

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

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 - 2023

Objectives:

1. Prioritize Qualification for Paris 2024
 1. Identify and give opportunity to realistic Paris Olympic pathway athletes including Pan Am Games 2023.
 2. Track performances to ensure athletes remain "on track" in Olympic Qualification Pathway.
2. Provide opportunities for "NextGen" LA 2028 athletes
 1. Identify athletes who show potential to LA 2028 Games Qualification
 2. Provide opportunities to gain World Cup experience, with the following important considerations:
 1. Athlete Readiness - as shown through results and other metrics
 2. Athlete Development - align number of selections to training schedule, performance plans and long-term development goals.
 3. Maximize Extra Quota for 2024 IFSC WC Season

*On May 9, 2023, a motion was brought forward to the CEC Board of Directors in response to changes made to the IFSC policies and processes. The motion allows CEC staff more flexibility in adjusting the selection criteria, so long as the decisions made are in line with the above objectives.

2023: World Cup (WC) and World Championships (WCh) Event Team Selections **World Cups:**

CEC has a **base quota** of 2 athletes per gender and discipline at each IFSC World Cup (WC) for 2023. 1 additional (extra) quota spot will be given for each Canadian athlete ranked in the top 40 of the IFSC CUWR for the given discipline at the end of the 2022 season.

World Championships - August

CEC has a fixed quota of 5 athletes per gender in each of the following:

1. Speed
2. Boulder
3. Lead

Speed Team Selections

IFSC World Cups (WC)

Base quota (2). In order of priority:

- Olympic Squad Athletes (if any, in order of rank from CEC Speed CNR at the time of event team selection).
- National Squad Athletes (if any, in order of rank from CEC Speed CNR at the time of event team selection).
- Next highest ranked athlete from Speed CNR at time of event team selection who has met the applicable time criteria.

Extra quota. In order of priority:

- *Right of first refusal to the athlete who earned the extra quota.
 - The next highest ranked athlete in the CEC Speed CNR who has met the applicable time criteria.

* CEC reserves the right to utilize the extra quota for another athlete in the interest of gaining additional Top 40 quota positions and therefore, additional quota for the 2024 season. This decision will only be made AFTER consultation with the athlete who earned the extra quota spot for 2023.

IFSC World Championships (WCh)

In order of priority:

- Olympic Squad Athletes (if any, in order of rank from IFSC Speed CUWR at the time of WCh event team selection).
- National Squad Athletes (if any, in order of rank from IFSC Speed CUWR at the time of WCh event team selection).
- Next highest ranked athlete from CEC Speed CNR at time of WCh event team selection who has met the applicable time criteria.

Boulder and Lead Team Selections

IFSC World Cups (WC)

Base quota (2). In order of priority:

- Olympic Squad Athletes (if any, in order of rank from CEC Combined CNR at the time of event team selection).
- National Squad Athletes (if any, in order of rank from CEC Combined CNR at the time of event team selection).
- Next highest ranked athlete from CEC Combined CNR at the time of event team selection provided:
 - the athlete meets one of the following criteria:
 - top 60 of IFSC Combined CUWR
 - top 45 in either IFSC boulder or lead CUWR.
- Next highest ranked athlete in the Individual Discipline CEC CNR.

Extra quota. In order of priority:

- *Right of first refusal to the athlete who earned the extra quota.
- Olympic Squad Athletes (if any, in order of rank from CEC Combined CNR at the time of event team selection).
- National Squad Athletes (if any, in order of rank from CEC Combined CNR at the time of event team selection).
- Next highest ranked athlete from CEC Combined CNR at the time of event team selection provided:
 - the athlete meets one of the following criteria:
 - top 60 of IFSC Combined CUWR
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IFSC World Championships (WCh)

Individual Disciplines - Boulder, Lead

Quota spots 1-3. In order of priority:

- Olympic Squad Athletes (if any, in order of rank from IFSC Combined CUWR at the time of WCh event team selection).
- National Squad Athletes (if any, in order of rank from IFSC Combined CUWR at the time of WCh event team selection).
- Next highest ranked athlete from CEC Combined CNR at time of WCh event team selection provided:
 - the athlete meets one of the following criteria:
 - top 60 of Combined CUWR
 - top 45 in either boulder or lead CUWR.
 - top 60 in both boulder and lead CUWR
- Next highest ranked athlete in the Individual Discipline CEC CNR.

