



# ONTARIO TIMBER TOUR RULES AND GUIDELINES

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## **FREESTYLE ONTARIO TIMBER TOUR RULES & GUIDELINES**

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## 1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.0 The purpose of the Timber Tour is to provide a meaningful athlete-centered, community supported, competition series in Ontario, for athletes at the Learn-to-Train and Train-to-Train stage, where athletes receive fair, fun and safe competition experiences

1.2 The targeted Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) stage is late Learn-to-Train and Train-to-Train Athletes

1.3 The Timber Tour aims at creating quality-training venues that optimize skill development

1.4 All Timber Tour events are sanctioned by Freestyle Canada and organized by Freestyle Ontario, in partnership with the host resort

1.5 All athletes must have a Freestyle Canada trained Coach present with the appropriate qualifications for their intended maneuvers with Aerial Passports readily available to present to Event Jury.

1.6 Qualification is required for all inverted maneuvers

1.7 The Timber Tour (Provincial Series) consists of three to six provincial level competitions depending on the factors of that year.

1.8 The Timber Tour Provincial Championships, as the Final event, can be staged in any of the three regions and must host three freestyle skiing disciplines.

1.9 The Timber Tour Rules and Regulations will be those authorized by the F.I.S and Freestyle Canada with exceptions to be made as required by the Freestyle Ontario. The format of a given Timber Tour competition shall be adhered to for the entire series, inclusive of the Ontario Championships, unless otherwise stated in this document.

1.10 All Timber Tour competitions will use the standard Freestyle Ontario age categories breakdown:

Age Categories

As of January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year

Age Category	Age, as of January 1
U20	18 & 19
U18	17 & 16
U16	15 & 14
U14	13 & 12
U12	11 & 10
U10*	8 & 9

\*Pending Freestyle Ontario approval

## 2.0 RESPONSIBILITY:

2.1 FO staff oversees the organization of all Timber Tour competitions

2.2 Organizing Committees report to FO staff throughout the planning process

2.3 Organizing Committee agrees to align with FO partners

### **3.0 COMPETITION EVENT SCHEDULE:**

3.1 Bidding for competitions will take place through Freestyle Ontario in the summer of every year.

3.2 Final schedule confirmation for the following season must be determined no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>.

3.3 Competitions should not conflict with national or international events in the same geographic region at the same time.

3.4 Organizers will be identified at time of scheduling.

3.5 Schedule of events will be circulated throughout the province and sent by FO to the National office for sanctioning.

### **4.0 APPLICATION PROCESS:**

4.1 The Timber Tour Bid Application will be released in the summer of the upcoming season. The Bid Application will include:

- Competition calendar
- Minimum course specification requirements
- Organizing Committee Roles
- Application Outline

4.2 A club wishing to organize a Timber Tour event must complete the Bid Application and meet all minimum course specifications

4.3 Bid Application deadline is Second Friday of July

4.4 The application should include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Ski area confirmation and acceptance of events;
- Details of the organizing committee appointed to organize the event
- Rough schedule of event;
- Previous Event hosting experience
- Letter of intent from Organizing Committee
- Description and diagram of proposed competition runs
- It is strongly encouraged that clubs submit 2-3 Different weekends that Organizing Committee can host

4.5 Determination of successful bid applications will be chosen by an FO Bid Application Working Group Chaired by the FO Events Manager/Director. Successful applications will be determined by a combination of factors including proposed terrain and resort commitment to providing this terrain, completeness, staff and volunteer time and professionalism of the bid application, level of experience hosting freestyle events, members of the OC and having the necessary community of volunteers and staff to support the organizing committee. Timber Tour Host Resort winners will be notified 2 weeks after Applications are submitted

4.6 All Timber Tour Host Resorts and Organizing Committees must complete an Event Hosting Contract.

## **5.0 COMPETITION FORMAT:**

### **5.1 MOGULS**

5.1.1 Two runs - no cuts - each run scored (Best of two runs are used for results).

5.1.2 The start order is: Women (mixed), then Men (mixed). The second run is started in the same order as the first. This can be adjusted to ensure athlete safety.

5.1.3 Results from the best of 2 runs will determine the winners of the event.

5.1.4 Qualification required for all inverted maneuvers.

5.1.5 Each event Jury has the power to reduce the number of runs or limit the number of participants should there be external factors, such as weather.

5.1.6 Should participant numbers have to be limited; priority will be given to athletes who registered first.

### **5.2 DUAL MOGULS**

5.2.1 Initial seeding based on Single Moguls ranking (usually from the prior day, or if not available, the last Single Mogul score at a Timber Tour).

