

**Climbing Escalade Canada**  
**2027 Lima Pan American Games**  
**Provisional Internal Nomination Procedure**

**Event:** Lima 2027 Pan American Games (PAG)

**Pan American Games Dates:** 23 July – 8 August 2027

**Sport Climbing Competition Dates:** TBC

**Location:** Lima, Peru

**Climbing Escalade Canada Team Selection Date:** March 1, 2027

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**Oversight:** Climbing Escalade Canada's High-Performance Director

## **PREAMBLE**

This provision, Internal Nomination Produce (INP), is being released with Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) approval ahead of World Climbing at its Pan American Council's release of the final Lima 2027 PAG Qualification System (QS) in order to capitalize on the entire 2026 World, Pan Am Cup and North American competitive seasons. This INP will be updated once the final Lima 2027 PAG QS has been finalized.

## **SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Purpose**

This document outlines the qualification and nomination procedures upon which Climbing Escalade Canada (CEC) will determine those athletes who will be nominated to represent Canada at the Lima 2027 (PAG) as members of the CEC's National Team.

### **1.2 Objectives**

The objective of this nomination process is to identify and nominate athletes with the greatest likelihood of achieving podium finishes at the Lima 2027 PAGs. CEC's target outcome objective is to achieve three (3) podium results across all disciplines.

### **1.3 Team Size**

CEC's team size at the Lima 2027 Pan American Games will be determined by World Climbing's PAG qualification process. The maximum number of athletes per NOC who can qualify for the Lima 2027 Pan American Games is 9 women and 9 men (3 in Boulder, 3 in Lead, and 3 in Speed for each gender). A link to the Lima

2027 PAG Qualification System for Climbing will be added to this section once released.

**SECTION 2: DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY**

The High Performance Director (HPD), in conjunction with the High Performance Governance Committee (HPGC), is responsible for developing, approving, and implementing these Selection Criteria. All Lima 2027 PAG nominations will be brought to the HPGC for consultation, with final approval by the High Performance Director (HPD). The HPD Performance Director is responsible for ensuring that the process outlined in this document is properly followed and that the selection process is fair and equitable for all candidates.

**SECTION 3: ON-SITE DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY**

The High Performance Director is responsible for on-site decisions at the Lima 2027 Pan American Games.

**SECTION 4: INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION CRITERIA**

According to World Climbing’s current draft of the Pan American Games Qualification System<sup>1</sup> established by World Climbing, each National Olympic Committee (NOC) can qualify a maximum of three (3) athletes per gender in the Boulder, Lead and Speed Sport Climbing disciplines at the Lima 2027 Pan American Games for a total NOC Sport Climbing team size of 18 athletes (9 male and 9 female)

Athletes may qualify for the Lima 2027 Pan American Games through the following two (2) pathways:

| Pathway                                                                  |           | Boulder (per gender) | Lead (per gender) | Speed (per gender) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>1. Pan American Selection Competition (TBC): (Nomination by name)</b> |           | 1                    | 1                 | 1                  |
| <b>2. World Series National Team Ranking 2026</b><br>(Nomination by NOC) | NF Rank 1 | 3                    | 3                 | 3                  |
|                                                                          | NF Rank 2 | 3                    | 3                 | 3                  |
|                                                                          | NF Rank 3 | 3                    | 3                 | 2                  |
|                                                                          | NF Rank 4 | 2                    | 2                 | 2                  |

<sup>1</sup> Final Lima2027 Pan Am Games Qualification System will be inserted once published by World Climbing

| Pathway                            |                  | Boulder (per gender)      | Lead (per gender)         | Speed (per gender)        |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                    | NF Rank 5        | 2                         | 2                         | 1                         |
|                                    | NF Rank 6        | 1                         | 1                         | 1                         |
|                                    | NF Rank 7        | 1                         | 1                         | <i>If, reallocation..</i> |
|                                    | <i>NF Rank 8</i> | <i>If, reallocation..</i> | <i>If, reallocation..</i> | ...                       |
|                                    | <i>NF Rank 9</i> | <i>If, reallocation..</i> | ....                      | ...                       |
| <b>3. Host Country Place</b>       |                  | 1                         | 1                         | 1                         |
| <b>Athlete subtotal per gender</b> |                  | <b>17</b>                 | <b>17</b>                 | <b>14</b>                 |

The full details on the NOC quota breakdown will be available in the final QS for Lima 2027 and will be available here once it is released.

