



# BC TIMBER TOUR

## Guidelines and Rules

### Overview

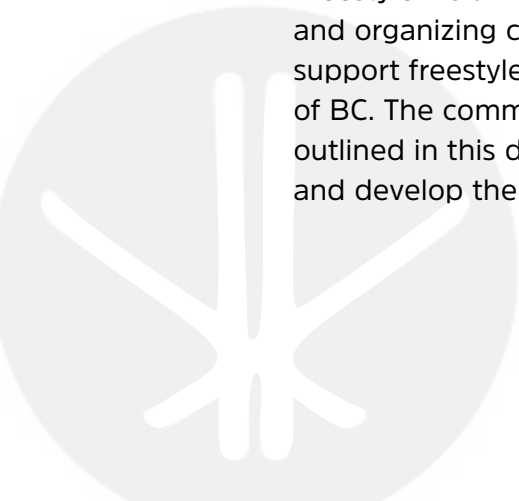
Following is a guide for the BC Timber Tour Series of Freestyle Skiing events. Freestyle BC in partnership with BC registered clubs offer the BC Timber Tour to provide a meaningful competitive experience for athletes in the learn to train (L2T) and train to train (T2T) stage of the long term athlete development (LTAD) model.

In partnership with Freestyle Canada, Sport For Life, The Coaching Association of Canada, and High Five, Freestyle BC will continue to develop and support the implementation of grassroots programs and events that are relevant, vibrant and engaging for athletes in the L2T and T2T stages of development. The BC Timber Tour aims to increase participation, develop athletes through a meaningful competitive experience, recruit and develop officials and further develop coaches.

Freestyle BC remains committed to implementing standards for the development of acrobatic/air skills, to training coaches, and providing standards for competition and training facilities as the pillars of excellence and athlete safety.

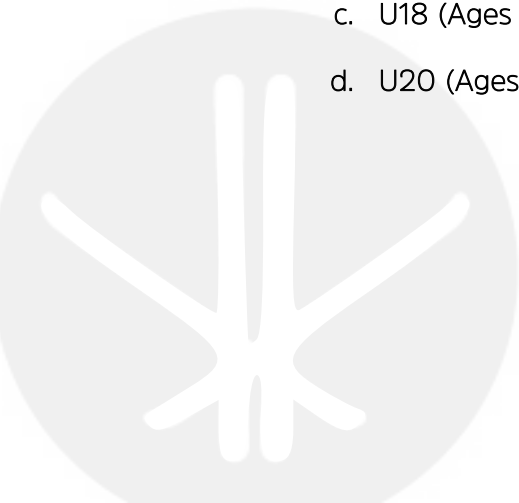
It is the policy of Freestyle BC that all participants should be equitably served in terms of the Association's programs, and that all participants should have an equal opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the affairs of the Association. Freestyle BC is committed to reviewing its current programs and services, and taking initiatives to redress any gender imbalances.

Freestyle BC aims to grow and continually improve support to local clubs and organizing committees. The Freestyle BC Events Committee aims to support freestyle skiing events and further develop the sport in the province of BC. The committee will have the ability to amend rules and regulations outlined in this document on an ongoing basis with the mandate to improve and develop the BC Timber Tour event series.



## Format

1. The BC Timber Tour is a provincial series of Freestyle Skiing events.
2. Events are aimed at athletes in the Learn to Train and Train to Train stage of Freestyle Canada's long term athlete development model.
3. The BC Timber Tour series is sanctioned by Freestyle BC.
4. The BC Timber Tour is operated by local organizing committees from local Freestyle BC registered clubs.
5. The BC Timber Tour aims to have a minimum of three stops each season focusing on the Olympic disciplines of moguls, slopestyle and halfpipe. Events may also include dual moguls and big air.
6. The Freestyle BC Events Committee oversees the Timber Tour series of events and will have the ability to have final decision on any matters related to the Timber Tour series of events.
7. Freestyle BC has adopted superseding rules and regulations for the BC Timber Tour, which are outlined in this document. In all other circumstances the Canada Cup Guidelines shall first apply and then FIS Rules and Regulations.
8. All BC Timber Tour competitions will use the standard Freestyle Canada age categories breakdown. Age is determined as of January 1st of the competition season (IE. November 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021 ski season has ages calculated as of January 1, 2021):
  - a. U14 (Ages 12-13) – Male and Female
  - b. U16 (Ages 14 – 15) – Male and Female
  - c. U18 (Ages 16 – 17) – Male and Female
  - d. U20 (Ages 18 – 19) – Male and Female

