

2024.03.26 Team Selection Discretion Execution

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BACKGROUND

2024 IFSC Relevant Schedule:

- WC: Apr 8-10 Keqiao, CHN Bouldering World Cup
- WC: Apr 12-14 Wujiang, CHN Lead/Speed World Cup
- WC: May 3-5 Salt Lake City, USA Boulder and Speed World Cup
- OQS: May 16-19 China Shanghai
- OQS: Jun 20-23 Hungary Budapest
- WC: Jun 26-30 Innsbruck, AUT Boulder and Lead World Cup
- WC: Jul 12-14 Chamonix, FRA Lead and Speed World Cup
- WC: Jul 17-19 Briancon, FRA Lead and Speed World Cup
- Oly: Aug 5-10 France, Olympics
- WC: Sep 6-7 Koper, SLO Lead World Cup,
- WC: Sep 20-22 Prague, CZE Boulder World Cup
- WC: Oct 2-6 Seoul, South Korea Boulder, Lead and Speed, World Cup

TSP Doc Unchanged Procedures

The following TSP doc rules and procedures are not modified by this exercise of discretion, and are included in this document for clarity and to serve as reminders.

1. Competition Starts for Salt Lake City WC
 - Same as in TSP doc 2.3.6(a), using a strict priority that is independent of Competition Starts for all other WCs:
 - NT (Preselect, OQS by CUWR, then NTR by NTR)
 - NDT (NTR by NTR)
 - Note: results (e.g., top-30) at the SLC WC *do* count towards possible priority status for non-SLC WCs. (see "PRI : Prioritized Competition Start for Recognized Performance" below)
2. OQS Selected NT members moved to NDT
 - Following the conclusion of the Olympic Qualifier Series, OQS Selected NT members that have not qualified for the Olympics or are otherwise on the National Team, will be moved to the National Development Team and positioned as the 1st ranked members of the National Development Team (ahead of NTR Selected athletes), and according to their OQS rank among other OQS Selected moved to the NDT.
 - *Note: this is unchanged since the 20230821 TSP doc 7 months ago, which reflected a priority of Olympic qualification and incentivized relevant athletes to focus on the Olympic pathway.*

Discretion Execution:

SPEED-NDT : Adding an athlete to the Speed NDT

Executed Discretion:

1. An athlete not already on the Speed NT nor NDT is added to the NDT if they submit evidence to teamselection@usaclimbing.org of meeting the National Team benchmark time (5.680s M, 8.000s W) in one run. The athlete must submit video evidence to the high performance team of a run that meets the NT benchmark time on a speed wall that has been certified by VP of Sport to meet the National Speed wall standard.
2. Athletes added to the NDT in such a way are ranked at the bottom of the NDT (*unless/until a subsequent TS discretion proposal is submitted*).
3. If multiple athletes are added to the NDT, they are ordered by the time of their submission. (earliest submission ranked higher.)
4. Notification: The athlete added to the NDT must be listed on the public NDT list.

PRI : Prioritized Competition Start for Recognized Performance

Executed Discretion:

1. An athlete who achieves a top-30 result ("Recognized Performance") at a WC competition among those listed in "2024 IFSC Relevant Schedule" is prioritized for a subsequent Competition Start in the Discipline.
 - a. In the Speed Discipline, the athlete must also meet or exceed the NT benchmark time at that same Speed competition in order to be so prioritized.
2. The process for an athlete's subsequent Competition Start being prioritized is as follows:
 - a. An athlete achieving a Recognized Performance at a relevant competition (see above) while a member of the NDT *or* NT is, at the conclusion of that competition, awarded single-use Priority Status in the Discipline.
 - b. Once a competition's Registered Interest Deadline has passed, newly-awarded Priority Status does not affect that competition's allocation of Competition Starts.
 - i. Innsbruck results will not affect priority for Chamonix, or Briancon
 - ii. Chamonix results will not affect priority for Briancon
 - iii. Koper results will not affect priority for Seoul
 - iv. Prague results will not affect priority for Seoul
 - c. In determining priority order among NDT members for competition starts, first priority will be those athletes with Priority Status in the Discipline and then those athletes without such Priority Status.
 - i. Among those with Priority Status, order is by their best ranking in WC competitions among those listed in "2024 IFSC Relevant Schedule", then by their next-best ranking, etc, with final priority order by way of the TSP doc as modified by (other) TSD executions.
 - ii. Among those without Priority Status, is by way of the TSP doc as modified by (other) TSD executions.
 - d. A NDT athlete that is awarded a Competition Start while having Priority Status in the Discipline is returned to non-priority status - that is, the Priority Status is removed.

