



Rope Skipping Canada

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2023 RSC Annual General Meeting
Chair Report

The 2023 competitive season saw the first in-person IJRU World Championships. The Rope Skipping Canada board of directors focused our time on preparing for the world championships. We ran a successful virtual qualifier to allow athletes from across the country to qualify for worlds without having to incur the travel expenses to attend an in-person competition. We also navigated the registration process for the world championships working with our athletes, judges and coaches to meet the registration deadlines and processes set by IJRU. This was a new experience for everyone and we've learned a lot to help us improve for 2025 and beyond. We would like to thank our National team coach, Shannon Fox and Team Canada Managers, Cameron Short and Tim Segato for the countless hours that they devoted to making sure our athletes were able to attend and compete at the World Championships in Colorado Springs. We also want to congratulate our Team Canada athletes who represented our country so well on the world stage.

In May, we ran a successful national tournament in Wolfville, Nova Scotia. Rope Skipping Canada worked with True Sport to celebrate the true sport values of fairness, excellence, inclusion and fun. Congratulations to all competitors at Nationals on a fantastic performance. For over a decade our national tournaments have been run by a group of hard-working and enthusiastic volunteers. We would like to thank Deirdre DeGagne, Craig Vanhurk and Kerry Baird who are moving on from their roles on the National Tournament Committee. This group has done a fantastic job standardising our national tournaments and creating safe and fair competitive environments for our athletes. They also helped IJRU this summer at the World Championships and have passed on their knowledge to help improve our tournaments moving forward.

This year, we tragically lost one of our members, Taylor Eleniak. The rope skipping community in Canada came together to support Nicola and the Eleniak family through this difficult time. There was an outpouring of support as athletes posted videos with the hashtag #TJforTaylor. We will continue to do our best to honour Taylor's memory and Rope Skipping Canada has instituted a new award at Nationals in Taylor's name.

As we look toward the 2024 season, we plan to shift our focus to building out processes to help raise the competitive level within Canada and work towards sport recognition. If you're interested in helping with any of our initiatives, please don't hesitate to get in touch as we are always looking for volunteers.

Happy jumping,
Carly Simpson
Rope Skipping Canada, Chair