



Statement re: Sarah Burke

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The Canadian Snowsports Association was saddened to learn today of the passing of Sarah Burke, a true icon of our sport.

Sarah without doubt was not only a leader in the sport of freestyle skiing who paved the way for the introduction of half-pipe ski and slope style into the forefront of snow sports as well as into the 2014 OWG, but was a role model for women of all ages.

"The skiing community has lost an amazing athlete and a wonderful person who will long be remembered for her talent and passion for the sport. Sarah's memory will live on in the many young skiers, particularly young women, who she inspired throughout her career" said Chris Robinson, President of the CSA.

Steve Podborski, Vice-President of the CSA noted that *"Sarah's enthusiasm and genuine friendliness set her into the role of an athlete who was not only emulated on the ski hills but as a role model in life. She was pursuing her passion when she was taken from us and I can only hope that her family and friends can take some solace from that."*

The CSA extends its heartfelt condolences to Sarah's husband, family and friends as well as to the entire sports community who are also grieving the loss of this remarkable young lady.

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