

Climbing New Zealand Selection Policy for Oceania Championships 2023.

Version Tracking

Version	Date	Comment
Initial Draft	November 2022	For CNZ Committee Review
Update following clarifications from OCSC	December 2022	First release to CNZ Website
Finalised version	June 2023	Finalised to confirm selection process for Lead-boulder without Selection Event. Removed text is struck out, and new text is in RED.

1. Background

1.1. Paris 2024

The IOC Executive Board officially confirmed Sport Climbing's inclusion in the programme of the 2024 Olympic Games on 7 December 2020.

With a **Speed** event and a combined Boulder & Lead event in Paris, the total number of medal events for Sport Climbing will double from two at the Tokyo Games, to four in Paris. The 2024 Games will also see a significant increase in the number of Sport Climbing athletes participating in comparison to the Tokyo Games, from 40 athletes in Tokyo, to **68** in Paris.

The Games of the XXXIII Olympiad are scheduled to take place in the French capital from **26 July to 11 August 2024**.

1.2. IFSC Qualification Process

[Speed Qualification Process](#) (Reference document)

[Lead-Boulder Qualification Process](#) (Reference document)

Note: we are expecting an update to these document in December 2022. Check this page for updates: <https://olympics.com/ioc/documents/olympic-games/paris-2024-olympic-games>

In each discipline, ten athletes will be selected through the five Continental qualification events, with one male and one female athlete being selected from each event.

1.3. Climbing New Zealand and New Zealand Olympic Committee Nomination and Selection

In summary the selection process has 3 steps:

1. An athlete needs to be awarded a place to compete in Paris 2024 via the IFSC Olympic Selection process.
2. The athlete who has been awarded a place needs to be nominated by Climbing New Zealand for selection into the New Zealand Olympic Team.
3. The New Zealand Olympic Committee must then select the athlete to be included in the New Zealand Team for Paris 2024.

Please ensure you read this document “Paris 2024 Olympic Games Nomination Criteria for Climbing Events”, it includes important information relating to Olympic selection.

<https://www.olympic.org.nz/assets/Paris-2024-Nomination-Criteria-Sport-Climbing-Final-.pdf>

2. Oceania Continental Qualification Event – 2023 Oceania Championships

2.1. Event and qualification overview

This event (Oceania Qualifier) has been scheduled for 23-26 November 2023 in Melbourne, Australia.

The winners (male and female) of the Oceania Championships Lead-Boulder and Speed will be eligible for selection by their respective Olympic Committees to the Olympic National Teams for Paris 2024.

The next highest ranked athlete (based on 2023 World Rankings) from the Oceania region not selected will earn a place in the IFSC Olympic Qualification Series (3 event series for Skateboarding, Breaking and Climbing) to take place early in 2024 at venues and locations to be confirmed.

2.2. Allocation of athletes to compete in the Oceania event.

Through the selection policy for the Oceania Olympic Qualifier, the IFSC have declared the following allocation of athlete places for this event:

Lead-Boulder

There are a total of 20 places available for this event.

8 places have been allocated to Australia and 8 places allocated to New Zealand.

1 place has been allocated to Fiji and 1 place to other Oceania countries.

If any of the allocated positions are not filled, then additional places may be made available to New Zealand and Australia.

The event MUST have a full field of 20 athletes for each gender so additional athletes will be selected if any country fails to have its full quota of athletes present.

Speed

Up to 25 places are allocated to New Zealand athletes.

For each gender category each field MUST have at least 20 athletes competing for the event to be eligible to earn World Ranking points.

3. New Zealand Selection Policy for the Oceania Olympic Qualification Event

This policy relates to the process for selecting athletes in each gender category to compete at the Oceania Championship event Melbourne Australia for Lead-Boulder and Speed.

Athletes can opt to seek selection and compete in both disciplines.

3.1. Lead-Boulder

~~Climbing New Zealand will select athletes via a special Olympic Qualification event for Lead Boulder to be held between May and August 2023, Date and Venue TBC.~~

This event will follow the rules and format set by the IFSC for the Combined Lead-Boulder event

https://cdn.ifsc-climbing.org/images/Website/2023_IFSC_Rules_112.pdf Section 11 Lead-Boulder.

~~To qualify for selection to this CNZ National Team for the Olympic qualification event:~~

~~3.1.1. Automatic Selection: the top 6 placed men and top 6 placed women at CNZ Open National Championship Lead Boulder will be automatically selected.~~

~~3.1.2. Discretionary Selection: An additional 2 wildcard entries per gender will be made for athletes who have made written application to CNZ Selection Committee, seeking discretionary selection including under exceptional circumstances.~~

~~3.1.3. Should the Selection Committee determine that no wildcard selections be made then the next 2 placed athletes (ie 7th and 8th placings) from the NZ Qualification event will be selected.~~

~~3.1.4. Should additional places be made available for New Zealand athletes then the results and ranking from the NZ Qualification event will once again apply.~~

Outline of the Selection Policy for the Olympic Qualifier – Lead and Bouldering

Climbing New Zealand is not running a NZ Qualification Event, and therefore will be selecting based on national rankings from results over the last 2 seasons, plus providing an allowance for the Selectors to select some places based on other factors, with an overall goal to fielding the best possible Team.

