved in order to participate in CEC Sanctioned-events. Please refer to section 5 for the Application and Selection Process.

## 5. Application and Selection Process

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5.1 To participate in CEC-sanctioned events, Foreign National Participants must follow these steps:

- a. Candidates must apply to CEC to be invited and must be recommended by the affiliated National Federation (NF) that they are a member of if applicable. Applications must be submitted 2 months in advance of an event. Invitations will be sent to selected athletes within 30 days of the event start date
- b. If accepted, candidates must complete all required registration steps, as directed by CEC.
- c. Candidates must purchase a CEC International License, the fee for which is set by the CEC board of directors and may be adjusted from time to time.

5.1.1 Candidates do not need to qualify through a Provincial or Territorial Sport Organization (PTSO). They are automatically accepted into the event by CEC, once approved and invited by CEC.

5.2 The decision to invite Foreign National Participants will be the responsibility of the CEC High Performance Committee (HPC). The following factors will be considered, in order of priority:

- a. Event Capacity: is there capacity (both physical and time) for the candidate at the event?
- b. Competitive benefit to the CEC event field: will the presence of the candidate in the field benefit Canadian athletes by making the event more competitive? Evidence: IFSC ranking, National ranking, Results from recent past.
- c. Contribution to CEC outside the event: is the candidate residing in Canada? Will they participate in more events? Do they contribute in some way outside of the competition to the Canadian competition climbing community? Evidence: living in Canada. Involved in organization in some capacity. On the local team. Length of time in Canada.
- d. Profile: does the candidate personal's profile/reputation improve the exposure of the event? Evidence: Athlete familiarity in comp climbing scene. Media presence.
- e. Other Benefits: will the candidate's participation in the event lead to some other tangible benefit to CEC and the comp climbing community? Evidence: case by case proposals or opportunities.

## 6. Implementation

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6.1 Event Competition Format

6.1.1 **Boulder / Lead:** Foreign National Participants will be considered as "extra-quotas" for the Semi and Final Rounds of a competition. For every FN participant qualifying for the above-mentioned rounds, an equivalent of Canadian participants will be added to the round, based on ranking. For example, in a Semi final round of 20, where 2 FN participants qualified, the next 2 ranked-Canadian participants would be added, regardless of how many other FN participants ranked after 20 and between the next 2 Canadian participants.

6.1.2 **Speed:** Foreign National Participants will not advance to the Round of 16 (knockout round).

6.2 Award Ceremony

6.2.1 Following the results of a competition, and prior to the Award Ceremony, final podium rankings will be produced as follows:

- a. Event Podium: Gold, Silver, Bronze from all athletes in attendance

- b. Canadian Podium: Gold, Silver, Bronze from all Canadian Citizens and Canadian Residents athletes in attendance
- 6.2.2 Should both podiums be the same, only one Award Ceremony will take place.
- 6.2.3 If podiums are different, the Award Ceremony will take place in two steps, with the following distribution of the Award package:
  - a. Event Podium with distribution of Event Trophy and Cash Prizes
  - b. Canadian Podium with distribution of Event Medals and Sponsors Prizes (if any)

### 6.3 Continuous National Ranking (CNR)

- 6.3.1 CNR points will be allocated only to Canadian Citizen Athletes.
- 6.3.2 Following the completion of every CNR eligible events, a new ranking will be produced including only results from Canadian Citizen Athletes. This ranking will exclude results from Canadian Residents, Temporary Residents, and Affiliated Participants.
- 6.3.3 For example: if an Affiliated Participant finishes 3rd at CEC Nationals, the 4th place Canadian Citizen athlete will be assigned 3rd place points for the event. All other Canadian Citizen athletes will also move up accordingly.

## 7. Further Considerations

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- 7.1 Canadian Residents in the process of obtaining their Canadian Citizenship and interested in being considered for the Continuous National Ranking can contact CEC for support.
- 7.2 Sport Canada, through their Athletes Assistance Program, can, in some cases, put in a request for accelerated citizenship considerations.
- 7.3 All request should be directed to the CEC High-Performance Director at [hpd@climbingcanada.ca](mailto:hpd@climbingcanada.ca)

## 8. Summary Table

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| A- Welcome to attend ALL CEC Events, must qualify through          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                       |
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| 1. Provincial Qualification or<br>2. HPP Pre-Qualification Pathway |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                       |
| Canadian Citizen                                                   | An individual holding a valid Canadian Passport or other proof of Canadian Citizenship. Canadian Citizens may or may not reside in Canada.<br><br><i>(currently residing in Canada or outside of Canada)</i>                                                 | No change to event<br><br>Will receive CNR points     |
| Canadian Resident                                                  | An individual residing permanently in Canada, in the process of obtaining Canadian Citizenship or not, and who does not have an active membership in another National Climbing Federation.<br><br><i>(ex: Permanent Resident, Landed Immigrant, Refugee)</i> | No change to event<br><br>Will NOT receive CNR points |

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| <p>B - May be invited to attend CEC Events, MUST apply to CEC for consideration</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Competitor must bring VALUE to the event and the Canadian Community</li> <li>2. Competitor must be supported by their National Federation</li> <li>3. No provincial qualification required</li> </ol> <p>Number accepted in event will be based on Event Capacity and Canadian Participation</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                   |
| Temporary Resident                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>An individual residing temporarily in Canada and who does not have an active membership in another National Federation (NF).</p> <p><i>(ex: exchange student, temporary working visa holder.)</i></p> | <p>Quotas will be added to Semis and Final Rounds if this individual qualifies</p> <p>E.g. Top 21 to Semis</p> <p>Will NOT receive CNR points</p> |
| Affiliated Participant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p>An individual who is not a Canadian Citizen or Canadian Resident and is an active member of another National Federation (NF).</p>                                                                     | <p>Quotas will be added to Semis and Final Rounds if this individual qualifies</p> <p>E.g. Top 21 to Semis</p> <p>Will NOT receive CNR points</p> |
| <p>Temporary Residents and Affiliated Participants are the only two recognized Foreign National exceptions by CEC.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                   |

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