



# **SPORT CLIMBING VICTORIA**

## **VICTORIAN STATE SELECTION POLICY**

### **Youth and Open Teams 2025/26**

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## 1. Introduction

Being part of the Victorian Sport Climbing Team is the highest level of excellence for Sport Climbing in Victoria. It is also a great responsibility as it involves representing Victoria at the 2025/2026 National Championships and/or the 2025/2026 Youth National Championships.

This Policy seeks to continue the pursuit of:

- a) high expectations;
- b) high levels of commitment to effort; and
- c) rigorous assessment of commitment to the sport.

Sport Climbing Victoria (SCV) expects all athletes who are offered and accept a position on the team to commit to representing Victoria at National Events. It is the responsibility of selected athletes to ensure that they are complying with all applicable terms and conditions by the relevant deadlines.

The SCV State Selection Panel (Selectors) are appointed by the SCV Board of Directors and selects athletes who it considers in its absolute discretion will have the best chance of meeting the following three objectives:

- i. athletes who will produce the best results at National events;
- ii. athletes with potential to progress towards better results at future National events; and
- iii. athletes with potential to progress to the Australian Open Team and/or the Australian Youth Team.

## 2. General Information

### 2.1 SCV Endorsement

SCV is the state body responsible for the sport of Sport Climbing in Victoria as recognised by Sport Climbing Australia (SCA). Athlete selection to the Sport Climbing Australia Open or Youth Team will be made by SCA Selectors.

### 2.2 Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration for selection to the Victoria Open or Youth Team, athletes must:

- a) have read, signed and returned the [Code of Behaviour](#);
- b) be a current SCV State Level Member with no outstanding invoices to SCV;
- c) meet the age requirement to participate in their category in a national competition under [IFSC policy](#). Note that an athlete may be eligible for selection if they will meet the age requirement for the competition year they are being selected for;
- d) have not been issued a [red card](#) in the last 12 months;
- e) [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 the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA), under the policies of IFSC and SCA (ADPs) and the World Anti-Doping Code (Code);
- f) 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
  - a failure to comply with an athlete's obligations under an ADP, even if such a breach does not result in an ADRV

- g) be required to be up to date and fully compliant with the [ASADA Anti-doping Education](#) (ASADA e-learning), and therefore have completed and be current at the time of selection with all online updates.

## 2.3 Victorian State Selection Panel (Selectors)

The role of assessing athletes against the selection criteria is the responsibility of the respective Selectors who are appointed by the SCV Board. The SCV Board will appoint a Chairperson to lead the Selection Panel. Each Selector will vote on athlete selection in line with the selection criteria objectives and without bias. If panel members cannot agree, the Chairperson will have the final selection decision.

The SCV team selection panel will comprise a minimum of three Selectors, and can include SCV senior coaches and Board Members with no conflict of interest, and representatives from the open and/or para teams.

## 2.4 Amendment

These criteria and sub sections may be amended or supplemented, particularly where matters arise which have not been provided for in these criteria. All amendments must be approved by the SCV Board. If approved, the SCV Secretary will notify in writing any criteria amendment or supplement and will endeavour to give as much notice as possible to all persons affected by any such amendment or supplement.

## 2.5 Appeals

There is no right of appeal to any athlete who is not selected under these criteria.

# 3. Victorian State Team Selection

## 3.1 Open Boulder Team

### a) Regular Selection

The following athletes will be selected to be a member of the Victorian 2025/2026 Open Team (depending on Victorian quotas from SCA):

- i. Existing Victorian Open team members of SCA 2024/2025 National team (from last 18 months) and currently competing internationally
- ii. 2025 SCA Open Nationals Boulder Podium 1st
- iii. 2025 SCA Open Nationals Boulder Podium 2nd
- iv. 2025 SCA Open Nationals Boulder Podium 3rd
- v. 2025 Open State Boulder Titles Podium 1st
- vi. 2025 Open State Boulder Titles Podium 2<sup>nd</sup>
- vii. 2025 Open State Boulder Titles Podium 3<sup>rd</sup>
- viii. 2025 Open State Boulder Titles 4th place

### b) Special Consideration

See section 3.10 below for details on how to apply for special consideration.

## 3.2 Youth Boulder Team

### a) Regular Selection

The following athletes will be selected to be a member of the Victorian 2025/2026 Youth Boulder Team (depending on Victorian quotas from SCA):

- i. Existing Victorian Youth team members of SCA 2025 National team and currently competing internationally
- ii. 2025 SCA Open Nationals Boulder Podium 1st
- iii. 2025 SCA Open Nationals Boulder Podium 2nd
- iv. 2025 SCA Open Nationals Boulder Podium 3rd
- v. 2025 SCA Youth Nationals Boulder Podium 1st
- vi. 2025 SCA Youth Nationals Boulder Podium 2nd
- vii. 2025 SCA Youth Nationals Boulder Podium 3rd
- viii. 2025 SCV Youth State Boulder Titles Podium 1st
- ix. 2025 SCV Youth State Boulder Titles Podium 2nd
- x. 2025 SCV Youth State Boulder Titles Podium 3rd

**b) Special Consideration**

See section 3.10 below for details on how to apply for special consideration.

### 3.3 Open Lead Team

**a) Regular Selection**

The following athletes will be selected to be a member of the Victorian 2025/2026 Open Team (depending on Victorian quotas from SCA):

- i. Existing Victorian Open team members of SCA 2024/2025 National team (from last 18 months) and currently competing internationally
- ii. 2025 SCA Open Nationals Lead Podium 1st
- iii. 2025 SCA Open Nationals Lead Podium 2nd
- iv. 2025 SCA Open Nationals Lead Podium 3rd
- v. 2025 Open State Lead Titles Podium 1st
- vi. 2025 Open State Lead Titles Podium 2nd
- vii. 2025 Open State Lead Titles Podium 3rd
- viii. 2025 Open State Lead Titles 4th place

**b) Special Consideration**

See section 3.10 below for details on how to apply for special consideration.

