

2008-2009 Skater's Report

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- Thank you to all coaches and volunteers without whom the season would not have been made possible. All skaters greatly appreciate all the time and effort that everyone has put into this season.
- The skaters are concerned about a lack of continuity in coaching from one practice to the next. The skaters know all the coaches are volunteers and they are good, however each has a different training technique and style. When we have a different coach and a different style of coaching every week the skaters find it a little disconcerting. If there has to be a different coach every week then there ought to be a strict program that is followed no matter who is coaching.
- The club always has good coaching at Meets, however the skaters would like to know which coaches will be at which competitions. This would allow the skaters to approach these coaches ahead of time before the meet to talk about goals and possible strategies. This could be done a few weeks before; a list of the coaches that will be attending the meet could be posted in the message board outside of Rocky's room.
- The short track skaters are not happy about the loss of Thursday night ice in January. In the past when the long track and short track season did not overlap this would have been fine, however now that the short track season continues into January with an Ontario *what* usually near the end of January or beginning of February the practice time is crucial. The short trackers of the club feel that it is necessary to demand the practices in January.
- It has been made obvious over the last few years, this one included, that the idea of having one overall skaters rep is not practical. The skater's rep is usually from the third hour and is therefore only at the arena for their practice time making the ability to communicate with the skaters in the lower hours difficult. Also he/she is supposed to organize a Christmas party for all the skaters, which is difficult. Appointing a skater's rep for each hour with the older rep being the head could solve this problem. This way the skaters reps from the first and second hours could report to the head making it easier to communicate with the entire club.