

2024 Paris Olympic Games

SELECTION CRITERIA

Event: Olympic Games

Dates: October 20 – November 5, 2023

Location: Paris, France

SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to outline the qualification process and selection procedures of Climbing Escalade Canada (CEC) for determining the athletes who will be nominated to represent Canada at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

1.2 Objectives

CEC's objectives at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games are to:

- 1) 4 x Top 8 results
- 2) 2 x Top 5 results

1.3 Team Size

CEC's team size at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games will be determined by the IFSC Olympic qualification process. The maximum number of athletes that can qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games per country is 4 women and 4 men (2 x Speed, 2 x Combined B&L for each gender).

IOC Qualification system found [here](#).

SECTION 2: DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY

The High Performance Director (HPD), in conjunction with the High Performance Committee, is responsible for developing, approving and implementing these Selection Criteria. All Paris 2024 Olympic Games nominations will be approved by the High Performance Director. The High 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 Paris 2024 Olympic Games

SECTION 4: INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION CRITERIA

According to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games Qualification System established by the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) found [here](#) for Combined (B&L) and [here](#) for Speed, each National Olympic Committee (“**NOC**”) can qualify a maximum of two (2) athletes per gender in each of Combined (B&L) and Speed events for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Athletes may qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games through the following process:

Number of Quota Places (Men and Women)	Qualification Pathway
3 Men – Combined (B&L) 3 Women – Combined (B&L) 2 Men – Speed 2 Women – Speed	<p>D.1.1. IFSC Climbing World Championships Combined (B&L) – Bern (SUI), 11-12 Aug 2023 The three (3) highest placed athletes per gender at the World Championships will be allocated one (1) quota place respecting the maximum quota per gender per NOC.</p> <p>D.1.1 IFSC Climbing World Championships (Speed) – Bern (SUI), 10 August 2023 The two (2) highest placed athletes per gender at the World Championships will be allocated one (1) quota place, respecting the maximum quota per gender per NOC.</p>
5 Men – Combined (B&L) 5 Women – Combined (B&L) (1 each from Pan AM Region) 5 Men – Speed 5 Women – Speed (1 each from Pan AM Region)	<p>D.1.2 IFSC Continental Qualifiers (B&L) – Sep-Dec 2023 The highest placed athlete at each Continental Qualifier will obtain one (1) quota place, respecting the maximum quota per gender per NOC.</p> <p>D.1.2 IFSC Continental Qualifiers Speed – Sep-Dec 2023 The highest placed athlete at each Continental Qualifier will obtain one (1) quota place, respecting the maximum quota per gender per NOC.</p> <p>Pan American Qualifier – Pan Am Games, Santiago, (CHI). 21-24 Oct</p> <p>In case the highest placed athlete already obtained a quota place through D.1.1., the quota place will be allocated to the next highest placed eligible athlete, not yet qualified, at the same Continental Qualifier, respecting the maximum quota per gender per NOC.</p>
10 men – Combined (B&L) 10 Women – Combined (B&L) 5 Men – Speed 5 Women - Speed	<p>D.1.3. Olympic Qualifier Series Combined (B&L) – Mar-Jun 2024 – dates and locations TBD The quota places will be allocated by the Series Ranking at the end of the series, respecting the maximum quota per gender per NOC.</p> <p>D.1.3. Olympic Qualifier Series Speed – Mar-Jun 2024 – dates and locations TBD The quota places will be allocated by the Series Ranking at the end of the series, respecting the maximum quota per gender per NOC.</p>

Updates to Paris Qualification Event Dates and Schedules will be posted on the CEC website [here](#).

SECTION 5: ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible to compete at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, athletes must meet the following requirements:

- Be a registered member of Climbing Canada and a member in good standing.
- Athletes must have signed the 2023-2024 CEC Athlete Agreement.
- Must acknowledge in a prescribed form that he or she is aware of and agrees to be bound by *Climbing Escalade Canada's* Rules of Conduct /Code of Conduct for members of National Teams.
- Be born before 1 January 2008
- Accept nomination to the team by the deadline that has been specified by Climbing Canada: within 1 week of notification of qualification.
- Maintain eligibility in accordance with the IOC and IFSC guidelines for athlete eligibility within the sport.
- Sign, submit, and comply with the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) Athlete Agreement and Paris 2024 Olympic Games Conditions of Participation form no later than June 24, 2024. Where athlete is under the age of 19 years, the parent or guardian must also sign these agreements.
- Athletes' passports must not expire on or before February 11, 2025
- 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.
- Comply with CEC, COC, IOC and Host Country COVID vaccination requirements and policies.
- Not be subject to any suspension or disqualification imposed by Climbing Canada or any other authority that has jurisdiction over them.
- Hold a valid International license issued by the IFSC for the Olympic Games year at the date of the final entries deadline.
- Have participated in at least one (1) of the events in the Olympic Games Qualification Pathway.

