



Media Release

Canadian Women Take Gold at 2025 World Ice Stock Championships

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Kapfenberg, Austria – Canada’s women’s ice stock team came home with a gold medal at World Ice Stock Championships in Kapfenberg, Austria. The first place finish in Group B promotes them to top flight Group A at the next world championships in 2029. It was a nail biter of a finish as Canada and Finland were tied on points and scoring difference coming into the last game. In the final end Canada needed to score two and they scored four to secure gold.

Canada’s women also had other great results. Rebecca Smith advanced to the final 16 head-to-head individual target competition where she was narrowly beaten by the world’s fourth ranked player from Italy. In the distance throwing competition, the women finished an incredible fourth place behind world powers Austria, Germany and Italy. The result was due to a consistent team effort that had Sophia Antoine, Rebecca Smith, Jennifer Mayrl, and Ashley Snow finish 13th, 16th, 18th and 19th overall.

“In every championship over the last 10 years, our Canadian women’s team has become more and more competitive. While we are still a niche sport, these results are an indication of the membership growth that has been occurring and the commitment we have to high performance” said Jennifer Mayrl, President of the Canadian Ice-Stock Federation. “We are incredibly proud of our athletes and coaches. They not only showed off their abilities against a strong field but they were incredible ambassadors for our country.”

Canada sent another large team – 15 athletes and coaches – to compete in team and individual competitions. Canada’s men’s team was playing in Group A against the world’s top teams and finished ranked 10th of 20 participating countries.

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About the Canadian Ice-Stock Federation

The Canadian Ice-Stock Federation is the governing body for the sport in Canada. In Canada there are two types of clubs. There are clubs that are a part of the Canadian Federation and hobby clubs. The Federation-recognized clubs take part in local, provincial and national tournaments. The members that are a part of these clubs have the opportunity to play for Canada in international competition.

The sport is described as a mix between bocce and curling and has been played for over 600 years. Players slide a stock along the ice and aim for a target in the house, 27 metres away. After eight turns

the team with stocks closest to the target gets points. Repeat that five more times and you have played a game. Different types of plates allow the sport to be played in summer months on asphalt or concrete.

Stocksport is a highly inclusive sport that encourages camaraderie amongst people of all ages, genders, and many special needs. Because accuracy and placement are as important as speed and strength, entire families can participate and be active together – parents and grandparents do not just have to watch, they can play along.

At its most competitive, our clubs send their best men and women to the world championships every two years. In between those years, we participate in the America Cup. In 2021, the International Olympic Committee formally and fully recognized icestock sport for inclusion in future Olympic Games.

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