



To: The LEGA Community

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Subj: USAG and the documentary, *Athlete A*

Leading Edge Gymnastics Academy understands the great responsibility we have in providing a safe place to practice the beautiful sport of gymnastics and gymnastics-related activities. Our commitment to safety casts a wide net. At LEGA, safety extends above the physical space of our gym, beyond the professional training of our staff, and decidedly embraces a commitment to the physical well-being and holistic enrichment of every gymnast athletically, artistically, mentally, emotionally, and developmentally. **When you and your athletes make a decision to train at LEGA, you are entering into this commitment alongside our team, and together we will all pursue an ongoing effort to reach our biggest dreams with honest efforts, hard work, and our fun-loving environment.**

The devastating news of the Larry Nassar scandal has been widely publicized since 2016. With the documentary '*Athlete A*' coming out on Netflix, our governing body, USA Gymnastics is exposed for the abusive, win-at-all-costs culture that harbored lies and covered up scandals in a way we can only describe as inhumane.

- We understand how the unethical leadership of USAG was used to destroy lives through abusing young victims, and we are devastated at each new detail of these investigations.
- We believe the brave women presented in *Athlete A*, many of whom are personal friends and colleagues, are heroes for confronting USAG's abuse, and we stand with them during this time.
- We proudly reverberate that the LEGA culture is not, and has never been, parallel to the USAG culture presented in this documentary.
- We cling to hope for continued improvement and organizational change in gymnastics, through public awareness, supportive advocacy, and our full commitment to the sport.

In light of this publicity, LEGA is committed to teaching our athletes the fine skill of self-advocacy as we earn their respect and trust on a daily basis. Our team will continue to be open about encouraging a culture of mutual respect, where we teach children to use their voice, and we all learn to work together as we strengthen our community.

**At LEGA, we stand *with* athletes, *for* athletes, and against abuse.**

Thank you for being a part of a better future in gymnastics, and for being a part of our trusted community, with a reputation for safety and success, for over 30 years.

Respectfully yours,

LEGA Owners, Coaches, and Management Team