

The Canadian Snowboard Federation (CSF) endorses the principles outlined in the Sport Matters Group submission to the 2010 and Beyond Panel.
In addition, The CSF feels that the post 2010 High Performance Sport System in Canada would be enhanced by the following:

1. Sustained funding

The impact of removal or reducing funding to the High Performance systems developed and grown in Canada over the past 5 years would be incredibly damaging in a number of ways, including:

- High performance tracking planning and training resources will be depleted
- IST support will be reduced, with performance and injury prevention implications
- Athlete and staff morale at the highest level will be impacted negatively with the above reductions
- Sports will lose HP athletes based on the above, impacting the system and reducing the 'active for life' aspect of the LTADM
- Athletes within the program on track for peak performance in 2014 may find themselves cut adrift from support

Funding MUST be sustained

2. Secure New Funding Partners for Own the Podium

3. Maintain the independence of Own the Podium

- Own The Podium (OTP) has had a positive impact on High Performance programs. This impact is enhanced by the autonomy of OTP and its accountability to its various partners.

Canada's Sport System has adopted Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD), a transition that has been completed with the support and partnership of Sport Canada. The LTAD outlines an athlete development pathway that endorses the principle of "Ten Years of Training to create a champion." By cutting the funding that began five years ago, the message we're sending to our athletes and sport builders is completely counter to that principle.