

## History of Louisville Skating Academy 2000-2016- brief

The Louisville Skating Academy, Inc. (LSA) organized as a non-profit group and incorporated March 20, 2000, with 44 members. Its original and immediate goal was to provide figure skating ice time for its skaters to train and qualified instructors to teach. The process to be recognized as a United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA) member club was begun from the onset. That recognition was made at the 2003 U.S. Figure Skating Governing Council Meeting at which LSA had 3 delegates present.

LSA received its 501(c) 3 in July 2007. In November of 2010, LSA received tax exempt status. From the start the Academy has subsidized all figure skating sessions, Learn to Skate, and off ice training. LSA's on and off ice programs have always been conducted at its principle headquarters (PH), Iceland Sports Complex, previously known as Pantherland and Iceland, located at 701 UPS Dr., Louisville, KY.

LSA was privileged to host both the 2008 and 2014 Eastern Great Lakes Regional Championships

Through the diligent guidance of the LSA board of directors, and its skating director, Rebecca Hatch-Purnell, along with the dedicated member volunteers providing endless hours of support in a wide range of capacities, LSA has grown six fold and its skaters have achieved much. Since 2002 nearly 60 gold test medals have been earned in Moves in the Field, Free Skate, and Dance. Since 2007 LSA RiverStars Synchronized Skating teams have been qualifying for U. S. Figure Skating Synchronized Skating Championships. In the season of 2009-10 LSA had its first skater to qualify for Junior Nationals. In 2011-12, a Junior Ladies Free Skater, was LSA's first skater to qualify for U.S. Figure Skating Midwest Sectional Championships. For the 2016 USFS Midwest Sectional Championships, LSA had 15 skaters qualify to compete representing Ladies Singles, Men's Singles, Pairs, and Dance! In addition several LSA skaters are National Dance Champions and one is a National Pairs Champion! In auxiliary categories of USFSA LSA can also boast National Champions and medalists in Solo Dance, and Showcase. And all these skaters are products of the LSA Learn to Skate and subsequent on and off ice programming.

Several LSA skaters have competed collegiately and even participated on Team USA in International Synchronized Skating Competitions.

Additionally, LSA has provided performance opportunities annually for its members. To date, the Nutcracker on Ice production has completed 12 seasons. And an LSA skater has gone on to be a cast member of a professional ice show in Europe.

LSA continues to strive to adapt to the needs of its members and coaches in supporting skaters in attaining their skating goals to the best of their ability.