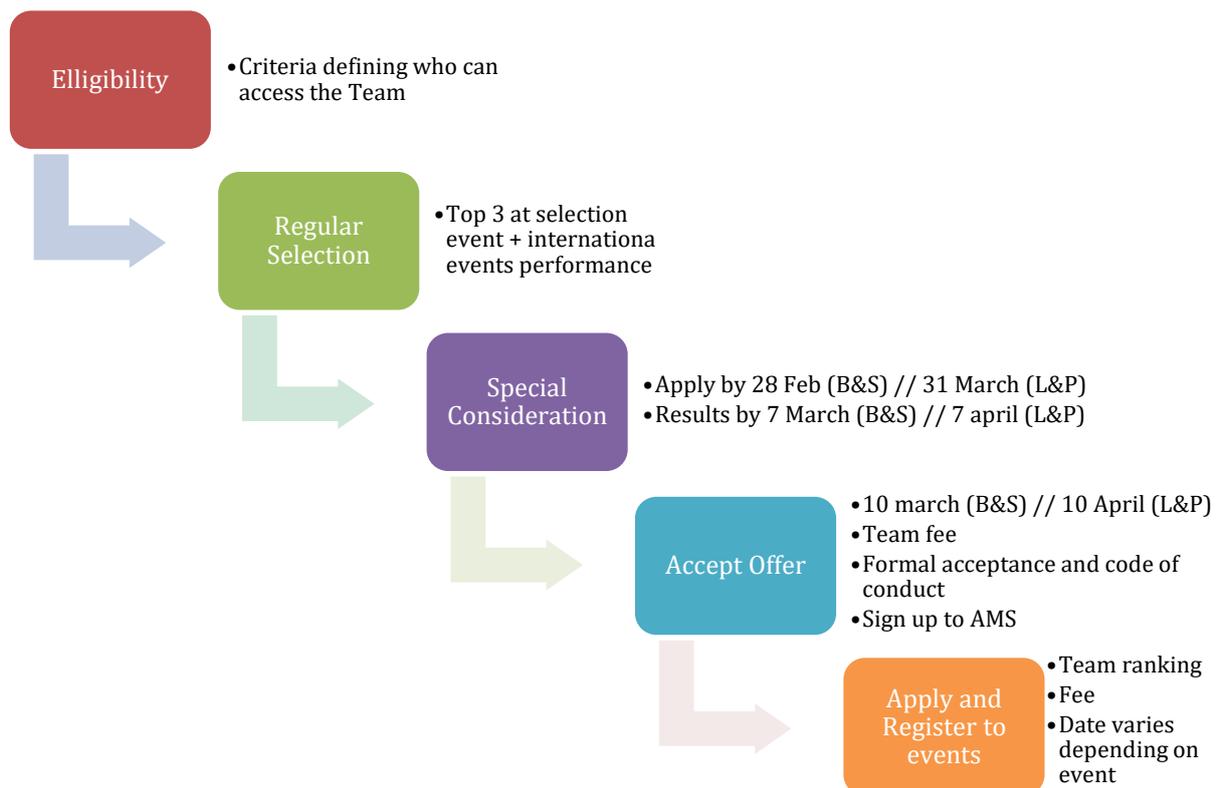




## 2022

### National Team Selection Australian Sport Climbing Team (ASCT)





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## POLICY SUMMARY

### ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION

Review eligibility criteria in the Policy (including citizenship, age, SCA membership...)

#### (i) Regular Selection

The following athletes will be selected to be a member of the Australian Sport Climbing Team (ASCT):

1. Ranking in the Top 3 amongst the eligible athletes at the Special Selection Event 2022 (performance applies for Speed);
2. Participation in the Tokyo 2020(1) Olympic Games (this qualifies athletes in the 3 disciplines)
3. World Championship semi-finalists (past 2 years) – (for speed, top 16);
4. World Cup semi-finalist (past 2 years) – (for speed, top 16).

#### (ii) Special Consideration

Applications for Special Consideration must be made in writing to the Selectors by email to [info@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au](mailto:info@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au)

**by no later than 28 February 2022 (Boulder and Speed) and 31 March (Lead and Para).**

Applications will be reviewed and results communicated by **7 March 2022 (boulder and Speed) and 7 April (Lead and Para)**. Special consideration application fee is \$200. The fee will be credited towards the team fee and event registration if the applicant is successful. 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.

### ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER

If an offer is made to an athlete the athlete must within 7 days of receipt of the offer:

- Sign the letter of acceptance in the ASCT
- Sign the code of conduct and
- Pay all fees required by SCA including ASCT Membership Fee.

