

USA CLIMBING
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES
SPORT CLIMBING – Boulder & Lead
September 10, 2023



Where Olympic Journeys Begin

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 Olympic Committee (IOC), International Paralympic Committee (IPC) 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) standards for participation (if any):

- Must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement)

Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions). Only those athletes who comply with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024;

- Hold a valid International license issued by the IFSC for the Olympic Games year at the date of the final entries deadline (July 8, 2024);
- Not have been banned from participating in any IFSC competition for whatever reason during the Olympic Games year;
- Have participated at least in one (1) of the events mentioned in section D “Qualification Pathway” of the IFSC Qualification System for the 2024 Olympic Games ([<<LINK>>](#));
- Must hold a valid IFSC license at time of qualification.

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- Must meet all USA Climbing National Team requirements in accordance with the 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.
- 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:

Paris 2024 Games Qualification Events (per the IFSC Sport Climbing 2024 Games Qualification System) ([<<LINK>>](#)):

- D.1.1. IFSC Climbing World Championships (Boulder & Lead) – Bern (SUI), August 2023
- D.1.2. IFSC Continental Qualifier (Boulder & Lead) – Santiago 2023 Pan American Games – Santiago (CHI) – October 2023
- D.1.3. Olympic qualifier series (working title) – March-June 2024 – dates and locations to be determined

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

- D.1.1. IFSC Climbing World Championships (Boulder & Lead): Athletes selected for the first qualification pathway 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>>](#))
- D.1.2. IFSC Continental Qualifier (Boulder & Lead) – Santiago 2023 Pan American Games: Athletes selected for the second qualification pathway are outlined in the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games Qualification System ([<<LINK>>](#))
- D.1.3. Olympic qualifier series (working title): Athletes selected for the third qualification pathway are outlined in the Paris 2024 Games Qualification System ([<<LINK>>](#)) section D.

- 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 2024 Olympic Games is two (2) men and two (2) women, for a total of four (4) athletes.
- Quota places are allocated to athlete(s) by name.
- Per the IFSC Sport Climbing 2024 Games Qualification System for Boulder & Lead ([<<LINK>>](#)), athletes who obtain a quota at the Qualification Events will be

selected and nominated to the Olympic Team in order of their qualification (in priority order):

- D.1.1. IFSC Climbing World Championships (Boulder & Lead) – Bern (SUI) – August 2023
 - The three (3) highest placed athletes per gender at the World Championships will be allocated one (1) quota place, respecting the maximum quota per gender per NOC.
- D.1.2. IFSC Continental Qualifier (Boulder & Lead) – September-December 2023
 - The highest placed athlete at each Continental Qualifier will obtain one (1) quota place, respecting the maximum quota per gender per NOC.
 - African Qualifier (Date and location to be determined)
 - Asian Qualifier (Date and location to be determined)
 - European Qualifier (Date and location to be determined)
 - Oceanian Qualifier (Date and location to be determined)
 - Pan American Qualifier, Pan American Games, Santiago (CHI), October 2023
- D.1.3. Olympic qualifier series (working title) – March-June 2024 – dates and locations to be determined
 - The Olympic qualifier series will be composed by an invitational series of events.
 - The invitation to the events will be released based on the 2023 international events results/rankings, with a maximum quota per gender per National Federation (NF).
 - The quota places will be allocated (exact procedure to be determined), respecting the maximum quota per gender per NOC.

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

- 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:

4.1.1. prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

- Per the IFSC Sport Climbing 2024 Games Qualification System for Boulder & Lead (<<LINK>>):
 - For D.1.1. and D.1.3. Pathways

Unused quota place(s) will be reallocated to the next highest placed eligible athlete, not yet qualified, at the **D.1.1. Olympic qualifier series**, respecting the maximum quota per gender and per NOC. The re-allocation will be implemented according to the timeline in section **G. Qualification Timeline**.

- For D.1.2. Pathway

Unused quota place(s) will be reallocated to the next highest placed eligible athlete from the relevant continent, not yet qualified, at the **D.1.3. Olympic qualifier series**, respecting the maximum quota per gender and per NOC.

If there are no eligible athletes from the relevant continent at the **D.1.3. Olympic qualifier series**, the unused quota will be reallocated to the next highest placed eligible athlete irrespective of continent, not yet qualified, at the **D.1.3. Olympic qualifier series**, respecting the maximum quota per gender per NOC.

The re-allocation will be implemented according to the timeline expressed in section **G. Qualification Timeline**.

4.1.2. after submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

- Per the IFSC Sport Climbing 2024 Games Qualification System for Boulder & Lead (<<LINK>>):
 - For D.1.1. and D.1.3. Pathways

Unused quota place(s) will be reallocated to the next highest placed eligible athlete, not yet qualified, at the **D.1.1. Olympic qualifier series**, respecting the maximum quota per gender and per

NOC. The re-allocation will be implemented according to the timeline in section **G. Qualification Timeline**.

- For D.1.2. Pathway

Unused quota place(s) will be reallocated to the next highest placed eligible athlete from the relevant continent, not yet qualified, at the **D.1.3. Olympic qualifier series**, respecting the maximum quota per gender and per NOC.

If there are no eligible athletes from the relevant continent at the **D.1.3. Olympic qualifier series**, the unused quota will be reallocated to the next highest placed eligible athlete irrespective of continent, not yet qualified, at the **D.1.3. Olympic qualifier series**, respecting the maximum quota per gender per NOC.

The re-allocation will be implemented according to the timeline expressed in section **G. Qualification Timeline**.

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

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 Olympic and Paralympic 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

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:

July 5, 2024

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.

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

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 USA CLIMBING.

To contact the Athlete Ombuds Office:

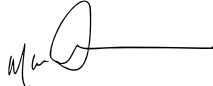

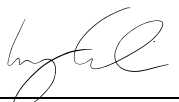
PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org

WEBSITE: www.usathlete.org

15. USA CLIMBING 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
USA CLIMBING President or CEO/Executive Director	Marc Norman, CEO		9/15/23
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	John Muse, VP of Sport		9/15/23
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Kyra Condie, USOPC AAC Rep		9/15/23

* 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 USA CLIMBING, 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 USA CLIMBING must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.