

# CLIMBING ESCALADE CANADA

## Event Teams Selections 2021-2024

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PLEASE NOTE: THIS DOCUMENT OUTLINES THE FRAMEWORK FOR HOW EVENT TEAMS WILL BE SELECTED THROUGHOUT THE 2021-2024 OLYMPIC CYCLE.

### Definition

EVENT TEAMS refer to the athletes who represent Canada at International and Continental Competitions. Selections to these events are separate from selections to the High-Performance Program (HPP).

This document describes the Event Teams Selection framework for the 2021-2024 Olympic Cycle.

The specific details (dates, criteria, and quotas) for each year within the cycle will be published separately on the CEC website.

### Overview

CEC will carefully endorse Canadian athletes to attend events. The goal is to ensure meaningful competition opportunity that the athletes are physically and mentally ready for, while ensuring high performance of Canadian athletes on the world stage.

CEC selects Event Teams for the following competitions:

- Major Games - Olympics, Pan American Games, World Multi-Sport Games
  - Selection Criteria for these events are determined by the governing bodies for each (i.e., IOC for Olympics).
- IFSC World Championships, World Cups and Pan American Series Events
- Additional Select Continental Series Events.

### Principles and Process

#### A. Senior Event Teams

Selections will be based on Continuous National Ranking (CNR) and event quotas from governing bodies.

Event Team Selections will be made at multiple points throughout the calendar year. This allows for movement in CNR and opportunities for more athletes to be selected for events.

The dates and details for ALL event teams selections will be published at least 2 months prior to the first International Event in the calendar year.

Notification of Selection to an Event Team will be made a minimum of 1 month in advance, however, every effort will be made to position event team selections as far in advance as possible.

## **B. Olympic Cycle progression:**

### **B.1 Years 1 and 2**

In order to provide opportunities at IFSC World Cups for as many athletes as possible:

- Athletes will be selected to a limited number of events with the following exceptions.
  - Athletes in Top 40 of WR at the time of each Event Team Selection: no event limit. Applies to individual discipline WR only.
  - If the number of Canadian athletes in the Top 40 of WR is greater than available quota, selections will be made based on highest WR.

### **2022: WC Event Team Selections**

CEC has a quota of 5 athletes per gender and discipline at each WC for 2022.

#### **Speed**

- Top 5 from CNR at time of each event team selection.

#### **Boulder and Lead**

- First 3 quota spots – from applicable Individual discipline CNR (i.e. Boulder
- WC, first 3 selections from Boulder CNR)
- Quota spots 4 and 5 – highest ranked athletes from combined CNR not already selected via article 3.1.1.1.6 above.

### **B.2 Year 3 - Olympic Qualification Year**

We anticipate a new WC quota system to be implemented in 2023. Amendments to the Year 3 event team selections below may be required when the IFSC publishes details of the 2023 WC quotas.

- Priority Selection to Olympic and National Squads (athletes who are tracking toward Olympics as shown through year 1 and 2 results)
- Combined athletes in Olympic and National Squads (Lead/Boulder) WR will have priority over Lead or Boulder only athletes.
- If the number of athletes in the Olympic and National Squads is greater than available quota for a given event, selections will be made based on highest Combined CNR position.

### **B.3 Year 4 - Olympic Year**

- Priority Selection to Olympic Squad
  - If the number of athletes in the Olympic Squad is greater than available quota, priority will be given to athletes who are qualified for the Olympic Games.

- Minimum Performance Standards
  - **Speed** – in addition to meeting guidelines above for selection, speed only athletes must meet minimum times (established in official competition). These times will be published annually.

#### **B.4 Maintenance of Priority Selection Status for Olympic and National Squads**

- An athlete selected to an Olympic and National Squad will continue to receive priority selection to IFSC Events until his/her World Rank(s) falls below the selection criteria threshold for the corresponding squad for 60 days or 2 IFSC WR eligible events, whichever comes first.

### **C. Youth Event Teams**

CEC receives a pre-determined number of quota spots for each level and type of international event:

For the annual IFSC Youth World Championships CEC receives a quota of 3 athletes for each discipline in each age category and in each gender category (i.e. Youth B Female Speed – 3 Canadian athletes may be registered)

Youth Event Team Selections for International events will be made as follows:

#### **C.1 Youth B**

- Final Rankings at Youth National Championships.

#### **C.2 Youth A and Junior**

- First Priority: Athletes ranked in the Top 6 of the senior HPP as of April 15, 2022.
- Second Priority: Remaining spots in Youth A and Junior not filled under article **C.1** above will be selected based on rankings from Youth National Championships.

### **Event Team Support**

CEC will support event teams at select competitions with a minimum of 1 team official.

Athletes may attend select events without team officials at the discretion of the HPD and HPP Head Coach after consideration of the following factors:

- Location of Event
- Travel and Accommodation Logistics
- Athlete readiness (maturity, self-reliance, experience,
- Personal support in attendance
  - Personal support includes family and/or personal coaches. Please note that these individuals cannot be granted Team Canada official designation for the purpose of entering the field of play (isolation etc) or filing appeals.
- Athlete Performance Trends

## Travel and Accommodation

Team Travel and Accommodation policies and guidelines will be detailed in the Athlete Handbook.