

## 2009-2010 Skater's Report

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A big thank you to all the coaches and volunteers that helped out this season to make this season a success. The skaters appreciate the time and effort that everyone has put into the club this season.

There were a few concerns raised among the skaters of the advanced hour.

- The advanced hour skaters expressed concern about the lack of continuity there was at the Thursday evening practices. This was brought to the attention of one of the coaches. This coach talked to the entire advanced hour group about the concern and said that it would be discussed with the other coaches. From that point forward there were no more concerns about continuity on Thursday night practices.
- The skaters said that they were very happy with the coaching at meets, but that they would like to know who the coaches are before the competition so they can talk to them before the competition if need to.
- Most of the younger skaters in the advanced hour were never taught how to put water on the track. The older skaters were concerned that when they are no longer part of the club no one would know how to put water on the track, efficiently. This was resolved by some of the advanced skaters teaching the younger skaters how to put the water down properly.

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Last year in the skaters report, Henry brought up the point that has not been resolved. It is that the short track skaters are not happy about the loss of ice on Tuesday nights in the month of January. The short trackers are not happy about this because January is the middle of their racing season when ice time is crucial.

I found it very difficult to be the skater's rep during the long track season simply because I am never at the Sensplex when there is long track ice available. Therefore I would like to propose the following. If there is another skaters rep that also does long track, there should be a short tracker appointed to tell the skaters rep what is going on, on the short track side of things during the long track season.

Thank you,

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