



Canada Skateboard's Competition Program Structure

The following is an outline of how to navigate the emerging competition pathway from local events to international competition. This route complements the traditional path via local shop events and larger industry events. Depending on a skater's age, ability, preferred discipline and gender identity, there are multiple competitive opportunities.



Age Category vs Open:

- Skateboard competitions often have age categories to promote inclusion and a progressive path for beginner and intermediate participants;
- U13, U18, 18+ and master category events are all typical categories for community events;
 - [Beginner and intermediate or skaters looking for fun competition;](#)
- Open / Pro / Am events are open to all ages in one category;
 - [Strong skater's looking to test and prove your ability, skate in these events.](#)

Ability Level:

- There are skate competitions for all ability and development levels:
 - [Beginner / Intermediate: Look for local competitions and learn to skate sessions;](#)
 - [Intermediate and Advanced: Local and Regional competitions - start to travel for events look for; opportunities to compete in other areas](#)
 - [Advanced and Expert: National and International competitions.](#)

Disciplines:

- There are multiple disciplines for both male and female skateboarders in competitive skateboarding, the most commonly offered and currently the only two on the Olympic pathway are **Street and Park**. Additional competition disciplines not on the Olympic program are **Vert, Freestyle, Downhill, Luge and Slalom**.



Gender

- Majority of skate competitions allow an opportunity for all skaters to skate and participate regardless of their gender, binary or non binary (see Canada Skateboard Gender Inclusion Policy);
 - Male and female categories are included at all events, international sanctioned events for Olympic ranking follow specific rules for each category.

Competitive goals and aspirations

Skate competitions offer a variety of opportunities available to skaters based on their performance. The goal and ambition of a skater will help determine which event type to look for.

- **Fun and Community Focused**
 - [Club and industry events with multiple categories](#)
 - [Events focused on fun and community gatherings](#)
- **Increase Experience and Ranking**
 - [Nationally sanctioned or hosted by a recognized international organization](#)
- **Exposure to a larger audience / Prove yourself against an international field**
 - [Pro / Am Industry events](#)
 - [Internationally sanctioned events](#)



Competition Pathway

The following graphic illustrates the competitive pathway for all levels of Long Term Development. Skateboarders enter the pathway wherever their ability level indicates. Strong performances will allow for upward growth for skaters to advance to international competitions.



Stage of Long Term Development



Train to Win
Expert Skill Level

Major International Games
(Olympics, World Champs)

World Skate Pro Tour

World Skate 3 & 5 Star Sanctioned Events
Continental Champs & Pan Am Games

Industry Leading Pro / AM Events
(X-Games, Dew Tour, Tampa Pro)

Train to Compete
Advanced Skill Level

Slurpee Canada Skateboard Open

International Pro / Am Events
(Tampa Am/ Exposure PHX Am, Damn Am Tour World Cup Skateboarding)

Train to Train
Intermediate Skill Level

Sanctioned Canadian Pro / Am

Community and Shop Events

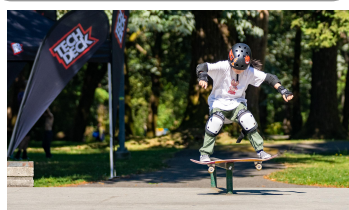
Age Category / Ability Level

Learn to Train
Intermediate Skill Level

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Learn to Skate / Fundamentals
Beginner Skill

Beginner Category Sanctioned Canadian Events



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