

# 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games

## SELECTION CRITERIA

**Event:** Olympic Games

**Dates:** July 24<sup>th</sup> – August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Location:** Tokyo, Japan

This version of the Sport Climbing INP was approved on June 17, 2020 and replaces the version of the INP approved on October 24, 2019 and any other previous version of this INP as it relates to the Tokyo Olympic Games.

Climbing Escalade Canada (CEC) is carefully following the evolution of the coronavirus on the global and domestic level and how it may impact obtaining quota spots for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games and/or domestic nomination of athletes for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. Unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to the impact of the coronavirus, Climbing Escalade Canada (CEC) will respect these published Internal Nomination Procedures as written.

However, situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require this Internal Nomination Procedure to be modified. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as required following developments that directly impact the Internal Nomination Procedure. In such circumstances, any modifications will be communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible.

Further, situations may arise that do not allow this Internal Nomination Procedure to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including nomination decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in this Internal Nomination Procedure, in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or committee(s) (as applicable), and in accordance with the stated performance objectives and selection philosophy and approach as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, Climbing Escalade Canada (CEC) will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

### **SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION**

#### **1.1 Purpose**

The purpose of this document is to outline the qualification process and selection procedures of Climbing Canada for determining the athletes who will be nominated to represent Canada at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (re-scheduled for 2021).

#### **1.2 Objectives**

Climbing Canada’s objectives at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games are to:

- 1) Produce 2 top 10 results
- 2) Produce 1 top 5 result

### **1.3 Team Size**

Climbing Canada’s team size at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games will be determined by the IFSC qualification process. The maximum number of athletes that are able to qualify for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games per country is 2 women and 2 men.

### **1.4. Timeline**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Milestone</b>
August 20 2019 – TBD	Qualification Period
August 20 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> , 2019	IFSC Combined World Championships – Tokyo, Japan
Nov 28 <sup>th</sup> – Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> 2019	Olympic Qualifying Event - Toulouse, France
Feb 25 <sup>th</sup> – March 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2020	Pan Am Combined Continental Championships Los Angeles, USA
June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Canadian Olympic Committee Nomination Deadline
July 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Tokyo 2020 Sport Entries Deadline

## **SECTION 2: DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY**

The High Performance Director (HPD), in conjunction with the High Performance Committee is responsible for developing, approving and implementing these Selection Criteria. All Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games nominations will be approved by the High Performance Director. The High Performance Director is responsible for ensuring that the process outlined in this document is properly followed and that the selection process is fair and equitable for all candidates.

## **SECTION 3: ON-SITE DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY**

The High Performance Director is responsible for on-site decisions at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

## **SECTION 4: INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION CRITERIA**

### **4.1.**

According to Section D of the Olympic Qualification System established by the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) found [here](#), each National Olympic Committee (“**NOC**”) can qualify a maximum of two (2) athletes per gender for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

Athletes may qualify for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games through the following process:

Number of Quota Places (Men and Women)	Qualification Event
7	<p><u>D.1. IFSC Combined World Championships (WCH) August 18-21, 2019 – Tokyo</u></p> <p>The seven (7) highest placed athletes per gender at the World Championships will be allocated one (1) quota place, respecting the maximum quota per gender per NOC.</p>
6	<p><u>D.2. Olympic Qualifying Event 2019 Nov 28<sup>th</sup> – Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 – Toulouse</u></p> <p>The twenty-two (22) highest ranked athletes per gender, not yet qualified through D.1, above, at the Combined World Cup Ranking will be selected for participating in the Olympic Qualifying Event.</p> <p>Then, the six (6) highest placed athletes per gender at the Olympic Qualifying Event will be allocated one (1) quota place, respecting the maximum quota per gender per NOC.</p>
5	<p><u>D.3. IFSC Combined Continental Championships (CCH) 2020</u></p> <p>The highest placed athlete at the Continental Championships will obtain one (1) quota place, respecting the maximum quota per gender per NOC, at the following CCH sanctioned by the IFSC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pan Am – Feb 27-March 1, 2020 – Los Angeles</li> </ul> <p>In case the highest placed athlete already obtained a quota place through D.1. or D.2., the quota place will be allocated to the next best ranked athlete, not yet qualified, at the same continental championship.</p>

**4.2.**

If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline, or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best ranked athlete, not yet qualified, at the respective event where the quota place was obtained.

**4.3.**

Unused Host Country places will be reallocated to the next highest placed athlete, not yet qualified, in the Combined World Championships 2019 in Tokyo, respecting the maximum quota per gender per NOC.

**4.4.**

If the Tripartite Commission is not able to allocate a Tripartite Commission Invitation Place, it will be reallocated to the next highest placed athlete, not yet qualified, in the Combined World Championships 2019, respecting the maximum quota per gender, per NOC.

## **SECTION 5: ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

### **5.1**

In order to be eligible to compete at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, athletes must meet the following requirements:

- Be a registered member of Climbing Canada and a member in good standing.
- Hold Canadian citizenship, as per Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter.
- Accept nomination to the team by the deadline that has been specified by Climbing Canada.
- Maintain Olympic eligibility in accordance with the IOC and IFSC guidelines for athlete eligibility within the sport.
- Sign, submit, and comply with the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) Athlete Agreement and Tokyo 2020 Conditions of Participation form
- Athletes' passports must not expire on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.
- Comply in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules of the IFSC, the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (“**CADP**”) and the Anti-Doping Rules of any other Anti-Doping Organization that has authority over them, and must not be serving a period of ineligibility for an anti-doping rule violation.
- Not be subject to any suspension or disqualification imposed by Climbing Canada or any other authority that has jurisdiction over them.
- Hold a valid International license issued by the IFSC for the Olympic Games year at the date of the final entries deadline (July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020).
- Have participated in at least one (1) of the events in the IFSC Qualification Pathway.

