



EVENT PATHWAY STRUCTURE

FREESTYLE CANADA

Competition Pathway

- Analysis of each P/TSO competition system/pathway :
 - Survey
 - Meetings / discussions
 - FC analysis through data
- Why?
 - Decreased participation in Moguls outside Quebec
 - Lack of meaningful training/competition opportunities for some athletes
 - Slopestyle: venue needs to meet current athlete skill level
 - Slopestyle: low women participation (especially at CC level)
 - Current Canada Cup events trying too many stages
 - There is a cost barrier
 - Our environment/realities are changing



The logo for Freestyle Canada is a red circle with a white stylized figure inside. The figure's arms and legs are represented by white lines that form a cross-like shape. The text "FREESTYLE CANADA" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, with a small Canadian maple leaf symbol at the end of the word "CANADA".

Competition Pathway

- How did we work on the updated system?
 - Meetings and discussions with each P/TSO
 - Working group with sport dev leaders across the country
 - P/TSOs going back to get feedback by key leaders within their province with the proposed changes
 - FC getting feedback from key officials and judges with the proposed changes
 - Final draft

Solution

The Canada Cup circuit will now be separated in 2 categories :

- **Canada Cup - FIS series** : Focus on Learn 2 Compete athletes, FIS format, offering transition before NorAms

Philosophy: Perform - “Skill consolidation & learn to perform on-demand”

*(reflects Canada Cup events from last year)

- **Canada Cup - Development series** : Focus on Train 2 Train athletes, “Best of 2” format, and age categories

Philosophy: Development - “Skill acquisition focus & Introduction to competing”

*New layer of events



Goals of the new layer



- Add a new national layer of events, targeting Train-2-Train athletes
- Help our P/TSOs bridge gaps — benefits and goals will be different from one P/TSO to another
- Have more National training/competition opportunities for our smaller P/TSOs
- Increase mogul participation and retention across the country
- Increase women participation and retention in SS (more progressive pathway)
- Enable more appropriate terrain for targeted athletes at this change (consequently better course for FIS level SS events)
- More local opportunities, compete in your region at a National level: keep costs low for the OC
- Ensuring a more progressive athlete pathway
- Optimize officials' development locally

