



## **Rope Skipping Canada Chair's Message 2024 AGM**

Rope Skipping Canada had a successful 2023-2024 season. Over the past year our numbers have continued to grow and we've rebounded our membership to pre-Covid numbers. We currently have 1264 total members, which is slightly higher than our numbers prior to the pandemic.

To support our growing numbers, the Board of Directors with the support of the RSC Competition Committee updated our National Qualification policy to make it more competitive to reach Nationals and to help limit the length of the national tournament. We believe this policy helped raise the level of competition we saw at the 2024 National Championships and understand that we may need to look at more ways to reduce the length of our competitions in the future. We are currently working with the Competition Committee, National Tournament Committee and Athlete Council to look into ways to help meet this objective.

We also worked with our membership to develop a worlds qualification process that allows our athletes to compete locally to help reduce costs and ensure our best athletes can attend the IJRU World Championship in 2025. We reached out to the membership to receive feedback on the qualifier model and believe that we've set our athletes up for success by hosting a concurrent qualifier in November of 2024 in each province and then judging virtually to select Team Canada. We made this announcement a year in advance to give our athletes time to train and prepare for the qualifier.

We would like to thank the Ontario Rope Skipping Organization and National Tournament Committee for running a successful national championships in Waterloo, Ontario. It was such a pleasure to spend a weekend together watching fantastic jump rope!

As we look towards the 2024-2025 season, Rope Skipping Canada will focus on the World Championships by selecting the team coaches and managers who will lead our members in preparation for worlds. With the announcement by IJRU that there are significant changes to the rules, we are also working to provide education to our athletes and coaches on what the new rules mean and how to adjust to get the most out of the rules. We will also be working with our certified judge trainers to make sure we have enough certified judges host our qualifier using the new rules.

It has been such a pleasure to work with and serve the Canadian rope skipping community over the last four years and I am excited to see what the future has in store for the sport of jump rope in Canada.

Carly Simpson  
RSC Chair