### 3.4 Para Lead Team

**a) Regular Selection**

The following athletes will be selected to be a member of the Victorian 2025/2026 Para Team:

- i. Existing Victorian Open team members of SCA 2024/2025 National team (from last 18 months) and currently competing internationally
- ii. 2025 Paraclimbing State Lead Titles Podium 1st
- iii. 2025 Paraclimbing State Lead Titles Podium 2nd
- iv. 2025 Paraclimbing State Lead Titles Podium 3rd
- v. 2025 Paraclimbing State Lead Titles 4th place

**b) Special Consideration**

See section 3.10 below for details on how to apply for special consideration.

### 3.5 Youth Lead Team

#### a) Regular Selection

The following athletes will be selected to be a member of the Victorian 2025/2026 Youth Lead Team (depending on Victorian quotas from SCA):

- i. Existing Victorian Youth team members of SCA 2025 National team and currently competing internationally
- ii. 2025 SCA Open Nationals Lead Podium 1st
- iii. 2025 SCA Open Nationals Lead Podium 2<sup>nd</sup>
- iv. 2025 SCA Open Nationals Lead Podium 3<sup>rd</sup>
- v. 2025 SCA Youth Nationals Lead Podium 1st
- vi. 2025 SCA Youth Nationals Lead Podium 2<sup>nd</sup>
- vii. 2025 SCA Youth Nationals Lead Podium 3<sup>rd</sup>
- viii. 2025 SCV Youth State Lead Titles Podium 1st
- ix. 2025 SCV Youth State Lead Titles Podium 2<sup>nd</sup>
- x. 2025 SCV Youth State Lead Titles Podium 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### b) Special Consideration

See section 3.10 below for details on how to apply for special consideration.

### 3.6 Open Speed Team

#### a) Regular Selection

The following athletes will be selected to be a member of the Victorian 2025/2026 Open Speed Team:

- i. Existing Victorian Open team members of SCA 2024/2025 National team (from last 18 months) and currently competing internationally
- ii. 2025 SCA Open Nationals Speed Podium 1st
- iii. 2025 SCA Open Nationals Speed Podium 2nd
- iv. 2025 SCA Open Nationals Speed Podium 3rd
- v. 2025 Open State Speed Titles Podium 1st
- vi. 2025 Open State Speed Titles Podium 2nd
- vii. 2025 Open State Speed Titles Podium 3rd
- viii. 2025 Open State Speed Titles 4th place

#### b) Special Consideration

See section 3.10 below for details on how to apply for special consideration.

### 3.7 Youth Speed Team

#### a) Regular Selection

The following athletes will be selected to be a member of the Victorian 2025/2026 Youth Speed Team (depending on Victorian quotas from SCA):

- i. 2025 SCA Open Nationals Speed Podium 1st
- ii. 2025 SCA Open Nationals Speed Podium 2<sup>nd</sup>
- iii. 2025 SCA Open Nationals Speed Podium 3<sup>rd</sup>
- iv. 2025 SCA Youth Nationals Speed Podium 1st
- v. 2025 SCA Youth Nationals Speed Podium 2<sup>nd</sup>

- vi. 2025 SCA Youth Nationals Speed Podium 3<sup>rd</sup>
- vii. 2025 SCV Youth State Titles Speed Podium 1st
- viii. 2025 SCV Youth State Titles Speed Podium 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ix. 2025 SCV Youth State Titles Speed Podium 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### **b) Special Consideration**

See section 3.10 below for details on how to apply for special consideration.

### **3.8 No State / National Selection Event**

In the case of no National or State event results, the Selectors reserve the right to formulate the selection criteria.

### **3.9 2025/2026 SCA Quota Places**

Sport climbing Australia allocates participation quota to each state for National events, according to SCA 2025/2026 Selection policies.

#### **Open**

- SCV are allocated TBA places for male and TBA places for females per category for boulder
- SCV are allocated TBA places for male and TBA places for females per category for lead
- SCV are allocated TBA places for male and TBA places for female for speed

#### **Youth**

- SCV are allocated TBA places for male and TBA places for females per category for boulder
- SCV are allocated TBA places per gender per category for lead
- SCV are allocated TBA places per gender per category for speed

### **3.10 Special Consideration**

Victorian athletes who are unable to meet the regular selection criteria may apply for special consideration, places allowed.

Applications must be made by submitting a [Special Consideration Form](#) within seven (7) days of special consideration being announced in event for which they wish to be considered. Applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome within ten days of the closing date for Special Consideration.

Athletes wishing to apply for Special Consideration selection are encouraged to ascertain whether the maximum number of athletes for an age group and discipline have been selected through regular selection.

#### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

In considering a Special Consideration application, the Selectors may evaluate each application based on a range of criteria including, but not limited to:

- Ranking at international events from the previous two (2) years
- Ranking in each round of a selection event from the previous two (2) years
- Any yellow card or disciplinary issue
- Current and previous injuries and rehabilitation plan (health professional advice and documents may be requested by the Selection Panel).

## **PROCESS**

SCV is not obliged to select athletes applying for Special Consideration or fill the allocated quotas. **There is no appeals process.**

## **ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER**

Athletes considered under clause 3.10 may be offered a place in the Victorian Team. Athletes must accept the offered position on the team within seven days (or date advised) from the date the offer is communicated to them. If the athlete rejects the offer or does not accept the offered position by the offer acceptance due date, they forfeit their place on the team.