



### **Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton**

Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton (BCS) is the national governing body for the sports of bobsleigh and skeleton in Canada and we're here to create, nurture and support World and Olympic champions, period! BCS will lead our entire Canadian community in the pursuit of becoming and sustaining the mantle of the leading bobsleigh and skeleton nation in the world. BCS directly will endeavor to do this by focusing on four critical areas: programs, process, people and planning. These four areas will provide the cornerstones to all strategic directions and initiatives. A hallmark of the BCS future is that it will be recognized as a performance-based culture, with a supporting performance management mindset.

### **History of the Sport**

Montrealers may have pointed toboggans downhill on the famous Tuque Bleue slide in the 1870s, but it was the Swiss who later attached a steering mechanism to the toboggan and gave birth to the sport of Bobsleigh. In 1897 the world's first Bobsleigh club was founded in St. Moritz, Switzerland. By 1914 more than 100 natural-ice courses of varying degrees of sophistication could be found at winter resorts throughout alpine Europe.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Bobsleigh teams consist of a brakeman and a pilot in the two-man/women event and a brakeman, two crewmen and a pilot in the four-man.

Bobsleigh athletes will travel at speeds near 150 km per hour with 5 G's of force on some of the corners. Skeleton athletes will travel at speeds near 130 km per hour head first!

### **Canadian Team Performance**

Although Bobsleigh was one of the original sports at the first Winter Olympic Games in 1924, it wasn't until the late 1950's that Canadian bobsledders began competing internationally. At the 1964 Winter Games in Innsbruck, Austria, a Canadian team led by Vic Emery won the gold medal in the four-man event in what one Canadian coach of that era called "the biggest upset in Olympic Bobsleigh history." Today, bobsleigh and skeleton have become one of the most successful Canadian winter sports over the past 20 years. We've amassed nearly 200 medals at the Olympics, World Cups and World Championships in the last 10 years, with 8 medals combined at the last two Olympic Games. Vic Emery and Pierre Lueders brought the world's attention to our Canadian program; Kaillie Humphries, Lyndon Rush, Helen Upperton, Mellisa Hollingsworth, and Jon Montgomery are our future.



### Canada's 2012/2013 Bobsleigh Athletes

#### Men

Lyndon Rush	Christopher Spring
Neville Wright	Tim Randall
Cody Sorenson	Adam Rosenke
Jesse Lumsden	Ben Coakwell
Lascelles Brown	Justin Kripps
Luke Demetre	Jean-Nicolas Carriere
Graeme Rinholm	James McNaughton
Taylor Austin	Chris Korol
Justin Wilkinson	Sam Giguere
Ben Klepacki	Joey Nemet

#### Women

Kaillie Humphries	Jenny Ciochetti
Chelsea Valois	Kate O'Brien
Emily Baadsvik	Christine Bushie

### Canada's 2012/2013 Skeleton Athletes

#### Men

Jon Montgomery	John Fairbairn
Mike Douglas	Eric Neilson
Dave Greszczysyn	Charles Wlodarczak
Barrett Martineau	Greg Rafter
Patrick Rooney	John Worden

#### Women

Mellisa Hollingsworth	Sarah Reid
Cassie Hawrysh	Micaela Widmer
Lanette Prediger	Robynne Thompson
Carli Brockway	Elisabeth Vathje
Madison Charney	Jane Channell

### FIBT 2012/2013 Events

World Cup #1	Lake Placid, NY	November 5 - 10, 2012
World Cup #2	Park City, UT	November 12 - November 18, 2012
World Cup #3	Whistler, BC	November 19-24, 2012
World Cup #4	Winterberg, GER	December 3 - 9, 2012
World Cup #5	La Plagne, FR	December 10 - 16, 2012
Junior World Championships	Cesana, IT	December 17 - 22, 2012
World Cup #6	Altenberg, GER	December 31 - January 6, 2013
World Cup #7	Königssee, GER	January 7 - 13, 2012
World Cup #8	Innsbruck, AUT	January 14 - 20, 2013
World Championships	St. Moritz, SUI	January 21 - February 3, 2012
World Cup #9	Sochi, RUS	February 11 - 17, 2012