

Dear Star Skaters

Welcome to a new skating season starting September 12<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you and having a great skating season ahead. This season we will start to implement the "NEW" star nation wide skating system from Skate Canada. There are set skills that each level of Star will accomplish and test. All testing will be done by your coaches on your sessions. As skaters achieve these tests they will advance up through the star system.

After Canskate level 4 a skater can begin the star program. Please check our website to see the new test structure for Star 1-3 and Star 4-5.

**Skates and how often to skate:**

Skaters will need good supporting skates and all skaters will have their skates checked by the coaches for support and size.

The more a child skates the better they become. Once per week on the ice is not enough after the canskate level. Skaters make slow progress. This season all programs for skaters are based and costed as well as subsidised on the number of times they skate per week. All skaters in Star 1 and up must skate a minimum of twice per week, this includes Synchro if they join that program. Minimum of two sessions per week on the ice.

**Costs and payment for skating this season:**

Newton FSC has always been a not for profit club and monies given by grants are put back into the programs. All home club registered skaters will be subsidized by our grant this year based on how much they skate and train.

Please see the program cost sheet in your package.

**Surrey Sport and Leisure and Newton Arenas**

We will once again be skating out of two facilities, Monday and Wednesday are at Surrey Sport and Leisure. Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays are at Newton Arena.