

Record Store Day Canada 2025

Record Label Code of Conduct

1. All RSD product and its release date must be notified to RSDC, if possible, by 22nd November 2024.
2. RSD product must be exclusive in nature and only available through RSD stores, For the avoidance of doubt product which has previously been widely available the north America or another territory is not deemed to be exclusive.
3. RSD product should be manufactured in a reasonable quantity. With 270+ participating shops, in the majority of cases we advise a minimum pressing of 500 units and a maximum of 2000 units. However, submissions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and will be accepted under exceptional circumstances.
4. Labels should ensure they have received approval from the RSDC board, before going into production on an RSD product.
5. RSD product must be of sufficiently appropriate quality to be considered for RSDC. Proposed exclusive product must be authorised for inclusion in RSD by an RSDC representatives. If they deem the product unsuitable it will not be authorised for inclusion.
6. All final product info and format details to be provided to RSDC before the 17th January 2025.
7. Any stock left over after RSD must be first offered to RSD retailers.
8. Only if RSDC retailers do not order the stock can it be offered to non-RSDC retailers. Stock may only be offered to non-RSDC retailers 13 days after the RSD release dates i.e for the avoidance of doubt: Remaining RSD titles released on 12th April 2025 can be offered to non-RSD retailers on Friday 25th April 2025 for sale from Saturday 26th April 2025 00:01.
9. No label may hold back stock for its D2C platform or deliberately manufacture additional stock for non-RSD retailers or D2C.
10. D2C platforms may be treated like non-RSD stores and offered stock only after RSD retailers and may not sell product on their own D2C platform until at least 14 days after their release date as stated above.
11. Record labels are asked to copy RSDC in on any PR in relation to RSD product or artists.
12. Labels and distributors should ensure that ALL their distributors and labels (including those outside of the Canada where practicable) are made aware of all of the above terms (and provided with a copy of the code) and in particular should ensure that the distributor does not sell RSDC products in to any non-RSD store until 13 days after the event.
13. Labels should inform RSDC as to who their distributor is.
14. The label undertakes to provide the list of participating stores to the Distributor.
15. All product must be delivered to RSD retailers latest by the Wednesday prior to RSD.
16. All product and release information, unless otherwise agreed in writing by RSD, should remain embargoed to press until the official announcement date as specified by RSDC.

17. The label warrants that it holds the copyright for the submitted products. In the case of live recordings, evidence of proof of copyright will be required.

18. Labels who deliberately breach this code of conduct may have their product withdrawn, be removed from future RSDC events or be subject to other sanctions as determined by the RSDC Board.

RSDC Product Criteria

Product submitted for Record Store Day MUST adhere to the following criteria:

1. Any product must be an exclusive release.
2. Exclusive means on an exclusive format or exclusive content specifically for Record Store Day
3. Unless there are exceptional circumstances it should not have been made available or be made available in a similar format (e.g. different colour) for at least 12 months prior to or post RSD.
4. **If labels plan to make a substantially similar release available in the within 12 months of RSD, they must notify the RSDC co-ordinator at the point of submission clarifying why there are exceptional circumstances.**
5. It should not have been made available in a different territory in the same format previously.
6. RSD product should be manufactured in a reasonable quantity. Anything under 500 units may be deemed inadmissible to RSD unless there are valid grounds for inclusion. Product has to be suitable of an RSD release and should only be manufactured with the sole intention of releasing for RSD.
7. Product must only be made available to RSDC stores as notified to you by RSDC and may only be made available to non-RSD stores two weeks after RSD (subject to being made available to RSDC shops first).

Labels must agree to read, action, and adhere to any subsequent communication regarding the Record Store Day Label Code of Conduct.