## **SECTION 5: ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible to compete at the Lima 2027 Pan American Games, athletes must meet the following requirements:

- Be eligible to represent Canada at PAG
- Be a registered member of Climbing Canada and a member in good standing.
- Athletes must have signed the 2026-2027 CEC Athlete Agreement.
- Be eligible to compete in [the World Climbing Open competition class](#)
- Accept nomination to the team via email by the deadline (March 15th, 2027) that has been specified by Climbing Canada.
- Maintain eligibility in accordance with CEC, the COC, Pan Am Sports and World Climbing guidelines for athlete eligibility within the sport.
- Sign, submit, and comply with the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) Athlete Agreement and Lima 2027 Pan American Games Eligibility Conditions Form no later than June 21, 2027. Where an athlete is under 19 years of age, the parent or guardian must also sign these agreements.
- Athletes must complete all registration requirements required by the COC by June 21, 2027, to be eligible for nomination to the Team Selection Committee
- Athletes must possess a valid Canadian passport which does not expire for at least 6 months after the closing ceremonies of the Pan American Games. Comply in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules of World Climbing, the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) and the Anti-Doping Rules of any other Anti-Doping Organization that has authority over them and must not be serving a period of ineligibility for an anti-

doping rule violation.

- Not be subject to any suspension or disqualification imposed by CEC or any other authority that has jurisdiction over them.
- Hold a valid international license issued by World Climbing

## **SECTION 6: NSO SELECTION CRITERIA**

At the time of writing, World Climbing and its Pan Am Council have released the first draft of the Lima 2027 PAG Qualification System (QS). The draft QS document lists two pathways detailed in section 6.1 below. Should any changes occur to the QS document during the ratification process, this INP will be updated and all stakeholders notified within one week via email, including a web link to the document.

### **6.1 Selection Process**

#### **Pathway 1: Pan American Selection Competition**

CEC will nominate athletes by name who have earned a Lima 2027 PAG quota through placement at the Pan American Selection Competition. This competition is the designated PAG Qualifier event hosted by World Climbing's Pan Am Council. At the time of writing, the designated Pan American Selection Competition is the South American Games, which is currently not open to athletes from outside of South America. This may mean that CEC athletes will not be eligible to access Pathway 1 for Lima 2027 PAG quota allocation.

#### **Pathway 2: World Series National Team Ranking 2026**

Based upon World Climbing National Federation quota allocations, CEC will nominate athletes based upon their ranking in CEC's Lima2027 PAG National Ranking System. This athlete ranking system will run from April 2026 to February 2027 inclusively and adhere to the following conditions:

- Boulder and Lead Disciplines
  - Athletes will earn "Event Points" for results at CEC's Continuous National Ranking (CNR) identified competitions, according to current Event Point calculations contained in the [2026 National Team Program Policy](#). Further details related to Event Point calculations can be found on CEC's [Boulder Athlete Ranking Dashboard](#) and [Lead Athlete Ranking Dashboard](#).
  - National Team "Squads" as defined in the 2026 National Team Program Policy will not apply to the Lima 2027 PAG National Ranking System.

- Event Point decay, as defined in the 2026 National Team Program Policy, will not apply to the Lima 2027 PAG National Ranking System.
- Ongoing Lima 2027 PAG National Ranking System athlete points will be publicly available on CEC’s discipline-specific Athlete Ranking Dashboards.
- On March 1st, 2027, each athlete’s top three Event Points earned at CNR-eligible competitions since April 1, 2026, will be totalled to determine all athletes’ relative ranking.
  - Should a tie exist in Lead and Boulder on March 1st, 2027, at the completion of CEC’s Lima 2027 PAG National Ranking System, the tied athletes’ top two (2) ranking points will be calculated, and the athletes will be ranked. Should a tie remain, the results of the 2027 National Championships will be used to break the tie. If both tied athletes were not present at the 2027 National Championships, the results of the last competition they both competed in would be used to break the tie.
    - a . Should the tie persist, the HPD will break the tie considering the accumulated results at the events below in priority sequence:
      - Results at the 2026 World Climbing World Series competitions
      - Results at the 2026 Pan Am Championships
      - Results at 2026 Pan Am Cups
      - Results at 2026 North American Cups
      - Results at 2027 CEC Nationals Championships
- Speed Discipline
  - Athletes will be ranked by taking an average of their best five (5) climb times at CNR-eligible events over the Lima 2027 PAG National Ranking System time frame. Only an athlete's best two (2) climb times/competition will be included.
    - Should a tie exist in Speed on March 1st, 2027, at the

completion of the Lima 2027 PAG National Ranking System, the athlete with the fastest single time at a PAG ranking system competition will be selected. Should a tie remain, the results of the 2027 National Championships will be used to break the tie. If both tied athletes were not present at the 2027 National Championships, the results of the last competition they both competed in would be used to break the tie.

