**September Coaches Report 2017**

We have started our season with new skaters in all of the club programs! The Star Skaters have declined in numbers due to graduations, travel and new adventures.

The star skaters that did come back are excited to be back on the ice and catching up with fellow skaters.

**Star 1** program has a small group of skaters which are receiving more individual coaching time. I still believe the skaters appreciate the variety of skills they learned so they are continuously learning new skills each week.

**Can Skate** our registration has grown on Mondays to 32 skaters, Wednesdays to 17 skaters which is very good!! We have **9** Program Assistants. The skaters are receiving excellent instruction and some have started gliding after two lessons.

**CanSkate Beginners** – Our class has 15 skaters registered for Block A. I have 5 Program Assistants helping which makes this class easier to get them up skating.

**Adults/Teen Skate –** Our Adults on Mondays are slowly coming in. The Monday will start filling up in October and the Thursday class has about 8 skaters of all different levels working well together.

**Power Skills Program – I added an extra class on Tuesday and I have 15 skaters** along with 9 skaters on Thursdays. Players are still figuring out their schedules.

**Summer school –** We had a positive 3 week school and had a wear, “short&sunglasses” fun day. They skaters came to get cooled off during our hot summer.

Recommendations for giving back ice:

Monday – After Canskate start at 4:45 with stroking, 5pm spins, 5:15 – 6:15 FS.

* Cancel the Simulation class from 6:30 – 7:00pm
* Run the Adult/Teen class from 6:30 – 7:30 pm - giving back 30 minutes of ice.

I have spoken to everyone involved and they are okay with scheduling the earlier time.

Thursday – After power skating at 4:30 - **2 choices** give back **15 minutes** of the Skills/Dance session or cancel it completely and give back **45 minutes.**

* 4:30 – 5:30 pm Stroking/ FS
* 5:45 – 6:45pm Star 4-10/Adult Teen CS
* Adult/teen Power 6:45 – 7:30pm

I have only spoken with one skater on the skills session and she is good with putting in another freeskate and training her dances on the Friday morning as it is a low key session with 4 skaters. I have not spoken or emailed any of the other skaters on the sessions to see if they are able to switch times until this was decided.

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