



Adirondack Northstars Winter Classic XVI Skills Competition

Where: Glens Falls Civic Center

When: January 16th @ 7:30pm

On behalf of the Adirondack Northstars, I am excited to announce our first ever Winter Classic Skills Competition. This is an opportunity for selected female players to represent their team and compete against their peers in individual skills events, similar to how the “big boys” do it at the NHL All-Star Weekend. It is also a chance for everyone attending the Winter Classic to get together in one place without the “game atmosphere” and have an enjoyable evening cheering on their players and possibly catching up with old friends or meeting new ones in this extended family we call girls hockey.

In addition to the individual events taking place on the ice, there will also be a “Team Spirit” award for the teammates in the stands. All teams are encouraged to show their team spirit at the skills competition by wearing their team jerseys, making signs, maybe painting their faces (?), and generally cheering loudly in positive support for their teammates on the ice. Later on, one team will be selected as the winner of the “Team Spirit” award, and they will be presented with a plaque honoring their positive spirit. Also, during the skills competition, our Northstars players will be selling pucks for the “Chuck-a-Puck” 50/50 raffle that will take place during the intermission. All proceeds from this will go to our “Wish upon a Northstar” fundraiser recipients.

Skills events:

- Fastest Skater – Timed event. Participants will skate one lap around the ice, two at a time. Fastest time overall wins the event.
- Stickhandling Course – Timed event. Participants will skate with a puck through a cone course, two at a time. Fastest time overall wins the event.
- Hardest Shot – Each participant will take three shots on net, and their hardest shot will count. The hardest shot overall wins the event.
- Top Goaltender – Each participant will face three breakaways from fellow competitors (except their teammates). In the event of a tie for most saves, the leaders will continue in a “sudden death” format until a winner is determined.

We hope you all enjoy this latest feature of the Winter Classic. It has taken a lot of planning, and will take the efforts of many volunteers to run the event. We don’t get anything for adding an event like this, other than a lot of work and more ice to pay for. But if all goes well and everyone enjoys the experience, this could very well become an annual part of the Winter Classic experience!