



SANCF Selection Policy for Open World Cup & World Championships

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Background:

Over the past two years the interest shown by SA climbers in competing in World Cup competitions has increased dramatically while the available entry quota at these competitions has decreased. The Purpose of this selection policy is to provide the methodology and framework to select a squad of SA climbers who will qualify to attend World Cup competitions and to ensure a fair distribution for all qualifying athletes while giving preference to the higher ranked athletes. Those who are not selected for the SA Squad will not be considered for World Cup or World Championship competitions.

The policy represents the recommendation put forward to SANCF MANCO for the selection of athletes for 2025 approved at an SANCF ManCo Meeting on 17 April 2024.

The intention is to move toward selection criteria weighted toward a ranking inclusive of World Ranking points and points accrued at Continental and SA National and provincial competitions.

2024 Selections

- Use the results from the combined competition at African Continental Championships (December 2023).
- Separated into speed, lead and boulder as separate scores.
- Results from the finals will be used (finalists results and then non-finalists result from qualifying rounds)
- Spots for World Cups will be allocated according to this ranking and only
- Preference given to the athletes who expressed Interest in 2024 WC events in the google form sent out by SANCF secretary on 7 February 2024.



2025 Selections:

Following the 2024 SA National Championship and Selection competition, the Selections committee will select an International Squad of qualifying athletes in each of the disciplines. These athletes will qualify and be invited to apply to compete in the IFSC World Cup competitions.

Boulder & Lead Disciplines:

- Results from SA National Championship & selection competition to be held in September 2024 will be used to rank athletes for the 2025 WC season.
- They will be separated according to discipline (no more combined)
 - Boulder
 - Lead
- For any combined lead/Boulder competitions the athletes separate Lead ranking and Boulder ranking will be used to calculate the combined ranking.
- Following the SANCF National Championship in 2024, Athletes may prioritise three 2025 World Cup or European cup events in which they wish to compete. The quotas will be filled in the following order: Please refer to the flow diagram below to understand the order in which places will be filled.
 1. The 2023 African Continental selection competition winners chosen to represent SA in the 2024 Olympic games, will be allocated their first choice of 1 International event.
 2. 1st place in the SA Nationals will be allocated their first choice of three World Cup events in 2025.
 3. 2nd place in the SA Nationals will be allocated their first choice of two available World Cup events.
 4. 3rd place in the SA Nationals will be allocated their first choice of one available event.
 5. The allocation for the first and second placed will repeat for their next choice of available events.
 6. If after this selection of events has occurred, there are still World Cup slots available, SANCF will encourage and assist lower ranked, qualifying athletes to attend the other events.



Speed Selections:

Results from SA National selections to be held in September 2024 will be used to rank athletes for the 2025 WC season.

The following World cup allocations will be used to select athletes climbing in the 2025 season:

1. 1st place in the SA Nationals will receive first choice and priority for 2 World Cup events in 2025
2. 2nd place in the SA Nationals will receive first choice and priority for 2 World Cup events in 2025
3. 3rd place in the SA Nationals will receive first choice and priority for 1 World Cup event in 2025
4. Should the 2023 Africa Continental Cup overall winners (combined), and therefore those chosen to represent SA in the 2024 Olympic games, not attend the 2024 Nationals in September, they will be given priority for 3 World Cups.
5. This application will need to be submitted with verified recent competition result, achieved in the current season.

The policy of allowing the Olympic athlete to apply for this opportunity is only due to the fact that SA currently doesn't have a wall built to spec. If SA builds a spec wall, then this part of the policy falls away and all speed athletes will need to attend National championships.

Selection Workflow for IFSC World Competitions:

Qualifying athletes who have been selected for the SA International Squad will be invited to express their interest in attending World Cup competitions. Those athletes who have expressed their interest in the 2025 WC competitions and indicated their prioritized preferences before the 31 January 2025 will be allocated to competitions according to the process described in the diagram below. Thereafter other qualifying athletes may at any stage apply to participate in International Competitions.

Workflow diagram: Selection for International Competitions (World Cup and European Cup)

