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SCA Selection Policy

**2024 FISU World University Championships
Sport Climbing**

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Boulder, Lead and Speed

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1. Introduction

Australia made a notable debut in Sport Climbing at the 2022 Innsbruck FISU World Championships, fielding a team of 5 athletes who competed across Boulder and Lead disciplines. Australia secured a top-three position in the Lead Team rankings. Looking ahead, the 2024 FISU World Championships in Koper, Slovenia, scheduled for September 2024, present a new opportunity for Australian climbers to shine on the international stage.

More information on the event can be found [here](#)

Sport Climbing Australia will discuss with athletes how SCA could support them before and during the event.

2. Unisport

UniSport, as the representative body affiliated with the International University Sports Federation (FISU) in Australia, holds the exclusive responsibility for representing the country in all FISU events. This includes participation in the Summer and Winter World University Games, World University Championships.

More information about Unisport can be found [here](#)

3. Objectives

UniSport, in collaboration with Sport Climbing Australia (SCA), aims to:

- 3.1. Field competent Teams/Athletes.
- 3.2. Comply with FISU regulations in selecting and supporting Australian athletes for international competition.
- 3.3. Ensure athletes meet international competition standards in Sport Climbing.
- 3.4. Strive for all athletes to achieve a minimum top 15 placing in their respective events.



4. Fee's

Selection to compete in 2024 FISU World Championships will incur an athlete levy to cover all associated expenses. This event will run cost-neutral to the SCA.

4.1. An athlete can expect the following costs:

4.1.1. Travel to/from Koper, SLO – athletes' own expense

4.1.2. Athlete levy to include accommodation, meals, registration, exclusive FISU World Championships uniform. (mandatory)

4.1.3. Unisport FISU clothing - \$200 (Mandatory)

4.2. In the event Sport Climbing Australia sends a support team with the athletes an additional fee will be requested with agreement from selected athletes.

5. Athlete eligibility

To be eligible for selection, an athlete must meet both the Unisport and SCA eligibility criteria.

5.1. Unisport athlete eligibility requirements

5.1.1. To be eligible for selection and participation in a FISU World University Championship, athletes must meet the following criteria outlined by UniSport:

5.1.1.1. be an Australian citizen.

5.1.1.2. be at least 17 and less than 25 years of age on January 1st in the year of competition, adhering to the age regulations set by FISU;

5.1.1.3. be actively enrolled in and progressing toward a course of study (i.e. not deferred) at a university, college, or technical and further education institution.

5.1.2. Athletes are required to provide proof of compliance with the eligibility criteria by submitting the FISU Eligibility Certificate. The certificate must be signed by the University Registrar or an equivalent position. The certificate should be sealed by the respective university's authorities.



5.1.3. These eligibility requirements ensure that athletes selected to represent Australia at FISU World University Games and Championships are not only citizens but also actively engaged in higher education, aligning with the values and objectives of university-level sports competitions. Providing the FISU Eligibility Certificate serves as a formal acknowledgment and verification of the athlete's eligibility status.

5.1.4. For detailed Unirooms policies and guidelines, [click here](#).

5.2. Sport Climbing Australia eligibility requirements

5.2.1. To be eligible for consideration for selection, athletes must:

- 5.2.1.1. be an Australian citizen.
- 5.2.1.2. have read, signed and returned the execution page of the SCA National Team Agreement and/or Code of Conduct.
- 5.2.1.3. be a current SCA Member with no outstanding invoices to SCA;
- 5.2.1.4. have not been issued a red card in the last 12 months, have read, signed, and returned the SCA 'No Doping Declaration Policy' and declare that the circumstances have not changed since submitting the declaration.
- 5.2.1.5. be available for sample collection and have provided accurate and up-to-date whereabouts information on a regular basis as directed by IFSC and/or Sport Integrity Australia (SIA), under the policies of IFSC and SCA (ADPs) and the World Anti-Doping Code (Code);
- 5.2.1.6. not have breached any ADP nor have had a sanction imposed which has not been completed. For the purpose of considering eligibility for selection, a breach of an ADP may include:
an athlete under investigation for an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV) where an infraction notice has been issued or the athlete has been stood down under the provisions of any ADP; or