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- Results at the 2026 World Climbing World Series competitions
  - Results at the 2026 Pan Am Championships
  - Results at 2026 Pan Am Cups
  - Results at 2026 North American Cups
  - Results at 2027 CEC Nationals Championships
- For U19 speed athletes during the Lima 2027 PAG National Ranking System time frame (April 21, 2026, to March 1, 2027), their 2027 Youth Speed Nationals U19/Youth A climb times (maximum of two) may be added to their ranking in addition to their Senior Speed National division climb times (maximum of two)
  - Should the number of National, Continental and International Speed competitions opportunities be limited due to extenuating circumstances, CEC may choose to host official non-competition speed climbing events where athletes may post CNR eligible climb times towards the Lima 2027 PAG National Ranking System. Only an athlete's top two (2) climbs from a maximum of 6 official timed attempts would be allowed to be added to their national ranking.

## **6.2. Alternate Athlete Selection Process**

In announcing the final nomination for the Lima 2027 Pan American Games, CEC will also announce alternate athletes who may be called upon to replace an athlete who is unable to compete. These athletes' information will be submitted to the COC at the same time as the selected athletes' information. Should a nominated athlete be removed from the team or become unable to compete, alternate

athletes will be selected from CEC's Lima 2027 PAG National Ranking System in priority order. Alternate athletes will not travel to the Lima 2027 PAG unless nominated to fill an open quota spot and compete. Alternate athletes will be the next-ranked athlete in CEC's Lima 2027 PAG National Ranking System.

### **6.3. Removal of an Athlete Once Selected/Nominated**

Between selection on March 1st and the end of the Pan American Games, an athlete may be removed from CEC's Lima 2027 Pan American Team in the following circumstances:

- They incur an injury or illness or undergo a change in training status that, in the opinion of the HPGC and the HPD, in consultation with the IST Lead or Chief Medical Officer (at-Games), renders them unfit or unready for competition.
- At pre-games camps or events, the athlete is unable to demonstrate performance readiness to the satisfaction of the coach/HPG
- They are found to have breached any of CEC's or COC's policies or the policies of any other sport organization that has jurisdiction over them and have had a suspension imposed against them that will be served during the Lima 2027 Pan American Games.

In addition to following the requirements detailed above, as applicable, or in any other relevant and applicable section of these Selection Criteria, any decision to remove an athlete from the Lima 2027 Pan American Games Team will be made by the High Performance Director.

### **6.4. Injury, Illness, or Change in Training Status**

Athletes are required to immediately report any injury, illness, or change in training status that could affect their ability to compete at the Lima 2027 Pan American Games. Failure to properly report injury or illness prior to the event may result in the athlete being deselected from the Lima 2027 Pan American Games Team. Notification must be sent immediately to the High Performance Director.

Once notified of an athlete's injury, illness, or change in training status that could affect their performance, Climbing Canada will work with the athlete, Head Coach, and available IST resources to ensure a complete injury and illness assessment has occurred, and a recovery plan is in place. This assessment will include a determination of the athlete's potential for recovery and ability to compete at their best.

However, if, following the assessment above, the athlete is deemed unfit to resume training/competition, the athlete will be declared unready for competition

and may, by decision of the HPD, in consultation with the HPGC, be removed from the Lima 2027 Pan American Games Team.

## **SECTION 7: TRAINING COMMITMENT AND MANDATORY EVENTS**

CEC reserves the right to mandate athlete participation at key competitions or training camps as a condition of Lima2027 PAG Team participation or nomination. Unless authorized in advance by the HPD, failure or inability to attend scheduled activities may result in removal from the team or disqualification from nomination. The dates and locations for mandatory events will be shared with at least 12 weeks' notice and are subject to change with at least 6 weeks' notice.

## **SECTION 8: INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND WELLNESS PROTOCOLS**

Qualifying team members must comply with all infectious disease and wellness protocols prescribed by CEC, COC, Pan Am Sport or the IOC to protect personal health, performance, and competitive results. Failure to follow these protocols may result in removal from participation in the 2027 Pan American Games. These protocols will be communicated before the event.

