

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

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



The logo for Freestyle Canada is located on the left side of the slide. It features a red, textured circular background with a white stylized figure skater in the center. The skater is in a dynamic pose, with one leg extended back and arms out. To the right of the skater, the words "FREESTYLE" and "CANADA" are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, with a small maple leaf icon to the right of "CANADA".

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

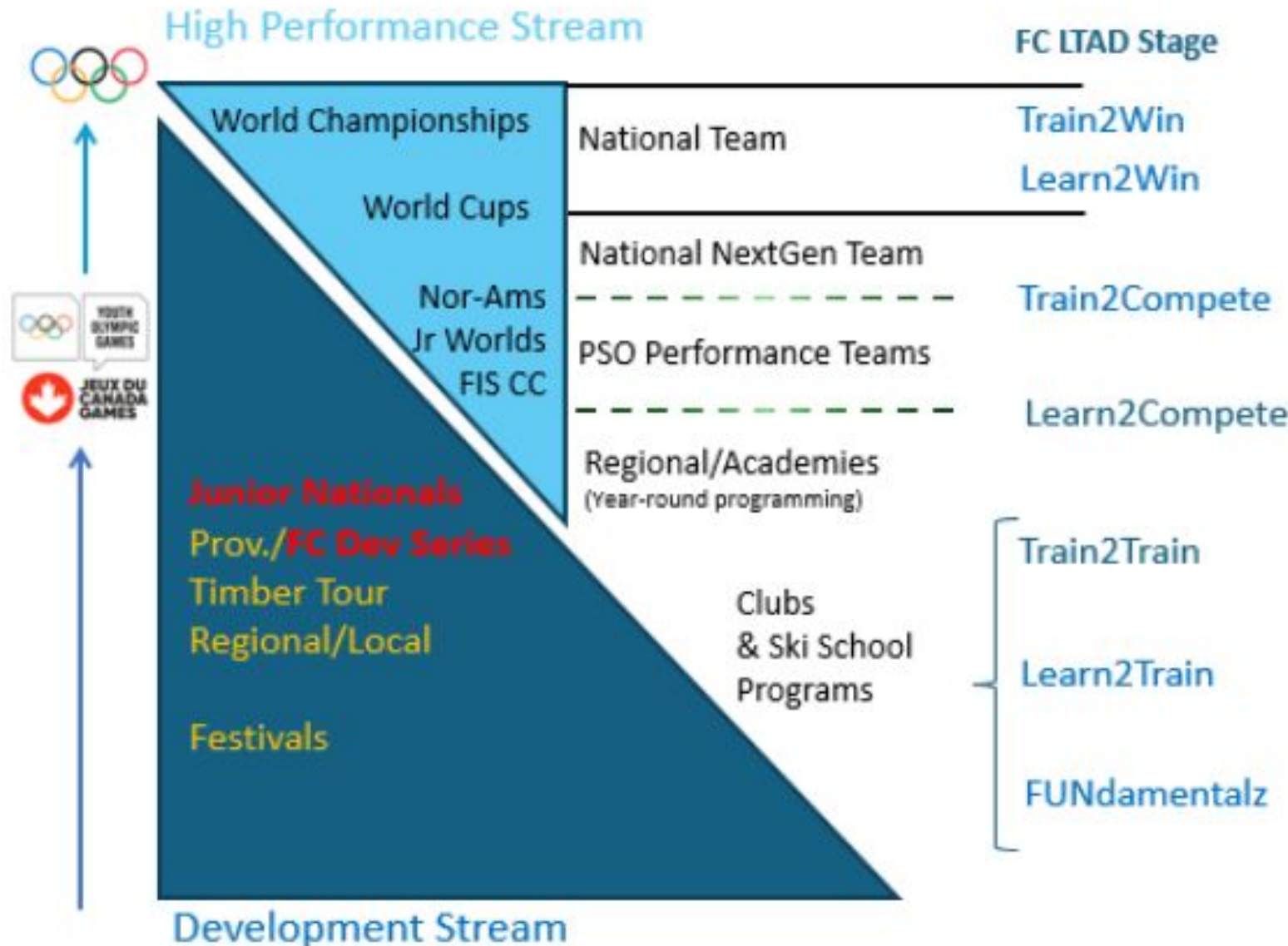


FC ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

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	Performance	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	FIS and up (FIS Nationals and Canada Cup - FIS series, NACs, WCs, Major events)
		2. Used to select for major FIS 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.**