

Dawn Miller - Figure Skating



When Dawn Miller, 44, found the USA Masters Games she did not hesitate to sign up. In fact, she was the first athlete to sign up for the Games. Miller had been tracking the International Masters Games Association (IMGA) for years waiting patiently for it to add winter games including figure skating. While the IMGA did recently add winter games, figure skating is still not on the list of events. Not to be discouraged, Miller was thrilled to find the USA Masters Games in Greensboro. Particularly since these Games combine winter and summer sports creating a unique opportunity to meet competitors and watch events she ordinarily would not come across.

Miller started figure skating at age five in Georgia. She stopped at age 11 when she decided to pursue an interest in tennis. Thus began nearly two decades away from the ice. She started skating again at age 30 while living in California because of a dare from a friend. For her first competition as an adult she was pregnant with her first son. Shortly after, Miller moved to Texas and her renewed passion for skating followed her. She joined the Iceland Figure Skating Club of Houston and continued to train and compete. That was ten years ago.

Since then Miller has lived all over the world including Dubai and London, where she currently resides with her husband and two sons. In London she has found a robust community of adult figure skaters that has allowed her to continue to train and grow as a skater.

Miller admits she isn't the same skater as she was at age ten and that's okay. She doesn't put any pressure on herself. She explains it's such a gift to be able to do something that she loves. It's not about winning, it's about going out there and giving it her best and loving every second.