



Climbing Escalade Canada (“CEC”) Para-Climbing Committee Terms of Reference

Official Policy Name

CEC-OP-07 Climbing Escalade Canada – Para-Climbing Committee Terms of Reference

Purpose/ Mandate

Reporting to the Executive Director (“ED”), the Para-Climbing Committee (“PCC”) aims to support the CEC Para-Climbing Programs and development by providing expertise, knowledge and advocacy to the ED.

Goals and Objectives

The objectives of the PCC include, but are not limited to:

- Researching and reporting on rules and regulations surrounding para-sports;
- Researching access barriers and solutions;
- Developing a climbing para-athlete Long Term Athlete Development & Pathway;
- Working with the IFSC to endorse and implement para-climbing classifications;
- Developing para-athlete identification system;
- Aligning with CEC’s Strategic Plan;
- Developing accountable action items to further the para-climbing inclusion mandate; and,
- Supporting other initiatives as requested by the ED and/or CEC board of directors (the “Board”).

Jurisdiction

The PCC will annually develop, review, and recommend alterations to the components of the Para-Climbing Program including:

- Para-athletes Pathways;
- Para-Coach Education Modules; and
- National Identification Database.

The PCC may complete other tasks as requested by the ED and/or the Board from time to time.

Members/Composition

There shall be no fewer than three and no more than ten committee members.

Chair

The PCC chair shall be a member of the committee selected using an annual intra-committee nomination and simple majority vote model (“PCC Chair”).

The PCC Chair is responsible for:

- Acting as liaison between the Board, the ED, and the PCC;
- Coordinating PCC meetings and creating operational timelines; and,
- If requested by the ED, attending Board meetings as a non-voting member to present information and updates from the PCC.

Working groups may be established for special projects, as determined by the Committee.

From time to time the Committee may invite other individuals with subject matter knowledge to participate in and share their insights with the Committee, as deemed appropriate by the Para-Climbing Committee.

Membership Process

The open call for applications shall be posted publicly on the CEC website no less than two (2) months before the term expiration of any committee member, with a deadline for applications no less than one (1) month before the term expiration of any committee member.

All individuals are welcome to join the PCC; however, preference shall be given to those experienced in para-sports and/or adaptive climbing. The ED, in their sole discretion, shall review the open call applications each year and recommend which of the applicants shall be appointed to the PCC. Selected committee members must be endorsed by the board of directors.

The Athletes Commission may appoint an Athlete Representative to serve as a member of the PCC. The Athlete Representative will have all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of any other member of the PCC except that, notwithstanding anything in these Terms of Reference, the Athlete Representative shall serve at the pleasure of the Athletes Commission.

The Board in its sole discretion, but preferably in conjunction with a recommendation from the ED, may remove any member of the PCC or its subcommittees. Removal of members of the PCC may be conducted regardless of whether cause for removal is established, but must be conducted respectfully.

Members of the Board may apply and be appointed to the PCC ("**Regular Board PCC Member**") provided they comply with the terms of this policy and undertake to refrain from representing the Board at PCC meetings. Board members applying for membership on the PCC must not participate in or be present at the endorsement process conducted by the Board in relation to the membership of the PCC.

Term of Membership

All appointments have a maximum term of two (2) years, starting on June 1. The PCC Chair shall be responsible for ensuring the PCC composition is split such that roughly half of the members shall face expiring terms each year. The PCC Chair, in their sole discretion, may appoint certain PCC members for a one (1) year term in order to ensure compliance with the previous sentence.

Upon the expiration of their term of membership, committee members interested in serving for an additional consecutive term must re-apply via the open call for applications and be re-appointed by the ED and Board. Prior involvement on the PCC does not guarantee an appointment to the PCC.

There are no limits to the number of consecutive terms for any one committee member.

Accountability

The Para-Climbing Committee reports, and is accountable, to the Executive Director of CEC.

Work Methods/ Frequency

Work Methods

All PCC work will utilize a shared learning approach with an emphasis on discussion and evidence-based decision making.

Frequency

The PCC shall hold at least 1 video call every quarter to set objectives and monitor progress on the completion of those objectives.

Meeting Process

Every meeting must include:

- Meeting Chair – Responsible for directing conversation and ensuring adherence to the agenda;
 - o Meeting chair may be someone other than the committee chair.
- Secretary – Person appointed by the committee that is responsible for recording meeting minutes. Can be different or the same at each meeting.

Consensus Model and Voting Rules

Decisions by the PCC should be made via a consensus decision-making model. A consensus decision-making model is a group decision-making process in which group members develop, and agree to support a decision in the best interest of the whole.

If consensus cannot be reached, a vote shall be taken pursuant to the following requirements:

- A minimum of 60% of committee or sub-committee members need to be in attendance or by proxy order to achieve quorum to conduct business.
- If quorum is met, an action shall require at least 75% approval of the members in attendance or by proxy at the meeting.
- If a committee member is unable to attend, they may assign a proxy in writing to vote on their behalf.
- If quorum is met, the members shall vote using the either of the following methods, as decided by the meeting chairperson:
 - o show of hands, or
 - o anonymous ballot, as decided by the chairperson of the meeting.
- Board representatives, if in attendance, are present to represent the Board's interest, and cannot cast a vote. They will cast a vote at the Board level if needed.
 - o For greater clarity, Regular Board PCC Members are not considered, and are not eligible to be, Board representatives for the purposes of this section. Accordingly, a Regular Board PCC Member may not represent the interests of the Board as a Board representative and therefore may cast a vote. If a Board representative is required or requested to attend a PCC meeting, a Board member other than the Regular Board PCC Member must attend.

Reporting and Recommendations

Reporting and recommendations shall be governed by the following rules:

- The PCC shall develop and provide recommendations, and share them with the PCC Chair and/or the ED;
- Recommendations or approvals are then presented to the Board, and if required, will be voted on by the Board.

Communications

A group email and phone number list will be created for all members of the PCC. The email and number list is ONLY to be shared amongst the PCC members and must not be shared with anyone outside of the PCC unless express permission to do so is granted by the ED.

The ED must only approve the sharing of email or phone numbers in accordance with applicable privacy and anti-spam legislation.

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