



Team Hardwood

2025–2026 Program Update

Thank You to Our Sponsors & Partners

We are so grateful for your support of Team Hardwood this past season. Your partnership has been essential in helping our athletes learn, grow and achieve their very best. As always, your support allows us to uphold the highest standards of excellence and ethics in coaching, team culture and athlete development.

In 2025–2026, our team reached new heights on the trails and as a community. We grew to our largest team ever, our coaching staff expanded like never before, and our athletes delivered some of the strongest results in the program's history. Your contributions helped make this year one for the books!



2025–2026 Highlights

- **Team size continues to grow!** Fall and winter program had 42 senior and 8 junior skiers
- **An epic coaching milestone:** the senior program had 6 coaches this season, with 3 more dedicated to the junior program. This is a HUGE deal. In past years, our senior athletes trained with just 1 or 2 coaches. Having 6 coaches on the trails made an enormous difference for individual attention, technique work and race-day support, and was a big reason why our results improved so much this year. This was made possible by a National Winter Sport Development Association (NWSDA) grant and fundraising efforts.
- **280 days** of coached sessions
- **10 Team Hardwood university students** competed in Ontario Cups
- **3 major training camps:** Gatineau (June), Mont Tremblant (August) and Silver Star (December)
- To help our younger skiers born in 2011 and 2012 bridge the gap between the Junior program and the Provincial program we created a bridge program - ***the Devo Squad***. There were 10 skiers in the Devo Squad Bridge Program in 2025-26 who attended up to 3 practices a week with a dedicated coach at each practice.



Outstanding Athlete Achievements



Nationals (Mont Ste Anne, QC)

- **29 athletes** competed at Nationals, our largest contingent to date
- **10th place club overall** out of 82 clubs, **2nd place Ontario club** – up from 15th in 2025 and 23rd in 2024
- **1 medal:** Scott Hill
- **10 top-10 finishes**
- Anna Vurma finished **3rd aggregate in 2009 female** with two 4th-place individual finishes

Ontario Cups

- **2nd place team overall**, 1st in U16 to U20 categories
- **3 age category winners:**
 - Anna Vurma – U18 Female
 - Percy Wiersma – U18 Male
 - Charlotte Caners – U16 Female
- **2 additional overall podium finishers:**
 - Nathan Golisky – 2nd, U20 Male
 - Jack Middaugh – 3rd, U18 Male

Varsity & International Highlights (Wow!)

- **Anna Vurma and Nathaniel Sneyd** were selected to represent Ontario at the Finnish Championships in April, based on their top finishes at World Junior Trials in January. This is a first for Team Hardwood since 2017 and a proud moment for the entire program!
- **Scott Hill** represented Canada at the **World Cup Finals in Lake Placid** in March.
- **Nathaniel Sneyd** won the **OUA Championship**. Three Team Hardwood skiers (Nathaniel, Erik Vurma and Beth Marchant) were on the Carleton University team that won the OUA team award.

Team Selections — A Record-Breaking Year

This season, **13 Team Hardwood athletes** were named to Cross Country Ski Ontario (XCSO) teams. That is the most in our program's history! In previous years, the most we'd ever had selected was 5. The depth across every age group on our team is really showing.

Ontario Ski Team (OST) – 6 athletes:

Anna Vurma, Tommy Hajek, Percy Wiersma, Nathaniel Sneyd, Erik Vurma, Liam Ryan

Ontario Junior Ski Team (OJST) – 7 athletes:

Anna Vurma, Lily Dutcher, Islay Lash, Charlotte Caners, Jackson Golisky, Jack Middaugh, Gage Ritchie

SOD Ski Team – 10 athletes:

Sarah Golisky, Livia Hajek, Isabelle Latour, Luke Hu, Dahlia Murton, Isla Quinn, Elliot Hoetmer, Clara Beauchamp, Ben Orava, Rose Davis

Ontario Development Team – 12 athletes

Congratulations to all Team Hardwood athletes!



Graduates & Next Steps

We're proud to recognize seven graduating Grade 12 athletes: Holly Ryan, Hannah Reddick, Rhys Armstrong, Ewan Verheyen, Percy Wiersma, Tommy Hajek and Adeline Latour. All seven plan to continue ski racing after high school. Many will race at the university level in Canada while some will race and train internationally. We are confident all will carry a love of skiing into adulthood!

Three skiers will move up from the junior program to the senior program, and two athletes from other SOD clubs will be joining Team Hardwood.



