



Climbing New Zealand Selection Regulations

The objective of this Code is to provide criteria for selection of athletes most capable of producing top twenty results at international events with the overriding principle that each athlete selected must be able to bring credit to themselves, Climbing New Zealand, and New Zealand.

The following summary outlines the requirements for World Youth Championship Selection. After the summaries are full detailed regulations for the selection of athletes.

Summary for 2009 Youth World Championships

Step 1: To compete in the 2009 Youth World Youth Championships then you must first be selected onto the New Zealand Youth Squad – then you must meet the required climbing standard in July to go to the Youth World Championships.

At the 2008 Youth World Championships in Sydney– if you placed in the top twenty-six competitors of your category (if there were more than fifty-two competitors) then if you meet the criteria at the regional squad selections (see below) you will be on the New Zealand Youth Squad;

Or at the 2008 Oceania Championships in Rotorua – if you placed in the top six your category (where there were twelve or more competitors) or in the top three of your category (where your category contained less than twelve competitors) then if you meet the criteria at the regional squad selections (see below) you will be on the New Zealand Youth Squad;

Or at the 2009 National Cup Event 1 – Mt Maunganui – if your combined ranking over all competition rounds places you in the top three of your category (where your category contains twelve or more competitors) or the top two in your category (where there are less than twelve competitors) then if you meet the criteria at the regional squad selections (see below) you will be on the New Zealand Youth Squad;

At the regional squad selections you must be able to climb the following grades:

Category	Year Of Birth	Female Climbing Grade		Male Climbing Grade	
		Flash	Onsight	Flash	Onsight
Youth B	1995 or 1994	24	23	25	24
Youth A	1993 or 1992	25	24	26	25
Junior	1991 or 1990	27	26	28	27



Step 2: Once you have been selected to the National Youth Squad have trained hard and during July are achieving the required climbing standards, are ranked in the National Series in the top four of your age category (as at 19th July 2008) and meet a couple of other criteria

then you will be confirmed to go to the Youth World Championships.

Climbing Standards

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Frequently Asked Questions

Question) Man those grades look hard

Answer) Yes –they are at that level so you can get to the semi-final of the competition (top twenty-six).

Question) I climbed in Youth C last year (or youth B or youth A) and have moved up to the next category – do I still qualify if I met the requirements at Youth Worlds or Oceania Champs last year.

Answer) Yes – you have shown that you are capable of meeting the required standard at an international event – so as long as you meet the required climbing standards at the regional squad then you can be on the National Youth Squad.

Question) Why is it like this – why not just one event or why not just the series

Answer) We want to make sure that you can firstly climb at the highest level in an international event (ideally the option of qualifying at the National Cup 1 event would not be available), then we need to make sure that you are climbing at the level to make it into the semi-finals, then we need to make sure you have trained hard up until the competition and are still climbing hard in July right before the world champs.



Question) I take drugs – can I still compete.

Answer) No and you are unlikely to be able to compete in New Zealand – unless the drugs are approved by the World Anti Doping Association – most drugs prescribed by your doctor are OK – but you need to check. Recreational drugs are not permitted or tolerated under any circumstances. If you have any doubts then feel free to contact CNZ.

Question) Can't you end up with more than four competitors (the most we can have in any category at the WYC) on the National Squad.

Answer) Yes – But to be confirmed on the New Zealand team you must be ranked in the National Series in the top four athletes in your category.

More Questions:

Please email info@climbing.org.nz



Full Selection Regulations

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Selection recommendations will be made by the selection panel to the CNZ Committee, or their delegated officer, for approval.

1.2 The specific selection criteria for each event will be notified via the CNZ website for distribution to eligible candidates for selection. In the case of no specific selection criteria this document will form the basis for selection.

1.3 To be eligible for selection each athlete must:

- (a) Be a New Zealand citizen and hold a valid New Zealand passport, if applicable, in accordance with the IFSC Climbing Regulations on nationality which apply to competitors in all international competitions.
- (b) Hold a current international license from the Climbing New Zealand.
- (c) Comply at all times with the CNZ Constitution and Regulations.
- (d) Maintain their fitness such that they are capable of performing to the standard at which they were selected.
- (e) Adhere to IFSC Climbing anti-doping regulations, WADA anti-doping regulations and the CNZ anti-doping policy.