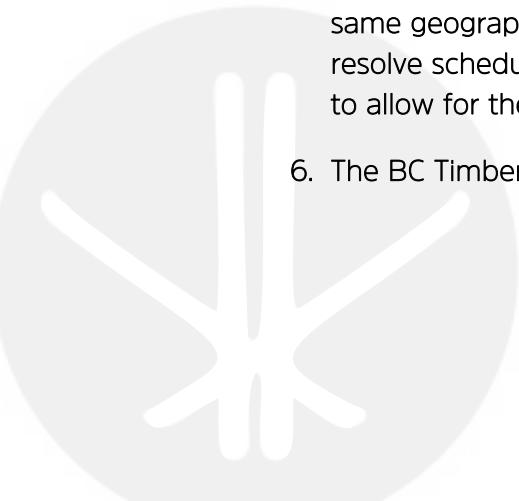


## Responsibility

1. The Freestyle BC Competition Events Committee oversees the development of the rules and regulations, operating procedures, fees and allocation of events. The Freestyle BC Board of Directors must approve rule and fee changes.
2. The Freestyle BC Events Committee is responsible to ensure the Timber Tour series of events aligns with the train to train objectives of the LTAD model.
3. The local organizing committee will be responsible for operating specific Timber Tour events. This includes managing the event budget.
4. The local organizing committee will verify that all participants (athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers) have a current and valid membership with Freestyle BC in order to meet the event sanctioning and insurance requirements.

## Scheduling

1. Freestyle BC will work with local organizing committees to determine the schedule of events.
2. Local organizing committees interested in hosting a BC Timber Tour should submit an expression of interest to Freestyle BC by April 30th.
3. Freestyle BC may go through a bid processes to determine the location of events if necessary.
4. Final schedule confirmation for the following season will be determined no later than September 30th.
5. Competitions should not conflict with national or international events in the same geographic region at the same time. All efforts shall be made to resolve scheduling conflicts to ensure the BC event schedule is optimized to allow for the the participation of the BC Freestyle Ski Team.
6. The BC Timber Tour event schedule will be posted at [freestylebc.ski](http://freestylebc.ski).



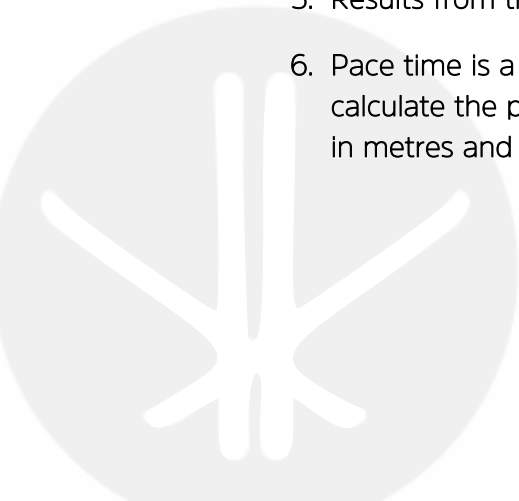
## Aerial Qualifications

1. All athletes in all disciplines will only be permitted to perform inverted maneuvers that have been qualified under the Freestyle Canada aerial pathway.
2. An athlete performing an unqualified inverted maneuver in training or competition will result in immediate disqualification.
3. The technical delegate is permitted to check any and all aerial qualifications at any time.
  - a. Coaches can present an aerial passport, aerial qualification form or the Freestyle Canada aerial qualification database as proof of qualification.

## Competition Program

### Moguls

1. Best of two run format. All athletes will receive two scored runs with no reduction in field size or a final cut.
2. The start order is:
  - a. F-1, M-1, F-2, M-2 two runs
  - b. F-4, M-4, F-3, M-3 two runs
3. The event jury has the ability to adjust the start order.
4. The second run is started in the same order as the first.
5. Results from the best of 2 runs will determine the winners of the event.
6. Pace time is a calculated value for men's and ladies competitions. To calculate the pace time for a specific course, take the length of the course in metres and divide by the pace speed in m/sec.