The Team official list and ranking will be published by **7 March 2022 (Boulder and Speed) and 7 April (Lead and Para)**.

### ASCT MEMBERSHIP FEE

- Team Membership Fee: \$120 (incl GST)
- Additional Disciplines: \$50 each (incl GST).

#### Other Fees

- IFSC license fees and costs associated with obtaining the license (\$100 incl GST)
- Registration to World Championships (\$120 incl GST)
- Registration to World Cup events (\$95 incl GST)
- Daily fee for training camps (\$35 incl GST)
- Late Payment of event registration (\$50 incl GST per delayed month)



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## EVENT SELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Athletes must:

- For April Event: submit the list of events they wish to participate in **by 28 February 2022**.
- For May, June, July Events submit the list of events they wish to participate in by **31 March 2022**.
- For August, September, October , November Events: submit the list of events they wish to participate in by **15 June 2022**.



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## 1 INTRODUCTION

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:

- High expectations
- High levels of commitment to effort and
- 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 ASCT 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 by the SCA Board to ensure the Policy provides the best possible outcome for Australian Sport Climbing. Any amendments made by the Board will be communicated to athletes as soon as possible.

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

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



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## 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**), Sport Australia (**ASC**) and the Australian Olympic Committee (**AOC**). 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 meet the following criteria by 1 February 2022. Athletes must:

- (a) be an Australian citizen;
- (b) have read, signed in 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, in good standing and with no outstanding invoices to SCA;
- (d) 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.
- (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 Sport Integrity Australia (**SIA**), under the policies of IFSC and SCA (**ADPs**) and the World Anti-Doping Code (**Code**);
- (i) 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;
- (j) be required to be up to date and fully compliant with SIA's Anti-doping Education (SIA e-learning), and therefore have completed and be current at the time of selection with all online updates; and
- (k) be double vaccinated against COVID-19.



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An athlete will not be considered for selection whilst 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 (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, is and 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 in the 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.

## **2.3 NATIONAL SELECTION PANEL (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:

- The National Open, Para and Youth Coaches (Head coaches and coach)
- Members of the high-performance committee
- 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 may appoint a replacement Selector.

Each Selector will vote on athlete selection in line with the selection criteria objectives and without bias. If Selectors cannot agree, the chairman will have the final selection decision which must be approved by the SCA board.

## **2.4 AMENDMENT**

These criteria and sub sections may be amended or supplemented, particularly where matters arise which have not been provided for. All amendments must be approved by the SCA Board. If approved, SCA 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 APPEAL**

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 Open Team is made of the three discipline teams and the Paraclimbing Team:

- National Open Lead Team
- National Open Bouldering Team
- National Open Speed Team
- National Paraclimbing Team.

### 3.2 TEAM SELECTION – FOR EACH DISCIPLINE TEAM AND PARACLIMBING TEAM

#### (i) Regular Selection

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

- Ranking in the Top 3 amongst the eligible athletes at the Special Selection Event 2022 (performance applies for Speed);
- Participation in the Tokyo 2020(1) Olympic Games (this qualifies athletes in the 3 disciplines)
- World Championship semi-finalists (past 2 years) – (for speed, top 16);
- World Cup semi-finalist (past 2 years) – (for speed, top 16).

**\*Note:** the National Championships does not include all the paraclimbing categories as regulated by the IFSC. For the purpose of selection, paraclimbing at national championships is one unique category and athletes are selected if placing in the top three regardless of their relative IFSC category. Other athletes may apply via the special consideration pathway.

#### (ii) Special Consideration

Athletes who are unable to meet the selection criteria may apply for special consideration to be considered for selection to the ASCT. The maximum number of athletes in each gender-discipline is 8.

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 Open and Youth 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



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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.

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](mailto:info@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au) no later than 28 February 2022 (Boulder and Speed) and 31 March (Lead and Para).**

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.

### 3.3 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR SPEED SELECTION

Open athletes being considered for selection must also satisfy the following criteria to be eligible for consideration. Athletes will be deemed to have met this selection criteria if they achieve a successful performance at least once during the last two years. Time will only be valid if recorded during:

- an IFSC certified speed competition
- an Australian National Youth or Open Championships
- Oceania Championships.

Category	Maximum Time for International Team
Open Female	12 seconds
Open Male	9 seconds

### 3.4 OPEN TEAM – MULTIPLE DISCIPLINES

Open team members are eligible to represent Australia in multiple disciplines by being selected in:

- more than one discipline; **OR**
- one discipline and being successfully selected for special consideration for another.

### 3.5 ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER

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

To accept an offer an athlete must:

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



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- 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.

