



2023 State Youth Selection Policy

Applicable to athletes looking to compete in the 2024 Youth Nationals

Please direct any inquires about this policy to info@sportclimbingqueensland.com



1. Foreword

This document outlines the Guidelines for the selection of the Queensland Youth Team to compete at the Australian Youth Nationals 2024. Sport Climbing Queensland (SCQ) recognises that this policy can always be improved and welcomes any feedback by its members.

Applications can be made by completing the form under the State Teams menu of the SCQ Website <https://sportclimbingqueensland.com/scq-teams/>

All reasonable effort shall be made to maintain this document in accordance with SCA policy. In the event of any discrepancy, the SCA policy takes precedence.

2. Purpose

This policy aims to define a fair and transparent process by which the Queensland Youth team will be selected, allowing the selection of the team to be done in a logical, fair, and unbiased manner.

The SCQ Board will ensure qualifying athletes are informed of, and follow, the process for selection. This will be done by sending personal emails to all members, Social Media Announcements, and SCQ Website Advertising.

This policy will be made available to all SCQ members on the website under the About menu. **Note: This selection relates only to the competitors in Lead and Boulder Disciplines. There is no selection criteria for Speed.**

SCA Selection Policy dictates that the top three (3) in their state ranking shall be automatically selected on the team (See 2.2.1 of [SCA Selection Policy](#)), the remaining spots in the quota shall be filled at the discretion of the State body (Section 2.2.2 of [SCA Selection Policy](#)).

3. 2023 Queensland Youth Team Quota

The number of positions available on the team is dictated by Sport Climbing Australia (SCA), Queensland has been allocated nine (9) positions per discipline, per category, and per gender. This translates to the following for each discipline of Lead, Boulder, and Speed.

Category	Male Quota	Female Quota
Juniors	9	9
Youth A	9	9
Youth B	9	9
Youth C	9	9
Youth D	9	9

4. Australian Representative

An Australian representative is any athlete who has represented Australia at a IFSC World Championships in either Speed, Lead, or Boulder in the 2023 Calendar Year. If an individual missed competing in either of the 2023 QLD Youth Selection Events (Lead or Boulder) they are either given automatic selection as outlined in 5.1 or given preference based on their ranking as outlined in 5.2.1.

5. Youth Team Selection Process

The selection process consists of three stages:

- Stage 1: Automatic Selection on the Team as outlined in 5.1
- Stage 2: Ranking of all applications based on athlete results as outlined in Section 5.2.1
- Stage 3: Special Considerations, factors other than results, as outlined in Section 5.2.2
- Stage 4: Acceptance of the team as a whole as outlined in Section 5.6

Any board members who are also an applicant or have a conflict of interest (e.g. a parent of a youth applicant) must excuse themselves from the discussions and process of selection for the Category for which there is a conflict. They do not receive a vote for their category. Such members are allowed to partake in the selection of the team for categories for which they are not an applicant or conflict of interest.

Every athlete wishing to be on the team, regardless of automatic selection, MUST apply through the [SCQ website](#) under the Youth State Team Form.

5.1 Automatic Selection on Team

Applicants that placed in the top (3) positions for that discipline (Lead or Boulder) at the 2023 Qld State Titles are guaranteed a place on the team should they wish to compete. Australian Champions of the Youth Nationals 2023 in their discipline (Lead or Boulder) are automatically selected for that discipline as outlined in [SCA's Selection Policy](#) Section 2.2.1 should they wish to compete. Automatic selection will be given to any Australian Representative who missed the 2023 QLD Youth Selection event because they were competing in that discipline, should they wish to compete.

5.2 Rankings

Rankings for each discipline (Lead, Boulder) will be used to determine and select the remaining positions for the QLD Youth Team in that discipline. Rankings will be calculated from the points allocated in [SCA's Competition Policy](#) Section 3.6 for that discipline only.

Ranking of Australian Representatives, finalists of that discipline and Special Consideration applicants will occur together.

5.2.1 Ranking of Australian Representatives will only be active if an Australian Representative applies to be on the team and does not fulfil the requirements in section 4. Australian Representatives, finalists and Special Consideration applicants will be ranked by their average points across relevant competitions they entered as follows:

1. 2 Most recent National points in that discipline
2. 2 Most recent Qld State Titles points in that discipline

Any person not ranked by the above criteria shall be ranked by the date in which their application was received by SCQ. Once all applications have been ranked, board members will review all applications for Australian Representative, finalists, and special consideration applications.

A board member can propose that an applicant that did not make the cut-off deserves a place on the team. The proposal must consist of both the applicant to be provided a place on the team and the applicant whose place will be taken, and justification as to why they deserve a place on the team. The person who is removed from the 'proposed team' cannot be one of the top three 'ranked' applicants from stage one. For the proposal to be successful 75% or more of the board must vote in favor.