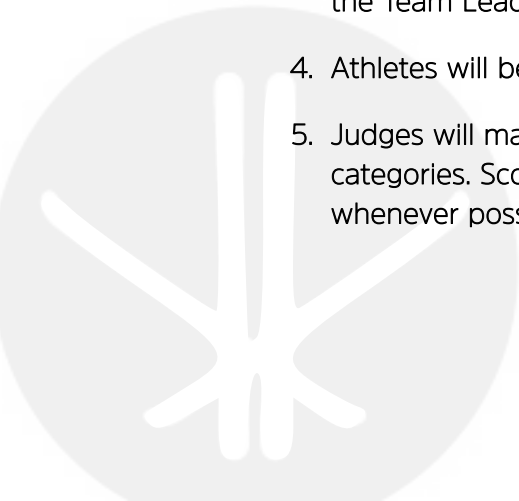
- a. The pace speed will be 80% of the FIS World Cup pace speed. IE. If the current FIS pace speed is 8.3 m/sec for ladies and 9.7 m/sec for men. Timber Tour pace speed for moguls would be 6.64 m/sec for women and 7.76 m/sec for men. A 220m course would have a pace set time of 33.13 seconds for women and 28.35 seconds for men.
7. 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.
8. Should participant numbers have to be limited, athletes who registered first will have priority.

### **Dual Moguls**

1. Initial seeding based on the single mogul ranking from the current event. Should results from the current event be unavailable, a single mogul event the previous Timber Tour stop single mogul results can be used.
  - a. Athletes that did not attend the previous Timber Tour stop will be given a zero score for seeding.
2. Duals will be completed for large and small final (ie. For 1st through 8th position).
3. Every effort should be made to run categories with the largest field first with the goal to run the round of 8 in the order; F-4, M-4, F-3, M-3, F-2, M-2, F-1, M-1.

### **Big Air**

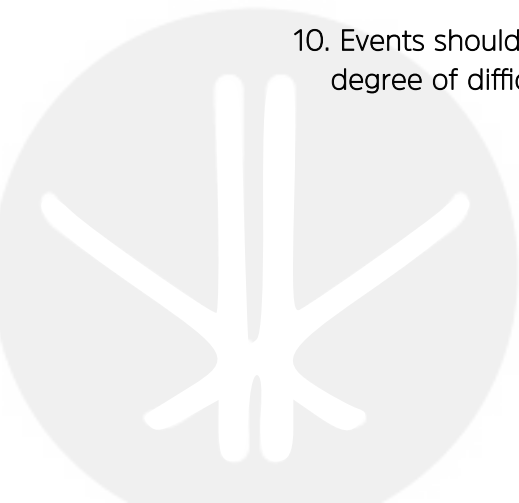
1. Athlete field of > 60 = Two jumps – best of two.
2. Athlete field of < 60 = Three jumps – best of three.
3. The start order is determined by the Chief of Competition and presented at the Team Leaders Meeting.
4. Athletes will be run by category based on age and gender.
5. Judges will make their best effort to maintain a relative scale between categories. Scores should be comparable between different categories whenever possible.



6. Repeat jumps accepted.
7. Athlete will call their jumps; no penalties for jump deviation during execution.
8. Events should follow the AFP judging format of relative rank with no degree of difficulty multipliers.

### **Slopestyle**

1. Best of two run format. All athletes will receive two scored runs with no reduction in field size or a final cut.
2. The start order is:
  - a. F-1, M-1, F-2, M-2 two runs
  - b. F-4, M-4, F-3, M-3 two runs
3. The event jury has the ability to adjust the start order.
4. Athletes must be run by category based on age and gender.
5. Judges will make their best effort to maintain a relative scale between categories. Scores should be comparable between different categories whenever possible.
6. The second run is started in the same order as the first.
7. Results from the best of 2 runs will determine the winners of the event.
8. Each event jury has the power to reduce the number of runs or limit the number of participants should there be external factors like weather.
9. Should participant numbers have to be limited athletes that registered first will have priority.
10. Events should follow the AFP judging format of relative rank with no degree of difficulty multipliers.



