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Los Angeles Sparks Forward Rickea Jackson Joins Team Skechers

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Skechers expanded its all-star roster of athletes with Los Angeles Sparks forward Rickea Jackson. The WNBA's first-round draft pick joined Team Skechers after practicing in Skechers Basketball shoes and experiencing the brand's signature Comfort That Performs.

Rickea Jackson in the new SKX NEXUS™ basketball shoes from Skechers. (Photo: Business Wire)

"I'm thrilled to be the first WNBA player to join forces with Skechers," shared Rickea Jackson.

"While Skechers is a new player in the basketball world, their commitment to fit, support, and active collaboration with athletes is clear. The comfort and design of their footwear is truly impressive. I love training in these shoes and I'm eager to see what we can accomplish together."

"So we can give each player the attention they deserve, our roster of professional basketball athletes is tight and focused with veterans like 2022-2023 MVP Joel Embiid and three-time NBA All-Star Julius Randle, as well as rising stars with exceptional talent like LA Clippers shooting guard Terance Mann. We've been looking for the right WNBA player to add to Team Skechers and we found her in Rickea Jackson," said Michael Greenberg, president of Skechers. "Rickea's a sensational athlete and an inspiration—and she deserves the best footwear that meets her needs. League rules mean fans won't see her competing in Skechers now, but we're already gaining her insights as we continue to deliver the most comfortable and innovative footwear on the court for all athletes."

Perfect for players like Jackson and Mann who desire a fast and responsive court-feel, the SKX NEXUS™ is a low-top court shoe designed for speed, stability and support. Offering exceptional comfort with resilient Skechers Move Foam™, every pair features a breathable mesh upper, lockdown ankle support in the heel, and Goodyear® rubber with a torsion-plate to amplify traction for quick cuts on the court. The style joins an innovative Skechers Basketball collection that includes the lightweight SKX Resagrip™ with advanced cushioning and the SKX Float™ for exceptional stability and control. Another new style, the SKX Reign™ that promotes elevation and intense traction, will also deliver for the 2024-2025 season.

Rickea Jackson played college basketball at Mississippi State and University of Tennessee where she was named first-team All-SEC in 2023 as a senior. As a freshman at Mississippi State in 2020, Jackson also earned a second-team All-SEC and received the Gillom Trophy as the top women's college player in Mississippi. Jackson was selected by the Los Angeles Sparks as the number-four overall pick in the 2024 WNBA draft.

The Skechers team of elite athletes competing in the brand's performance footwear includes NBA players Joel Embiid, Julius Randle and Terance Mann; elite footballers Harry Kane, Mohammed Kudus, Oleksandr Zinchenko and Anthony Elanga, as well as many others;

golfers Matt Fitzpatrick and Brooke Henderson; pickleball pros Tyson McGuffin and Catherine Parenteau; and Major League Baseball players Clayton Kershaw, Chris Taylor, Brendan Donovan, Aaron Nola, and Wade Miley.

Skechers Basketball footwear is available at skechersbasketball.com and select Skechers retail stores in North America, as well as select retailers and Skechers stores in the Philippines and China, with a global roll out planned for August 2024. Basketball fans can get behind-the-scenes access to Skechers Basketball product launches and more by following @skechersbasketball on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/skechersbasketball) and [TikTok](https://www.tiktok.com/@skechersbasketball).

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