SECTION 6: NSO SELECTION CRITERIA

6.1 Selection Process

Climbing Canada will identify the eligible athletes it will nominate athletes in 3 ways, while respecting the quota allocation per NOC (2 men and 2 women for each of Speed and Combined).

- An athlete wins a spot from his/her result at the 2023 IFSC World Championships
- An athlete wins a spot from his/her result at the 2023 Pan American Games
- An athlete wins a spot from his/her results at the 2024 Olympic Qualifying Series (OQS)

Athletes winning a quota place at the competitions listed above will be automatically nominated to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games Team.

6.2. Alternate

In announcing the final nomination for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, where appropriate, Climbing Canada will also announce alternate athletes who may be called to replace an athlete who is unable to compete at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, for whatever reason. This athletes' information will be submitted to the COC at the same time as the selected athletes' information. Climbing Canada will adhere to the IFSC's policy for naming these alternates when it is published by the IFSC.

6.3. Performance Readiness

It is implied that all athletes selected to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games team will prepare in such a way as to be at peak fitness for the Games. Climbing Canada will provide a preparation environment to ensure peak performance for its athletes but accepts that some athletes may choose to conduct some or all of their preparation outside the Climbing Canada program. Climbing Canada reserves the right to remove an athlete from the team in case of injury or inability to perform at an appropriate level, and to replace that athlete with a nominated reserve athlete or to not replace that athlete at all.

6.4. Removal of an Athlete Once Selected/Nominated

Once selected, an athlete may be removed from the Paris 2024 Olympic 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 High Performance Director, in consultation with the IST Lead or Chief Medical Officer (at-Games), renders them unfit or unready for competition.
- They are found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation and will be serving a period of ineligibility during the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- They are found to have breached any of Climbing Canada'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 Paris 2024 Olympic 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 Paris 2024 Olympic Games Team will be made by the High Performance Director.

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 Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Failure to properly report injury or illness prior to the event may result in the athlete being deselected from the Paris 2024 Olympic 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 that 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 High Performance Director, be removed from the Paris 2024 Olympic Games Team.

SECTION 7: AMENDMENTS AND UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to all athletes. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials which formed part of the selection criteria unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. This is to allow for changes to this document that may result from changes to the IFSC Qualification Criteria, lack of clarity around definitions or wording, or quota re-adjustment. If there are changes made to the document, Climbing Canada will inform the COC for the reasons behind the change as soon as possible.

- In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of CEC that prevents the fair implementation of these Internal Nomination Procedures as written, the HPD shall have the full discretion to resolve the matter as they see fit, taking into account 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.
- The Board of Directors of CEC reserves the right to review and modify any selection criteria or decision related to the selection process in the case of rule or policy changes from the IFSC or the International Olympic Committee that affect the selection criteria set out in this document. In the event that the selection criteria is modified, CEC will promptly post an announcement on its website announcing the changes.

7.1. COVID-19 Clause:

- CEC is carefully following the evolution of the coronavirus on the global and domestic level and how it may impact obtaining quota spots for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and/or domestic nomination of athletes for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to the impact of the coronavirus, CEC will respect these published Internal Nomination Procedures as

written.

- However, situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require this Internal Nomination Procedure to be modified. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as required following developments that directly impact the Internal Nomination Procedure. In such circumstances, any modifications will be communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible.
- Further, situations may arise that do not allow this Internal Nomination Procedure to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including nomination decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in this Internal Nomination Procedure, in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or committee(s) (as applicable), and in accordance with the stated performance objectives and selection philosophy and approach as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, CEC will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

7.2. Event Participation

- As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, CEC may be required, in the best interests of athlete, athlete entourage and staff safety, to not travel to and participate in events indicated in this INP that will be used for nomination to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games Games Team, even in circumstances when the event may proceed as planned. Any such decisions will be made in consultation with relevant experts, including medical and public health safety experts, and will be communicated to all impacted individuals as soon as possible.

In such circumstances, CEC will determine if alternate events may be attended as a substitute for the event that CEC has decided not to participate in and, if so, will modify this INP accordingly, and inform all impacted individuals as soon as possible.

