



**SPORT
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**National Team Selection
Australian Sport Climbing Youth Team**



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Introduction

Being part of the Australian Sport Climbing Youth Team (ASCYT) is the highest level of excellence for young Sport Climbers in Australia. It is also a great responsibility as joining the team can involve representing Australia at international events.

This policy seeks to select the best possible team to represent Australia with the best chance of international success. Athletes selected for the ASCYT are those in pursuit of excellence and have a strong commitment to preparation and effort.

Sport Climbing Australia (SCA) expects all athletes who are offered and accept a position on the ASCYT to commit to representing Australia at International Events. It is the responsibility of selected athletes to ensure that they comply with this policy, including attending required selection events and otherwise complying with all applicable terms and conditions by the relevant deadlines.

As part of SCA's Coaching and High-Performance strategy, this Policy will be reviewed annually and amendments may be made to ensure the Policy provides the best possible outcome for Australian sport climbing.

Please check for updates regularly.

1. OBJECTIVE

The SCA National Selection Panel (Selectors) will select athletes who it considers in its absolute discretion will have the best chance of meeting either or both of the following two objectives:

- (i) athletes who will produce the best results World Youth Championships and Olympic Games; and/or
- (ii) athletes with potential to progress towards better results at future World Youth Championships, IFSC sanctioned events and Olympic Games.

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 SCA ENDORSEMENT

SCA is the national body responsible for the sport of Sport Climbing in Australia as recognised by the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC).

Athlete selection to an ASCYT, both the International Youth Team and the Development Youth Team will be made by the Selectors.

2.2 ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for consideration for selection to an ASCYT, athletes must:

- (a) be an Australian citizen (for International Team only);



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- (b) have read, signed an agreement and returned the execution page of the SCA National Team Agreement and/or Code of Conduct;
- (c) be a current SCA National Level Member with no outstanding invoices to SCA;
- (d) meet the age requirement to participate in youth international competition under IFSC policy;
- (e) have not been issued a red card in the last 12 months
- (f) have read, signed and returned the SCA No Doping Declaration Policy and declare that the circumstances have not changed since submitting the declaration;
- (g) agree to participate in and meet all competition, training and participation requirements as determined by SCA;
- (h) be available for sample collection and have provided accurate and up-to- date whereabouts information on a regular basis as directed by IFSC and/or the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (SPORT INTEGRITY AUSTRALIA), under the policies of IFSC and SCA and the World Anti-Doping Code (Code);
- (i) not have breached any Anti-Doping Policy (ADP) nor have had a sanction imposed which has not been completed. For the purpose of considering eligibility for selection, a breach of an ADP may include: (i) an athlete under investigation for an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV) where an infraction notice has been issued or the athlete has been stood down under the provisions of any ADP; or (ii) a failure to comply with an athlete's obligations under an ADP, even if such a breach does not result in an ADRV; and
- (j) be required to be up to date and fully compliant with the SPORT INTEGRITY AUSTRALIA Anti-doping Education (SPORT INTEGRITY AUSTRALIA e-learning), and therefore have completed and be current at the time of selection with all online updates.

An athlete will not be considered for selection while under SCA suspension.

Any athlete who, after 1 January 2010, has been found guilty of an ADRV and where the consequent penalty applied is a two-year suspension or greater, will no longer be eligible for consideration for selection to the ASCYT for the duration of the penalty issued. On a case by case basis, SCA may extend the non-eligibility to a longer period.

Any athlete who is currently under investigation because of any indictable criminal charge (even where such charge has been heard summarily) having been brought against them or is currently serving a penalty issued by the Courts because of an indictable criminal charge being proven, will not be eligible for consideration for selection to an ASCYT, unless he/she is able to satisfy the Board of SCA (at its sole discretion) that exceptional circumstances apply. Where the Board is satisfied that exceptional circumstances apply, the athlete may be considered for selection in the ASCYT in accordance with the selection criteria set out in this document. Any request for the Board to consider an athlete's circumstances must be submitted to the Board in writing.



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2.3 NATIONAL SELECTION PANELS (SELECTORS)

The role of assessing athletes against the selection criteria is the responsibility of the Selectors who are appointed by the SCA Board.

The Selectors consist of:

- (i) The National Head Coach
- (ii) 2 members of the high performance committee
- (iii) One member of the SCA Board of Directors

The SCA Board will appoint a chairman of Selectors. In the case of unavailability or a conflict of interest the SCA Board will appoint a replacement Selector.

Each Selector will vote on athlete selection in line with the selection criteria objectives and without bias. If panel members cannot agree or no majority is expressed after a vote, the chairman will have the final selection decision.