FC ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

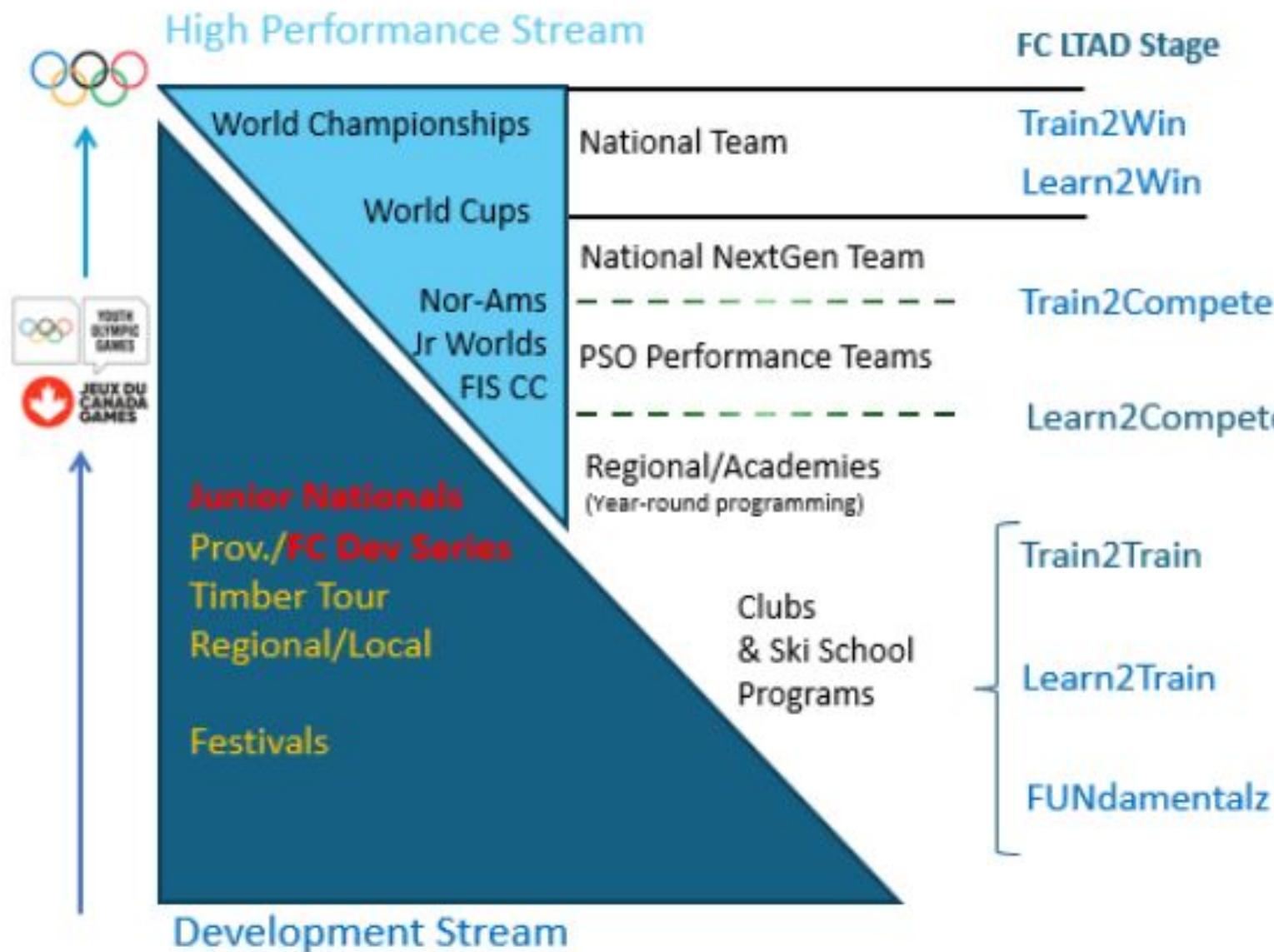


FC ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

Philosophy	FC Program	Stages	Podium Pathway	Competition System Event type priority
WIN Peak for Major events & well balanced athlete	High Performance	T2W	Podium	FIS World Cups, World Championships / OWG
			World Class	
		L2W	NextGen	Cdn World Cups, Nor-Ams, Sr Nationals, Jr Wch
				FIS CAN Cups, Nor-Ams, Sr Nationals, Jr Wch
	PERFORM Skill Consolidation & Learn to perform on demand	T2C	Prospect	FIS CAN Cups / Nor-Ams / Sr Nationals
		L2C	Aspirational	Canadian Dev Series / Domestic FIS events / Sr Nationals
DEVELOP Skills acquisition focus & Intro to Competitions	TEAM (CANFree)	Late T2T		Provincials / Canadian Dev Series / Jr Nationals
		Early T2T		Timber Tours / Prov / Regionals
	Freestylerz	L2T		Club and Regional Events
PLAY "Jumps, Bumps and Slides"	Fundamentalz	FUN		Festivals / Skills medley

Event structure update

Competition Pathway



Guiding Principles

1. Athletes should compete at a maximum of 2 LTAD stages, annually.
2. Athletes should consistently finish top half before moving to the next event level
3. Throughout the Development stream, the Training-to-Competition ratio should be heavily weighted on Training
4. Development stream events promotes competition experience and start gate opportunities (ex: “best of” formats)
5. High performance stream events promote “performance on demand” by implementing elimination phases and follow International rules



2025-2026 calendar

MO/DM

NorAm (CAN)

- Apex
- VSC

Canada Cup - FIS Series

- Apex
- Panorama
- Senior Nationals (Sommets Saint-Sauveur)

Canada Cup - development series

- Canyon
- Calabogie
- Junior Nationals (Panorama)

SS/BA/HP/RE

NorAm (CAN)

- Stoneham
- Whistler
- Winsport (2x HP)

Canada Cup - FIS series

- Sun Peaks
- Wentworth

Canada Cup - development series

- Horseshoe
- Winsport
- Junior Nationals (Stoneham)



Formats & guidelines - DEV

- **Canada Cup - Development series** is targeted for Train-to-train level, where the philosophy is to DEVELOP.
- Create the best environment for athletes' skill development and competitive experience; therefore:
 - Age categories to eliminate some possible barriers, and recognize skill level within age group before advancing to other stages
 - Best of 2 formats (no finals) : Ensuring 2 runs/jumps for everyone, maximizing practice time and “start gate” mileage. Ensure optimal on snow time.
 - Officials and coaches are also at a development stage : offer proper environment for them as well



General guidelines for DEV series

- Age categories U14 / U16 / U18+ : based on JAN 1st 2026 FC provincial license, registered in a FC club
- Field : max of 70 by gender, max field 90 athletes
- Spot allocation system :
 - Base quota spots protected for each P/TSO participating
 - Round robin re-allocation based on athlete membership ratios
 - Number of spots all confirmed by November 15th
 - Athlete list confirmed 1 month before the event
 - Open registration 1 month before event (after registration deadline)
- Officials/judges selection collaboration between host P/TSO and FC (ideally, 1 official from outside P/TSO)
- No MSL required, coach and P/TSO responsibility to make sure athletes are ready to compete at this level



