

Skate Canada Nova Scotia Coaches' Representative Annual Report 2021-2022

I had the privilege to represent Nova Scotian Coaches again for the 2021-2022 skating season. COVID played a much less dramatic roll in our lives on and off the ice then the previous season but was certainly still challenging us daily. With that said we were able to move forward with many live events and see certain areas of our sport somewhat return to normal.

Last summer we successfully participated in the BC summer competition virtually from St. Margaret's Centre. Coaches were excited to have competition again even though it definitely had a different sort of vibe. For some of our Challenge skaters it was a nice opportunity to compete with people from out of province for the first time.

We only had to cancel one scheduled event which was the Star 1-3 in Sackville, which I think was an accomplishment given the challenges we faced. Otherwise we ran a close to normal competitive season with good feedback from the majority of coaches. We had a small communication issue regarding refunds but after further communication was resolved.

I worked to strengthen communication between the coaching body as a whole and the board, with regular group emails after board and skater development meetings. This was meet with little feedback but the feedback I received was positive.

We held a successful Regional Coach Course with good attendance. We had also scheduled a CanPower Coach Course but it was cancelled do to lack of interest.

Ultimately, the Nova Scotian coaching community worked hard to make sure our skaters had a positive skating season despite many obstacles and set backs. Looking forward to 2022-2023

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