



SPORT CLIMBING AUSTRALIA

Team Selection Policy 2023

Australian Open Lead, Speed and Boulder Teams Australian Para Team

Sport Climbing Australia (SCA) Open Teams

For 2023, SCA will have two tiers of Team membership for Open Athletes:

- Level 1: Elite Team
- Level 2: International Team

Level 1: SCA Elite Team

Aim:

To maximise the opportunities and support for athletes who have a proven record of high performance in World Cup and World Championship events for them to qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and then perform at a high standard at the Games. This team is designed to be in alignment with AIS podium and podium ready athletes in the pathway categorisation.

If an athlete:

- successfully meets the selection criteria at any time prior to 2024 and
- meets such other eligibility requirements as SCA determines and
- signs SCA Athlete Agreement

The athlete is eligible for selection as an elite team member. If selected they will become a member of the international team for the subsequent year, and will be eligible to receive such additional support as may become available.

Goal:

To have an athlete make finals at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.



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Elite Speed Team:

Athletes can qualify for the SCA Elite Team for Speed in any of 3 ways:

1. Record a time faster than the minimum qualification time in an official IFSC competition.
2. Achieve an overall ranking in the top 30 in the IFSC 2022 or 2023 World Cup Seasons.
3. Qualify for the final rounds (top 16) at the 2023 IFSC World Championships.

Minimum qualification times:

Women: 8:00 seconds

Men: 6:00 seconds

Elite Lead/Boulder Team

Athletes can qualify for the SCA Elite Team for Lead/Boulder through having a record of **consistent performance** in the IFSC 2022 or 2023 World Cup Seasons. **Consistent performance** is defined as achieving:

- 2 or more top 30 results in one discipline across an IFSC World Cup Season **AND**
- a top 40 performance in the other discipline in the same IFSC World Cup Season.

Level 2: SCA International Team

Aim:

To provide opportunities for Australian athletes to compete at a high level at IFSC World Cup and World Championship events.

Goal:

For Australian athletes to be consistently making semi-finals and higher at the 2023 IFSC World Cup and World Championship events. This team is designed to be in alignment with AIS podium potential and some developing athletes in the pathway categorisation.

Notes:

- Athletes on the SCA Elite Team will become members of the SCA International Team in their respective discipline and will receive first preference in selection for the Australian Team at each IFSC event in their respective discipline/s.
- Elite Team Athletes who qualify for IFSC 2023 World Cup or World Championship events based on their 2022 results will become members of the SCA International Team and shall receive priority to compete at those events.



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International Speed Team:

Athletes may qualify for the SCA International Team Level for Speed in 4 ways:

1. Elite Team
2. Record time faster than the minimum qualification time in an official IFSC competition.
3. Have a position in the IFSC Continuous Ranking for Speed of 30 or higher.
4. Achieve a ranking of first place or second place at the 2022 SCA Speed Climbing National Championships (or selection event as designated by SCA) and record a time that is within 0.5 seconds of the minimum qualification time at some stage in the competition.

Minimum qualification times:

Women: 9:40 seconds

Men: 7:30 seconds

5. By special consideration.

International Lead and Boulder Team:

Athletes may qualify for the SCA International Team Level for in 4 ways:

1. Elite Lead/Boulder Team Members (Elite Lead/Boulder Team are automatically qualified for both the Lead Team and the Boulder Team)
2. Have a position in the IFSC Continuous Ranking for Lead or Boulder of 40 or higher.
3. Achieve a ranking of first or second place at Lead or Boulder in the 2022 SCA Lead and Boulder Climbing National Championships.
4. By special consideration.

Note: The first place and second positions roll down to the next athlete/s if the first-place athlete already qualified for the International Team.



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For all International Teams:

Places on the Australian Team to compete at World Cup and World Championships will be offered to International team members ranked according to the following criteria:

1. SCA Elite Team members, Elite Team members will be ranked according to their current position on the IFSC continuous ranking for that discipline.
2. Current position on the IFSC continuous ranking for that discipline, up to position 40.
3. (a) - (Lead and Boulder) Placing first at 2022 Australian National Championships in that discipline
(b) - (Speed) Current fastest recorded time in IFSC Competition
4. The selection committee will establish a ranking for athletes requiring special consideration and/or other athletes.

Note:

- A maximum of 6 positions on the International Team for each discipline will be allocated, due to the small quotas for each country at World Cup Competitions in 2023.
- Australian Team members being selected on the SCA International Team does not guarantee the opportunity to participate at an IFSC competition will be offered.
- Team requirements and policies will be announced prior to the Open Lead/Boulder Nationals Event.

Sport Climbing Australia Paraclimbing Team

Paraclimbing:

For qualification to the 2023 team, SCA aims to send as many paraclimbers to Para World Cups and/or World Championships as possible. As such any paraclimber who has been endorsed to attend nationals by their state body shall provisionally be members of the SCA national paraclimbing team.

The selection will become final once the following is completed:

- All the necessary eligibility criteria are met
- The offer has been accepted and requirements for acceptance of offer are met
- The athletes are officially classified by the IFSC. If the athlete is not already classified, this will usually happen at the first world cup the athlete attends.

The selection for participation in Para World Cups and/or World Championships will be as follows:

- Review of each athlete interest to participate by the selection committee (with the recommendation of the paraclimbing committee and coaching team)
- Meeting the necessary requirements for IFSC classification