Quota Spots 4-5. In order of priority.

- Highest Ranked Athlete in the 2023 IFSC Season Individual Discipline WR at the time of WCh event team selection.
- Next highest ranked athlete from Individual Discipline CEC CNR at time of WCh event team selection.

Athlete Readiness Clause

To ensure the best possible athlete development and utilization of resources, CEC will assess athlete readiness to compete as part of ALL selections to International Competitions. "Readiness" will be assessed in 2 areas:

1. Performance Readiness - this refers to evidence that indicates ability to meet the performance demands at this level. It is particularly important in younger athletes to ensure positive progression and development. Performance Readiness is assessed via recent results and/or rankings.
2. Physical Readiness - this refers to evidence of physical, technical, and tactical preparation as evidenced by training plans, logs, participation and performance at recent team trainings or camps and personal coaches' reports

Athletes who do not meet AND maintain the readiness criteria outlined below will not be eligible to compete.

Athletes in alternate positions (i.e., in a position to be selected if another athlete is injured or declines) should pay particular attention to this readiness clause.

Readiness Criteria:

A. Olympic and National Squads

I. Physical Readiness Criteria:

1. The criteria to achieve and maintain Olympic and National Squad status is evidence of Performance Readiness. No further criteria apply to these Squads.

II. Performance Readiness Criteria:

1. Athletes must show evidence of a physical training plan that has been prepared in consultation with a personal or national team coach. This training plan should include:
 - a. Physical training (both sport/discipline specific and general)
 - b. Technical and Tactical training (specific to the discipline(s) the athlete has been selected for).
 - c. Mental Performance Preparation

2. Athletes must show evidence that the plan has been followed (athlete log or journal).
3. Athletes must show evidence of training in facilities that replicate the demands of the discipline(s) the athlete has been selected for (i.e., 15m speed wall, steep lead wall or equivalent training wall, boulder wall with IFSC level boulders or equivalent training wall)

B. National Development Squad

I. Performance Readiness Criteria:

1. 16-20 years old (age as of end of current IFSC Season). Any one (1) of the following:
 - a. Semi-Final Round at most recent YWC
 - b. Top 5 at most recent Senior HP Competition
 - c. Top 10 at Senior NACS in past 12 months
 - d. Top 70% of field result at IFSC WC in past 12 months
 - e. Athletes ages 16-20 will be limited to a maximum of 3 World Cups in a single discipline and 5 total per World Cup season. This is to ensure optimal balance between development (WC experience) and athlete health (management of fatigue and mental well-being).
 1. Athletes who produce at least one top 60% of field result may request an exemption to participate in additional WC events. This exemption will be granted by the HPD following detailed discussion/consultation with the following individuals:
 - Athlete
 - Parents
 - personal coach
 - CEC coaches
 - CEC and/or athlete IST/Medical
 - and a review of athlete performance metrics.
2. 21+ years old. Any one (1) of the following:
 - a. Top 3 at most recent Senior HP Competition
 - b. Top 6 result at Senior NACS in past 12 months
 - c. Top 55% of field result at IFSC WC in past 12 months

II. Physical Readiness Criteria:

4. Athletes must show evidence of a physical training plan that has been prepared in consultation with a personal or national team coach. This training plan should include:
 - a. Physical training (both sport/discipline specific and general)
 - b. Technical and Tactical training (specific to the discipline(s) the athlete has been selected for).
 - c. Mental Performance Preparation
5. Athletes must show evidence that the plan has been followed (athlete log or journal).
6. Athletes must show evidence of training in facilities that replicate the demands of the discipline(s) the athlete has been selected for (i.e., 15m speed wall, steep lead wall or equivalent training wall, boulder wall with IFSC level boulders or equivalent training wall)

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 (maximum of 2 selections): Athletes ranked in the Top 6 of the senior HPP as of April 1st, 2023.
- Second Priority: Remaining spots in Youth A and Junior not filled under first priority 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 Agreement.

