

2021-2022 High Performance Coach Report to SSNB AGM

The 2021-22 season was a step closer to regular programming for most clubs with easing of Covid measures and increased ability to hold practices and competitions. It is everyone's hope that the next season will be a little closer to regular standard of programming.

This past season has provided an opportunity for our athletes to compete in competitions held in Fredericton, Dieppe, PEI, Quebec, Nationally as well as Fundamental and meets held throughout the province. We have had athletes compete at the National Junior, National Senior, Canada East, FPVQ Provincial, and provincial level. This year has also served well to display new ways to hold both single distance and Fundamental style competitions.

Internationally we should all be immensely proud of both Courtney Sarault and Brendan Corey who both participated at the 2022 Olympic representing Canada and Australia respectively. We also had Canada Team Member Rikki Doak qualify for the FISU Games however these plans were cancelled due to ongoing pandemic concerns. Throughout the season we also had four provincial athletes achieve HP standards. Congratulations to Courtney Charlong , Hannah MacDougall, Angela Wasson, and Jayson Lawson.

Both the Speed Skate NB and Speed Skate New Brunswick HPTG Facebook groups had considerable traction with some posts receiving 5000 views and close to 1000 click engagements. The most active posts were a mix of local athlete, Olympic Stories, and occasional historical pieces.

It would be a step forward to have some coaching certification courses for the Fall. There will be some courses provided both online, multisport, and also in person for those wanted to work towards certification. Please contact Jamie MacDonald or myself if you are interested.

To best prepare for the upcoming 2023 Canada Winter Games, a return to full competition calendar and club programming we will need people stepping into critical roles both on and off the ice. It is my hope that we will see new energy come into the sport this season. We must bring our provincial board support up to the level needed to be prepared to deal with this increase in activity. I do have concerns that we did not send a provincial representative to this year's AGM and I

would not want to see that a precedent for the future as it is important for us to keep our voice present at the Speed Skate Canada Board level.

Below is a snapshot of the tentative calendar for this season, so we all are aware of what events we need to prepare for.

Thank you and see you all at the rink and on the ice.

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Tentative Calendar for 2021-2022

(Provincial and Atlantic Dates To be confirmed)

July	9-10	SSNB CWG Camp	Caraquet
August	8-12	Summer Camp	Dieppe
Sept	9-11	Quebec Long Track Camp	St Foy
Oct	1-2	SSNB Ice Camp	Fredericton
Oct	1-2	Elite 1	Sherbrooke
Oct	8-9	Provincial FPVQ	RDL
Oct	14-16	Canada ST Trials	Montreal
Oct	29-30	PEI	PEI
Nov	5-6	Provincial FPVQ	Rimouski
Nov	12-13	Junior 14-15 SSC/16-18	Calgary
Nov	25-27	Junior Selections	TBC
Nov	26-27	Harold Joyce	Fredericton
Dec	3-4	LT Selection - CWG	
Dec	10-11	Saint John	Saint John
Jan	7	Team Rally CWG 10-4	Fredericton
Jan	7-8	St Croix meet	St Andrews
Jan	14-15	CWG Team Short Track Camp	Fredericton/Dieppe
Jan	20-22	Canada Cup	TBD
Jan	21-22	Elite 2	Chicoutimi
Jan	28-29	Provincial FPVQ	Trois Rivieres
Feb	4-5	Dieppe	Dieppe
Feb	18-19	Provincial FPVQ	Chicoutimi
Feb	18-25	CWG	PEI/NS
Mar	4-5	Elite 3	Rimouski
Mar	10-12	Canada Cup Finale	TBD
Mar	18	Hampton	Hampton
Mar	17-19	Canada ST Juniors	TBD
Mar	25-26	Canada Youth (East)	TBD