2. PROCESS OF SELECTION

2.1 Selection for Regional Squad

Selection for Regional Squads will be undertaken by regional squad coaches, criteria will be provided by squad coaches; only athletes who hold a current domestic license are eligible for selection.

2.2 Selection for National Squad

All athletes wishing to be selected for the national squad must complete an expression of interest nomination form which must be returned to CNZ, with any required documentation, by the defined date.

2.3 Athletes residing overseas

- (a) athletes wishing to be considered for selection and who meet all selection eligibility criteria but who are not currently residing within New Zealand or able to return for any trials are to submit to the selection panel requested information.
- (b) The information provided, recent competition results and consultation with athlete's coaches who have had recent contact with the athlete will be taken into consideration for selection purposes.

3. TRIAL EVENTS



3.1 A selection trial may be held either in conjunction with a competition event or as a special trial event.

3.2 Where a trial is held in conjunction with a competition event, trialists are required to pay the entry fee as set by the organisers of that event.

3.3 If a special trial or control competition is held for selection purposes or for confirmation of fitness and performance, the activity shall comply with the requirements of a competition event, that is:

- (a) Be open to public spectators;
- (b) Officials shall comply with CNZ specific regulations;
- (c) A coach of any of the trialists shall not officiate at the event;
- (d) The parents or guardians or any person who has a direct family relationship with any trialist shall not officiate. This regulation extends to including partners in a relationship and offspring of either or both parties;
- (e) In exception to c) and d), may only be made by the CNZ Committee
- (f) Athletes may be required to compete on both competition routes, and non-competition routes.

4. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

4.1 If a prospective trialist is unable to trial at a required trial/competition(s), detailed information must be filed with the CNZ, including medical certificates where appropriate. Documents must be filed with the CNZ prior to the commencement of the trial/competition.

4.2 The medical certificate should declare the injury/illness and the estimated time for full rehabilitation.

4.3 The specific selection criteria for each event will define if consideration will be given to athletes who are unable to compete due to medical reasons.

5. SELECTION COMMITTEE

5.1 Selection of athletes for international events is made by the national coaches of the appropriate squad, i.e. for Youth World Championships selections will be made by the national coaches of the National Youth squad, in consultation with one other representative from the CNZ committee.

5.2 Where no national coaches exist for a specific squad or event, the selection shall be made by a sub-committee nominated by the CNZ committee

5.3 Selections shall be submitted to the CNZ committee for ratification.

6. NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION OR APPOINTMENT

6.1 Selection of tour members and officials will be announced by CNZ, in writing to the individual members concerned. This is the official means of communication and the CNZ accepts no responsibility or liability for any announcement made contrary to the stated method.



6.2 Selection or appointment will be announced within fourteen days of the closing date for selection and/or nominations unless CNZ have notified those concerned that it will take place on a later date.

7. APPEALS

7.1 An athlete may appeal their selection/appointment or non selection/appointment to the CNZ Disputes Committee.

7.2 The procedure to be followed for the appeal is as set out below.

7.3 Grounds of Appeal

- (a) An aggrieved person may only appeal against a decision of the selectors in accordance with these regulations on the grounds that a decision of the selectors was not made in accordance with these regulations or specific selection criteria, that is, that the selection criteria were not properly followed or implemented.

7.4 Procedure for Appeal

- (a) Any appeal against a decision of the selectors must be made within seven (7) days of its announcement;
- (b) The appeal must be lodged in writing with the Secretary of the CNZ Committee with the hearing administration fee prescribed by the Disputes Regulations and must set out:
 - (i) The decision of the selectors in question to which the appeal relates;
 - (ii) The grounds on which the appeal is made;
 - (iii) The reasons or circumstances supporting the alleged grounds of appeal.
- (c) Nothing in this policy prevents the withdrawal of an appeal at any time in writing.

