

## World Record number 3 for Antoine Cantin

Toronto. Open Fall 2014 Rubik's Cube competition. November 22, 2014. 96 competitors. Canada's top speedsolvers. Seven World Cube Association (WCA) Events. Antoine Cantin from small-town Rockland, Ontario, fresh from his Atlantic Canada Fall 2014 competition held three weeks prior. One Handed Event, first round.



*Antoine Cantin, with his World Record time of 8.75 seconds for solving a Rubik's Cube one-handed*

At his fourth solve of the five-solve round, Antoine hits the jack pot: 8.75 seconds. The first time ever in the world that a One Handed Rubik's Cube solve is done under 9 seconds. Within moments, Antoine is surrounded by his peers, pictures are being taken, congratulations are pouring in, and the social media related to Speedcubing is abuzz about the new World Record.

The previous record holder was Feliks Zemdegs of Australia. Feliks, a fixture in the SpeedCubing world, has held that record since January 2014, more than ten months ago.

Antoine has broken two previous World Records while competing in the sport of speedsolving. His first World Record was April 25, 2014, at the same venue as his current record. It was for the “average” time one-handed cube solving. Each solving round has five solves (each of the competitors are given the same five scrambles). The “average” time is calculating by ignoring their fastest and slowest times, then averaging the remaining three. Last Spring,, Antoine's “average” time was 12.56 seconds.

A month later, it was broken by a Polish competitor, then again by yet another Polish competitor. Antoine slipped to third in the World, but, at the US Nationals in August, he improved his time and became second again.

His second World Record was with the “Skewb” cube. In Philadelphia, in August he broke the record for the “average” time of solving the “Skewb” cube. It got broken the following weekend!

But this time, his World Record should last longer. The old 9.03 seconds record was on the books for more than ten months. Antoine improved on it by 28 hundredths of a second, a large margin for that type of record.

Antoine Cantin has been officially competing in Speedcubing since November 2010. He has slowly and steadily risen within the ranks of the elite Speedcubers in the country and in the World. In fact, he is the only Canadian to be able to perform every single World Cube Association events, including the

5x5x5 cube, blindfolded (only two Canadians are able to do that cube blindfolded). As of November 2014, Antoine is ranked second in the World in the “sum of all ranks”, both “single” and “average”.

His World Cube Association profile may be seen at <https://www.worldcubeassociation.org/results/p.php?i=2010CANT02>.

His youtube video of this World Record may be seen on his youtube channel, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=opzL0MCVmeg> or at <http://tinyurl.com/videowr>