

History of Colonial Skating Club

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Colonial Skating Club Coach since 1974

- 1960 Colonial Skating Club, founded by Dr. & Mrs. Benjamin Lee and Ethel Garwood. The club was initially housed at the Ice House in Haddonfield, NJ. The Benjamin Lee Memorial Trophy is awarded each year to the club accruing the most points at the Philadelphia Areas Skating Competition
- February 1961 The entire US Figure Skating Team perished in a plane crash on the way to the World Championships in Prague, Czechoslovakia
- April 1961 Colonial Skating Club presented "Ice Carnival", the first ice show produced by Colonial Skating Club. Ice Carnival became an annual show.
- April 1961 Colonial Skating Club hosted the Philadelphia Area Figure Skating Championships
- 1965 Colonial Skating Club moved to the Coliseum in Voorhees, NJ
- November 1970 Grundy Ice Rink opened in Bristol, PA
- September 1974 Colonial Skating Club moved to Grundy Ice Rink splitting from the newly formed Coliseum Figure Skating Club in Voorhees, NJ
- May 1975 Colonial Skating Club presented "Colonial Capers of 1975 – A Salute to the Holidays", the first ice show produced by Colonial Skating Club since 1965
- May 1981 Colonial Skating Club produced the Ice Show, "Ice Capers
- March 1982 Colonial Skating Club hosted the Philadelphia Area Figure Skating Championships
- March 1985 Colonial Skating Club hosted the Philadelphia Area Figure Skating Championships
- May 1987 Colonial Skating Club produced the Ice Show, "Rock Around the Clock"
- March 1989 Colonial Skating Club hosted the Philadelphia Area Figure Skating Championships

November 1993	Colonial Skating Club hosted the 1994 South Atlantic States Regional Championships at Iceland, Hamilton NJ. The competition required two ice surfaces for the week long events. Colonial Skating Club and Iceland combined resources to accommodate the competition
1994	The first night of the Ladies Figure Skating competition in the 1994 Winter Olympics achieved higher TV Nielsen ratings than that year's Super Bowl and was the most watched sports television program of all-time, to that date
May 1995	Colonial Skating Club produced the Ice Show, "Hooray for Hollywood", the most sophisticated and profitable Ice Show in Colonial Skating Club's history. This was the last event at Grundy Ice Rink on Jefferson Avenue in Bristol, PA
June 1995	Grundy Ice Rink burned down in a tragic fire due to a tossed cigarette, later ruled an accident. All of Colonial Skating Club's history was destroyed, including ten club trophies, test results and memories
June 1995 to October 1997	Colonial Skating Club finds ice time at surrounding area rinks waiting for the new rink to be built at its current location on Beaver Street in Bristol, PA
October 1997	Grundy Recreation Center opens replacing Grundy Rink after much political maneuvering with the Borough Council and the Borough Recreation Authority
June 1997	Colonial Skating Club held its first Annual competition to become known as Stars and Stripes Skating Competition
January 1998	Colonial Skating Club served as volunteers for the 1998 United States National Championships in Philadelphia, PA
2004	A new figure skating judging system was implemented. The "Perfect 6.0" no longer exists. Ice skating competitions are no longer predictable.
April 2009	Colonial Skating Club hosted the Philadelphia Areas Skating Competition
September 2010	Grundy Recreation Center is renamed, "Grundy Arena"
March 2011	Colonial Skating Club celebrates 50 th Anniversary at Chez Nicole in Bristol, PA
October 2012	Colonial Skating Club moves to a new home: Flyers Skate Zone Northeast 10990 Decatur Road Philadelphia, PA 19154