



Sport Climbing Australia – Athlete Uniform Policy

1 Application

This policy governs the uniform worn by athletes who are selected by SCA to represent Australia and applies to athletes and coaching team members.

2 Team Uniform

The Australian Climbing Team is partnered with Valour who produce a range of official uniform items. See Appendix 1.

3 Allocation of Uniform

Competing athletes in the Australian Open and Para team will be provided with an annual uniform allocation of:

- Competition – Singlet (1), T-shirt (1), Shorts (1)
- Casual – Polo Shirt (1), Jacket or Jumper (1), Backpack (one every 2 yrs)

Nationally categorised athletes will receive an additional uniform allocation.

Youth National Team athletes will be provided with an appropriate Competition and Casual uniform allocation.

For special events such as a Continental Championship, allocation of uniform policy will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

An online Uniform store will be made available to all athletes to purchase additional pieces of uniform at their own cost.

Where an athlete has made known their intention to not compete in a season, SCA retain the rights to amend or cancel that season's allocation of competition and/or casual uniform.

4 During Competition

4.1 Competing

Athletes are to wear the team Competition Singlet/T-shirt and Shorts only whilst they are competing in events as a member of the Australian National Team (Open, Para and Youth). This uniform should not be worn at any other time or for any other reason.

Athletes are allowed to wear plain black tights if they meet the following requirements:

- Unless uncomfortable, the tights must be worn under the team shorts.



- Only plain black tights are allowed, other coloured or patterned tights are not acceptable.
- The tights may be branded within the limits set out in section 7 of this document.
- No additional logos or branding are to be added to the tights other than the original brand.
- Permission to wear the style of tights is obtained in advance from SCA. To gain permission to wear tights, please email info@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au with a sample.

Other Non- Australian team uniform items are not to be worn when representing Australia.

4.2 Official duties

During official parts of an event when representing the Australian National Team (Open, Para and Youth), e.g. Opening Ceremony, Podium, Team Photographs, etc, athletes are expected to wear team casual clothing.

4.3 Travel

When travelling as a part of the Australian National Team (Open, Para and Youth), athletes are expected to wear team issued casual uniform.

An athlete may choose to wear casual pants in place of team pants (where provided). These should be of a dark colour (black, navy) and non-offensive.

4.4 Technical Equipment

Athletes provide their own technical equipment. This includes:

- Climbing Shoes
- Harnesses
- Chalk bags

5 All other times (not previously identified)

When undertaking duties as a representative of Sport Climbing Australia and the Australian Climbing Team (Open, Para and Youth), athletes are to wear official uniform as directed.

6 Representation and Image

Athletes are to keep their uniform looking as neat and clean as possible. Wearing the Australian Uniform is a privilege and climbers are asked to respect it as such.

When wearing the team uniform, athletes should be aware that they are representing SCA and their country and should act accordingly.

The Athlete Code of Behaviour must be always followed.



7 Individual Sponsors

SCA recognises that some athletes have individual sponsors.

Athletes may be able to affix a small logo relating to their individual sponsors on their uniform as long as it meets the following requirements:

- The placing of additional logos is on the team casual uniform only.
- No logo should be added to team competition uniform.
- Each logo must be no more than 50mm² (tops) and 36mm² (bottoms). A maximum area of 300mm² in total is allowed per athlete for sponsors (inclusive of SCA logo's)
- Brand does not compete with any of SCA's sponsors or partners.
- Brand must be in alignment with SCA's ethics.
- Complies with the IFSC policy available [here](#) (see extract below)

Advertising

3.18 All equipment and clothing shall be in compliance with the following advertising rules:

A) Headwear: The manufacturers and/or sponsors' label in the total size limit of 18 square centimeters;

B) Team Tops/Legwear: Sponsors' labels – no larger than 300 square centimeters in total. A graphic or figurative logo of the manufacturer (not including name or any text) may also be used as a decorative "design mark" once or repeatedly as a strip not exceeding 5cm in width. Design marks may be displayed in one of the following positions, provided such use does not dominate or unduly detract from the appearance of the garment:

1) Across the bottom of the sleeves;

2) On the outer seam of the sleeves;

3) Down the outer seams of the garment;

C) Chalk bag: The manufacturer's name and/or logo and sponsors' labels – no larger than 100 square centimetres in total;

D) Shoes and socks: Only the manufacturer's name and/or logo.

E) Any advertising name or logo placed directly on a competitor's body, e.g. a tattoo, shall be counted within the size limits specified for the respective part of the body above.

Prior to the addition of any personal logo or sponsor logo, permission must be requested, in writing, from the SCA. To request permission to wear an additional logo on your uniform, please email info@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au with a sample of the logo, its dimensions, and the location you wish to wear it.

SCA highly recommend that if you are entering sponsorship agreements, you seek input before signing. We will be able to provide support in the process and ensure there is no conflicting clauses. SCA policies and by-laws supersede other agreements when it comes to activities and items under its jurisdiction.

8 Breaches

Breaches of the Uniform Policy will be treated as breaches of the Code of Behaviour and sanctions will be dealt with accordingly.