5.3 Team Selection for Lead

The top three (3) positions from the 2022 QLD Youth Lead Titles are automatically selected for the team under the [SCA Selection Policy](#) Section 2.2.1. Australian Champions of the Youth Nationals 2023 in Lead are automatically selected for Lead, as outlined in [SCA's Selection Policy](#) Section 2.2.1. Automatic selection will be given to any Australian Representative who missed the 2023 QLD Youth Selection event because they were competing in that discipline. Automatic selection on the team can be removed from an applicant in the case that the applicant is under disciplinary action by SCA or SCQ.

The remaining positions are given preference to any athlete who fulfills the requirements of an Australian Representative and finalists of the 2023 QLD Lead Titles in that category. Rankings outlined in 5.2.1 will be used to determine which of these individuals will be selected. Should the team not be filled by the cutoff date specified by SCQ then the remaining spots will be filled by Special Considerations applicants as listed in 5.2.1.

5.4 Team Selection for Boulder

The top three (3) positions from the 2023 QLD Youth Boulder Titles are automatically selected for the team under the SCA Selection Policy Section 2.2.1. Australian Champions of the Youth Nationals 2023 in Boulder are automatically selected for Boulder, as outlined in [SCA's Selection Policy](#) Section 2.2.1. Automatic selection will be given to any Australian Representative who missed the 2023 QLD Youth Selection event because they were competing in that discipline. Automatic selection on the team can be removed from an applicant in the case that the applicant is under disciplinary action by SCA or SCQ.

The remaining positions are given preference to any athlete who fulfills the requirements of an Australian Representative and finalists of the 2023 QLD Boulder Titles in that category. Rankings outlined in 5.2.1 will be used to determine which of these individuals will be selected. Should the team not be filled by the cutoff date specified by SCQ then the remaining spots will be filled by Special Considerations applicants as listed in 5.2.1.

5.5 Team Selection for Speed

In the absence of a selection event for Speed, rankings will be determined and used to select the Speed team. Applications will be ranked strictly according to, and in the order of, the criteria outlined below.

1. Most Recent National Points in Speed (Top 10)
2. Interstate Points (Top 10)

Any person not ranked by the above criteria shall be ranked by the date in which their application was received by SCQ. Once all applications have been ranked, board members will review all for Australian Representative, finalists, and special consideration applications.

A board member can propose that an application that did not make the cut-off deserves a place on the team. The proposal must consist of both the applicant to be provided a place on the team and the applicant whose place will be taken, and justification as to why they deserve a place on the team. The person who is removed from the 'proposed team' cannot be one of the top three 'ranked' applicants from stage one. For the proposal to be successful 75% or more of the board must vote in favor.

5.6 Special Consideration

Special consideration will take into account factors beyond previous results. To qualify for special consideration, an applicant needs to specify why they should be given special consideration. The applicant may need to provide evidence. Considerations include but are not limited to:

- Inability to compete at recent events due to injury
- Inability to compete at recent event due to personal events
- Athlete behaviour and conduct at previous events and within the community
- Commitment to the sport
- Recent results in social competitions

To accommodate these, the team selection applications will be ranked according to 5.2.1. A board member can propose that an application that did not make the cut-off deserves a place on the team.

The proposal must consist of both the applicant to be provided a place on the team and the applicant whose place will be taken, and justification as to why they deserve a place on the team. The person who is removed from the 'proposed team' cannot be one of the top three 'ranked' applicants from stage one. For the proposal to be successful 75% or more of the board must vote in favour.

5.7 Sign off Stage

Once all applications have been put forward and voted on, the board will vote on accepting the team. The vote may be on the team as a whole or split by category and/or gender. For the vote to be successful, seventy-five percent (75%) or more of the board must vote in favour of accepting the team.

In the case that the board cannot come to an agreement, the board will be asked to cast their vote again and the president and vice-presidents votes shall count for double. This vote will take place at the next board meeting.

Should the team not be accepted once the board votes are recast with the extra weighted votes, then stage two will be repeated with a quorum board present to vote and the disputed part of the team voted upon again. If by the end of the meeting a team is not accepted by vote as outlined above, the disputed part of the team will default to the 'ranked' team from stage one.

5.8 Timeline and Commitments

Applications for the State team are due before Midnight on Tuesday 14th of November 2023. The state team will be announced, and athletes made aware, on Friday the 17th of November 2023. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application.

6. Appeals

Appeals for the State team should be emailed to info@sportclimbingqueensland.com before Midnight on Monday 20th of November 2023, no more than three (3) days after the team announcement. An appeal requires a seventy-five percent (75%) majority vote of the SCQ Board to be successful.

7. Confidentiality

Prior to the close of the applications only the following people will have access to the information contained within an application:

- SCQ President
- SCQ Secretary
- SCQ Head Coach

They are not to divulge who has or has not completed an application with any persons not listed above. They are permitted to confirm to an applicant whether or not their application has been received. Once applications have closed, the information contained within an application will be available to the SCQ board. This information is confidential and shall not be shared with anyone not on the SCQ board.