

USA CLIMBING  
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES  
SANTIAGO 2023 PAN AMERICAN GAMES  
SPORT CLIMBING – Boulder & Lead  
October 7, 2022



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## 1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of selection.

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

1.1.2. Minimum International Pan American Sports Organization (Panam Sports) or Americas Paralympic Committee (APC) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American or Parapan American Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) or National Paralympic Committee (NPC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Olympic Charter (Rule 41), the IPC Handbook (Section 2, Chapter 3.1), the Panam Sports Constitution (Article 34.4-7), or the Americas Paralympic Committee bylaws (Chapter 2.4.12 of the IPC Handbook).

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) and/or Continental Federation (CF) (PAG and PPAG only) standards for participation (if any):

- [Santiago 2023 Pan American Games Qualification System](#)
- All participating athletes must comply with the IFSC Rules (link) and the following:

- Athletes must be born before 1 January 2008 to be eligible to participate in the Pan American Games.
- Hold a valid international license issued by the IFSC during the qualifying year.
- Not have been banned from participating in any IFSC competitions during the qualifying year.
- Athletes must have signed and submitted the athlete eligibility conditions form.

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- Must meet all USA Climbing National Team requirements in accordance with the 2023 USA Climbing National Team Selection Procedures ([<<LINK>>](#)).
- Must complete/sign, agree to, and adhere to the required USA Climbing Athlete Agreement ([<<LINK>>](#)).
- Must be in good standing with USA Climbing, IFSC, USOPC, and all other applicable affiliates at the time of nomination.
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- Athlete must successfully complete all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.
- Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current [USOPC Background Check Policy](#).
- Any athlete age 18 or older as of the Closing Ceremony will be required to remain current with the U.S. Center for SafeSport’s education and training requirements in accordance with the [USOPC Athlete Safety Policy](#).

1.2. Tryout Events:

1.2.1. Event names, dates and locations of all trials, competitions, and camps to be used as part of the selection process:

Santiago 2023 Pan American Games Qualification Events (per the Pan American 2023 Games Qualification System) ([<<LINK>>](#))

- IFSC World Ranking (Including the 2023 IFSC Climbing World Championships results) – August 12, 2023

- Qualification event (Date, event title, location, TBC) (Open to all PanAm athletes) – August (date TBC – after IFSC WCH and no later than August 25), 2023

1.2.2. Describe how athletes qualify for the events listed in 1.2.1.:

- IFSC World Ranking (Boulder & Lead):
  - Athletes selected to participate in the events that qualify for the IFSC World Ranking are based on the final USA Climbing Boulder & Lead Combined National Team in accordance with the Team Selection Procedures for the USA Climbing Boulder & Lead Combined National Team eligibility (<<LINK>>)
  - The sixteen (16) highest ranked athletes (Boulder & Lead) per gender from the relevant Pan American member countries of Panam Sports at the World Ranking will obtain one (1) quota place to participate in the 2023 Pan American Games, respecting the max. NOC quota per gender.
  - Contingency qualification pathway: If the quota places remain unfilled after the World Ranking pathway (e.g., event cancellations, non-participation of athletes in events), the 2023 IFSC Climbing World Championships results will be used to select the remaining athletes, respecting the max. NOC quota per gender per event. Additional contingency pathway may be added by the IFSC in case the quota places remain not fulfilled after previous pathways.
- Qualification event (Boulder & Lead):
  - If the NOC quota is unfilled for the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games, athletes selected to participate in the Qualification event will be based on the final USA Climbing Boulder & Lead Combined National Team from those athletes not yet qualified in accordance with the Team Selection Procedures for the USA Climbing Boulder & Lead Combined National Team eligibility (<<LINK>>)
  - The three (3) highest placed athletes (Boulder & Lead) per gender at the Qualification event, will obtain one (1) quota place to participate in the 2023 Pan American Games, respecting the max. NOC quota per gender
  - In case the allocated quota places are unused (e.g., event cancellation), all unused quota places will be reallocated according to the Reallocation of unused quota places of this document.

1.3. Step-by-step description of the selection process for these Games (include maximum Team size):

- Maximum number of athletes per NOC at the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games is three (3) men and three (3) women, for a total of six (6) athletes.
- Quota places are allocated to athlete(s) by name.
- Per the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games Qualification System for Boulder & Lead ([<<LINK>>](#)), athletes who obtain a quota at the Qualification Events will be selected and nominated to the Pan American Team in order of their qualification (in priority order):
  - IFSC World Ranking (Including the 2023 IFSC Climbing World Championships results) – August 12, 2023
    - The sixteen (16) highest ranked athletes (Boulder & Lead) per gender from the relevant Pan American member countries of Panam Sports at the World Ranking will obtain one (1) quota place to participate in the 2023 Pan American Games, respecting the max. NOC quota per gender.
    - Contingency qualification pathway: If the quota places remain unfilled after the World Ranking pathway (e.g., event cancellations, non-participation of athletes in events), the 2023 IFSC Climbing World Championships results will be used to select the remaining athletes, respecting the max. NOC quota per gender per event. Additional contingency pathway may be added by the IFSC in case the quota places remain not fulfilled after previous pathways.
  - Qualification event (Date, event title, location, TBC) (Open to all PanAm athletes) – August (date TBC – after IFSC WCH and no later than August 25), 2023
    - The three (3) highest placed athletes (Boulder & Lead) per gender, will obtain one (1) quota place to participate in the 2023 Pan American Games, respecting the max. NOC quota per gender.
    - In case the allocated quota places are unused (e.g., event cancellation), all unused quota places will be reallocated according to the Reallocation of unused quota places of this document.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

