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ONTARIO DEVELOPMENT SKI TEAM UPDATE

**SnowWorld Netherlands
Indoor Training**

The Ontario Development Ski Team took to the indoor slopes of the Netherlands for their most recent training camp. Conditions remained consistent through the entire camp at SnowWorld: Ice and a comfortable -5 °C.

With artificial light from morning to night, the team was able to book double sessions and bank a huge volume of training. The team continues to focus on technical and tactical development, as they ramp up for the coming race season.



AOA SKIIS & BIIKES Gear Guide 2025-26

Get ready for the season with our **2025-26 Alpine Ontario Skiis & Biikes Gear Guide** — your go-to resource for equipment tips, fitting advice, and updated regulations for every age and level.

Whether you're tuning skis, upgrading gear, or outfitting a new racer, we've got you covered!

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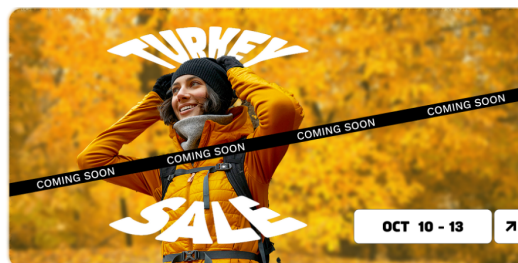
Collingwood Turkey Sale

Annual Turkey Sale - Shop big discounts this

Thanksgiving Long Weekend

October 10th - October 13th

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BREAKING BARRIERS ON THE SLOPES

Jennifer Gillard - SOD Chair & SOD's First Female FIS Technical Delegate

Let's get to know Jenn -

1. Congratulations on becoming a FIS Technical Delegate! You completed your final exam in Chile — what was that experience like?

It was definitely more difficult than I expected, but I wouldn't have traded it for anything. It gave me a whole new perspective on a Continental Cup race — with language barriers and different viewpoints. It challenged me more than I thought it would, but as in life, we have to pivot sometimes... and I definitely pivoted!!! And guess what?!? I succeeded!

2. You've been involved in alpine officiating for quite some time. How did you first get started?

I started about 20 years ago with no alpine experience, joining

lot of questions — which helped me see things differently and keep learning.

3. What do you do when you're not on the ski hill?

I love to travel and spend time with my beautiful family and friends. My “real” job is selling steel for the automotive industry, and I'm proud to work for a company that fully supports my goals — including becoming a TD!

4. As Ontario's first female FIS TD from SOD, what has that experience been like?

I'm actually the second woman from Ontario, but the first from SOD! My experience has been about recognizing my worth and the value I bring to the table. Yes, I've learned differently, and that's sometimes been a barrier — but most times, it's my superpower! I've had incredible women as mentors and cheerleaders, as well as men who've supported my journey. It's truly been a community effort that brought me to this place, and I hope to be that same mentor and example for others.



5. You also serve as Chair of the SOD Division Committee. What does that role involve?

I'm very proud to be part of the Southern Ontario Division Committee. I started as Officials Chair, then became Co-Chair with Jason Manning from Alpine Ski Club. Our volunteer group meets regularly to support athletes, coaches, officials, and clubs. Our mission is simple — to help young athletes fall in love with skiing for life. The commitment is easy when you're surrounded by people who care so deeply about this sport.

6. What are you most excited about for the upcoming season?

Each year we try to do better — more communication, more learning, and more fun! Fitness testing at York University has been a huge success with almost 200 participants, and we'd love to make it a festival next year. We're also focusing on U12 development — emphasizing skills and training over results — and expanding education opportunities for coaches and officials. We're always looking for ways to strengthen our region and welcome new ideas.

7. What drives your passion for officiating and community involvement?

It's the people. I've gained not just knowledge but lifelong friends. Standing at the top of a hill, hearing coaches encourage their athletes and seeing crews work together — it reminds me what a special community this is. Who wouldn't want to be part of that?

8. What's next for you this season?

I'll be volunteering at the World Cup at Mt. Tremblant, officiating local National Point (OCup) events, and leading courses and education sessions. I hope to see everyone on the hill soon — and yes, I'm always open to invitations if you need an extra pair of hands!

From AOA and the ON ski community, we congratulate Jenn on this incredible achievement — thank you for all you do!

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Watch our step-by-step video to learn exactly how to register for the upcoming season — whether you’re an athlete, coach, official, or parent.

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This essential guide helps parents navigate the ski racing season with info on:

- Program details & schedules
- Parent expectations & volunteer roles
- Safety policies & athlete behavior
- Leadership contacts

📖 Access the [FULL HANDBOOK HERE](#)

Stay informed and ready for an amazing season!

UPCOMING EVENTS



A large banner for the 2025 Ontario Ski Racing Awards Celebration. The background features a collage of ski racers in action, with a large, stylized white snowflake in the center. The text is overlaid on the snowflake and background. Logos for sponsors are placed around the central text.




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Kitzbühel Champions Dinner Event

The Path to the Podium 2025

Supporting Escarpment Excellence on the World Cup!

This year's goals are to directly support five Canadian World Cup athletes with roots in the Escarpment as well as to assist Alpine Ontario to achieve key funding priorities.



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Please join us for an incredible evening featuring the first ever gathering of Canada's Hahnenkamm Champions, including Jack Crawford by video link to discuss his historic win and Canada's legacy at Kitzbühel and on the White Circus.

This year's exclusive Canadian Kitzbühel Champion panel will be moderated by **Rod Black** – a 40 year sportscaster with CTV Sports and TSN

Steve Podborski (CAST 1974-1984, 8x World Cup Winner, 1982 World Cup Downhill Crystal Globe, 1981 and 1982 Kitzbühel Champion, Olympic Bronze Medalist)

Ken Read (CAST 1974-1983, 5x World Cup Winner, 1980 Kitzbühel Champion)

Todd Brooker (CAST 1977-1987, 3x World Cup Winner, 1983 Kitzbühel Champion)

100% of the proceeds from the event will go directly to our 5 athletes as they prepare for Milano Cortina as well as support Alpine Ontario in achieving key funding priorities to help Ontario athletes find their Path to the World Cup.

Dinner is limited to 200 Participants who want to make a difference by supporting these athletes directly (Dinner Gala tickets are \$500 per person, \$5,000 per table of 10).

All tickets and donations are eligible for a tax receipt from Alpine Canada.

LOCATION: Georgian Peaks Ski Club
DATE: November 22nd at 6pm
RSVP & QUESTIONS: 705-444-4777
 or nick.hamilton@rbc.com

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Path to the Podium is a community-led event raising vital funds to support Alpine ski racing in Canada and inspire the next generation of champions.

Community contributions have directly fueled world-class results — including Jack Crawford's gold at the Hahnenkamm in Kitzbühel. **New this year, Path to Podium partners with Alpine Ontario** to fund key provincial priorities like female coach development, mentorship, and expanded team capacity.

Join us **Saturday, November 22nd**, at **The Georgian Peaks Club** for an unforgettable evening with MC Rod Black and Canada's Hahnenkamm Champions, plus Jack Crawford via video.

Click HERE to host a table, purchase tickets, or make a donation in support of Canada's ski racing future.

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Sat. Nov 1 - Blue Mountain Inn - Weider Ballroom

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Hear from top speakers including ACA's Pierre Ruel, CAST's Francis Royal & Ali Nullmeyer (live via Zoom), Mental Game Academy's Larissa Mills, Para-Alpine's Mark Newton, and AOA's Pat Biggs.

 Only 200 spots! \$25 includes a full day of learning + lunch (entry FREE for under 29). Get your ticket today!

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