



CAST MEETING 2022 - COSTUME NOTES

IMPORTANT: The point of contact for any costuming question is:
“LSAcostumechair@gmail.com”

This reaches the costume committee: Tricia Hofmann and Amy Crisafulli.

For soloist costume questions, you may text Amy at 502-263-3975.

For group costume questions, you may text Tricia at 502-593-9682.

1. **Saturday, December 3, 2022: Tentative costume distribution day!** Please allow extra time after the morning NOI rehearsal to receive your costume(s). Some costume fitting may be needed. If you are not able to attend, it is your responsibility to contact the costume chairperson and make arrangements to get the pieces you need. Some of the more delicate accessories and headpieces will not be distributed until closer to the shows. If your skater is age 16 or up, the skater may sign for and pick up his or her own costume(s). However, if your skater is under age 16, you will need to sign to acknowledge receipt of the costumes.
2. **Parents:** Please remind your children (even the teenagers) that the “group” costumes are to be handled very carefully. These costumes are used from year to year, and we need to make sure that they are preserved. If one costume in a group is destroyed and cannot be replaced, that could potentially prevent the rest of the group from being able to be used in the future. Your costumes will come to you in a garment bag with your child’s name on it. Please keep them hung neatly both at home and in the locker room during performances. Do not play dress-up with any costumes at home. A skater should consume NO food or beverages while in costume other than water.
3. **Damage Fees:**
 - a. If your costume is returned with irreparable damages, you will be assessed a **\$50 replacement fee**.
 - b. If any piece of your child’s costume requires repair beyond normal wear and tear, you will incur a **repair fee of \$25** or more (depends on extent of damage and time/supplies needed).
 - c. If your child damages someone else’s soloist or group costume because of carelessness or a rule infraction, you will be responsible for those damages **in full**.
 - d. Lost costumes incur **\$50** fee and lost accessories a **\$20** fee.

- e. Non-payment of any costume fine will be treated the same as any other monies owed to the club.
4. All children ages 8 and up **must** wear deodorant whenever wearing any LSA-owned costumes. It should be a clear-stick deodorant. Most of our group costumes are not machine-washable, and removing odors from costumes sometimes can be even more difficult than removing stains. We recognize this can be a sensitive issue and request your assistance with this.
 5. **Soloists:** Featured soloists supply their own costumes but **MUST** have approval of the show director and costume committee before purchase and **by November 1, 2022**.
 - a. Please contact the costume chair for an official sketch form if needed. Fabric and trim samples are required for custom costuming.
 - b. You should plan to have your costume in-hand by **Dec. 1, 2022**, with the show-ready product finished no later than **Dec. 10**.
 - c. Do not assume that previous costumes for your number are automatically approved. Additions or embellishments to ready-made or previously-worn costumes must be approved. Ordering from one of our club's dance supply accounts is often the most cost-efficient option. Please contact us for a list of approved companies and be mindful of the anticipated shipping date. If a costume is not available and in stock, it may not be received in time for the show. Significant deviations from an approved design may be rejected at the discretion of the show director and costume committee.
 - d. Costumes and accessories must fit stylistically with the particular role and with the show overall. In addition, cast members who are in multiple roles sometimes have costume changes which must occur very quickly. As such, some costume and accessory selections cannot be accommodated. For example, any hairpieces that have to be sewn into the hair simply will not work for a skater with a quick costume change. Even absent a quick change, such hairpieces require considerable time and effort to sew in and then remove, and the coaches and costume committee will not have time during the shows to do this. Costumes and accessories which do not fit stylistically with the role/show and/or which pose logistical problems may be rejected at the discretion of the show director and costume committee.
 - e. **Any monetary loss for costumes and accessories purchased without approval of the show director and costume committee is the responsibility of the individual skater.**
 - f. If you borrow a costume from another member of the club, it is your responsibility to clean the costume and return it to its owner. The costume committee cares for LSA-owned costumes. It does not clean, handle, or safeguard soloist costumes.
 6. **Several of the group numbers require extra costume pieces that are the responsibility of the individual skater. Make sure you have these items by the first dress rehearsal:**
 - Gingerbreads: plain white turtleneck and plain white gloves (no logos)
 - Mice: Plain white turtleneck and plain white gloves (no logos), thick white tights (no cableknit) for girls or black "underarmor-type" pants for boys (no visible logos)
 - Chefs: ladies - plain black skating pants; men - plain black skating pants

Party Scene: ladies - plain white long-sleeved shirt/blouse; men - plain black pants and plain white long-sleeved shirt

Russians: plain black skating pants or black “underarmor-type” pants with no visible logos

All female skaters (except Gingerbreads and Mice) will need:

1. Footless Tights in an appropriate skin tone. We ask that no skaters wear the over-the-boot tights.
2. Nude/beige/skin tone camisole leotard to be worn under all costumes. These can be purchased from Amazon or dancewear sites. Locally, you may find them at Kinney Dancewear, but they sell out early.

Undergarments should not be visible on the ice. There should be no dark-colored undergarments which might be visible through the costume material, and no visible straps should be seen other than clear-colored straps of bras or camisoles.

The Costume Committee is pleased to offer a preorder service for some of these items. Through the club’s studio account, we will be offering them at less than retail cost. Preorders will be taken for footless tights and camisole leotards **through Saturday, November 18, 2022.** Check payable to LSA or cash only, with payment due when ordering, please. Look for one of us at each NOI practice or contact the costume chair directly with any questions about available undergarments.

White gloves for gingerbread and mice will be available through the show weekend.