## **Halfpipe**

1. Best of two run format. All athletes will receive two scored runs with no reduction in field size or a final cut.
2. The start order is:
  - a. F-1, M-1, F-2, M-2 two runs
  - b. F-4, M-4, F-3, M-3 two runs
3. The event jury has the ability to adjust the start order.
4. Athletes must be run by category based on age and gender.
5. Events should follow the AFP judging format of relative rank with no degree of difficulty multipliers.
6. Judges will make their best effort to maintain a relative scale between categories. Scores should be comparable between different categories whenever possible.
7. The second run is started in the same order as the first.
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## **Competition Eligibility**

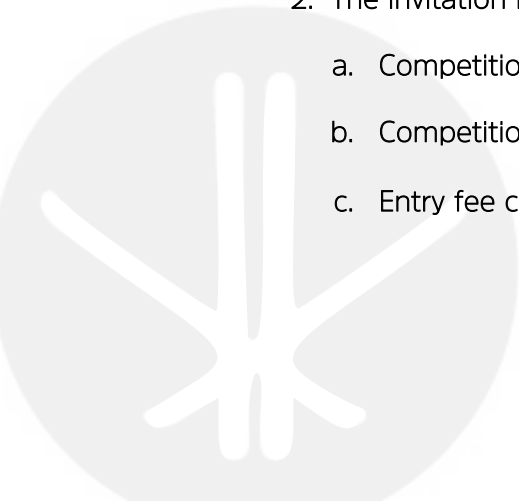
1. BC Timber Tour competitions are open to all athletes that demonstrate minimum skills recommended by their certified Freestyle Canada coach.
2. All Timber Tour participants must be members in good standing with Freestyle BC.
3. Participants must have a minimum of a Provincial Athlete license.



4. The competition organizing committee of any event has the right to refuse registration or participation to an event to anyone who appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
5. Athletes who reside in provinces other than BC are permitted to compete at the BC Timber Tour provided that an opportunity is not taken away from a Freestyle BC athlete.
6. Athletes who reside in BC and have represented provinces other than BC at National or International events must have their entry approved by the Freestyle BC High Performance Committee.
7. Athletes under the age of 12 may be permitted to enter the BC Timber Tour provided;
  - a. Athlete has a written request from their Canadian Freestyle certified coach stating the athlete demonstrates the desire and skill to compete at a Timber Tour event.
  - b. The coach presents the athlete's request to the Technical Delegate for approval at the first team leaders meeting.
  - c. If approved the athlete will compete in the U14 age category.
  - d. Athletes who are accepted early into the BC Timber Tour may not return to competition in the Superyouth Challenge event for the duration of the current ski season.

## **Event Invitations**

1. Invitations to participate in Timber Tour competitions must be circulated by the event organizers to BCFSa member clubs a minimum of 60 days before the competition date.
2. The invitation must include the following;
  - a. Competition format and schedule
  - b. Competition office hours and location
  - c. Entry fee cost





- d. Athlete lift ticket cost
- e. Coach lift ticket cost and availability
- f. Organizing committee contact details
- g. Accommodation availability
- h. Location and time of the first team leaders meeting

## **Event Registration and Fees**

1. Registration must be done online at [freestylebc.ski](http://freestylebc.ski) for all Timber Tour events.
2. Online registration will be available until 72 hours before the start of official training.
3. Athletes may be permitted to late register at the event venue if space is available.
  - a. An additional fee of \$35 will be collected by the organizing committee for athletes that are permitted to register late.
4. Entry fee maximum will be \$185;
  - i. The organizing committee can reduce the entry fees at their discretion.
  - ii. Freestyle BC will retain 5% of the total entry fees collected during registration to offset credit card processing costs. The balance will be passed on to the local organizing committee.
    1. \$175 per athlete to the organizing committee.



