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Selection Policy

2020 Oceania Combined Climbing Championships



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1. INTRODUCTION

The 2020 Oceania Combined Climbing Championships (OCCC) is the first Oceania selection event for the 2020 Olympic games. Subject to Sport Climbing Australia (SCA) and AOC Olympic selection policies one male and one female athlete may be nominated to participate in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic game.

The Oceania Council of Sport Climbing has decided that 10 Australian and 10 New Zealand climbers will be able to participate in the OCCC for each gender.

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.

SCA expects that all athletes who are offered and accept a position to participate in the OCCC, will commit to participate in the event. 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.

Athletes selected to participate in the OCCC will form the 2020 Australian Combined Climbing Team (Team).

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 the following two objectives:

- (a) athletes who will produce the best results at the OCCC; and/or
- (b) athletes with potential to progress towards better results at future Combined Championships.

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).

2.2 Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration for selection, 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;



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- (c) be a current SCA National Level Member 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 have not been issued a red card in the last 12 months have read, signed and returned the SCA No Doping Declaration Policy and declare that the circumstances have not changed since submitting the declaration;
- (e) agree to participate in and meet all competition, training and participation requirements as determined by SCA;
- (f) 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);
- (g) 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
- (h) 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 and provide online learning certificates to SCA.

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 Team 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 the Team, 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 Team 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 request.

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.



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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;
- (f) One representative from 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

This policy may be amended or supplemented, particularly where matters arise which have not been provided for in this policy. 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. SELECTION

3.1 Athletes Selection – for each gender

- (a) Automatic Selection

Subject to complying with the requirements of clauses 3.3 and 3.4 athletes who achieve the following results will be automatically selected to be a member of the Team:

- (i) Any athlete already selected to participate in the 2020 Olympic games (via World Combined Championships or the Special Selection event 2019).
- (b) Regular Selection



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Regular Selection will be based on the 2019 Australian Overall Ranking as defined in the SCA Overall ranking policy. The following athletes will be selected to participate:

- (i) If 0 athletes have been selected via 3.1(a)(i): athletes placing in the Top 8 of the 2019 Australian Overall Ranking;
 - (ii) If 1 athlete has been selected via 3.1(a) (i): athletes placing in the Top 7 without including the athletes already selected via 3.1 (i) of the 2019 Australian Overall Ranking;
 - (iii) If 2 athletes have been selected via 3.1(a)(i): athletes placing in the Top 6 without including the athletes already selected via 3.1 (i) of the 2019 Australian Overall Ranking.
- (c) Special Consideration

Two positions will be considered for special consideration under clause 5.

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

Applications must be made in writing to the Selectors by email to info@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au no later than **one week** after the last National Open Championship of the year 2019 and must be accompanied by an application fee of \$200.. Special consideration applications require supporting evidence for eligibility and payment.

Successful applicants will have their \$200 application fee reimbursed.

3.2 Acceptance of Offer

Athletes selected under clause 3.1 may be offered a place to participate in OCCC. Athletes must accept the offered position 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 to be part of the Team;
- (b) Return a signed code of conduct (if not already provided); and
- (c) Pay all fees required by SCA including the participation fee in the 2020 OCCC.

If an athlete does not compete in the 2020 OCCC this fee is not refundable.

3.3 Additional Selection

If ten positions are not filled following application of the process in clauses 3.1 and 3.2 the vacant position(s) may (in the total discretion of the Selectors) be offered to the next ranked



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eligible athlete in the 2019 Australian Overall ranking. Positions will be offered in order of ranking. Such offers must be accepted in accordance with clause 3.2. This process may be repeated until ten positions are filled. SCA reserves the right to not fill all vacant positions.

4. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

Once climbers have obtained a place on the Team 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 Team** for a period of time, as decided by the national board.

In addition to this, athletes will be required to sign a code of conduct when they accept their place on the team, 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 team.