

2014-15 Valley Speed Skating Club Report

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The Valley Speed Skating Club achieved its goals of significant growth and development in its third season, 2014-15. Membership grew to a total of 34 (24 youths and 10 adults) from 28 (20 youths and 8 adults) in 2013-14. We continued to expose the sport to Valley residents, holding three open houses and again partnering with the Town of Wolfville to offer a free eight week after school program at Acadia Arena. The after school program exceeded expectations with 33 participants. The Club held its second annual mini-meet in March, helping develop the skills and experience of our volunteers, coaches and parents.

VSSC members participated in short track meets in Charlottetown and Halifax and also participated in programs and events at the Emera Oval. These included the Atlantic Long Track Camp, the Atlantic Long Track Championships, and the Sunday Racing Series. The VSSC supported two open houses and an Intro to Speed Skating program at the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre in Bridgewater.

Planning has begun for the 2015-16 season. It is anticipated that we will continue to experience significant growth. We also anticipate that more of our members will compete in regional meets and events. We will offer free after school programs at the Acadia Arena and at the Credit Union Centre