## **SECTION 6: NSF SELECTION CRITERIA**

### **6.1 Selection Process**

Climbing Canada will identify the eligible athletes it will nominate athletes in four ways, while respecting the quota allocation per NOC (2 men and 2 women).

- An athlete wins a spot from a Top 7 finish at the 2019 IFSC Combined World Championships (Men and Women)
- An athlete wins a spot from a Top 6 finish at the 2019 Olympic Qualifying Event (Men and Women)
- An athlete wins a spot from a First Place finish at the 2020 Pan Am Continental Championship (Men and Women)
- An athlete is awarded a spot from the Tripartite Commission (Men and Women)

Athletes winning a quota place at the competitions listed above will be automatically nominated to the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games Team.

### **6.2. Alternate**

In announcing the final nomination for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, where appropriate, Climbing Canada will also announce alternate athletes who may be called to replace an athlete who is unable to compete at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, for whatever reason. These athletes' information will be submitted to the COC at the same time as the selected athletes' information. Climbing Canada will adhere to the IFSC's policy for naming these alternates, when it is published by the IFSC.

### **6.3. Performance Readiness**

It is implicit that all athletes selected to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games team will prepare in such a way as to be at peak fitness for the Games. Climbing Canada will provide a preparation environment to ensure peak performance for its athletes but accepts that some athletes may choose to conduct some or all of their preparation outside the Climbing Canada program. Climbing Canada reserves the right to remove an athlete from the team in case of injury or inability to perform at an appropriate level, and to replace that athlete with a nominated reserve athlete or to not replace that athlete at all.

### **6.4. Removal of an Athlete Once Selected/Nominated**

Once selected, an athlete may be removed from the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Team in the following circumstances:

- They incur an injury or illness or undergo a change in training status that, in the opinion of the High Performance Director, in consultation with the IST Lead or Chief Medical Officer (at-Games), renders them unfit or unready for competition.
- They are found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation and will be serving a period of ineligibility during either the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.
- They are found to have breached any of Climbing Canada's policies or the policies of any other sport organization that has jurisdiction over them and have had a suspension imposed against them that will be served during the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

In addition to following the requirements detailed above, as applicable, or in any other relevant and applicable section of these Selection Criteria, any decision to remove an athlete from the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Team will be made by the High Performance Director.

### **6.5. Injury, Illness, or Change in Training Status**

Athletes are required to immediately report any injury, illness, or change in training status that could affect their ability to compete at either the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Failure to properly report injury or illness prior to the event may result in the athlete being deselected from the

Tokyo 2020 Olympic Team. Notification must be sent immediately to the High Performance Director.

Once notified of an athlete's injury, illness or change in training status that could affect their performance, Climbing Canada will work with the athlete, Head Coach and available IST resources to ensure that a complete injury and illness assessment has occurred and a recovery plan is in place. This assessment will include a determination of the athlete's potential for recovery and ability to compete at their best.

However, if, following the assessment above, the athlete is deemed unfit to resume training/competition, the athlete will be declared unready for competition and may, by decision of the High Performance Director, be removed from the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Team.

## **SECTION 7: AMENDMENTS AND UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES**

Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to all athletes. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials which formed part of the selection criteria unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. This is to allow for changes to this document that may result from changes to the IFSC Qualification Criteria, lack of clarity around definitions or wording, or quota re-adjustment. If there are changes made to the document, Climbing Canada will inform the COC for the reasons behind the change as soon as possible.

## **SECTION 8: APPEALS**

Any athlete that is directly affected by a selection decision of Climbing Canada may appeal that decision to Climbing Canada.

Climbing Canada and the Appellant will have the appeal heard directly before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC).

## **SECTION 9: STAFF SELECTION**

In order to be eligible to be selected as staff for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, individuals must meet the following requirements:

- Be a registered member of Climbing Canada and a member in good standing.
- Sign, submit, and comply with the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) Team Agreement and Tokyo 2020 Conditions of Participation form by the required deadline
- Staff passports must not expire on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.
- Be a member in good standing with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada
- Complete all training required by the COC (e.g. safe sport) by the required deadline
- Comply in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules of the IFSC, the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (“CADP”) and the Anti-Doping Rules of any other Anti-Doping Organization that has authority over them, and must not be serving a period of ineligibility for an anti-doping rule violation; and

- Not be subject to any suspension or disqualification imposed by Climbing Canada or any other authority that has jurisdiction over them.

Climbing Canada's HPD has the sole discretion in selecting the support staff, including Team Leader, Coach and IST for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. The support staff will be selected based on the principle of sending a team of specialists that is best capable of assisting athletes in achieving podium performances at the Games. All selections are subject to COC approval.

#### **SECTION 10: FUNDING**

Climbing Canada's 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games Team will be funded by either the Canadian Olympic Committee, CEC, or a combination of both. Deviation from team approved travel and hospitality plans may result in personal cost to athlete and staff.

#### **SECTION 11: CONTACT INFORMATION**

For clarification regarding questions related to the selection criteria, please contact: High Performance Director, Andrew Wilson at [cec.hpd@climbingcanada.ca](mailto:cec.hpd@climbingcanada.ca)