5.2.2 Multiple heats per category, where the final dual determines the winner. Duals will be completed for large and small final (i.e. For 1st through 8th position).

5.2.3 Start order will be organized so that all large and small finals for all age categories occur as close together as possible.

\* Qualification required for all inverted maneuvers.

### **5.3 SLOPESTYLE\***

5.3.1 Adjusted Heat Format (based on age category), Best of two runs, no finals.

5.3.2 Number of heats is dependent on number of registered athletes. Heats cannot be larger than 25 athletes.

5.3.3 Heat 1 (U20, U18 & Female athletes, all age categories) 2 Competition Runs

Heat 2 (U16) 2 Competition Runs

Heat 3 (U14, U12, U10) 2 Competition Runs

Sample Slopestyle Event Schedule:

8:30-9:00 - Course Inspection

9:10-10:10 - Official Training

10:20-11:30 - Heat 1 (2 Runs)

11:30-12:15 - Official Training

12:30-2:30 - Heat 2 (2 Runs)

3:30-Awards

4:15-Team Leaders Meeting

5.3.3.1 Start order changes in terms of age per heat can be made with Jury decision

5.3.4 Repeat jumps accepted.

5.3.5 Qualification required for all inverted maneuvers.

## 5.4 HALFPIPE \*

5.4.2 Adjusted Heat Format (based on age category), Best of two runs, no finals

5.4.3 Number of heats is dependent on number of registered athletes. Heats cannot be larger than 25 athletes.

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## 6.0 COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY:

6.1 Timber Tour competitions are open to all FO athletes, who are in good standing with Freestyle Canada and Freestyle Ontario.

6.2 Athletes require a Provincial Athlete license.

6.3 Qualification is required for all inverted maneuvers.

6.4 The organizing committee has the right to refuse registration or participation to an event to anyone who appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

6.5 To Be eligible to compete in the Freestyle Ontario Provincial Championship please see Freestyle Ontario provincial's selection criteria.

## 7.0 INVITATIONS AND ENTRY:

7.1 Invitations to participate in Timber Tour competitions must be circulated by FO staff and event organizers to FO member clubs a minimum of four (4) weeks before the competition date. The invitation must include the following:

- Event Schedule
- Competition Format
- Registration Time and Place, Link
- Registration Fee
- Accommodation availability
- Time and location of first Team Leaders' meeting
- Disclaimer on qualification requirements for all inverted maneuvers
- Disclaimer that all athletes must have a coach for training and competition days

- Disclaimer on licensing requirements

7.2 Competition registration information will be circulated by FO. Event registration is online.

7.3 Final entries must be made no later than 7 hours prior to the first scheduled team leaders meeting.

7.4 Entry fees for all Timber Tour events. are to be determined by FO Event Manager and FO Executive Director

## **8.0 OFFICIALS' MEETINGS:**

### **8.1 TEAM LEADERS:**

8.1.1 Time of the first Team Leaders' meeting must be shown in the invitation itinerary.

8.1.2 Decisions at Team Leaders' meetings are taken by majority vote. Each club with member representation at the competition is allowed one leader. The individual may be a coach, or someone assigned by the coach to serve as the coach's proxy. Proxy representatives must be communicated to TD or Chief of Comp. Coaches or their proxy are expected to be at the team leaders meeting on time and ready to go over the event schedule, check athlete roster, start order, discuss competition terrain, and any other meeting agenda items. This information is then to be shared with all athletes on their team by the coach or their proxy. Each leader, the Technical Delegate, and the competition chairperson, who may be the TD or the representative of the organizing committee directing the meeting has the casting vote. Matters of safety and the FIS rules are left to the Jury to decide with input from the Team Leaders' Meeting voting attendees. The FO Executive Director and FO Events Director have the final decision in matters of budget.

8.1.3 At mogul events, a designated jump shaper will be appointed for the weekend, under the supervision of the Chief of Course

### **8.2 JUDGES:**

8.2.1 The Head Judge for the competition will be responsible for conducting a Judge's meeting prior to or on the first day of competition. The Head Judge will be responsible for the communication and coordination of the meeting.

8.2.2 When possible, the Head Judge should be at the competition one (1) day before the competition for course and stand inspection, and to answer any questions from coaches.

8.2.3 As a general rule, five judges + a head judge will be on the stand. Ideally, the organizing committee should plan for a five-judge panel + a head judge for all provincial level events.

