

# USA Roller Sports

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**Lincoln, Nebraska – USA Roller Sports (USARS) would like to announce that Pat Jacques has agreed to join the organization as the new Figure Advisor for the sport discipline of Artistic Figure Skating.** The position of Figure Advisor is new to USA Roller Sports and is designed to bring continuity between the board of directors and the volunteer figure committee by providing a permanent committee member to assist with policy, procedures, planning, education, marketing and communication to members. Jacques, brings a wealth of figure skating specific experience to the position that literally has been a lifetime in the making. Her credentials and career highlights range from being a successful competitive athlete, USARS Elite Coach, Member of the Coaches Hall of Fame, Rink Owner, Team USA Coach, and a coach of numerous regional, national and world champions through the years. In addition, she has been recognized with multiple teaching awards, lifetime memberships, and speaker invitations. Finally, her dedication to official judging knowledge and years of volunteer committee participation, will bring a background of insight to this new position, that USA Roller Sports Figure Skating needs as it advances the sport forward.

When asked to give her thoughts related to accepting the position, Jacques stated; “I am honored to be chosen as the Figure Advisor for Artistic Sports. I feel the Figure Sports Committee (FSC) is an important committee with very talented and knowledgeable members. I feel this committee is standing at the crossroad of leading us into the future. This must be done with full knowledge of our past, the awareness of where we are presently at and the intelligence to make a bridge not an earthquake in this moment in time. I am committed to doing whatever they need to help them reach their goals”.

The search for the position was conducted through a nationally and incorporated several members of the USA Roller Sports board of directors represented by Kay Gallatin, Trace Hansen, John Fearnow, Heidi Permatteo and Gypsy Lucas. The position will report to the USA Roller Sports board of director through the President, Kay Gallatin.

“Pat Jacques is that rare individual in our organization that literally brings everything to the conversation when you think of the sport of Artistic Figure Skating. Personally I know I couldn’t be more pleased to have her in this role and I am 100% confident her knowledge, energy and dedication to doing the job right is going to pay off significantly for our community of members and the sport as it moves forward! The direct report to our board of directors is a unique model that we’re seeing success with in speed, and I trust it will do the same for figure. As such, our staff looks forward to assisting her and the figure sport committee in achieving their goals and ultimate future success”, stated

Eric Steele, USA Roller Sports executive director, who also participated in the interview / selection process.

Please join the USA Roller Sports Community of membership, board of directors, artistic figure committee and professional staff in welcoming her aboard!

To reach Pat Jacques directly; [FigureAdvisor@USARollerSports.org](mailto:FigureAdvisor@USARollerSports.org) Her official start date is March 1, 2019.