When making decisions regarding CEC's travel to and participation in events for safety reasons, CEC will endeavor to minimize any impact of such decisions on Olympic qualification, obtaining Olympic quota spots and domestic nomination to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games Team. However, depending on the circumstances, athlete, athlete entourage and staff safety may be prioritized based on the advice of medical and public health safety experts.

- CEC recognizes that athletes, athlete entourage and staff may, for safety reasons related to the COVID-19 pandemic, also decide not to travel to and participate in events indicated in this INP that will be used for nomination to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games Team, even in circumstances when the event may proceed as planned, and even when CEC has decided that it will travel to and participate in the event because it has decided,

following consultation with medical and public health safety experts, that it is safe to do so.

SECTION 8: APPEALS

Any athlete that is directly affected by a selection decision of Climbing Canada may appeal that decision to Climbing Canada according to the CEC Appeal Policy [here](#).

If an appeal is not resolved by CEC Discipline and Complaints policy process the Appellant has the option to have the appeal heard directly before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC).

In cases where time is critical, CEC and the athlete may choose to bypass the CEC Discipline and Complaints Policy and proceed directly to SDRCC.

SECTION 9: STAFF SELECTION

In order to be eligible to be selected as staff for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, individuals must meet the following requirements:

- Be a registered member of Climbing Canada and a member in good standing.
- Sign, submit, and comply with the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) Team Agreement and Paris 2024 Olympic Games Conditions of Participation form by the required deadline of June 24, 2024
- Staff passports must not expire on or before February 11, 2025.
- Coaches must be a member in good standing with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada
- Complete all training required by the COC (e.g. safe sport) by the required deadline
- 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, IOC and Host Country COVID vaccination requirements and policies.
- Climbing Canada’s HPD has the sole discretion in selecting the support staff, including Team Leader, Coach and IST for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The support staff will be selected based on the principle of sending a team of specialists that is best capable of assisting athletes in achieving podium performances at the Games. All selections are subject to COC approval.

SECTION 10: INP PUBLICATION

- CEC’s INP for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games will be published prior to July 26, 2023. The INP will be circulated via email to all 2022-2024 high performance program athletes and coaches and posted on CEC’s website. All subsequent amendments to the approved INP will be circulated to all 2022-2024 high performance program athletes and coaches and posted on CEC’s website.
- The Internal Nomination Procedures for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games will be communicated through CEC’s official publications, posted on CEC’s website and distributed by email to 2023-24 national team members.

SECTION 11: FUNDING

Climbing Canada’s Paris 2024 Olympic Games Team will be funded by either the Canadian Olympic Committee, CEC, or a combination of both. Deviation from team approved travel and hospitality plans may result in personal cost to athletes and staff.

SECTION 12: Timeline

Date	Milestone
11-12 August 2023	D.1.1. IFSC Climbing World Championships
Within five days after the event	The IFSC confirms in writing to NOCs the quota places obtained
By two weeks after the previous step	NOCs to confirm to IFSC the use of the allocated quota places
September – December 2023	D.1.2. IFSC Continental Qualifiers
	● Pan Am Games, Santiago (CHI), 21-24 October
Within five days after each event	The IFSC confirms in writing to NOCs the quota places obtained
By two weeks after the previous step	NOCs to confirm to IFSC the use of the allocated quota places
March-June 2024	D.1.3. Olympic Qualifier Series (dates and location TBD)
Within five days after the series (TBD)	The IFSC confirms in writing to NOCs the quota places obtained
By two weeks after the series (TBD)	NOCs to confirm to IFSC the use of the allocated quota places
After the conclusion of D.3 and conformation of NOC quotas	Release of Host Country Places (If needed) IFSC confirms in writing to the NOC the quota places obtained
By two weeks after the previous step	NOCs to confirm to IFSC the use of the allocated quota places
After the previous steps are completed	IFSC to reallocate any unused quota places
1 July 2024	CEC Team Nomination Deadline
3 July 2024	COC Team Nomination Deadline
8 July 2024	<u>Paris 2024 Sport Entries Deadline</u>
Until Technical Meeting	IFSC to reallocate any unused quota post sport entry deadline
26 July – 11 August 2024	Olympic Games Paris 2024
5-8 Aug 2024	Sport Climbing (Speed)
5-10 Aug 2024	Sport Climbing (Combined)

SECTION 13: CONTACT INFORMATION

For clarification regarding questions related to the selection criteria, please contact:
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