8.2.4 Shadow judges and judges' assist are strongly recommended for all Timber Tour events. Clubs and organizing committee should plan on providing entry level/up and coming judges to assist and shadow.

8.2.5 For Slopestyle events, split panels should NOT be used. One panel is superior. Organizing Committees should plan to set up just one judge's stand on the course with all features visible.

8.2.6 Judges must respect and abide by the designated lunchtime and breaks. Failure to do

so will result in a warning and further suspension.

8.2.7 Judges should strive to have a 90 second turn over in-between athletes.

### **8.3 JURY:**

8.3.1 The Jury for a competition will meet at least once before the first Team Leaders' meeting. The Jury must also meet once before official training in order to do an official course inspection. The Chief of Competition will act as chairman in all meetings of the Jury.

8.3.2 The Jury shall consist of 3 people: Technical Delegate, Chief of Competition and Head Judge. The Jury will be supervised by FO Staff Event Manager.

8.3.3 At the first Team Leaders meeting a coach representative must be chosen as communication contacts in the event of a Jury decision.

### **9.0 THE DRAW:**

9.1 Competitors' starting order for each event and each discipline will be determined by a random draw and shall be prepared for the team leaders meeting the night before the event. (Via Winfree, Freestyle solutions, or a similar scoring software).

9.2 Event organizers will circulate copies of the draw to all team leaders.

9.3 Athletes are not permitted to register the morning of a competition. They are allowed to pick up their bib if they have not done that already and double-checked on starting list.

9.4 In the event of a senior men cut, the qualifying competitors will start in reverse order of their placing from the semi-final results.

9.5 Pace set for Mogul courses will be determined based on course dimension. The scoring computer will be used to determine the optimum pace set for the course.

### **10.0 COMPETITORS' OBLIGATIONS:**

10.1 The competitors are obliged to make themselves familiar with the appropriate F.I.S. and Timber Tour Rules and must comply with the special instructions of the organizing committee and the Jury.

10.2 Competitors who do not follow the F.I.S. Rules and Regulations correctly, can be disqualified by the Jury.

10.3 Competitors under the influence of drugs or alcohol are not permitted to take part in the competition.

10.4 Competitors (and other members of Freestyle Canada) must adhere to all Freestyle Canada and Freestyle Ontario Policies.

10.5 Competitors must have working brakes at all events.

10.6 Competitors must wear their assigned bib for all official training sessions and the competition.

10.7 Competitors are expected to be physically healthy and fit enough to compete in the competition and training.

### **11.0 COMPETITION PROTOCOL:**



11.1 The F.I.S. rules shall govern all aspects of Freestyle Ontario events including site specifications, judging criteria, equipment specifications unless Freestyle Ontario has outlined otherwise.

## 11.2 SPECIAL RULES FOR FREESTYLE ONTARIO - MOGULS

11.2.1 In the case of a loss of ski, the competitor is allowed ten (10) seconds to replace their skis and continue with the competition run. If the competitor has not resumed his/her run after the ten seconds has elapsed the run will be judged to up that point where the ski fell off.

11.2.2 The loss of both skis in a Mogul event will result in the competitor receiving a turn score up to that point but no speed points.

11.2.3 For gates not skied and significant sliding, judging will be based on using the score sheet deductions but use the lower end of the scale.

11.2.4 For turn styles and air, the range will be determined from discussions with Head Judge during training.

11.2.5 Any competitor who skis around a control gate or out of the course will receive a DNF. Likewise, crossing the centre line in dual moguls will result in a DNF.

11.2.6 See F.I.S. rules 4000 through 4300 for detailed protocol information.

11.2.7 In the case of a rules dispute, Jury decisions will be based on FO historical ruling.

### 11.2.8 Jump Maneuvers

Timber tour Events: repeat **upright** maneuvers from the same Category are permitted. I.e. May perform two different singles on each jump (Jump 1 -Spread; Jump 2 -Daffy)

Provincial Events: repeats are not permitted as per FIS Rules apply (6204.3.8 Repeats)

## 12.0 CALCULATION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS:

12.1 Scores taken by the scorekeeper shall be considered unofficial scores. Whenever possible, unofficial scores should be announced to the public over loudspeakers.

## 12.2 OFFICIAL RESULTS

12.2.1 The official results must contain the following information:

- Name of competition
- Site of competition
- Date and time of competition
- Discipline
- Name of host club
- Mean course standards
- Competitors' names, bib numbers, club
- Complete scoring calculations

12.2.2 The official results are made official following an inspection by the Chief of Scoring, the Technical Delegate and the Head Judge, and by the application of their signatures.

