# CLIMB YUKON ASSOCIATION

## 2027 Canada Winter Games — Sport Climbing Athlete Selections

## 1. OVERVIEW

In March 2027, the Climb Yukon Association (CYA) will send a delegation of up to four athletes (two female, two male) to compete in Sport Climbing at the Canada Winter Games (CWG). As this marks the debut of Sport Climbing in the Games, the event will feature International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) World Cup–style formats, including isolation protocols.

As the Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization (PTSO) for the Yukon, CYA has been allocated quota spots by Climb Escalade Canada (CEC) and the CWG Host Society. The primary objective of this policy is to field the most competitive and prepared team possible, ensuring selected athletes have demonstrated national or regional competition readiness.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for selection to the CYA 2027 Canada Winter Games Team, athletes must meet all of the following requirements:

- **Membership:** Hold a valid, active membership with Climb Yukon Association.
- **Residency & Citizenship:** Meet all CWG eligibility requirements regarding Yukon residency and Canadian citizenship or permanent residency.
- **Age Category:** Be born between **2007 and 2012** (inclusive).
- **Experience Benchmark:** Have previously qualified for and competed in a CEC Youth National, Senior National, or Regional (Westerns) Championship event or equivalent. *(If quota spots remain unfilled, the CYA Selection Committee reserves the right to grant exemptions at its sole discretion.)*
- **Competition Readiness & Commitment:** Demonstrate ongoing commitment to the official CYA CWG training regimen and meet the threshold for Competition Readiness.

> **Definition of Competition Readiness:** An athlete's physical, tactical, and emotional capability to safely, meaningfully, and independently participate in a national-calibre event. This includes the demonstrated ability to safely lead climb and boulder, and execute purposeful movement on routes and boulders set to official CWG category standards.

## 3. TEAM SIZE & QUOTA ALLOCATION

- **Maximum Roster:** Up to 4 Athletes (Maximum 2 Female, 2 Male).
- **Alternates:** Up to 2 Female Alternates and 2 Male Alternates will be designated.
- **Quota Discretion:** CYA is under no obligation to fill all available quota spots if eligible athletes do not meet the competition readiness standard or eligibility requirements.

## 4. SELECTION PRIORITY

Selections will be made by the CYA coaching staff in the following order until all primary spots and alternate positions are filled (2 athletes per gender, plus 2 alternates per gender):

1. **National Finals:** Athletes who qualified for a 2026 Youth or Senior National Championships Final will be selected. *(No athletes selected under this standard)*
2. **National Semi-Finals:** Athletes who qualified for a 2026 Youth or Senior National Championships Semi-Final will be selected. *(Esker Allen is selected)*
3. **Regional Podiums:** Athletes who placed top 3 at a Western Canadian Regionals Championship will be selected. *(Asher Johnson is selected)*
4. **Regionals Finals qualification:** Athletes who qualified for a Western Regionals final at the 2026 Regionals
5. **National Qualification via Regionals:** Athletes who qualified for nationals through the 2026 Western Regionals *(No athletes selected under this standard)*. Regionals (Top 15 Canadians as defined by Climb Escalade Canada) will be selected. *(Juno Hanatani and Aira Yoshimura are selected)*

5. **Discretionary Ranking & Remaining Spots:** Remaining spots and alternate positions will be selected by choosing the top-placed athletes (not including previously selected athletes) to form a ranking list based on performance at the upcoming Climb Yukon local competition on November 14th, alongside recent CEC-sanctioned Regional and Territorial head-to-head results. *(Two alternate spots per gender will be selected under this standard)*

## SELECTED ATHLETES SUMMARY

- **Esker Allen** — Male Primary Spot 1 (Selected via Priority 2: National Semi-Finals)
- **Asher Johnson** — Male Primary Spot 2 (Selected via Priority 3: Regional Podiums)
- **Juno Hanatani** — Female Primary Spot 1 (Selected via Priority 4: National Qualification via Regionals)
- **Aira Yoshimura** — Female Primary Spot 2 (Selected via Priority 4: National Qualification via Regionals)
- **Alternates (2 Male, 2 Female):** To be determined following the November 14th Climb Yukon local competition.

## 5. APPEALS & EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

### 5.1 Extenuating Circumstances

1. **Scope:** Extenuating circumstances refer to unexpected, severe situations outside the athlete's control (e.g., acute illness, traumatic injury, equipment failure beyond reasonable precaution, or severe family emergency) that directly prevent an athlete from completing a required qualifying event or fulfilling training commitments.
2. **Committee Discretion:** The CYA Selection Committee will evaluate requests on a case-by-case basis. Granting relief or an exemption is at the sole discretion of the committee and will consider historical performance metrics, safety, and competition readiness.

### 5.2 Appeal Process

1. **Grounds for Appeal:** Appeals may only be filed on the grounds that the Selection Policy was not applied correctly, published procedures were not followed, or a decision was biased or influenced by a conflict of interest.
2. **Submission Deadline:** An athlete (or parent/guardian) wishing to appeal a selection decision must submit a formal written **Notice of Appeal** to the CYA Board of Directors within **5 calendar days** of the final public announcement of the CWG Team roster.
3. **Appeal Format:** The Notice of Appeal must outline the specific selection priority/procedure alleged to have been misapplied, a detailed statement of facts, and the requested remedy.
4. **Appeal Panel:** The CYA Board will appoint an independent Appeal Panel of unbiased individuals. The Panel will review submissions and render a final, binding written decision within **7 calendar days**.

*This policy is designed to balance fair opportunity, athlete development, and competitive integrity at a national-calibre event.*