

## Nicolas Fontaine



Inducted CSHF: 2007  
 Hometown: Magog, Quebec  
 Date of Birth: May 10, 1970  
 Affiliated Discipline(s): Freestyle, Aerials  
 Active Career Date(s):  
 FIS Code: 2009867  
 Club:

By claiming the World Cup Freestyle Aerials title for four consecutive seasons, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000, Nicolas 'Nico' Fontaine was the world's most accomplished aerialist of his time. At the 2000 Canadian National Freestyle Championships held at Mont Gabriel, Quebec, he became the first competitor to ever complete two quadruple somersaults. He had hoped that by consistently performing these most difficult jumps they would be internationally accepted and introduced at the 2002 XIX Olympic Winter Games, held at Salt Lake City, USA. Unfortunately, he was to be disappointed as other countries were unable to provide the facilities to allow their athletes to perform the same manoeuvres consistently.

He was a member of Canada's National Freestyle Ski Team from 1991 to 2003 and represented his country at four Olympic Winter Games, in 1992 at the XVI Games, Albertville, France (Demonstration Sport), in 1994 at the XVII Games, Lillehammer, Norway, in 1998 at the XVIII Games, Nagano, Japan and in 2002 at Salt Lake, USA. He placed in the Top10 on three occasions

An articulate speaker and inspirational leader of the Canadian Freestyle Team, "He represented his country, his sport, team mates and sponsors with grace throughout his career." His exemplary conduct and leadership was honoured when he won the John Semmelink Memorial Award on three consecutive occasions, 1996/1997, 1998/1999/1999/2000. This award is presented annually to the athlete who, through sportsmanship, conduct and ability, best represents Canada in international competition.

Since his retirement, he has been involved in the development, funding and construction of one of the world's best water training facilities in Le Relais, Quebec. He is co-developer and Head Coach of "Jump 2010", a national aerials training and development program for the XXI Olympic Winter Games to be held at Whistler Mountain, British Columbia. Recognizing that freestyle aerials had no "feeder" system unlike other disciplines, he turned to other disciplines, specifically gymnastics, and trampoline to recruit potential talent.

Competitively, his record is impressive and perhaps unmatched. On the World Cup circuit, he competed in 116 aerials events finishing in the Top 10 84 times. He competed at the World Freestyle Championships 7-times, finishing in the Top 10 on 5-occasions. In national competition, he placed 1st in the freestyle ski championships in 1990, 1996, 1997, 1998 and 2000.

### Competitive highlights in World Cup and other freestyle aerials competition (Top 10 finishes only)

- 1990 7th place, World Cup, Piancavallo, Italy
- 1991 4th place, World Cup, Blackcomb, British Columbia
- 2nd place, World Cup, Breckenridge, USA
- 10th place, World Cup, Mont Gabriel, Quebec
- 6th place, World Freestyle Ski Championships, Lake Placid. USA
- 6th place, World Cup, Zermatt, Switzerland
- 6th place, World Cup, Piancavallo, Italy
- 1992 4th place, World Cup, Blackcomb, British Columbia
- 3rd place, World Cup, Oberjoch, Germany
- 1st place, Demonstration Event Qualification, XVII Olympic Winter Games, Albertville, France
- 2nd place, Demonstration Event Finals, XVII Olympic Winter Games, Albertville, France
- 2nd place, World Cup, Morzine, France

