Sport Climbing Queensland State Team Selection Policy 2019

1. Foreword

This document outlines the Guidelines for the selection of the Queensland Open Team to compete at the Australian Nationals Titles for the respective discipline. SCQ recognizes that this policy can always be improved and welcomes any feedback by its members. Applications can be completed *via* the online form on the Sport Climbing Queensland Website (access the website here).

All reasonable effort shall be made to maintain this document in accordance with SCA policy. In the event of any discrepancy, the SCA policy take precedence. The hyperlinks to the relevant policy for the next upcoming national championships will be updated prior to the Queensland State Titles occurring for that discipline.

2. Structure

The number of positions available on the team is dictated by SCA Selection Policy for the relevant discipline.

3. Purpose

This policy aims to define a fair and transparent process by which the Queensland Open 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.

SCA Selection Policy 2019 dictates that the top 3 in their state ranking shall be automatically selected on the team (See 2.3.1 of SCA Selection Policy), the remaining

spots in the quota shall be filled at the discretion of the state body (Section 2.3.2 of SCA Selection Policy).

Note: *This selection relates only to the competitors in the Open A category. There is no selection criteria for Open B or Masters competitors.*

4. 2019 QLD Open Quota

4.1. SCA Quota Allocation

The below quota for Open A and discipline has been allocated from the SCA Selection Policy, under their selection process 2.1.

Discipline	Open A Female	Open A Male
Lead	11	11
Boulder	10	11
Speed	9	9

4.2. SCQ Quota Breakdown

The following table describes quota component for each discipline. Definitions can be found under Section 5.

Discipline	Open A Female				Open A Male			
	Automatic	Combined	Wild Card	Total	Automatic	Combined	Wild Card	Total
Lead	8	2	1	**11**	8	2	1	**11**
Boulder	6	2	2	**10**	6	2	3	**11**
Speed	6	2	1	**9**	6	2	1	**9**

5. Open Team Selection Process

The selection process for the remaining positions consists of three stages:
- Ranking of all applications based solely off their results as outlined in Section 5.2.
- Consideration of factors other than results as outlined in Section 5.3.
- Acceptance of the team as a whole as outlined in Section 5.4.

Any board members who are also an applicant or conflict of interest 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.

5.1.   Automatic Selection on Team

The following athletes are guaranteed a place on the team should they wish to compete:

- The top 3 positions from the "Results Ranking" stage (Section 5.4)
- Current National Champion (in the discipline)
- Finalist in the discipline they are applying for

This takes into account the requirements by SCA for the top 3 State ranked athletes to automatically qualify as well as the current national champion. This means that a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 athletes can automatically qualify.

Should the team not be filled by the applications received by the cut-off date specified by SCQ then all applicants are automatically placed on the team. The submissions shall be reopened and the remaining spots will be filled on a first in basis, up until a new submission deadline. This will include all applications received after the submission due date up until the new deadline set by SCQ through the online form.

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.

5.2.   Team Selection for Lead

The Top 3 ranking in lead from the 2019 QLD Lead Titles are automatically selected for the team under the SCA Selection Policy Section 2.3.1. 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.

5 positions will be given preference to the other top finalists (top 8) of the 2019 QLD Lead Title in that category. 2 positions will be given to athletes wishing to compete in all three disciplines (Lead, Boulder, and Speed), as state in the SCA Selection Policy Section 2.1.5. 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 5.5.

5.3.   Team Selection for Boulder

The Top 3 ranking in boulder from the 2019 QLD Boulder Titles are automatically selected for the team under the SCA Selection Policy Section 2.3.1. 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 other finalists of the 2019 QLD Boulder Titles (top 6) in that category based on ranking in section 5.4. 2 positions will be given to athletes wishing to compete in all three disciplines (Lead, Boulder, and Speed), as state in the SCA Selection Policy Section 2.1.5. 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 5.5.

5.4.   Results Ranking Stage

Applications will be ranked strictly according to and in the order of the criteria outlined below.

1. State Titles of Same Year as National Titles (Top 3)
2. Result at most Recent National Titles (Top 8)
3. Ranking in most Recent Open National Rankings (Top 8)
4. Result at most Recent QLD State Titles (Top 24)

Any persons who are unranked from the above criteria shall be ranked using their age category results as outline below:

1. Result at most Recent Age Category National Title (Top 8)
2. Ranking in most Recent Age Category National Rankings (Top 8)
3. Result at most Recent Age Category QLD State Titles (Top 24)

Older category results shall be ranked above younger age categories. That is to say Junior results shall be ranked above Youth A results, Youth A results shall be ranked above Youth B results, and so on.

Any person not ranked by the above criteria shall be ranked by the date in which their application was received by SCQ.

5.5. Consideration Stage

The selection of a team must take into account factors beyond previous results. These may include but are not limited to:

- Inability to compete at recent events
- Athlete behavior and conduct at previous events and within the community
- Commitment to the sport
- Recent results in social competitions

To accommodate these the team selection will go through a second stage after the initial ranking of applicants. Once all applications have been ranked, board members will review all unsuccessful 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 who's 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. Sign off Stage

Once all considerations 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 75% or more of the board must vote in favour of accepting the team.

In the case that the board cannot come to 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.

5.7. Timeline and Commitments

Applications for Boulder are due before Midnight on Monday 30th of September 2019. The Queensland Boulder team will be announced, and athletes made aware, on the 2nd

of October 2019. Applications for Lead are due before midnight on Saturday 26th of October 2019, and athletes made aware, on the 28th of October. Combined athletes must apply in the Boulder round and will find out of their outcome on the 2nd of October 2019. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application.

6. Appeals

Appeals should be emailed to info@sportclimbingqueensland.com within 24 hours of the team being announced. Appeals will be considered and voted on by the SCQ board and replied to within 3 days of the team announcement. An appeal requires a 75% majority vote 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 Head Coach
- Team Manager

They are not to divulge who has or has not completed an application with any persons not listed above. They are permitted to confirm by an applicant whether or not their application has been received. Once application 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.