

Climbing Escalade Canada 2027 Lima Pan American Games Final Internal Nomination Procedure

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PREAMBLE

This Internal Nomination Procedure (INP) has been finalized following the release of the [Lima 2027 Pan American Games Qualification System for Climbing](#). The INP outlines the process through which Climbing Escalade Canada (CEC), in coordination with the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC), will nominate athletes to represent Canada at the Lima 2027 Pan American Games, subject to Canada receiving quota places through the applicable qualification pathways.

This INP is intended to align with the final Lima 2027 Qualification System, COC requirements, CEC policies, Panam Sports requirements, and World Climbing rules. If any inconsistency exists between this INP and the final Lima 2027 Qualification System, the final Qualification System and applicable COC/Panam Sports requirements will prevail, and CEC will amend this INP as required.

SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

This document outlines the qualification and nomination procedures by which CEC will determine which athletes will be nominated to represent Canada at the Lima 2027 Pan American Games as members of 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 Pan American Games. 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 Canada's quota allocation through the Lima 2027 Qualification System. The maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee (NOC) is three (3) athletes per gender per event in Boulder, Lead, and Speed. Therefore, the maximum possible Canadian Sport Climbing team size is nine (9) women and nine (9) men, for a total of eighteen (18) athletes.

The final quota distribution per gender is seventeen (17) athletes in Boulder, seventeen (17) athletes in Lead, and fourteen (14) athletes in Speed. Each event/gender includes one (1) host country quota place for Peru, which is independent of the quota places earned through the qualification pathways.

1.4 Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Qualification Context

The Lima 2027 Qualification System states that, in Climbing, the highest-placed athlete per event, per gender, at Lima 2027 will obtain one (1) quota place for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games, subject to the maximum quota per gender per NOC as set out in the LA 2028 Qualification System for Climbing. This INP governs only nomination to the Lima 2027 Pan American Games. Any subsequent Olympic nomination process will be governed by the applicable LA 2028 Qualification System, COC requirements, and CEC Olympic Internal Nomination Procedure.

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 Pan American Games nominations will be brought to the HPGC for consultation, with final approval by the HPD. The HPD 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 HPD is responsible for on-site decisions at the Lima 2027 Pan American Games. Where required, the HPD may consult with CEC support staff, the HPGC, the COC, and/or applicable medical or integrated support team personnel before making an on-site decision.

SECTION 4: INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION CRITERIA

According to the final Lima 2027 Pan American Games Qualification System for Climbing, athletes may qualify for Lima 2027 through two (2) qualification pathways, followed by host country allocation and any applicable reallocation. Event-based qualifications are allocated to athletes by name. Ranking-based qualification through the World Climbing Series National Team Ranking 2026 is allocated to NOCs, which then select athletes in coordination with their National Federations and internal selection processes.

The quota places per event and per gender are as follows:

Qualification pathway/ranking	Boulder (per gender)	Lead (per gender)	Speed (per gender)
South American Games Santa Fe 2026	1	1	1
WCS National Team Ranking - NOC Rank 1	3	3	3
WCS National Team Ranking - NOC Rank 2	3	3	3
WCS National Team Ranking - NOC Rank 3	3	3	2
WCS National Team Ranking - NOC Rank 4	2	2	2
WCS National Team Ranking - NOC Rank 5	2	2	1
WCS National Team Ranking - NOC Rank 6	1	1	1
WCS National Team Ranking - NOC Rank 7	1	1	-
WCS National Team Ranking subtotal	15	15	12
Host Country Place	1	1	1
Total quota places per gender	17	17	14

Unused quota places are reallocated in accordance with the procedures set out in the final Lima 2027 Qualification System. Reallocation must respect the maximum NOC quota per event and per gender.

