



FREESTYLE ONTARIO TIMBER TOUR HOSTING PRINCIPLES

Freestyle Ontario's Timber Tour strives to be a meaningful, athlete-centered, and community supported competition series for Train-to-Train athletes from across Ontario. The Timber Tour focusses on the Freestyle disciplines of Slopestyle, Big Air, Moguls, Dual Moguls, and Halfpipe

Hosting a Timber Tour is a combined effort between Freestyle Ontario Staff, Host Clubs, Officials, Volunteers, and Resort Personnel. The result is a quality competition experience for athletes and the development of positive relationships between clubs, resorts, and other partners.

Freestyle Ontario works with our partners to create a Timber Tour schedule based on the below principles. These principles are considered on the whole when determining Timber Tour locations and are not listed in order of importance. The scheduling of the Timber Tour is based off the goal of achieving a sustainable and high quality provincial event system.

Above all a club must be able to host a Timber Tour on the dates that are available, and a letter of support must be provided from the resort for the dates a club is interested in hosting.

2021 TIMBER TOUR DATES

January 15-17 - Slopestyle Timber Tour

January 29-31 - Moguls Timber Tour

February 5-6 - Slopestyle Timber Tour

February 19-21 - Moguls Timber Tour

February 25-28 - Timber Tour Provincials

PRINCIPLES

TERRAIN: Stage appropriate, and high quality freestyle terrain is integral to a successful Timber Tour. For more information on T2T appropriate terrain, please view the Freestyle Canada Terrain Guide¹. The host club's course building experience and capacity is a factor. This last point is of a heightened importance for mogul Timber Tours.

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE: A dedicated Local Organizing Committee is the driving force behind a Timber Tour. Host clubs and resorts must be able to fill key roles on the committee. The more experienced a committee the better. A local organizing committee is led by the FO Event Manager and is comprised of a Local Co-Chair, a Chief of Competition, Chief of Course, and Volunteer Co-Ordinator.

VOLUNTEER BASE: Volunteers are the human infrastructure that allow Timber Tours to run smoothly and successfully on the course building, training, and competition days. The quality and quantity of volunteers is a key ingredient to hosting a Timber Tour.

¹ <https://www.freestylecanada.ski/en/resources/competition/>



RESORT SUPPORT: Support from the host resort is the foundation of a Timber Tour. Resources such as snowcat time, operations support, terrain park staff, available lodge space, and management support are the types of support necessary from the host resort for a successful event.

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: Freestyle Ontario is always seeking partnership opportunities that support event enhancements, and the organizations operations. Partnership opportunities that arise from particular resorts/locations are important parts of the Timber Tour scheduling process.

GEOGRAPHICAL ROTATION & IMPACT: As a Provincial Sport Organization, Freestyle Ontario remains committed to scheduling the Timber Tour in a way that serves the needs of freestyle athletes across the province.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT: Hosting a Timber Tour is a key component in developing a freestyle club. The club receives increased visibility the weekend of the event and leveraging an event to develop terrain provides improved training opportunities for the duration of the season. Stronger freestyle clubs lead to a more sustainable and robust freestyle system in Ontario.