- 2nd place, World Cup, Madarao, Japan  
 8th place, World Cup, Tignes, France  
 9th place, World Cup, Piancavallo, Italy
- 1993 9th place, World Cup, Blackcomb, British Columbia  
 4th place, World Cup, La Relais, Quebec  
 7th place, World Cup, La Plagne, France  
 6th place, FIS Qualification, Altenmarkt-Zauchensee, Austria  
 8th place, World Freestyle Ski Championships, Altenmarkt-Zauchensee, Austria  
 4th place, World Cup, Lillehammer, Norway  
 5th place, World Cup, Tignes, France  
 1st place, World Cup, Piancavallo, Italy
- 1994 1st place, World Cup, Blackcomb, British Columbia  
 8th place, World Cup, Lake Placid, USA  
 9th place, World Cup, Lake Placid, USA  
 4th place, World Cup, La Clusaz, France  
 2nd place, World Cup, Hundfjaellet, Sweden  
 7th place, Qualification event, XVII Olympic Winter Games, Lillehammer, Norway  
 6th place, Aerials Final, XVII Olympic Winter Games, Lillehammer, Norway  
 10th place, World Cup, Meiringen-Hasliberg, Switzerland
- 1995 3rd place, World Cup, Blackcomb, British Columbia  
 7th place, World Cup, Breckenridge, USA  
 9th place, World cup, La Relais, Quebec  
 10 place, World Cup, Oberjoch, Germany  
 3rd place, World Cup, Altenmarkt-Zauchensee, Austria  
 2nd place, FIS Qualification, La Clusaz, France  
 4th place, World Freestyle Championships La Clusaz, France  
 10th place, World Cup, Hundfjaellet, Sweden  
 6th place, World Cup, Hundfjaellet, Sweden  
 7th place, World Cup, Tignes, France  
 7th place, World Cup, La Plagne, France
- 1996 5th place, World Cup, Lake Placid, USA  
 3rd place, World cup, Breckenridge, USA  
 3rd place, World Cup, Mont Tremblant, Quebec  
 8th place, World Cup, Mont Tremblant, Quebec  
 4th place, World Cup, Oberjoch, Germany  
 3rd place, World Cup, Oberjoch, Germany  
 3rd place, World Cup, La Plagne, France  
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 6th place, World Cup, Piancavallo, Italy
- 1997 9th place, World Cup, Mont Tremblant, Quebec  
 1st place, World Cup, Blackcomb, British Columbia  
 4th place, World Cup, Breckenridge, USA  
 1st place, World Cup, Breckenridge, USA  
 2nd place, FIS Qualification, Lizuna Kogen, Japan  
 1st place, World Freestyle Ski Championships, Lizuna Kogen, Japan  
 3rd place, World Cup, Kirchberg, Austria  
 2nd place, World Cup, Kirchberg, Austria  
 6th place, World Cup, Mieringen-Hasliberg, Switzerland  
 7th place, World cup, Altenmarkt-Zauchensee, Austria  
 1st place, World Cup, Altenmarkt-Zauchensee, Austria  
 4th place, World Cup, Hundfjaellet, Sweden  
 1st place, World Cup, Mount Buller, Australia  
 6th place, World Cup, Mount Buller  
 7th place, World Cup, Tignes, France  
 2nd place, World Cup, Piancavallo, Italy
- 1998 2nd place, World Cup, Blackcomb, British CVolumbia  
 3rd place, World Cup, Breckenridge, USA  
 10th place, XVIII Olympic Winter Games, Lizuna Kogen, Japan  
 2nd place, World Cup, Chatel, France

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- 1st place, World Cup, Meiringen-Hasliberg, Switzerland
- 3rd place, World Cup, Altenmarkt-Zauchensee, Austria
- 1999 3rd place, World Cup, Mont Tremblant, Quebec
- 1st place, World Cup, Mont Tremblant, Quebec
- 2nd place, World Cup, Steamboat, USA
- 10th place, World Cup, Heavenly Valley, USA
- 4th place, World Cup, Altenmarkt-Zauchensee, Austria
- 2nd place, World Cup, Altenmarkt-Zauchensee, Austria
- 2nd place, FIS Qualification, World Freestyle Ski Championships, Meiringen-Hasliberg, Switzerland
- 7th place, World Freestyle Ski Championships, Meiringen-Hasliberg, Switzerland
- 6th place, World Cup, Mount Buller, Australia
- 3rd place, World Cup, Mount Buller, Australia
- 1st place, World Cup, Blackcomb, British Columbia
- 2000 8th place, World Cup, Deer Valley, USA
- 2nd place, World Cup, Heavenly Valley, USA
- 4th place, World Cup, Piancavallo, Italy
- 1st place, World Cup, Livigno, Italy
- 10th place, World Cup, Mount Buller, Australia
- 8th place, World Cup, Mount Buller, Australia
- 2001 1st place, World Cup, Deer Valley, USA
- 1st place, World Cup, Mont Tremblant, Quebec
- 7th place, World Cup, Himos, Finland
- 2nd place, World Cup, Fortress Mountain, Alberta
- 2002 1st place, World Cup, Mont Tremblant, Quebec
- 5th place, World Cup, Lake Placid, USA
- 2nd place, World Cup, Whistler, British Columbia
- 3rd place, Europa Cup, Spindleruv Mlyn, Czech republic
- 6th place, World Cup, Mount Buller, Australia

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