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EL COLORADO CHILE '25 U16 ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (ADP)

Twenty-five selected U16 Athlete Development Program (ADP) athletes and six coaches are happy to be beating the heat at home in the Southern Hemisphere. We are one week into our 2-week camp and have had 7 days of sun and amazing conditions. **The ADP program aims to bring together the province's top U16 athletes for intensive, performance-focused development opportunities.**

The focus for the first week started with getting everyone back into their technical freeskiing mindset while exploring the mountain. Working our way into a paneled slalom to **regain tactical focus**, and over the past four days, moving into full-length GS. **Training alongside the Ontario Development Ski Team (ODST)** has given all the athletes the opportunity to observe some of AOA's top racers and gain knowledge from watching them train, including in freeski, drills, and on the course.

Entering into the second week, the focus remains on GS tactics while transitioning into SL later in the week as weather conditions shift. **Athletes have been building and refining the technical and tactical foundations** that will strengthen their skiing and racing—not just for this season, but for the years ahead. Complementing the on-snow sessions, each day also includes dryland training and ski tuning.



CARVING THE FUTURE GRANT

**designed to support para inclusion and
integration in alpine ski racing**

This is an **excellent funding opportunity for clubs and divisions** running para “Try-It” events, integrating para-athletes into training and racing programs, or for club para-athletes themselves.

- Applications open: **August 15, 2025**
- Deadline: **November 1, 2025**
- Funding available: **\$2,500 – \$5,000**, depending on the stream
- Funds disbursed: **January 2026**

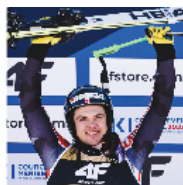
Refer to [Alpine Canada's “Becoming Para Ready”](#) designed to help ski clubs do inclusion better.

[All Details for Carving the Future HERE](#)

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2025 ALPINE CANADA - CANADIAN SKI RACING AWARD WINNERS

2025 Canadian Ski Racing Awards (CSRA), recognizing outstanding achievements and contributions in alpine, para-alpine, and ski cross racing across Canada. We proudly celebrate Ontario's individuals honoured this year, and who continue to demonstrate exceptional performance and dedication both on and off the snow.

Para-Alpine Athlete of the Year – Michaela Gosselin

Collingwood's Michaela Gosselin has been honored as the 2025 Para-Alpine Athlete of the Year. Winning her first two World Cup gold medals in the women's standing downhill events at Santa Caterina, Italy. From Osler Bluff Ski Club, Gosselin's dedication and performance have set a high standard in para-alpine skiing.

Alpine Athlete of the Year – Jack Crawford

Toronto and Georgian Peaks' Jack Crawford has been named the 2025 Alpine Athlete of the Year. Crawford made history by becoming the first Canadian in 42 years to win the prestigious Hahnenkamm downhill race in Kitzbühel, Austria, solidifying his position among the world's elite alpine skiers.

Coach of the Year – National Teams – Rachel Topping

Rachel Topping has been recognized as the 2025 Coach of the Year for National Teams. Her leadership and commitment to coaching practices have been instrumental in the development and success of Canada's ski racing athletes. Additionally, she makes a significant impact to the advancement of women in coaching and females in racing.

These awards highlight the exceptional talent and dedication within Canada's ski racing community. Alpine Canada extends its congratulations to all the winners and thanks them for their contributions to the sport.

For more information, visit [Alpine Canada's official announcement](#).



SOD SKI CROSS COMMITTEE

Building the Future of Ski Cross in Southern Ontario

The **SOD Ski Cross Committee** was established in the fall of last year by the Southern Ontario Division (SOD) to strengthen the development of ski cross in the region. Recognizing the discipline's value in building well-rounded athletes, the committee brought together **15 key ski cross leaders** from across the region—coaches, officials, program directors, and event organizers—to collaborate on a shared vision for growth.

Purpose and Goals

The committee's primary goal is to **integrate ski cross into the broader ski racing pathway**, providing athletes with opportunities to develop critical skills that enhance performance in all alpine disciplines. Ski cross challenges athletes to excel in:

- **Absorption** – maintaining balance and speed through terrain changes
- **Adaptation** – adjusting technique instantly to different conditions
- **Timing** – executing turns, jumps, and passes with precision
- ...and a host of other on-snow skills that translate directly to improved race performance.

By fostering these skills, the committee aims to support the next generation of skiers—whether they pursue a traditional alpine pathway, specialize in ski cross along their journey, or explore both.

Support and Development

The SOD Ski Cross Committee is committed to building a stronger infrastructure for ski cross at every level, from grassroots programming to **FIS-level competition**.

Key initiatives include:

- **Supporting ski cross events** across the spectrum—from club-level races to FIS competitions
- **Building an events team** to help organize and deliver provincial-level ski cross events
- **Creating manuals and resources** to help clubs integrate ski cross into their race programming
- **Planning training opportunities** for coaches, officials, and event support staff to grow capacity in the discipline

Leadership

The committee is made up of 15 dedicated members, each contributing expertise in coaching, officiating, event organization, and athlete development. We want to thank them for the volunteer time they put forward to the committee, we appreciate it and AOA/SOD benefits from the expertise:

Victoria Fenninger – Committee Chair

Paul Plotz

Tom Vincent

Dave Campbell

Sean Miller

Rob Dunlop

Cam Farrell

Elijah McCaffrey

Brad Neal

Chuck Jennings

Alex Thayer

For any ON Ski Cross related questions, please send them to SODmanager@alpineontario.ca



ONTARIO WINTER GAMES

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Exciting News! Alpine Ski Racing Athletes will be showcased this winter. The 2026 Ontario Winter Games, taking place in Orillia, will feature U14 alpine ski racing athletes.

Date: February 27 to March 1, 2026,

Location: Mount St. Louis Moonstone as part of the Ontario Winter Games Orillia.

This marks an exciting opportunity for athletes and fans to experience high-calibre alpine competition in a premier regional setting. Hosting the games in Orillia highlights the region's exceptional venues and enthusiastic community support for winter sports.

Thank you to Glacier Ski Club for agreeing to host the alpine events!





2025 ONTARIO SKI RACING AWARDS **Celebration**



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AOA SOD FITNESS TESTING

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN
AFTER LABOUR DAY

SAVE THE DATE

FEATURING - FITNESS & FUN COMBINES
PLUS PARENT SESSIONS
SEPT 27-28 2025

 York University
Track & Field Centre

 **Schedule**
Sept 27
FIS, U18, U16 and U12
Sept 28
U14

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