SECTION 5: ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

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

- Be eligible to represent Canada at the Lima 2027 Pan American Games.
- Be born before January 1, 2011.
- Be a registered member of Climbing Canada and a member in good standing.
- Have signed the 2026-2027 CEC Athlete Agreement.
- Be eligible to compete in the [World Climbing Open competition class](#).
- Hold a valid international license issued by World Climbing during the qualifying year and at the time required for Lima 2027 participation.
- Not have been banned from participating in any World Climbing competitions during the qualifying year.
- Accept nomination to the team by email by the deadline specified by CEC, which is March 15, 2027, unless amended in writing by CEC.
- Maintain eligibility in accordance with CEC, the COC, Panam Sports, and World Climbing guidelines for athlete eligibility within the sport.
- Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement, Lima 2027 Pan American Games Eligibility Conditions Form, and all other required Games documentation by the deadlines established by CEC, the COC, Panam Sports, and/or World Climbing. Where an athlete is under 19 years of age, the parent or guardian must also sign the required agreements.

- Complete all registration, accreditation, Safe Sport, anti-doping education, and administrative requirements required by CEC, the COC, Panam Sports, and World Climbing by the applicable deadlines.
- Possess a valid Canadian passport that does not expire for at least six (6) months after the closing ceremony of the Lima 2027 Pan American Games, and satisfy all applicable entry, visa, and travel requirements for Peru.
- 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 not be serving a period of ineligibility for an anti-doping rule violation.
- Not be subject to any suspension or disqualification imposed by CEC, the COC, World Climbing, Panam Sports, or any other authority that has jurisdiction over them.

SECTION 6: NSO SELECTION CRITERIA

At the time of finalization, World Climbing and Panam Sports have released the final Lima 2027 Qualification System. The final Qualification System lists two qualification pathways: (1) South American Games Santa Fe 2026, with quota places allocated to athletes by name, and (2) World Climbing Series National Team Ranking 2026, with quota places allocated to NOCs. CEC's internal nomination process applies to Canadian athletes and to any quota places available to Canada.

6.1 Selection Process

Pathway 1: South American Games Santa Fe 2026

The South American Games Santa Fe 2026 will take place in Argentina from September 22-25, 2026. The highest-ranked athlete in each event and gender will obtain one (1) quota place. These quota places are allocated to athletes by name.

The South American Games Santa Fe 2026 pathway is open to ODESUR member countries whose National Federations are affiliated with World Climbing. As Canada is not an ODESUR member, CEC athletes are not eligible for this pathway. If this pathway becomes available to Canadian athletes, CEC will nominate any athlete who earns a quota place by name, subject to the athlete satisfying all eligibility requirements in this INP and all COC, Panam Sports, and World Climbing requirements.

Pathway 2: World Climbing Series National Team Ranking 2026

The World Climbing Series National Team Ranking 2026 is gender separated and concludes on October 31, 2026. Quota places earned through this ranking are allocated to NOCs. Based on the quota places allocated to Canada, CEC will nominate athletes in accordance with CEC's Lima 2027 PAG National Ranking System, subject to the eligibility requirements for athletes in this INP.

CEC's Lima 2027 PAG National Ranking System will run from April 2026 to February 2027, inclusive, with final calculations and team selection on March 1, 2027. The system will adhere to the following conditions:

Boulder and Lead Disciplines

- Athletes will earn Event Points for results at CEC Continuous National Ranking (CNR) identified competitions, according to the Event Point calculations contained in the 2026 National Team Program Policy.
- 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 points will be publicly available on CEC's [Boulder](#) and [Lead](#) Dashboards.

- On March 1, 2027, each athlete's top three (3) 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 or Boulder on March 1, 2027, at the completion of CEC's Lima 2027 PAG National Ranking System, the tied athletes' top two (2) Event 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 athletes were not present at the 2027 National Championships, the results of the last competition in which both athletes competed will be used to break the tie.

Should the tie persist, the HPD will break the tie considering the accumulated results at the following events in priority sequence:

- Results at the 2026 World Climbing World Series competitions.
- Results at the 2026 Pan American Championships.
- Results at the 2026 Pan American Cups.
- Results at the 2026 North American Cups.
- Results at 2027 CEC National 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 per competition will be included.

Ongoing Lima 2027 PAG National Ranking System athlete speed times will be publicly available on CEC's [Speed Dashboard](#).

