

Fredericton Speed Skating 2017-2018

Report



The Fredericton Speed Skating Club continued to grow in its 41st season of operation in the capital city. Our speed skating participants, families, volunteers and board continued to improve this season. Highlights include:

- We had the most skaters we have had in last several seasons in our B Group this year & our C group numbers continue to grow. LTS numbers were stable compared to last year. We had hoped to move to a two week night schedule in 2017-18 season but were unable to secure ice time so continued with the weekend format.
- We had a number of skaters move up through the C, B, A groups. Many thanks to the tireless efforts of our Head Coach, Derrick and his team of tireless volunteer coaches.
- We focused on continuing the education of our skaters, families, volunteers, coaches & officials in the True Sport Principles as well as the Respect in Sport Program. We introduced a Participant information sheet as well as a Club Member agreement that all participants were required to sign. We hosted a number of off-ice and on-ice information sessions with parents & skaters throughout the early weeks of the season and received positive feedback from the participants. We had a 100% participation in the Respect in Sport Training. I feel that adopting these programs and principles into our club had a very positive impact and we will continue to promote it going forward.
- We were very pleased to host the Harold Joyce Competition this season. Thanks to our great group of volunteers from our own club and from the region and to the officials who make the meets happen!
- Our Year End celebration was very well attended and we handed out skaters' PB Sheets for the season as well as awarded the Cutting Edge Pin's with Derrick's comments. Thanks again to the parent volunteer group that hosts the event and the coaches for their efforts.
- We were very proud and excited for our skaters that attended national & regional meets this year.
- We continue to invest at the club level in new board pads, new board pad covers and skates for our rental fleet. We now have a targeted annual replacement budget for these two important asset classes.
- We applied to host the SSC Junior 1 Meet this December 2018, but unfortunately we were not awarded the meet this season.
- Our AGM will be held before July 15th.
- We anticipate another great year of building our number of families in this great sport as well as raising the profile of our club and sport.

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