

Dear Star Skaters

Welcome to a new skating season starting September 11th. 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 6 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.

New Competitive Star 1 and 2

Competitive sessions are for skaters wishing to compete. Skaters must have completed one year of Star 1. Skaters in competitive must skate **two** club sessions weekly. These sessions can be multi open, star group or another competitive class. The last 15 minutes of the 1 hour competitive class will be practice on their own. Parents will be responsible for competition fees and coaching costs the day of competition as well as appropriate skating attire for competition. There will be a monthly parent update from the coaches and a parent meeting in October.

Star 1, 2 and 3 group lessons

Newton will again offer group lessons for Star 1, 2 and 3, skater will work on all disciplines of skating and will test when ready. All testing will be done by their coaches on their regular sessions. Small Test fees to Skate Canada will be collected prior to testing. Parent please expect to pay these fees twice during the winter session.

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.

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 registered skaters will be subsidized by our grant this year, sessions are all subsidized.

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.