## **SECTION 9: AMENDMENTS AND UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES**

Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to CEC members. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials that formed part of the selection criteria, unless they are related to an unforeseen circumstance. This is to allow for changes to this document that may result from changes to World Climbing's PAG Qualification System, lack of clarity around definitions or wording, or quota re-adjustment. If the document is changed, CEC will inform the COC of the reasons for the change as soon as possible.

- In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of CEC that prevent the fair implementation of these Internal Nomination Procedures as written, the HPD and HPGC shall have the full discretion to resolve the matter as they see fit, considering factors and circumstances that they deem relevant.

In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the selection process to be fairly and objectively applied, the high performance director, in consultation with the high performance committee and executive director, reserves the right to rule on an appropriate course of action.

## **SECTION 10: APPEALS**

Any athlete who is directly affected by a selection decision of Climbing Canada

may appeal that decision to Climbing Canada according to the [CEC Appeal Policy](#). If an appeal is not resolved by the CEC Discipline and Complaints policy process, the Appellant has the option to have the appeal heard directly before SDRCC. In cases where time is critical, CEC and the athletes may choose to bypass the CEC Discipline and Complaints Policy and proceed directly to SRCC

## **SECTION 11: STAFF SELECTION**

To be eligible to be selected as staff for the Lima 2027 Pan American Games, individuals must meet the following requirements:

- Be a registered member of CEC and a member in good standing.
- Sign, submit, and comply with the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) Team Agreement and Lima 2027 Pan American Games Conditions of Participation form by the required deadline, as well as all registration requirements in effect at the time of Selection.
- Staff must possess a valid passport and are responsible for ensuring visa requirements are met to enter Peru. Passports must not expire within 6 months of the closing ceremony. (date TBC)
- Coaches must be members in good standing with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada
- Comply in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules of the IFSC, the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) and the Anti-Doping Rules of any other Anti-Doping Organization that has authority over them, and must not be serving a period of ineligibility for an anti-doping rule violation; and
- Not be subject to any suspension or disqualification imposed by Climbing Canada or any other authority that has jurisdiction over them.
- Comply with CEC, COC, Pan Am Sports and Host Country vaccination requirements and policies.
- CEC's HPD has the sole discretion in selecting the support staff, including Team Leader, Coach and IST for the Lima 2027 Pan American Games. The support staff will be selected based on the principle of sending a team of specialists best able to assist athletes in achieving podium performances at the Games. All selections are subject to COC approval.
- Be 18 years of age or older at the time of nomination.

## **SECTION 12: INP PUBLICATION**

CEC's INP for the Lima 2027 Pan Am Games will be published in April 2026. The INP will be circulated via email to all 2026-2027 National Team athletes and coaches and posted on CEC's website. All subsequent amendments to the

approved INP will be circulated to all 2026-2027 high performance program athletes and coaches and posted on CEC’s website.

### **SECTION 13: FUNDING**

CEC’s Lima 2027 Pan American Games Team will be funded by the Canadian Olympic Committee, CEC, or athlete contributions, as dictated by CEC's fiscal realities. Deviation from team-approved travel and hospitality plans may result in personal cost to athletes and staff.

### **SECTION 14: TIMELINE**

| <b>Date</b>                     | <b>Milestone</b>                                                                                                   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| April 2026                      | World Climbing publication of Lima2027 PAG Qualification System                                                    |
| October 2026                    | End of qualification period for World Climbing                                                                     |
| November to December 2026 (TBC) | NOC quota allocation from ranking (quota per country) and confirmation period with NOCs (in coordination with NFs) |
| March 15, 2027                  | Athlete nomination acceptance deadline                                                                             |
| April 16, 2027                  | NOC entries by number (long list)                                                                                  |
| June 21, 2027                   | Complete all CEC, COC and Pan Am Sport requirements                                                                |
| June 25, 2027                   | NOC entries by name (short list)                                                                                   |
| July 23, 2027                   | Lima 2027 PAG Opening Ceremonies                                                                                   |
| TBC                             | Lima 2027 PAG Sport Climbing Competition                                                                           |

### **SECTION 15: CONTACT INFORMATION**

For clarification regarding questions related to the selection criteria, please contact: High Performance Director, Kraig Devlin at [kraig@climbingcanda.ca](mailto:kraig@climbingcanda.ca)