My highlight was meeting many new people at Ontario Winter Games and skiing with all my friends! - Athlete

My highlight was definitely racing at Candy Cane Cup! – Luke Hu

Coming Up for 2026–2027

Some highlights we expect in the coming season:

- Summer program is expanding from 5 to **7 training sessions per week** for 30 athletes
- Fall programming starts in September
- Continued investment in coaching depth and athlete development
- Ongoing community-building events and learning opportunities
- And of course, more skiing, more racing, and more **FUN!**

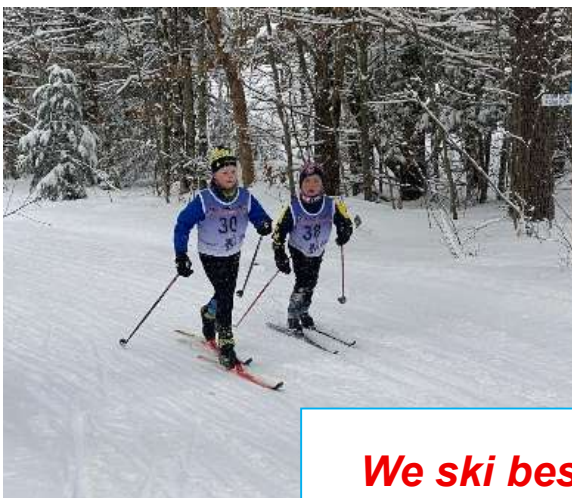
“Our athletes work incredibly hard year-round, from May to March, and the results at the end of the season prove it. This year’s outcomes were some of the strongest we’ve seen. The growth in our coaching staff changed everything, and we are so grateful to every sponsor, donor and partner who made it possible. Looking ahead, the Board will be focused on maintaining a steady influx of younger athletes to replace our graduates as well as how we can further support our graduates as they race on the university circuit and internationally. Thank you from all of us!”

– Rob Wiersma, Team Hardwood Board President

Our social media channels have been very active. Make sure to follow for timely updates and athletes in action!

Instagram: [@teamhardwood](https://www.instagram.com/teamhardwood)

YouTube: [@TeamHardwoodTV](https://www.youtube.com/TeamHardwoodTV)



We ski best at the end!

From All of Us — THANK YOU!

Your belief in our program is a catalyst for our continued growth and success for these amazing youth through sport. Thank you for being a part of the journey and for helping our athletes become stronger, faster and better versions of themselves, on and off the snow.



Special thanks to our Team Host Partner



Some Additional Great Moments to Share



About Team Hardwood

Team Hardwood is a racing program committed to nurturing the development of athletes at all stages of their skiing journey. Our program serves a diverse range of athletes, from U-12 to Open categories, offering year-round development programs. Our philosophy centers on fostering a sense of teamwork and mutual support among our athletes. This team-oriented approach is further strengthened by our senior athletes, who serve as role models and mentors to their younger peers. Through these efforts, we have established a strong and thriving club that encourages excellence in both skiing and personal growth.

Junior Development Program

- Target: Athletes ages 8-13 who are interested in trying racing
- Primary Goals: Focus on fun and technique development
- Training: 2-3x per week (October- March)

Devo Squad Bridge Program

- Target: Athletes ages 13-14 who are developing towards the Provincial Program
- Primary Goals: Expanded training experiences with the Provincial Program while also keeping a focus on fun with the Junior Development Program
- Training: up to 3 practices per week with a dedicated coach at practices

Provincial Program

- Target: Athletes ages 13-18 interested in racing at Ontario Cup level
- Primary Goals: Focus on technique, race strategy and tactics development
- Training: 3x per week in Fall, 4x per week in Winter (October - March)

National Program

- Target: Athletes ages 13-18 wishing to pursue skiing as their full-time sport
- Primary Goals: Focus on technique, race strategy and tactics development
- Training: 5x per week in summer, fall and winter (September-March)

Senior National/Graduate Program

- Target: Post-high school athletes interested in competing at a high level
- Primary Goals: Focus on technique, race strategy and tactics development
- Training: 5x per week in summer, fall and winter (September-March)

Summer Programs

- Target: Provincial, National and Senior National athletes
- Primary Goals: Establish benchmarks, technique development, strength & conditioning, build supportive team culture
- Training: 7x per week May to August (May-August)

If you want to see more of Team Hardwood in action, check out the following:

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