All athletes who have competed at CNZ events over the last 2 seasons at Youth A, Junior or Open level or who have been granted discretionary selection during that period will be invited to put in an expression of interest for the event.

We expect that New Zealand can select 10 athletes in each category for this event.

Selection Policy Overview

All climbers who earned ranking points in Open events in the last two seasons, have been ranked. Method: Simple totalling of ranking points from all open events, based on results and applying the rules of the existing overall CNZ selection policy.

The top 7 ranked athletes will be invited to accept a position in the Team.

In parallel with seeking acceptance or declines from these athletes, expressions of interest will be sought from all other eligible athletes.

If 2 or more athletes in the top 7 declines then additional discretion is passed to the Selection Committee, if 1 athlete withdraws then the 8th ranked athlete is promoted, if 2 athletes withdraw, selectors have discretion after the top 6 on ranking, if 3 or more withdraw then the selectors have discretion after the top 5. The selectors have the option of continuing to select based on ranking if they believe this provides the strongest team.

The discretion is to allow selectors to:

- consider athletes who have not competed in National events in the two years but would still be ranked highly and include athletes who were granted discretionary selection, or
- consider athletes who are new to competitive climbing but would come with conditions, or
- consider younger athletes who have not competed regularly in opens in the last 2 years but who have performed well at Youth A or Junior level.
- Any discretionary selection may be conditional to allow selectors to judge whether the athletes are performing to a high standard. For example the selectors may want athletes to compete in an Australian event like the Australian Open Championships or may want to see the athlete compete in the NZ Open Bouldering Championships and / or be assessed as part of the Opens Team development camp.
- Some discretionary places may be left open until later in the year, but athletes being consider for these final places will be aware of the possibility and conditions of selection.

3.2. Speed

Please note that a minimum time to qualify for New Zealand selection in Speed at the Oceania Olympic Qualifier needs to be ratified however the proposed minimum times are:

Male: 12.00 seconds

Female 15.00 seconds

Athletes wishing to compete in Speed will be selected on the following basis of their national ranking, as follows:

- 3.2.1. Automatic Selection: the top 12 ranked athletes, based on eligible event times posted in the qualification period being 01/01/2023 to 30/09/2023. All athletes must have met the minimum qualification time (see proposed time above)
- 3.2.2. Eligible Event. Any event Nationally or Internationally run to IFSC rules and run on a standard specification Speed climbing wall.
- 3.2.3. Additional opportunities will be made available to athletes during 2023 to qualify for Speed.
- 3.2.4. Discretionary Selection on application: Additional places may be granted selection to athletes who have made written application to CNZ Selection Committee and have evidence that they are able to or have met the minimum qualification time. These additional selections are to be made on discretion of the Selection Committee up to the number of positions available. Not all available positions may be filled.

4. Eligibility

To be eligible for selection to this CNZ National Team athletes must:

- Abide by CNZ rules, code of conduct, ethics and social media policy. Must act in accordance with other national and international policies (WADA anti-doping, IFSC, HPSNZ)
- Sign and abide by the CNZ athlete agreement policy
- Be eligible to compete for NZ if selected (i.e. Hold a NZ passport)
- Hold a current CNZ domestic licence.
- Follow training and competition plans agreed upon by a National Coach in collaboration with the athlete's personal coach
- Participate in quarterly meetings (in person or remote) with a National coach
- Participate in fitness assessments with a National coach

5. Selection Committee

- 5.1. 2022 CNZ Selection Committee: Rob Moore, Peter Lofthouse
- 5.2. CNZ Selection Convener: Richard Waldin (the role of Selection Convener is to ensure the selections are made in a fair and unbiased way according to this policy)

6. Appeals

- 6.1. Appeals against non-selection of athletes can, in the first instance, be lodged in writing to the CNZ Management Committee. Appeals must be submitted within 21 days of the public release of teams.
- 6.2. If the appellant is dissatisfied with the outcome of the initial appeal a further appeal can be lodged with the New Zealand Sports Tribunal. This appeal must be submitted within 21 days of CNZ Management Committee appeal decision.

7. Selection Review and Dismissal

- 7.1. CNZ Selection Committee reserves the right to reassess the selection of athletes in cases where:
 - 7.1.1. Athletes have conducted themselves in a manner which is inappropriate and/or may negatively affect the reputation of CNZ.
 - 7.1.2. Injury may limit performance in the events the athlete was selected for.
- 7.2. Dismissal and Sanctions
 - 7.2.1. Athletes deselected or dismissed on any of the cases instanced in 6.1 may be eligible for a refund of monies already paid to CNZ in relation to the Oceania Championship event
 - 7.2.2. Athletes considered by CNZ Team Management and/or CNZ Selection Committee to be in serious breach of code of conduct and athlete agreement may be dismissed from the NZ National Team and, if appropriate, sent home from the Oceania Championship event. Dismissal in this instance will be reviewed by CNZ Management Committee and appropriate sanctions handed down to the athlete.