



2024 PanAmerican Championships Guidance for Athlete Participation: Considerations and Selection Criteria

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The 2024 Pan-American Championships, scheduled for November 19-24 in Santiago, Chile, marks a significant opportunity for athletes across Boulder, Lead, and Speed disciplines. However, this event comes with challenges that require careful consideration, particularly for Boulder and Lead athletes, due to overlap of dates with the Canadian National Championships, set for November 21-25.

After thorough deliberation, CEC has decided to give athletes the autonomy to choose whether or not they wish to participate in the 2024 PanAmerican Championships. While making their decision, we urge the athletes to consider both the potential benefits and the associated risks of participating in this event. Below is a summary of the key pros and cons that should inform your decision.

Selection Criteria

Canada has 5 quotas / gender / discipline for this event. The Selection will be based on the CNR ranking as of September 1, 2024. For this event, CEC is willing to extend selection outside of the HPP program athletes if quotas remain vacant. Should athletes outside of the HPP program be invited, they will need to prove readiness to attend this event. Further, minor athletes must be accompanied by a chaperone.

This document does NOT constitute an official invitation. The official invitations will be distributed in order of CNR ranking starting on September 1st.

Considerations: Potential Benefits

- Increased international competition opportunities for Canadian athletes.
- Strong potential for Canadian athletes to achieve podium finishes.
- Enhanced visibility and potential for increased partnerships and sponsorships.
- Opportunity to earn World Ranking points, potentially leading to additional quotas for Canada on the global stage.
- Contribution to the development of Pan-American climbing nations.
- Athletes have the autonomy to choose events and manage their performance calendar.

Considerations: Potential Risks

- High costs associated with attending the Pan-American Championships, with no funding available.
- Absence of on-site support and logistical assistance from the CEC.
- Requirement for minor athletes to travel with a chaperone (parent, coach).
- Concerns about the quality of the Pan-American Championships, with the last event held in 2017.

- No predictability regarding the organization and quality of the event based on past experiences in Chile.
 - The 2023 Pan-American Games may not be a reliable indicator of the event's quality, as it received significant support from PanAm Sports and the IOC.
- Current registration shows only USA participants - no predictability of the field at the event
- Safety concerns related to the location of the venue in Santiago.
- Schedule conflict with the 2024-2025 Senior National Championships (Boulder & Lead).
- Nationals may play a significant role in the 2025 National Team Selection process, following the High Performance Review.
- Possible negative perception within the community if top athletes opt out of Nationals.
- Perceived lack of support for National events from high-performing Canadian athletes.