Slopestyle - DEV series

SS

- Seeding by mixing age categories - results by categories and overall - medals by categories only
- Will reward specific skill by gender also (ex: best rail)
- 3 heats total
- Best of 2 runs/jumps
- Day 2 : RE, BA, HP or SS
- #judges 3 + 1 HJ



Moguls - DEV series

MO

- Random start order by gender
- Scores by category and overall, medals by categories only
- Will reward specific skill by gender also (ex: best turns)
- Best of 2 runs (no finals to maximize training)
- MO/DM, duals moguls start brackets by categories best of each face off in overall bracket
- 5-7 judges + 1 HJ



Formats & guidelines - FIS

- **Canada Cup - FIS series** targets Learn-to-compete level, where the goal is to learn to **PERFORM**. Creating the best environment to foster athletes' performance on demand development by:
 - using FIS NorAm/JR Worlds formats, to prepare the next generation of athletes
 - Elimination phases and Finals take importance to learn to perform on demand and learn to make tactical decisions when competing at multi phase events
 - The goal here is not to maximize start gate experience for all athletes, but introduce elimination phases and prepare them for a high performance context.



Canada Cup - FIS series

General guidelines

- FIS for MO and SS
- Field size : 90 CDN spots + 10-20 spots reserved for foreign (4 weeks for confirmation and can be released for CAN)
- Formats : like in NorAms, SS on 2 days, RE allowed
- Spots based on rankings, selection by FC
- Eligibility : responsibility from P/TSOs, clubs and coaches to find the right layer of events for athletes to compete in



Who should participate at DEV series?

Category 1 : Athletes finishing in top half of their provincial circuit ready to compete on a national level with a deeper field and more challenging course

- Competitive athletes who train year round (academy, sport-étude, regional team, P/TSO dev team, etc.)

Category 2 : Athletes who require more competing and training opportunities of this level

- Club athletes or full year program club athletes
- Athletes returning from injury

Philosophy : Develop

LTAD stage : Train to train



Who should participate at FIS series?

Category 1 : Athletes doing full tour

- P/TSO team athletes aiming for a spot on National Team and prepare for NorAm circuit.
- Athletes part of a year round program who perform consistently in top third of DEV series or their provincial tour. Ready to compete in FIS format consistently.

Philosophy : Perform

LTAD stage : Learn to compete / Train to compete

Category 2 : Athletes doing 1 event for experience

- Year round program athletes performing in top half of DEV series or their provincial tour. Ready to take a step up in the system towards more challenging courses and more skilled field. Ready for a FIS format, no age categories and elimination phases.

Philosophy : Develop

LTAD stage : Late Train to Train



Who should participate at NorAms?

Category 1 : Athletes doing full tour

- P/TSO team athletes aiming for a spot on National Team, wanting to perform on the whole circuit.

Philosophy : Perform

LTAD stage : Train to compete

Category 2 : Athletes doing domestic NAC events only

- P/TSO team athletes, already competing at all CC FIS events who are ready to gain experience on the NorAm circuit.

Philosophy : Perform

LTAD stage : Learn to compete



How to plan competition calendar?

- Your best resource is your coach! Consult him/her and your P/TSO for more guidance. Plans will vary according to athlete's objectives

Examples for competition plans per LTAD stage

Late Train 2 Train athletes (U16+)

- 1 or 2 provincial event + 1 provincial championship
- 1 or 2 **Canada Cup - Development series events**
- 1 Canadian Junior Championship
- 1 Canada Cup/FIS event (in his/her region if judged appropriate)
- Target : 3 - 6 events

Learn 2 compete athletes

- 1 provincial championship
- 1 **Canada Cup - Development series events**
- Canadian Junior Championship
- 2 or 4 Canada Cups/FIS events
- 1 or 2 domestic NorAm
- Target : 5 - 8 events

Train 2 compete athletes

- Provincial Championship
- Canada Cup - FIS series
- Senior National Championship
- NorAm tour
- Target : 6 to 10 events

RANKINGS

Layer	Rankings	Purpose	Eligible events
High Performance Stream	HPP Rankings	1. For National Team selection 2. Used to select for major FIS events	FIS and up (FIS Nationals and Canada Cup - FIS series, NACs, WCs, Major events)
	Toyo Cup Rankings	National Ranking for High Performance stream athletes	Canada Cup - FIS series, Sr Nationals & Cdn NACs (Top 30 placings)
Development Stream	DEV series Rankings	National Ranking by age category/overall (non/FIS level events for DEV stream athletes)	Jr Nationals & Canada Cup - Development series (non-FIS) (Top 25 placings)

For more information about rankings please consult FC's ranking policy.

***The DEV series rankings will only be used as a tool for P/TSOs for their own rankings and for athletes to compare themselves on a National scale. DEV series rankings will not be used for selection of any event in 25-26 or 26-27.**