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c. Refunds

- i. Online registration closes 72 hours before the start of official training. Refunds can be provided less a 5% fee prior to registration closing.
- ii. The organizing committee has the ability to adopt or modify the standard refund policy;
  1. Refund due to cancellation
    - a. If a competition is cancelled, \$30CDN shall be refunded to each athlete registered for that event. An athlete shall receive a maximum refund of \$30CDN per competition event if he/she is registered in more than one event that is cancelled. If an event is rescheduled at another venue, \$30CDN will be charged to the participating athletes.
  2. Refund due to injury
    - a. A registered athlete who withdraws from the entire event after registration closes and before the generation of the start list will receive a refund of 50% of their entry fee. Athletes that appear on the official start list for an event will not be given a refund. No refunds will be given without a written request received no later than 7 days after the completion of the last event day.
- iii. The 5% transaction cost is fixed and cannot be refunded under any circumstances.
- iv. Refunds will be issued via cheque and could take up to 30 days to be processed. Refunds will not be issued at the event.



## Event Bibs

1. Athletes must wear their assigned bib for all official training and competition.
2. Athletes must wear their assigned bib when being recognized at the awards ceremony.
3. Bibs are the official property of Freestyle BC and cannot be modified or altered.
4. Athletes will be assigned a single bib for the duration of the competition season.
  - a. Athletes will continue with the same bib number for each BC Timber Tour event.
  - b. Bibs need to be purchased when registering for the BC Timber Tour.
    - i. Bibs will be available for a one time cost of \$30 payable to Freestyle BC.
      1. A limited quantity of replacement bibs will be available.
        - a. First bib replacement - \$30
        - b. Second bib replacement - \$40
        - c. Additional bib replacements come at a cost of \$60 if supplies are available.
    - ii. Bibs will be assigned and distributed by the Timber Tour organizing committee.



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## Jury

1. The Jury shall consist of 3 people: Technical Delegate, Chief of Competition, Head Judge.
  - a. The Chief of Competition will be from the local organizing committee. The Technical Delegate should be based in a different region of BC. I.e. Okanagan Timber Tour events should have a TD from the Coast Zone or the Kootenays.
  - b. The local organizing committee can make an appeal to the Freestyle BC Events Committee if they are not able to find major officials from different regions.
2. 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 Technical Delegate will act as chairman in all meetings of the jury.
3. All members of the jury must hold active major official memberships with Freestyle BC to meet the Freestyle Canada event sanctioning requirements.

## Judges

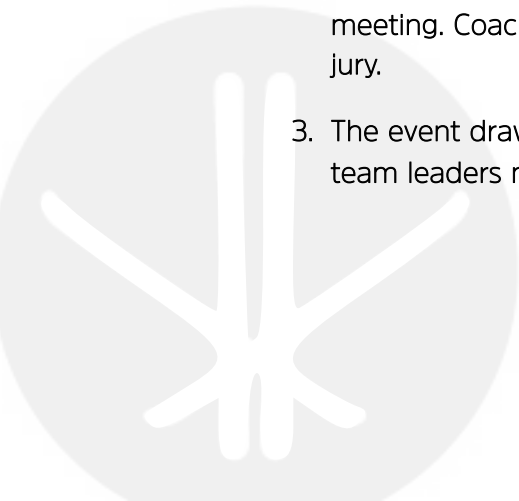
1. The Freestyle BC Head Judge will manage assignments for judges at the BC Timber Tour event stops.
  - a. The Freestyle BC Head Judge will work with the local organizing committee to ensure that there are judging panels who are experienced while providing opportunities for judge recruitment and development.
  - b. The Head Judge for the competition will be responsible for conducting a judge meeting prior to the first team leaders meeting. The Head Judge will be responsible for the communication and coordination of the meeting.



2. When possible, the Head Judge should be at the competition one (1) day prior to competition for course and stand inspection, to assist in setting up the judging stand, and to answer any questions from coaches. The Head Judge shall be remunerated by the local organizing committee for one training day (when present), and each day of the competition.
3. BC Timber Tour events must have a minimum of 6 judges. 5 scoring judges and a head judge. An 8 judge panel is recommended with 7 scoring judges and a head judge.
4. Judges must have a current membership with Freestyle BC in order to meet the Freestyle Canada event sanctioning requirements.
  - a. Head judges should hold a major official license.
  - b. Scoring judges must have a minimum associate level membership.
5. Judges should have a minimum C level certification to be eligible for the Timber Tour.
6. Organizing committees will include judges from each region in BC.
  - a. The head judge will not be from the same region as the chief of competition.
  - b. The local organizing committee can appeal to the Freestyle BC Events Committee to work through this requirement.