7.5 Constitution of Disputes Committee

- (a) No member of the Disputes Committee may be a party to or be directly interested in the matter under consideration.

7.6 Function of the Disputes Committee

- (a) The Disputes Committee has no power of selection or reselection.
- (b) The Disputes Committee may only review the matter set out in the appeal and may (if appropriate) refer the matter back to the selectors for consideration. The selectors must comply with the direction of the Disputes Committee in this regard.
- (c) Any further selection decision of the selectors under the direction of the Disputes Committee shall be final, and no further appeal to the Disputes Committee shall be available to the aggrieved person in respect of that selection.

7.7 Sports Disputes Tribunal of New Zealand

- (a) A person who wishes to appeal against a further selection decision of the selectors under the direction of the Disputes Committee may appeal to the Sports Disputes Tribunal of New Zealand in accordance with the procedures of that body.



2009 Youth World Championships

In addition to the selection requirements detailed in the CNZ selection policy, athletes must meet the following criteria:

1. Selection for the 2009 Youth World Championships involves two stages,
 - a. initial selection to the National Squad,
 - b. and a final National Youth Team performance test.
2. Following the initial selection athletes will train under the direction of the National Youth Team coaches to prepare for the 2009 Youth World Championships.
1. The aim of the selection procedure is to ensure athletes attending the 2009 Youth World Championships can perform to a standard enabling them to progress beyond the qualification round.

National Youth Squad Selection:

To qualify for the National Youth Squad, athletes must meet two following criteria – the competition assessment and the non-competition assessment. Athletes who meet both criteria (a) and (b) shall be considered for selection to the National Youth Squad.

a) Competition Assessment

Athletes may complete this assessment for the National Youth Squad at one of three competition events; to qualify you must meet the stated criteria.

1. 2008 Youth World Championships - Sydney

Athletes who placed in the top twenty-six of their category where their category contained more than fifty-two competitors shall be eligible for selection; (this includes athletes who change categories for 2009)

2. 2008 Oceania Championships - Rotorua

Athletes who placed in the top six of their category (where their category contained twelve or more competitors) or in the top three of their category (where their category contained less than twelve competitors) shall be eligible for selection; (This includes Youth C athletes who move up to Youth B for 2009)

3. 2009 National Cup Event 1 – Mt Maunganui

Athletes who are in the top three places after the combined ranking is considered (where their category contained twelve or more competitors) or in the top two of their category (where their category contained less than twelve competitors) shall be eligible for selection;

b) Non-Competition Assessment



One non-competition assessment shall take place in each region at the selection for the 2009 Regional Squads. Regional Squad coaches will be responsible for assessing the athletes in accordance with their ability to meet the following criteria; This assessment is only applicable to those who have meet requirements in section A.

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1. Selection will consist of several unjudged routes and several competition judged routes.
2. Routes will be a mixture of flash format and onsight as defined by IFSC Climbing regulations.
3. Athletes may be required to attend an interview with the national coaches to assess their suitability for international competition and touring.
4. In addition to climbing performance targets athletes will also be required to meet aerobic fitness requirements. Athletes must maintain a high level of aerobic fitness. Squad members will be placed onto a strict aerobic fitness programme. Aerobic endurance will be testing using standard testing procedures.



National Youth Team Performance test;

The passing of a Performance and Fitness test is required to confirm selection to the National Youth Climbing team for the IFSC Youth World Championships.

This performance test shall take place within two months (July 2009) of the IFSC Youth World Championships as notified by the National Youth Team management.

If athletes are;

- a member of the National Youth Squad
- competition fit
- achieving the performance standards – climbing and aerobic
- are deemed appropriate to represent NZ by the selection panel
- have completed training requirements of the national youth team
- have competed in the National Cup Series and are currently ranked within the top four of their age category
- and meet all other requirements for touring (e.g. funding)

then they will be confirmed as a member of the New Zealand Youth Climbing Team.

Performance Test Standards

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		Flash	Onsight	Flash	Onsight
Youth B	1995 or 1994	26	25	27	26
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