



Yves LaRoche

Inducted CSHF: 1992
Hometown: Lac Beauport, QC
Date of Birth: July 6, 1959
Affiliated Discipline(s): Freestyle: Aerials. Coach
Active Career Date(s): 1980 - 1989
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Club: Ski Bec Acrobatique de Lac Beauport

With an outstanding record as a competitor and coach, Yves LaRoche won international recognition as a leading authority on Freestyle Aerials. He was a "charter" member of the legendary "Quebec Air Force", a two-time Men's World Grand Prix Aerial Champion in 1984 and 1986, and three-time Canadian Men's National Aerial Champion in 1981, 1982 and 1983. His results on the Freestyle World Cup circuit were equally impressive. Between 1980 (when he first joined the National Freestyle team) and his retirement in 1986 he placed in the top ten in 37 of 46 events.

Following retirement, he was appointed Aerial Coach to the National Freestyle Ski Team a position he held for two years, 1987 to 1989. In this relatively short period of time, however, his coaching successes were astonishing. As examples, Jean Marc Rozon won a Gold Medal in Aerials (as a Demonstration event) at the 1988 Olympic Winter Games in Calgary, Alberta. Rozon also took 1st place at the World Cup Grand Prix events in both 1987 and 1988. Similarly, Lloyd Langlois won a Bronze Medal in Aerials (as a Demonstration event) at the 1988 Olympic Winter Games, and won Gold Medals at the World Aerial Championships in 1986 and 1989.

Prior to his appointment as a National Coach, Yves LaRoche served as an Aerials Coach for Ski-Bec Acrobatique at Lac Beauport, Quebec, and the Quebec Ski Team from 1982 until 1986. From 1987 to 1989, he was Coaching Representative to the Canadian Ski Association, National Freestyle Team Board and the National Freestyle Team Selection Committee.

In his selfless desire to pass on his skills and knowledge to a younger generation, he developed and built a water ramp training facility in Lac Beauport, Quebec, in 1985, a year before he retired from competition, which became recognized for its excellence by budding aerialists from Canada and other countries.

Competitive results (top ten places)

World Cup events, Aerials competition

1981	9th place, Livigno, Italy
	10th place, Tignes, France
	7th place, Laax, Switzerland
	5th place, Seefeld, Austria
	7th place, Oberjoch, Germany
	3rd place, Mont Ste-Anne, Quebec

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- 1982 4th place, Angelfire
 3rd place, Mont Ste- Anne, Quebec
 6th place, Sella Nevea, Italy
 3rd place, Livigno, Italy
 7th place, Oberjoch, Germany
 4th place, Tignes, France
- 1983 3rd place, Tignes, France
 5th place, Tignes, France
 3rd place, Livigno, Italy
 9th place, Ravascletto, Italy
- 1984 1st place, Stoneham, Quebec
 1st place, Breckenridge, USA
 6th place, Gostling, Austria
 2nd place, Oberjoch, Germany
 1st place, Campitello Matese, Italy
 2nd place, Salen, Sweden
 1st place, Tignes, France
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- 1985 7th place, Mont Gabriel, Quebec
 1st place, Lake Placid, USA
 2nd place, Lake Placid, USA
 5th place, Breckenridge, USA
 4th place, La Sauze, France
 2nd place, Tignes, France
 1st place, Mont Gabriel, Quebec
 2nd place, Lake Placid, USA
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 2nd place, Tignes, France
- 1986 1st place, Mariazell, Austria
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 2nd place, Oberjoch, Germany
 1st place, Voss, Norway