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### **ACA Membership, Eligibility and Ranking for Team Alberta 2021/22 Season**

1. To be eligible to compete in an ACA sanctioned event (includes competitions and training camps) athletes must have a valid ACA Athlete Membership (includes completed ACA waiver)
2. Eligibility requirements for provincial ranking and competing at Climbing Escalade Canada (CEC) Regionals and Nationals as a member of Team Alberta include:
  - 2.1 Athletes can only belong to one Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization (PTSO). Membership in another PTSO will result in the athlete not being eligible for points or to be ranked within the ACA.
  - 2.2 Athletes that reside in Alberta, Southeastern British Columbia (includes Cranbrook and Kimberly) or Saskatchewan are eligible to earn points towards provincial ranking as a member of the ACA.
  - 2.3 Athletes that reside in Alberta, Southeastern British Columbia (includes Cranbrook and Kimberly) and Saskatchewan are eligible to be considered for discretionary ranking by the ACA Board (See ACA Covid Policy and Section 3.2 below for additional detail).
  - 2.4 All Canadian residents, regardless of their citizenship status who reside within the area described in 2.2 are eligible to receive points and/or be considered for discretionary ranking.
  - 2.5 Students residing outside of the area described in 2.2 who's family home address is within the area described in 2.2 are eligible to receive points and/or be considered for discretionary ranking provided they compete in ACA sanctioned events.
  - 2.6 Canadian citizens residing in the USA may compete at ACA events to qualify for CEC events per CEC guidelines (See additional detail from CEC below). ACA Membership and waiver is required and the athlete would not be eligible for provincial ranking/quota.

### **3. Participation in Team Alberta**

- 3.1 Number of athletes eligible to compete at CEC Regionals and Nationals is set by the CEC.

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3.2 The ACA reserves the right to utilize up to 20% of the CEC allocated spots (i.e 4 spots out of 20) for discretionary allocation due to circumstances such as illness, NCAS attendance, World Cup attendance, etc causing attendance conflicts with ACA sanctioned events.

3.2.1 Application by the athlete to the ACA for discretionary spots will be required.

3.2.2 Discretionary spots not used will default back to the regular ACA ranking criteria.

3.3 Based on ranking criteria used for each discipline, the ACA will offer spots to eligible athletes up to the maximum allocated by CEC. All athletes who accept a Team Alberta spot will be required to:

- Pay \$15 to the ACA to be a member of Team Alberta to attend a Regional event.
- Pay \$25 to the ACA to be a member of Team Alberta to attend a National event.
- All Team Alberta athletes must have a provincial team jersey. Athletes may use an existing one (unless the ACA determines that different jersey style, color, etc. is required) or purchase a new jersey from the ACA.
- Purchase a CEC Athlete License.
- Pay required CEC event fee.
- Comply with the CEC Covid Policy.

4. Interpretation and final decisions related to membership, provincial ranking and eligibility to participate as a member of Team Alberta resides with the ACA Board.

Additional information from the CEC regarding qualification for CEC Regional and National events: <https://www.climbingcanada.ca/2021-2022-cec-qualification-process/>

**What if I am a Canadian Citizen and live in the USA, but want to qualify for CEC Nationals?**

You must attend a provincial qualification event in order to qualify. However, you do not count toward the provincially allocated quotas – we have a special number of quotas for athletes residing outside of Canada. Please email [info@climbingcanada.ca](mailto:info@climbingcanada.ca) to identify yourself and ask for assistance.

**I am not a Canadian Citizen but live in Canada – can I still participate in CEC's Events?**

Yes! CEC has the position that all Canadian residents, regardless of their citizenship status, can participate in sports until International Rules apply. The 2021-2022 Foreign National Policy, outlining the details for Foreign National participants, will be posted shortly.