2.1. Rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

No discretionary selection will be utilized

- 2.2. Define the discretionary criteria to be used (if any):

No discretionary selection will be utilized

- 2.3. Name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles:

No discretionary selection will be utilized

- 2.3.1. Process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee:

No discretionary selection will be utilized

### 3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to entry by name to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOPC, the USA CLIMBING has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is nominated to the Team by the USA CLIMBING may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by the USA CLIMBING:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USA CLIMBING CEO/Executive Director.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the USA CLIMBING. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the USA CLIMBING, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.
- 3.1.4. Violation of the USA Climbing's Code of Conduct ([<<LINK>>](#)).
- 3.1.5. Violation of the USA Climbing's Athlete Agreement ([<<LINK>>](#))

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the USA Climbing's Bylaws, Section 15 and the USOPC Bylaws, Section 9.

3.2. Once athlete entries have been submitted to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOPC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable USA CLIMBING Code of Conduct, the USOPC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply. The USOPC's Code of Conduct is included in the Games Forms made available prior to the respective Games; the USOPC's Grievance Procedures can be found at:  
[www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Governance-Documents](http://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Governance-Documents)

3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as well as the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy and USA CLIMBING's SafeSport policies, as applicable.

#### 4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:

- If necessary, the IFSC will reallocate all unused quota places (e.g., event cancellation) to the next highest ranked eligible athletes, not yet qualified, at the World Ranking, respecting the max. NOC quota per gender per event.
- If the quota places remain unfilled after the World Ranking, all unused quota places will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete, not yet qualified, at the 2023 IFSC Climbing World Championships, respecting the max. NOC quota per gender per event.
- The reallocation will be done according to the Qualification Timeline of the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games Qualification System. The IFSC will confirm in writing to Panam Sports and NOCs the quota places reallocated, respecting the max. NOC quota per gender per event. Then, the NOCs that receive the reallocated quotas must confirm within one (1) week.

#### 5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Climbing will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Games.

#### 6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

*Note: Required Documents include the USOPC Code of Conduct and may include an NGB/PSO Code of Conduct or a National Team Agreement, etc.*

*Note: Participation must not be conditional on an athlete signing any commercial terms agreement.*

In addition to the USOPC Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Pan American or Parapan American Games:

USA Climbing Athlete Agreement (<<LINK>>)

## 7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOPC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the USA Climbing in the following public location(s):

7.1. USA Climbing Web site: [www.usaclimbing.org](http://www.usaclimbing.org)

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOPC.

## 8. DATE OF NOMINATION

Nomination of athletes, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOPC on or before:

September 10, 2023

## 9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

USA Climbing will designate all mandatory US Team training and competition dates at least 30 days prior to their respective starts. (<<LINK>>)

## 10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, WADA, IF, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, WADA, IF, USADA and USOPC rules, as applicable.

## 11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Marc Norman – CEO

John Muse – VP of Sport

Meg Coyne – National Team Manager

Josh Larson – National Team Head Coach

Kyra Condie – USOPC AAC Representative

USA Climbing Team Selection Committee (Matt Ornes, John Muse, Kyra Condie, Brian Alba, Ian Coyer, Sue Brumm)

USA Climbing Athlete Advisory Committee (Danny Popowski, Nathaniel Coleman, Kyra Condie, Garrett Gregor, Jesse Grupper, Sienna Kopf, Katie Lamb)

**12. USA CLIMBING BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

The USA Climbing Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at: [www.usaclimbing.org](http://www.usaclimbing.org)

**13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER**

These procedures are based on IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, as applicable, and/or IFSC rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, as applicable, and/or IFSC rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Climbing. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures may require revisions, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOPC.

**14. ATHLETE OMBUDS OFFICE**

The Athlete Ombuds Office provides cost-free, independent and confidential advice regarding athlete rights, grievance procedures and any other related guidance pertaining to selection procedures and can assist in mediating disputes between athletes and their NGB/PSO.

To contact the Athlete Ombuds Office:

PHONE: (719) 866-5000

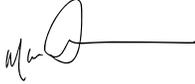
EMAIL: [ombudsman@usathlete.org](mailto:ombudsman@usathlete.org)

WEBSITE: [www.usathlete.org](http://www.usathlete.org)

**15. NGB/PSO SIGNATURES**

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and/or CF (PAG/PPAG only) and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Climbing.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
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USA Climbing President or CEO/Executive Director	Marc Norman, CEO		4/17/23
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	John Muse, VP of Sport		4/17/23
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Kyra Condie, USOPC AAC Rep		4/17/23

\* If the USOPC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

\* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB/PSO, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her USOPC Sport Performance Team.

\* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOPC AAC Representative, the NGB/PSO must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.