### 3.6 ASCT MEMBERSHIP FEE

The ASCT fee must be paid before an athlete can be accepted to the ASCT. The 2022 Membership Fee is \$120 incl GST. For athletes already selected in another discipline the membership fee for the second and third discipline is \$50 each. Consideration for the fee includes:

- Team administration
- ASCT Uniform including delivery – *note that athletes already owning the uniform will receive replacement items when required (worn or size change)*
- Access to national team training camp – *note that additional fee of \$35 per day will be required*
- Support of 1-2 coaching staff at World Championships and at least one World Cup per season (in each discipline) – *note that this may be altered due to COVID*
- Access to support by the coaching team throughout the season – general advice, education and support will be provided. *Please note this is not a weekly coaching program but general training advice and support.*

The fee does not include:

- IFSC license fees and event registration administrative cost (\$100 incl GST)
- Registration to World Championships (\$120 incl GST)
- Registration to World Cup events (\$95 incl GST)
- Daily fee for training camps (\$35 incl GST)
- Late payment of event registration (\$50 incl GST per delayed month)

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

### 3.7 OFFICIAL TEAM LIST

Following the process described in 3.2 to 3.6, an official team list will be published.



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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.

April Events:

Athletes will be requested to submit the list of events they wish to participate in **by 1 March 2022**.

May, June, July Events:

Athletes will be requested to submit the list of events they wish to participate in **by 1 April 2022**.

August, September, October, November Events:

Athletes will be requested to submit the list of events they wish to participate in **by 1 June 2022**.

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 the official allocation is published, athletes will have 14 days to pay SCA all event fees to confirm their place.

In the case of significant financial hardship, payment arrangements may be considered.

### 4.2 LATE CONFIRMATION OR PAYMENT

An athlete who does not confirm their participation or does not pay the team fee or registration fee by the due date may have their place removed and offered to another athlete. Athletes are required to communicate appropriately with their coaches and SCA in case of exceptional circumstances. If the place remains open due to the quota not being filled, a late payment fee of \$50 will apply and be payable for each month after the due date.

### 4.3 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 may be selected based on their team ranking. The ranking will be reviewed and approved by the SCA Board. The team official list and ranking will be published **by 7 March 2022 (B&S) and by 7 April 2022 (L&P)**.

(i) For Open Lead, Boulder and Paraclimbing:

1<sup>st</sup> – In order of ranking amongst the eligible athletes at the 2022 Special Selection Event (in each relevant disciplines), unless already ranked based on previous point.

2<sup>nd</sup> - Participation in the Tokyo 2020(1) Olympic Games (this qualifies athletes in the 3 disciplines)

3<sup>rd</sup> - World Championship semi-finalists (Open event only - in the past 2 years) – (for speed, top 16); unless already ranked based on previous points.

4<sup>th</sup> - World Cup semi-finalists (Open event only - in the past 2 years) – (for speed, top 16); unless already ranked based on previous points.



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5<sup>th</sup> - The selectors will establish a ranking of the remaining athletes based on a range of criteria, including but not limited to:

- Ranking at international events
- Ranking in the qualifier, semifinal and final rounds at the selection event
- Ranking in the qualifier, semifinal and final rounds at the previous year selection event
- Results at state events and National Ranking
- Any yellow card or disciplinary issue
- Current and previous injuries and rehabilitation plan (health professional advice and documents may be requested by the selector)

(ii) For Open Speed:

Competitors will be ranked with consideration to:

- their results on official speed walls and at international events in the last year
- their best official time at the selection event or national events in the last year
- Any yellow card or disciplinary issue
- Current and previous injuries and rehabilitation plan

(iii) For Paraclimbing:

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

- Ranking at international events
- Ranking in the qualifier, semifinal and final rounds at the selection event
- Ranking in the qualifier, semifinal and final rounds at the previous year selection event
- Results at state events and National Ranking
- Any yellow card or disciplinary issue
- Current and previous injuries and rehabilitation plan

#### **4.4 PARTICIPATION CANCELLATION**

If an athlete wishes to cancel participation in an event for which they have registered, they must notify the coaching team or the SCA administration team as soon as practicable. The selectors and the SCA board will review if the cancellation is justified and may decide the following:

- Refund or partial refund of the registration fee
- Issuing a yellow card
- Change the ranking of the athlete as part of the full team policy.

The place will be offered in order of ranking to other athletes if the registration timeline and process allows it.

#### **5 VALIDITY OF MEMBERSHIP**

With the exception of 3.2.i.3, 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.



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## 6 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

Once athletes 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 of 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 national board.

As noted above athletes must 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.