On March 1, 2027, the best five (5) climb times earned at CNR-eligible competitions since April 1, 2026, will be averaged to determine all athletes' relative ranking.

- Should a tie exist in Speed on March 1, 2027, at the completion of CEC's 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 athletes were not present at the 2027 National Championships, the results of the last competition in which both athletes competed will be used to break the tie.

Should the tie persist, the HPD will break the tie considering the accumulated results at the following events in priority sequence:

- Results at the 2026 World Climbing World Series competitions.
- Results at the 2026 Pan American Championships.
- Results at the 2026 Pan American Cups.
- Results at the 2026 North American Cups.
- Results at 2027 CEC National 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, or international Speed competition 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 toward the Lima 2027 PAG National Ranking System. Only an athlete's top two (2) climbs from a maximum of six (6) official timed attempts may be added to their national ranking.

6.2 Quota Confirmation and Reallocation

Quota confirmation and reallocation will be carried out in accordance with the final Lima 2027 Qualification System. Ranking-based quota places are allocated to NOCs, not athletes by name. Canada

may therefore confirm the use of NOC quota places before CEC's March 1, 2027, athlete nomination date.

- For South American Games Santa Fe 2026 quota places, World Climbing will confirm quota places by September 30, 2026. NOCs must confirm or decline those quota places by October 14, 2026.
- For World Climbing Series National Team Ranking 2026 quota places, World Climbing will confirm quota places by November 5, 2026. NOCs must confirm or decline those quota places by November 19, 2026.
- World Climbing will confirm any reallocated quota places by November 23, 2026, and NOCs receiving reallocated quota places must confirm participation by November 30, 2026.
- After all quota confirmations conclude, World Climbing may continue to reallocate unused quota places according to the final Qualification System, with no reallocation permitted after commencement of the Technical Meeting.

If Canada receives an additional or reallocated ranking-based quota place after CEC's March 1, 2027, Team Selection Date, CEC will nominate the next-ranked eligible athlete in the applicable event and gender from CEC's Lima 2027 PAG National Ranking System, unless exceptional circumstances require application of Section 9.

6.3 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. Information for these athletes may be submitted to the COC at the same time as information for the selected athletes, subject to COC requirements and available long-list processes. 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 the following order of priority. Alternate athletes will not travel to Lima 2027 unless nominated to fill an open quota place and compete. Alternate athletes will be the next-ranked eligible athletes in CEC's Lima 2027 PAG National Ranking System for the applicable event and gender.

6.4 Removal of an Athlete Once Selected/Nominated

Between selection on March 1, 2027, and the end of the Lima 2027 Pan American Games, an athlete may be removed from CEC's Lima 2027 Pan American Games 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 the Games as applicable, 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, HPD, and/or HPGC.
- They are found to have breached any of CEC's or the 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.
- They fail to complete eligibility, registration, accreditation, anti-doping, Safe Sport, travel, or administrative requirements by the deadlines established by CEC, the COC, Panam Sports, World Climbing, or other applicable authorities.

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 HPD.

6.5 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,

illness, or change in training status prior to the event may result in the athlete being deselected from the Lima 2027 Pan American Games Team. Notification must be sent to the HPD immediately.

Once notified of an athlete's injury, illness, or change in training status that could affect performance, CEC will work with the athlete, Head Coach, and available Integrated Support Team resources to ensure that a complete injury and illness assessment has been conducted and that 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.

If, following the assessment above, the athlete is deemed unfit to resume training or 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 in key competitions, training camps, team meetings, staging camps, or administrative activities as a condition of participation in the Lima 2027 Pan American Games Team 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 activities will be shared with at least twelve (12) weeks' notice, where possible, and are subject to change with at least six (6) weeks' notice, where possible.

SECTION 8: INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND WELLNESS PROTOCOLS

Qualifying team members must comply with all infectious disease, medical, wellness, and travel protocols prescribed by CEC, the COC, Panam Sports, World Climbing, the host country, or other Games authorities to protect personal health, performance, and competitive results. Failure to follow these protocols may result in removal from participation in the Lima 2027 Pan American Games. These protocols will be communicated before the event when available.

