



**Climbing Escalade Canada
("the Corporation")
Foreign Nationals Policy**

1. Definitions

1.1 The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:

<i>Foreign National participant (FN)</i>	Any participant wishing to compete in a CEC-sanctioned event and who is not currently a Canadian Citizen. A FN participant is not eligible to compete for Canada internationally under current IFSC and IOC Eligibility Guidelines.
<i>Non-Affiliated FN</i>	A resident of Canada without Canadian citizenship, and who does not have an active membership in another National Climbing Federation. For all intents and purposes, non-affiliated foreign national participants are considered the same as Canadian Citizens, with the exception of the Continuous National Ranking
<i>Affiliated FN</i>	A participant who may or may not be a resident of Canada and who is an active member of another National Climbing Federation (NCF), examples: USA Climbing (USAC), Sport Climbing Australia (SCA), Fédération Française de la Montagne et de l'Escalade (FFME).
<i>Canadian Citizen</i>	An individual holding a valid Canadian Passport or other proof of Canadian Citizenship.
<i>Permanent Resident</i>	An individual residing permanently in Canada, in the process or not of obtaining Canadian Citizenship status.
<i>IFSC</i>	International Federation of Sport Climbing, the International Federation governing sport climbing, of which CEC is a member.
<i>IOC</i>	International Olympic Committee, the international body governing the Olympic Games. CEC is a member of the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC).
<i>Continuous National Ranking (CNR)</i>	CEC's National Ranking System with the purpose of ranking athletes based on performance at multiple levels of domestic, continental and world competitions. The CNR is used in the selection of athletes for the Canadian High-Performance Program.
<i>High Performance Program (HPP)</i>	CEC's Program for elite athletes. The HPP enhances athlete development and performance through support from CEC Coaching Staff, invitations to Training Camps and access to Canadian Sport System resources.
<i>Sport Canada</i>	CEC is a Sport Canada funded National Sport Organization, and as such, must follow rules and regulations put in place by Sport Canada.

*Athlete Assistance
Program (AAP)*

Sport Canada's sport funding program that contributes to the pursuit of excellence. To be eligible for the AAP, an athlete must be a Canadian Citizen.

2. Application

2.1 This policy applies to all CEC-sanctioned events and programs. This includes, but is not limited to, Regional and National Championships, Development National Camps, and High-Performance Program and Events.

3. Guiding Principles

3.1 CEC strives to create a positive and inclusive competitive environment for all participants, regardless of citizenship status.

3.2 CEC supports participation in sport for all Canadians, regardless of citizenship status, up until international rules apply.

4. Implementation

4.1 CEC Sanctioned-Events – Non-Affiliated Foreign National Participants

4.1.1 Non-affiliated foreign national participants are bound to the same rules and regulations of Canadian citizens in regards to participation in CEC-sanctioned events.

4.2 CEC Sanctioned-Events – Affiliated Foreign National Participants

4.2.1 To participate in CEC-sanctioned events, affiliated foreign national participants must follow these steps:

4.2.1.1 Must apply to CEC to be invited and must be recommended by the affiliated National Climbing Federation (NCF) that they are a member of. All Affiliated FN applications will be considered 2 months in advance of an event. Invitations will be sent to selected athletes within 30 days of the event start date

4.2.1.2 If accepted, affiliated foreign national participants must be registered by their affiliated NCF.

4.2.1.3 Affiliated foreign national participants must purchase a CEC International License, the fee for which is set by the CEC board of directors and may be adjusted from time to time.

4.2.1.4 Affiliated foreign national participants do not need to qualify through a Provincial or Territorial Sport Organization (PTSO). They are automatically accepted into the event by CEC, once registered by their NCF.

4.3 Continuous National Ranking (CNR)

4.3.1 CNR points will be allocated only to Canadian Citizen Athletes.

4.3.2 Following the completion of every CNR eligible events, a new ranking will be produced including only results from Canadian Citizen Athletes. This ranking will exclude results from Foreign Nationals Participants (affiliated and non-affiliated).

4.3.2.1 For example: if a foreign national participant finishes 3rd at CEC Nationals, the 4th place Canadian athlete will be assigned 3rd place points for the event. All other Canadian athletes will also move up accordingly.

5. Further Considerations

- 5.1 Foreign National athletes in the process of obtaining their Canadian Citizenship and interested in being considered for the Continuous National Ranking can contact CEC for support.
- 5.2 Sport Canada, through their Athletes Assistance Program, can, in some cases, put in a request for accelerated citizenship considerations.
- 5.3 All request should be directed to the CEC High-Performance Director at hpdc@climbingcanada.ca

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