

## Canadians Maxime Leboeuf and Sarah Bergeron-Larouche win the ISSF 2015 World Snowshoe Championships

Quebec City, January 31, 2015 – Maxime Leboeuf and Sarah Bergeron-Larouche, both from Canada, won top honors at the ISSF 2015 World Championships presented by Atlas Snow-Shoe, part of the official programming of the Quebec City Winter Carnival and offered as a demonstration sport for the Quebec World Winter Masters Games. The athletes received prizes totaling \$5,000 during this event.

### ISSF 2015 World Snowshoe Championships (10km)

#### Men's results

1. Maxime Leboeuf, Canada (Gatineau)	46:40
2. Just Sociats, Catalonia	46:58
3. Joël Bourgeois, Canada (Quebec)	47:10
4. Stéphane Richard, France	48:58
5. David Savard-Gagnon, Canada (Quebec)	49:05
6. Joël Desgreniers, Canada (Quebec)	49:12
7. Samuel Blanchette, Canada (Quebec)	49:17
8. Eric Hartmark, United States	49:41
9. Olivier Babineau, Canada (Gatineau)	49:49
10. Nacho Hernando-Augulo, Spain	49:56

#### Women's results

1. Sarah Bergeron-Larouche, Canada (Trois-Rivières)	57:28
2. Laia Andreu, Catalonia	57:41
3. Rosa Valls, Catalonia	1:00:02
4. Amber Ferreira, United States	1:00:36
5. Evelyne Blouin, Canada (Quebec)	1:01:32
6. Silvia Leal, Catalonia	1:01:56
7. Valérie Bélanger, Canada (Quebec)	1:02:41
8. Abbey Wood, United States	1:03:43
9. Claude Godbout, Canada (Quebec)	1:05:59
10. Kristina Folcik, United States	1:06:29

Following the 10 km distance, the World Junior Championships, which is 5 km, included juniors 19 and under and different age groups. More than 200 snowshoers registered for the event: 128 participants in the 10 km (68% men, 32% women), and 76 participants in the 5 km (63% men, 37% women).

The challenge took place on an urban circuit, in the beautiful setting of Old Quebec with the St. Lawrence River in the background. The course, a 2.5-km loop considered difficult by most, gave several participants a hard time. Fortunately the sun was shining, despite the freezing -20° temperature.

#### About the Groupe Pentathlon

Founded in 2005, Groupe Pentathlon is a non-profit organization whose mission is to develop innovative sporting events that have major impacts and that bring people together so they can enjoy life-enhancing emotions and experiences. Among others, Groupe Pentathlon organizes the Pentathlon des neiges,

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sanctioned by Triathlon Québec and by the Fédération de patinage de vitesse du Québec. The Pentathlon des neiges is the only event of its kind in the world, and is the world's biggest winter multisport event. To complete the Pentathlon des neiges, athletes are required to perform various disciplines consecutively – biking, running, cross-country skiing, skating and snowshoeing – either solo, in tandem or in teams. In 2014, Groupe Pentathlon innovated again by presenting the world premiere of the new format of winter triathlon – snowshoeing, skating and skiing – of the International Triathlon Union.

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