



Alpine Ontario Athletic Committee (AOAC) Terms of Reference

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General Description:

With the goal of uplifting the entire ski racing system in the province, the Alpine Ontario Athletic Committee (AOAC) will contribute to the province's strategic athletic direction by providing insight and expertise on various levels of planning and programming from U12 to the Ontario Ski Team.

Committee Objectives:

As an advisory group, the goal is to provide recommendations or evaluations to the AOA Athletic Staff in the areas of program design, race calendaring, provincial competition rules, selection rules and coach education.

To contribute to the goal of developing skilled athletes and innovative coaches through well-planned programs and schedules.

To develop a better common understanding for all regions in terms of the process that is taken on decision making and to provide regions with the opportunity and responsibility to bring ideas and issues to the committee.

Committee Composition:

Each of the four divisions within AOA (NOD, LSDA, NCD, SOD) shall nominate a representative to serve on the AOAC. AOA will review all nominations to ensure candidates bring forward the background and skill set to contribute to the committee prior to appointment. The committee will also comprise of AOA High Performance Director, AOA High Performance Manager, the AOA Coach Development Manager and AOA Officials Chair. AOA will appoint up to five additional members based on expertise in the following competencies:

U12 Athletic Development
U14 Athletic Development
U16 Athletic Development
FIS Athletic Development
Para Alpine

Skier Cross
Athlete Representative (recently retired racer)
The AOA High Performance Manager will chair the meeting.

Relationship with Alpine Ontario Board of Directors

AOAC will use its chair or appointee to represent the committee with the AOA Board of Directors when appropriate. The AOA High Performance Director and Manager will be responsible for developing meeting dates and agendas.

The AOAC will review its terms of reference annually to ensure it is effectively supporting Alpine Ontario in achieving its strategic goals.

Communication:

The AOAC will meet at least six times per year, either in person or via conference call. The committee may invite outside experts to the meetings as needed.

Maintaining strong ties and regular communication with informed individuals who understand key issues across all age groups is a priority for the AOAC.

Meeting minutes will be circulated afterward.

Tentative Meeting Schedule Outline:

Period	Meeting Focus
May	Establishing committee mandate
June - August	Review schedules and proposed programming adjustments to ensure consistency and continuity from one level to the next.
September - October	Review tactics and plan for upcoming season; identify coach education priorities prior to AGM. Provide final confirmation for all updates to AOA Provincial Competition Rules (PCR).
February-March	Mid-season review of calendar, programming, and critical discussion about sport trends.

Committee Focus Areas:

The role of the AOAC is to help make Ontario a leading force in the Canada development system. Committee members will be fiercely passionate about the shared goal of seeing Ontario succeed.

It will be a forum for critical discussion, the sharing of best practices by industry leaders, and will serve the purpose of holding both AOA staff and industry leaders accountable to a higher level of performance. Examples of some topics that may be discussed at an AOAC meeting are:

- The vision and performance requirements for the OST;
- FIS trends (equipment/calendaring) and how they influence OST programming;
- Strategies for optimizing development through AOA initiatives and race format;
- Demographic trends and the impact on the delivery of programming;
- Strategies for improving relations with venue operators;
- Monitor race quality trends in the province;
- Provide gap-analysis tools and recommendations to divisions and member clubs;
- Sharing of best practices;
- Assist with identifying benchmarking events both domestically and internationally;
- Coach education priorities and areas for growth;
- Calendaring tactics and point profile at FIS;