## **Team Leaders Meeting**

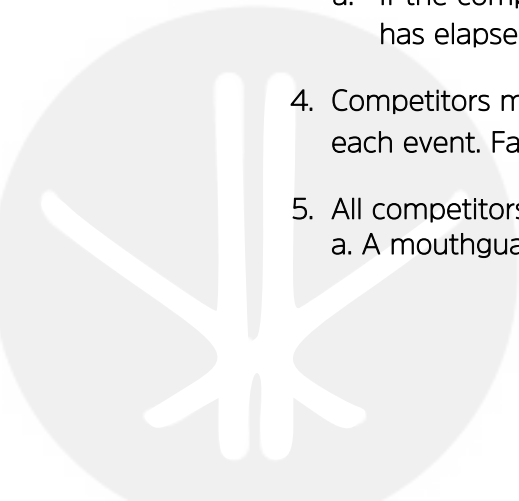
1. The time of the first team leaders meeting must be shown in the invitation itinerary. The invitations for all other meetings have to be delivered to the team leaders at their first meeting.
2. The jury may ask for input from coaches and judges at the team leaders meeting. Coaches do not have the ability to vote unless requested by the jury.
3. The event draw will be presented for the next day of competition at the team leaders meeting.



- a. Head Coaches are responsible for confirming athlete participation before the team leaders meeting commences.
- b. Once the start list is generated there is a 15 minute window open for approval.
  - i. If an athlete was confirmed by their head coach and not added to the official start list the list will be regenerated within the 15 minute window.
  - ii. After the list is approved athletes can be added to the start of their respective age category at the jury's discretion.

## **Timber Tour Event Rules**

1. Freestyle BC has adopted superseding rules and regulations for the BC Timber Tour, which are outlined in this document. In all other circumstances the Canada Cup Guidelines shall first apply and then FIS Rules and Regulations.
  - a. In the case where Freestyle BC rules conflict with CFSA, FIS or AFP rules, the Freestyle BC rules supersede all other rules in the BC Freestyle Timber Tour.
2. Athletes must be ready when called to the start gate. No window for preparation is available to athletes.
  - a. Athletes that are late for their run may be given a provisional run at the jury's discretion.
3. In the case of a loss of equipment, the competitor is allowed ten (10) seconds to retrieve it.
  - a. If the competitor has not resumed his/her run after the ten seconds has elapsed the run will be judged to that point.
4. Competitors must come to a controlled complete stop in the finish area in each event. Failure to do so will result in a DNF (Did not Finish) result.
5. All competitors must wear a helmet when training or in competition.
  - a. A mouthguard is highly recommended but not mandatory.



## Results

1. The chief of scoring will be a certified scorer through the Freestyle Canada training process or mentorship at Freestyle BC events.
2. Scores taken by the chief of scoring shall be considered unofficial scores. Whenever possible, unofficial scores should be announced to the public via the internet, over loudspeakers and posted in a public area near scoring for people to see.
3. The 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.
  - a. Best practice is to have results available for coaches to review prior to being made official. This is not a requirement.
4. The competition organizing committee is responsible for posting results in the competition office.
5. Results must be sent to [info@freestylebc.ski](mailto:info@freestylebc.ski) once official.
  - a. Results will be available here: <https://freestylebc.ski/results/>
6. Freestyle BC will maintain the overall athlete ranking for the provincial best of series and overall Grand Prix.
  - a. Freestyle BC will strive to make the overall Freestyle BC ranking list available to club head coaches after each event. This is not a requirement.

## Awards and Prizing

1. Medals will be provided to the organizing committee by Freestyle BC.
  - a. Medals are awarded for first, second and third in the recognized event age and gender categories.
2. Additional prizing and awards may be supplied by the event organizers.