12.2.3 Results from both runs, semi-finals and finals must be published.

12.3 FO is responsible for distributing and posting results on the FO website.

12.4. Ties will be broken using F.I.S. and AFP methods. Refer to Judging Manual.

12.5 Results will be made available to the public online within one (1) hour of results being made official. Each club leader, and jury members will be provided with one (1) printed copy each of results. These will be the only printed copies of results.

### **13.0 PRIZES:**

13.1 Medals will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in each age category, discipline and in both male and female categories.

13.2. Medals and prizes will be provided by FO.

13.3 The Organizing Committee may supply additional prizing.

### **14.0 CEREMONIES:**

14.1 An awards ceremony shall be conducted 60 minutes following the event or at a prearranged awards banquet.

14.2 There can never be an awards ceremony before the end of an event.

### **15.0 TIMBER TOUR CHAMPIONS:**

15.1 The calculation of current standings and end of season winners is the responsibility of FO.

15.2 A Timber Tour ranking will be calculated for each athlete using the RPA Ranking system described in section 3 of the FO Selection Criteria, using only scores from the Timber Tours and Provincial Championships that fall within that season's ranking period.

15.3 Multi-Discipline Award: A multi-discipline award will be calculated using an athlete's top-3 RPA's from Timber Tour events, with at least one score from the Moguls RPA, and at least one score from the Park & Pipe RPA.

15.4 Awards will be presented to the Timber Tour Champions in each age category of each discipline (multi-discipline included), plus an overall male and female champion for each discipline (multi-discipline included) excluding age categories.

15.5 All Timber Tour awards are to be presented at the FO Awards Party. This is the responsibility of FO.

15.6 Winners of single events shall be honored as the Champion in that particular competition.

15.7 The point breakdown is listed under Articles 3047.22 and 3047.23 in the F.I.S. Freestyle General Rules and Regulations.

### **16.0 PROTESTS:**

16.1 Protests and appeals are to be made according to F.I.S. rule 3050. Cost is \$20 (CDN) and must be submitted in writing to a member of the Jury.

## **17.0 CANCELLATION OR POSTPONEMENT OF A COMPETITION:**

17.1 The Jury has the right to cancel an event or an entire competition.

17.2 In the event of an interruption of a competition, due to extraordinary circumstances such as weather, the competition should be resumed when conditions warrant. The results completed before the interruption will remain valid if it is possible to complete the event on the same day. Otherwise the results prior to the interruption will be canceled except if the first run has been completed. In that case, only the second run will be postponed or re-run, but must be completed on the same competition site. If the second run cannot be completed, the results of the first run will be final.

### **17.3 REFUND POLICY**

**INDIVIDUAL EVENT REGISTRATIONS:** For athletes who have registered for each Timber Tour individually, once an athlete is confirmed on a start list, refunds will not be issued. In the case of an injury, the coach or parent must notify the registration desk, or email [austin@freestyleontario.ski](mailto:austin@freestyleontario.ski) to inform that an athlete is injured and unable to ski before competition day. In this case athletes are entitled to partial refunds, \$25 per event. Requests for refunds for other extraordinary circumstances shall be considered only at the discretion of the Organizing Committee to a maximum of \$25 per event. If an event is cancelled due to weather or exceptional circumstances each athlete registered for that event will be entitled to partial refund of \$25.00 per event.

**SERIES EVENT REGISTRATIONS:** For athletes who have registered for the Timber Tour as a Series the standard refund policy applies for their first event following a refund request. For subsequent withdrawal's if a doctor's note is provided stating they are unable to compete for the remainder of their registered events a full refund will be provided for all remaining events.

## **18.0 ENTRY FEES:**

18.1 Entry fee maximums for Timber Tour events leading to Junior National qualification are as follows :

- \$ 110 for one event day
- \$ 220 for two event day
- \$ 125 for each Provincials event day

\* Pre-registrations must be received no later than midnight the Wednesday two days before the competition.

## **19.0 CODE OF CONDUCT:**

19.1 Every member and competitor of the Freestyle Ontario shall, whenever appearing as a representative of the organization, adhere to Freestyle Ontario's Code of Conduct, please refer to our website for the published Code of Conduct. [www.freestyleontario.ski](http://www.freestyleontario.ski)

## 19.2 Compliance

Failure to comply with FO's Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Discipline Policy of FO. Such action may result in the member losing the privileges that come from membership in FO, including the opportunity to participate in FO, CFSA or NORAM events.