



SPORT CLIMBING AUSTRALIA

2019

National Lead and Speed Team Selection



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1. INTRODUCTION

2019 is a special season for Australian Sport Climbing athletes. To adapt to the introduction of the 2020 Oceania Olympic Selection event, the 2019 calendar will be different. This means a temporary change to the way that the Australian Lead team is selected.

Being part of the Australian Sport Climbing Team (ASCT) is the highest level of excellence for Sport Climbing in Australia. It is also a great responsibility as it involves representing Australia at international events.

This Policy seeks to continue the pursuit of:

- (a) High expectations;
- (b) High levels of commitment to effort; and
- (c) High levels of support for committed athletes and rigorous assessment of their commitment to the sport.

Sport Climbing Australia (SCA) expects all athletes who are offered and accept a position on the Team 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.

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:

- (a) athletes who will produce the best results at World Cup Events, World Championships and Olympic Games; and/or
- (b) athletes with potential to progress towards better results at future World Cup Events, World Championships 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).



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Athlete selection to an ASCT will be made by the Selectors.

2.2 Eligibility

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

- (a) be an Australian citizen;
- (b) have read, signed in agreement and returned the execution page of the SCA;
- (c) National Team Agreement and/or Code of Conduct;
- (d) be a current SCA National Level Member with no outstanding invoices to SCA;
- (e) meet the age requirement to participate in adult international competition under IFSC policy. Note that an athlete may be eligible for selection if they will meet the age requirement for the competition year they are being selected for;
- (f) have not been issued a red card in the last 12 months;
- (g) have read, signed and returned the SCA No Doping Declaration Policy and declare that the circumstances have not changed since submitting the declaration;
- (h) agree to participate in and meet all competition, training and participation requirements as determined by SCA;
- (i) 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 (ASADA), under the policies of IFSC and SCA (ADPs) and the World Anti-Doping Code (Code);
- (j) not have breached any 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
- (k) be required to be up to date and fully compliant with the ASADA Anti-doping Education (ASADA 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 an ASCT 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



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(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 ASCT, 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 to an ASCT 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. The Board is not obliged to consider any submission under this clause.

2.3 National Selection Panels (Selectors)

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

The Selectors consist of:

- (a) The High-Performance Manager;
- (b) The Coaching Director;
- (c) The Coach in each discipline;
- (d) The National Assistant Coach;
- (e) The National Team Physiotherapist; and
- (f) One representative of the SCA Board.

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. The selection committee charter is available on the SCA website.

Each Selector will vote on athlete selection in line with the selection criteria objectives and without bias. If panel members cannot agree, 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.



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3. OPEN TEAM SELECTION

3.1 Structure

ASCT members are eligible to represent Australia at international events sanctioned by IFSC.

The ASCT is made of three tiers:

- (a) National Open Lead Team;
- (b) National Open Bouldering Team; and
- (c) National Open Speed Team.

3.2 Team Selection – For 2019 Lead and Speed teams only

(a) Regular Selection

The following athletes will be selected to be a member of the ASCT:

- (i) World Championship and World Cup podium place (in the past 2 years);
- (ii) World Championship and World Cup finalists or semi-finalists (Open event only - in the past year). 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;
- (iii) Ranking in the Top 3 amongst the eligible athletes at National Lead and Speed Championships 2018 (for each respective discipline);
- (iv) Final at a World Youth Championship in the relevant discipline; this is only in the past year's event. Note that for speed, this will be equivalent to placing in the Top 8. In the event the athlete participates in a round due to cancellation of a previous round, this clause does not apply.

(b) Special Consideration

Four (4) positions may be considered for special consideration.

Australian athletes who are unable to meet the selection criteria may apply for special consideration to be considered for selection to the ASCT.

Applications must be made in writing to the Selectors by email to info@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au no later than **Friday 1st March 2019** and must be accompanied by an application fee of \$100 paid via the SCA website. Special consideration applications require supporting evidence for eligibility and payment.

Successful applications will have their \$100 application fee credited towards their Team Membership fee.



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3.3 Acceptance of Offer

Athletes considered under clause 3.2 may be offered a place in the ASCT. Athletes must accept the offered position on the ASCT 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.

Acceptance of offer will require the athlete to:

- (a) Return a signed letter of acceptance in the ASCT including a list of the events they wish to compete in;
- (b) Return a signed code of conduct (if not already provided); AND
- (c) Pay all fees required by SCA including ASCT Membership Fee.

3.4 ASCT Membership Fee

SCA has introduced an ASCT membership fee to replace a number of other fees and charges. The fee must be paid before an athlete can be accepted to the ASCT. The 2018 Membership Fee is \$300 and will be reviewed by the SCA board each year. The fee includes:

- (a) IFSC license fees and costs associated with obtaining the license;
- (b) IFSC entry fee to first International Event;
- (c) ASCT Uniform including delivery where required;
- (d) Entry to a training camp for Open team members;
- (e) Support of 1-2 coaching staff at World Championships and at least one World Cup per season (in each discipline); AND
- (f) Access to support by discipline coaches as well as high performance manager throughout the season.

If an athlete does not compete at any International Events or participate in training camps this fee is not refundable.

For athletes already selected in another discipline the membership fee for the second and third discipline is \$100 each and covers the entry fee to the first event in the respective discipline.

3.5 Official Team List

Following the process described in 3.1 to 3.4, an official team list will be published in such manner as is determined by the Selectors.



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4. EVENT SELECTION AND REGISTRATION

4.1 Allocation of event places

International events have limited places available and positions during the season are subject to the following procedure.

Athletes will be requested to submit the list of events they wish to participate in. Responses of interest for the **FULL SEASON** will be required no later than 90 days prior to the beginning of the respective season (first event in each discipline as specified by the IFSC calendar).

Lack of response denotes a forfeit of place and event places will be provided to the next ranked athlete at the discretion of the selection committee. After expressions of interest are approved, athletes will have 7 days to pay SCA all event fees to confirm their place.

4.2 Full Team Policy

If the number of athletes wishing to compete in an event exceeds the maximum number of competitors allowed for a given category at a given event, team members will be selected as follow

(a) For Open Lead:

1ST: World Championship and World Cup podium place (in the past 2 years);

2nd : World Championship and World Cup finalists or semi-finalists (Open event only - in the past year); - in order of the best result obtained;

3rd: The selectors will establish a ranking of the remaining athletes based on a range of criteria, including but not limited to:

- (i) Ranking at international events;
- (ii) Ranking in the qualifier, semi final and final rounds at the selection event;
- (iii) Ranking in the qualifier, semi final and final rounds at the previous year selection event;
- (iv) Results at state events and National Ranking;
- (v) Offering each team member an opportunity to compete internationally.

(b) For Open Speed:

competitors will be considered and ranked based on their best official time at the selection event). Note that if at the event two different routes are used it will be based on sum of the best official times on each route.

5. VALIDITY OF MEMBERSHIP



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ASCT 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 team can also register to international events if there are spots available. Priority will be given to the preceding year's team members.

6. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

Once climbers have obtained a place on the ASCT (Youth or Open), 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 ASCT** 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 ASCT, 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 ASCT.