2.4 AMENDMENT

These criteria and sub sections may be amended or supplemented, particularly where matters arise which have not been provided for in these criteria. All amendments must be approved by the SCA Board. If approved, the SCA Executive Officer will notify in writing, any criteria amendment or supplement, and will endeavour to give as much notice as possible, to all persons affected by any such amendment or supplement.

2.5 APPEALS

There is no right of appeal to any athlete who is not selected under these criteria.

3. AUSTRALIAN SPORT CLIMBING YOUTH TEAM SELECTION

3.1 STRUCTURE

The ASCYT comprises:

- (a) The Australian Sport Climbing International Youth Team, who will be invited to represent Australia at international events sanctioned by the IFSC made of three sub-groups
 - (i) Lead Team;
 - (ii) Bouldering Team; and
 - (iii) Speed Team.

1.2 QUOTAS

- (i) The maximum number of athletes in the International Youth Team is three (3) per category plus the athletes that have been pre-qualified according to the IFSC policies.



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1.3 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH TEAM SELECTION – FOR EACH DISCIPLINE

(a) Automatic Selection

One quota position will be reserved for a single athlete who meet any of the following criteria:

- (A) *World Cup or World Championship finalist or semi-finalist in an Open event in the discipline they are selected for (in the past year). Note that for speed, this will be equivalent to placing in the Top 16. In the event the athlete participates in a round due to cancellation of a previous round, this clause does not apply.*
- (B) *World Youth Championship finalist and semi-finalist (Top 16 for speed) in the discipline they are selected for (in the past year). This is independent from the age category they are being selected for (eg a YB finalist may be automatically selected for YA). Note that for speed, this will be equivalent to placing in the Final Round. In the event the athlete participates in a round due to cancellation of a previous round, this clause does not apply.*
- (C) *Current open team member in the respective discipline they are being selected for.*

If more than one athlete for a given category meets these criteria, then the selection committee will decide who is awarded the automatic selection quota position prior to any regular selection event.

(b) Regular Selection

The following athletes will be selected to be a member of the Australian Sport Climbing International Youth Team:

- (A) *1st place in National Youth Championships in each age category – minimum performance applies for Speed (see 2.5) – Note that the official Australian ranking will be used here (i.e. only Australian citizens ranking)*
- (B) *For a category and discipline where there was no automatic selection, 2nd place in National Youth Championships in each age category will also be offered a quota position – minimum performance applies for Speed (see 2.5) – Note that the official Australian ranking will be used here (i.e. only Australian citizens ranking)*

(c) Special Consideration

One quota position will be reserved for special consideration under section 2. The selectors and Sport Climbing Australia reserves the right to not fill this quota for each age group and gender or if they choose the selection committee may offer this quota position to the next ranked athlete from the National Youth Championships.

1.4 ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER

Athletes considered under clause 4.2 and 4.3 may be offered a place in the ASCYT. Athletes must accept the offered position on the ASCYT within seven days from the date the offer is communicated to them. If they reject the offer or do not accept within time an offer may be extended to the next considered athlete.



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Acceptance of offer will require the athlete to:

- (i) Return a signed letter of acceptance in the ASCYT including a declaration of intention to compete at World Youth Championships;
- (ii) Return a signed code of conduct (if not already provided); and
- (iii) Pay all fees required by SCA including ASCYT Membership Fee (within 28 days of the end of the selection event)
- (iv) Sign up to the AIS AMS (Athlete management system).

The AIS AMS is utilised to securely and privately document yearly athlete medical and physical screenings ensuring safety to compete, communications with internal and external health professionals, and communication with the coaching team. Access to and utilisation of this information by any SCA Coaching Team member is restricted to that determined by [The Australian Privacy Act \(1988\)](#). Any medical information documented on the AMS is accessible only to SCA Physiotherapists and other health professionals directly involved with athlete health and wellbeing support, pending athlete permission, and remains confidential at all times in accordance with The Australian Privacy Act (1988).

Finally, athletes will be required to provide clearance from a doctor or physiotherapist as being fit for competition climbing prior to being registered to an international event. In case of an injury, a rehabilitation plan and/or any restrictions must be provided.

1.5 ASCYT MEMBERSHIP FEE

SCA has introduced an ASCYT membership fee to replace a number of other fees and charges. The fee must be paid before an athlete can be accepted to the ASCYT. The fee includes:

- (i) IFSC licence fees and costs associated with obtaining the licence (International Youth Team Only);
- (ii) Registration cost to the World Youth Championships (International Youth Team Only);
- (iii) Support of up to 3 team officials at World Youth Championships (International Youth Team Only);
- (iv) ASCYT Uniform including delivery where required (International Youth Team Only);
- (v) Administration Fees required for the coordination and running of the ASCYT;
- (vi) Access to training camps with an additional fee of \$100 per day;
- (vii) Access to support by coaches and the SCA administration team throughout the season, as available

If an athlete does not compete at World Youth Championships or participate in training camps this fee is not refundable.



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1.6 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR SPEED SELECTION

Athletes being considered for selection must also satisfy the following criteria to be selected. Athletes will be deemed to have met the selection criteria if they achieve a successful performance at least once at the selection event.

Category	Maximum Time for International Youth Team	Maximum Time for Development Youth Team
Junior Female	13 seconds	17 seconds
Junior Male	9 seconds	13 seconds
Youth A Female	12 seconds	18 seconds
Youth A Male	9 seconds	13 seconds
Youth B Female	13 seconds	17 seconds
Youth B Male	10 seconds	14 seconds

Maximum time requirements will be reviewed every year based on international performances and results.

1.7 MULTIPLE DISCIPLINES

Team members are eligible to represent Australia in multiple disciplines by meeting qualification standards:

- (i) In more than one discipline; OR
- (ii) In one discipline and applying for special consideration (clause 5) for another

2. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION POLICY

2.1 CONDITION TO APPLY

Australian athletes who are unable to meet the selection criteria may apply for special consideration to be considered for selection to the ASC Development Youth Team or the ASC International Youth Team.

Applications must be made in writing to the Selectors by email to info@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au by the submission deadline after the relevant selection event, (National Youth Championships) and must be accompanied by an application fee of \$200 paid via the Sport Climbing Australia website. Special consideration applications require supporting evidence for eligibility and payment. Applicants must complete the Special Considerations Form which can be downloaded from the SCA Website.

Successful applications will have their \$200 application fee credited towards their Team Membership fee.



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Athletes wishing to apply for special consideration selection are encouraged to ascertain whether the maximum number of athletes for an aged group and discipline have been selected through Regular selection (4.2i).

2.2 SELECTION CRITERIA

In considering a Special Consideration application the Selectors may evaluate each application based on a range of criteria, including but not limited to:

- Past ranking at international events
- Past ranking in each round of the selection event
- Past ranking in each round of selection events from previous years
- Past results at state events and National Ranking
- Any yellow card or disciplinary issue
- Combined selection in lead and boulder discipline (considering Paris 2024 Olympic Format)
- Current and previous injuries and rehabilitation plan (health professional advice and documents may be requested by the selector).

The National Team Physiotherapists will provide expert advice to the Selection Panel through the Special Consideration process with regards to current and previous injury management and rehabilitation plan, including advice from and communication with health professionals working with the athlete, and supporting documents. Injury will not preclude athletes from selection to a National team provided adequate information detailing injury management and appropriate rehabilitation is supplied.

2.3 PROCESS

SCA is not obliged to select any athlete due to or after Special Consideration. There is no appeal where an athlete is not selected due to or after Special Consideration.

Applications must be made in writing to the Selectors by email to info@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au no later than 24 May 2023.

Applications must be accompanied by an application fee of \$200 which must be paid via the SCA website. Special consideration applications require supporting evidence for eligibility and payment. Successful applications will have their \$200 application fee credited towards their Team Membership fee and event registration.

2.4 RANKING OF ATHLETES

The Selectors may produce a list of athletes showing their ranking for eligibility at events.

2.5 ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER

Athletes will be required to accept an offer under the same conditions as set out in clauses 4.3 and 4.4.



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3. VALIDITY OF MEMBERSHIP

ASCYT membership is valid from the time of acceptance of offer of a team position until one month after the next selection event. In that one-month period, a member who joined the new team and was not part of the preceding year's international youth team can also register to international events if there are spots available. Priority will be given to the preceding year's team members.

4. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

Once climbers have obtained a place on the ASCYT, they are expected and required to conduct themselves at all training events and competitions in a manner that befits an ambassador of the sport and in line with the code of conduct outlined by SCA. In addition, members are required, unless extenuating circumstances arise, to attend all specified National training camps and events as well as maintain a training program agreed upon by the National and State (or individuals) coaches. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in the issuing of a yellow card. Two yellow cards will mean the member is immediately **suspended from the ASCYT** for a period of time, as decided by the SCA board.

In addition to this, athletes will be required to sign a code of conduct when they accept their place on the ASCYT, as well as meet bench-mark standards at training events and regional competitions to ensure that athlete performance is being maintained throughout the year.

Athletes who are unable to maintain competitive standards at events will be given a yellow card. Athletes will then be expected to increase their competitive standard before the next event (training camp or regional competition). If these standards are not met for a second time, athletes may receive a red card and lose their place on the ASCYT.