



Request for Proposal – Hosts for WFTDA Officiating Clinics 2012

Introduction

The Women's Flat Track Derby Association is the international governing body for the sport of women's flat track roller derby and a membership organization for leagues to collaborate and network. The WFTDA sets standards for [rules](#), seasons, and safety, and determines guidelines for the national and international athletic competitions of member leagues. There are currently 124 WFTDA member leagues and 64 leagues in the WFTDA Apprentice program.

The WFTDA is honored to announce the request for proposal for the third annual WFTDA Officiating Clinic cycle. In 2012, WFTDA's Officiating Clinics will include a wealth of new information, complementing the now institutionalized educational materials that were presented at clinics in 2010 and 2011. The WFTDA will work with hosting partners, instructors, and the community of roller derby to ensure the thorough and effective training of all roller derby officials.

Overview of Training Goals

The WFTDA remains committed to consistency and standardization, as well as providing tools and resources so that all roller derby referees may succeed in providing the highest level of officiating to promote the ideal of "Real. