



## **Ireland Team – Senior World Cup – Ice Climbing**

### **Selection Policy – Published December 2024**

The 2025 events will be held on the following dates and venues:

10-12 January – Cheongsong, South Korea

24-25 January – Saas-Fee, Switzerland

31 January – 2 February – Champagny-en-Vanoise, France (in conjunction with the European Championships)

21-23 February – Longmont, USA

27 February – 1 March – Edmonton, Canada

#### **Ireland Team:**

**Purpose** – The purpose of these competitions, within the context of the Mountaineering Ireland Performance Pathway, is to prepare climbers for future international competition and work towards creating sustainable success.

**Places per events** – The quota has not yet been published. We will select numbers dependent upon results achieved and the overall team size. See below.

**Availability** – All climbers who wish to be considered must declare their availability for the upcoming competitions by emailing the chair of the selection panel [jackie@mountaineering.ie](mailto:jackie@mountaineering.ie) no later than eight weeks before the competition. All Irish climbers who declare their availability will be equally considered.

#### **Selection Panel:**

Selections will be made by the Mountaineering Ireland Ice-Climbing Selection Panel comprising:

- Jackie Newton, Mountaineering Ireland Performance Lead (Chair)
- Tobias Preisler, Head Coach
- Victoria Watterson, Team Physiotherapist
- Philip Duke, S&C Lead
- Daragh O'Connor

The Chair may also (at their discretion) seek assistance (in a non-voting capacity) from anyone else they feel may be of help.

Any voting member of the Selection Panel shall declare his or her conflict of interest in respect of any selection issue and shall not be entitled to vote on that issue.



The role of the Chair is to:

1. Nominate to the panel a pool of available athletes (whether currently within the Irish Teams or not) for selection, based on the criteria described in this document.
2. Ensure selections reflect the Performance programme's aims set by Mountaineering Ireland
3. Ensure up-to-date information is available to Selection meetings for all relevant climbers, including from coaches, and other experts (e.g. medics) as appropriate.
4. Maintain a full record of all performance information relevant to the selection criteria, and make sure this is available at Selection meetings.
5. As requested, provide support to the panel in matters of selection. This may include providing selection proposals ahead of the meeting, if asked to do so.
6. This is a voting position.

The role of a Selector is to:

1. Provide advice to the Panel, based on the criteria described in this document
2. Challenge the selections presented to the Panel and ensure selections reflect and apply the selection philosophy, overview and criteria set by Mountaineering Ireland
3. As requested, provide support to the Chair in matters of selection.
4. This is a voting position.

The role of a Selection Advisor is:

1. As per the Selector, but this is a non-voting position. In short, advisors advise, but selectors decide.

## **Selection Criteria**

1. Mountaineering Ireland are under no obligation to send climbers who have not achieved results that show the potential to finish in the top third of the field at these competitions. Climbers may be considered where there is evidence of progression towards achieving this standard within 2 years. Selections will be based on the following points in priority order:
  - a) Evidence of progression throughout 2023 and 2024
  - b) World rankings
  - c) Consistency of performance in ice climbing competitions from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.
2. Selections will be made six weeks before each competition to give climbers time for optimal preparation.