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- i. Note that this Priority Status is removed regardless of whether the Competition Start awarded to the athlete was the result of the Priority Status.
 - ii. Note that an OQS Selected athlete can be awarded Priority Status as NT and that status does not get removed if they are awarded a subsequent competition start as NT - the athlete maintains the Priority Status until their first competition start as a NDT member.
 - e. For the avoidance of doubt, the above rules result in the possibility that an athlete might be awarded Priority Status multiple times in a season.
 - i. For example, an NDT athlete awarded a Competition Start based on Priority Status will have their Priority Status removed (as noted above), but the athlete is eligible to be again awarded Priority Status if they achieve a Recognized Performance at that competition.
3. Notification:
- a. The athlete's priority must be updated on the public competition start priority list.
 - b. The Team Selection Committee is to be notified when the update is made.

INNS-OLY : Innsbruck Start Allocation for Womens Lead

Executed Discretion:

1. The final OQS results from Budapest OQS on June 20-23 are scheduled to be available only a few days before the start of the Innsbruck B/L WC June 26-30.
 - a. According to the TSP document, the OQS Selected who do not achieve Olympic eligibility would move to the NDT after the OQS. However, Innsbruck is too soon after the completion of the OQS for this to be done.
 - b. Instead the relative order on NT between OQS Selected and NTR Selected is swapped, and OQS Selected are ordered by OQS ranking at the first OQS. OQS Selected are not considered NDT for Innsbruck, and are prioritized as being on NT.
2. For Innsbruck Competition Starts, the OQS Selected will be prioritized below the (two) NTR Selected athletes on the NT. As such, Innsbruck will have the following priority:
 - a. First, NT Team Preselected (as of the conclusion of the NTT)
 - b. Then, NT by way of being NTR selected, in order of NTR
 - c. Then, remaining OQS Selected athletes, in order of OQS rank immediately following the first OQS in Shanghai.
 - d. Then, those on the NDT, ordered according to the Team Selection Procedures.
3. For the avoidance of doubt, this may result in someone qualifying for the Olympics (i.e., being named to the National Team) and not getting a start in Innsbruck for the Lead discipline. E.g., ranked last after Shanghai OQS but then qualified for Olympics after Budapest OQS.

FRA-OLY : Chamonix/Briancon Start Allocation for Lead/Speed

Executed Discretion:

1. Chamonix and Briancon WCs have registered interest deadlines after the conclusion of the OQS, so an athlete may earn Olympic eligibility at the OQS after this deadline.
 - a. These two WCs are the final two before the Olympics.
 - b. USA Climbing must prioritize Olympic athletes at these two WCs.
2. For Women's Lead and Men's Speed, for the Chamonix and/or Briancon WC(s), USA Climbing may:

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- a. hold back one Competition Start allocation until the conclusion of the OQS in the event that an athlete may potentially qualify for the Olympics and not otherwise have a Competition Start priority for these WCs;
and/or
 - b. retract a Competition Start initially awarded to another athlete so as to award it to an athlete that earns Olympic eligibility at the OQS.
3. Notification:
- a. The Team Selection Committee is to be updated if this discretion is utilized.