SECTION 9: AMENDMENTS AND UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to affected CEC members and stakeholders. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials that formed part of the selection criteria, unless the change is required due to an unforeseen circumstance or a change to World Climbing, Panam Sports, COC, or Games requirements. This allows for changes that may result from amendments to the Lima 2027 Qualification System, lack of clarity around definitions or wording, quota reallocation, or circumstances outside CEC's control. 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 CEC's control that prevent the fair implementation of these Internal Nomination Procedures as written, the HPD and HPGC shall have full discretion to resolve the matter as they deem appropriate, considering relevant factors and circumstances.

In situations where unforeseen circumstances prevent the selection process from being applied fairly and objectively, the HPD, in consultation with the HPGC and the Executive Director, as appropriate, reserves the right to determine an appropriate course of action.

SECTION 10: APPEALS

Any athlete who is directly affected by a selection decision of CEC may appeal that decision according to the [CEC Appeal Policy](#). If an appeal is not resolved through the applicable CEC policy process, the appellant may have the option to have the appeal heard before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC), where applicable. In cases where time is critical, CEC and the athlete may agree to bypass the CEC process and proceed directly to the SDRCC.

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 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.
- Possess a valid passport and be responsible for ensuring that visa and entry requirements are met to enter Peru. Passports must not expire within six (6) months of the closing ceremony.
- Coaches must be members in good standing with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada, where applicable.
- Comply in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules of World Climbing, the CADP, and the anti-doping rules of any other Anti-Doping Organization that has authority over them, and is not serving a period of ineligibility for an anti-doping rule violation.
- Not be subject to any suspension or disqualification imposed by CEC, the COC, World Climbing, Panam Sports, or any other authority that has jurisdiction over them.
- Comply with CEC, COC, Panam Sports, host country, and Games health, safety, accreditation, travel, and vaccination requirements and policies.
- Be 18 years of age or older at the time of nomination.

CEC's HPD has sole discretion to select support staff, including Team Leader, Coach, and Integrated Support Team personnel, for the Lima 2027 Pan American Games. 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.

SECTION 12: INP PUBLICATION

CEC's INP for the Lima 2027 Pan American Games will be published and circulated to relevant 2026-2027 National Team athletes and coaches and posted on CEC's website. All subsequent amendments to the approved INP will be circulated to relevant 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 COC, CEC, and/or athlete contributions, as dictated by CEC's fiscal realities and Games funding arrangements. Deviation from team-approved travel and hospitality plans may result in personal cost to athletes and staff.

SECTION 14: TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
April 24, 2026	CEC provisional INP published.
September 22-25, 2026	South American Games Santa Fe 2026 - Argentina.
September 30, 2026	World Climbing confirms quota places obtained through the South American Games to Panam Sports and NOCs.
October 14, 2026	NOCs confirm or decline South American Games quota places to Panam Sports and World Climbing.
October 31, 2026	World Climbing Series National Team Ranking 2026 qualification ranking period concludes.
November 5, 2026	World Climbing confirms quota places obtained via the World Climbing Series National Team Ranking 2026 and host country quota places to Panam Sports and NOCs.
November 19, 2026	NOCs confirm or decline ranking-based quota places to Panam Sports and World Climbing.
November 23, 2026	World Climbing confirms the reallocation of quota places to Panam Sports and NOCs.
November 30, 2026	NOCs receiving reallocated quota places confirm participation to Panam Sports and World Climbing.

Date	Milestone
March 1, 2027	CEC Team Selection Date. CEC determines athlete nominations based on this INP and available quota places.
March 15, 2027	Athlete nomination acceptance deadline.
April 23, 2027	Entries by number deadline.
July 2, 2027	Entries by name deadline.
July 23, 2027	Lima 2027 Pan American Games Opening Ceremony.
TBC	Technical Meeting. No quota reallocation permitted after commencement of the Technical Meeting.
July 24-27, 2027	Lima 2027 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@climbingcanada.ca