



Newmarket Jets Speed Skating Club

A Message from the President

Hello everyone its time to start speed skating again, welcome to all our new and past members. Our numbers continue to grow as we enter our fourteenth season.

I'm looking forward to getting to know all the new faces and reacquainting with returning members. I'm confident our coaching staff will provide everyone with the tools to achieve their personal goals in speed skating. I'm looking forward to an exciting season of learning, training, and racing for all our skaters, including our national level long trackers, our hot shot short trackers as well as our recreational and family skaters.

Please remember speed skating is a volunteer driven sport and we need everyone's help and cooperation to make it work.

Skaters

To ensure our program runs as smoothly and efficiently as possible, we would ask that you consider the following:

1. Make sure you have all your equipment with you before you leave home.
2. Allow yourself enough time to get your skates and equipment on so you can help set up the safety mats on the ice before practice begins.
3. Obey the club procedures for storing your guards and water bottles. The guards are to be placed in the boxes outside the rink doors and your water bottles in the cup holders which are stored at centre ice.

4. During practice, please give your undivided attention to the coaches.
5. When practice is over, all skaters are to help remove the pads from the ice as quickly as possible.
6. Exit the ice safely and without delay.
7. Help your teammates whenever possible.

Parents

Your help putting the safety pads on the ice, and back into storage is essential. It requires a minimum of four adults to complete this job. We ask that all families assist with the pads. If we do not get enough volunteers, we will need to assign parents this task on a rotating basis.

Meet Forms

It is the responsibility of the families to provide fully completed race application forms with current Personal Best times (PB's), SSC numbers and helmet numbers, etc. It is also the families' responsibility to hand in these forms to our Short Track Meet Coordinators prior to the event application deadline so that the skaters may be entered in time for the meets. Meet event dates and deadlines will be posted in dressing room #15 and on our website. Meet entry fees and coaching fees must accompany the form. No skater will be allowed to register for a meet once the deadline has passed.

Hosting Ontario Cup Meet

We will be hosting the prestigious Ontario Cup 2 event on Nov. 19th and 20th this year. The Ontario Cup series of races feature the top short track speed skaters in the province competing in an action packed two day event. This event is being promoted provincially by the Ontario Speed Skating Association. We will need plenty of volunteer help. This is a great opportunity for parents (especially new parents) to learn more about speed skating by volunteering to help officials or by being part of the event staff.

Finally, to all parents and skaters, the Newmarket Jets as a club participates in the “TRUE SPORT” movement and we encourage you as a family to discuss its principals of fair play, good sportsmanship, and respect for fellow skaters, coaches, and officials. This includes good conduct on and off the ice and a positive competitive and cooperative spirit in training and racing.

Let’s all have a fun and enjoyable season and always remember **Safety First!**

**Bill Allen
President
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