- 5.2.1.6.1. a failure to comply with an athlete's obligations under an ADP, even if such a breach does not result in an ADRV; and
- 5.2.1.7. be required to be up to date and fully compliant with the SIA Anti-doping Education (SIA e-learning), and therefore have completed and be current at the time of selection with all online updates and provide online learning certificates to SCA.
- 5.2.2. An athlete will not be considered for selection while under SCA suspension.
- 5.2.3. Any athlete who, after 1 January 2010, has been found guilty of an ADRV and where the consequent penalty applied is a two-year suspension or greater, will no longer be eligible for consideration for selection to the Team for the duration of the penalty issued. On a case-by-case basis, SCA may extend the non-eligibility to a longer period.
- 5.2.4. Any athlete who is currently under investigation because of any indictable criminal charge (even where such charge has been heard summarily) having been brought against them or is currently serving a penalty issued by the Courts because of an indictable criminal charge being proven, will not be eligible for consideration for selection to the Team, unless he/she is able to satisfy the Board of SCA (at its sole discretion) that exceptional circumstances apply. Where the Board is satisfied that exceptional circumstances apply, the athlete may be considered for selection in the Team in accordance with the selection criteria set out in this document. Any request for the Board to consider an athlete's circumstances must be submitted to the Board in writing. The Board is not obliged to consider any request.



6. Athlete selection criteria

- 6.1. Australia can field a team of up to 5 athletes per gender for each discipline of lead, boulder, and speed.
- 6.2. All selection will be made in alignment with the identified objectives and SCA reserves the right to not fill event quota's where these objectives are not met.
- 6.3. Athlete selection will be reviewed and confirmed by a National Selection Panel. This panel will comprise of:
 - 6.3.1. SCA National Performance Pathway Lead
 - 6.3.2. SCA National Team Coach representative (independent of this event)
 - 6.3.3. 1 SCA Board member
- 6.4. Places on the Australian FISU Sport Climbing Team to compete at the 2024 World University Championships will be offered according to the following ranked criteria and in order of the following criteria:
 - 6.4.1. Automatic selection - Athletes who meet the eligibility requirements and are on the 2024 Australian International Team for boulder, lead and/or speed. In the event this leads to over quota a ranking will be established by the selection panel to determine the team.
 - 6.4.2. Automatic selection - Athletes who meet the eligibility requirements and placed in the top 10 at the 2023 Speed Nationals, 2023 Lead Selection event and/or 2023 Boulder National Championships. In the event this leads to over quota a ranking will be established by the selection panel to determine the team.
 - 6.4.3. Discretionary selection - Athletes who meet the eligibility requirements and apply for special consideration will be considered for selection by the selection panel.
- 6.5. These selection criteria and any specific discipline criteria may be amended or supplemented, particularly where matters arise which have not been provided for in these criteria. Amendments will be approved by the Sport



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Climbing Australia Board and will be posted on the Sport Climbing Australia website.

6.6. Athlete nominations for selection should be sent to info@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au, no later than 12am, AEDT, on Sunday, 3 March 2024. Each nomination should clearly state:

6.6.1. Athlete Name

6.6.2. Confirmation you meet both Unisport and SCA eligibility criteria.

6.6.3. Event(s) you are seeking selection for including what criteria you are claiming:

6.6.3.1. 5.3.1 – Automatic

6.6.3.2. 5.3.2 – Automatic

6.6.3.3. 5.3.1 – Discretionary (Special Consideration). This should include the provision of evidence to support your request for Special Consideration. This should include, but not be limited to, competition results, team selection history, training data, etc.

6.7. Athlete selections will be confirmed on Monday, 18 March, 2024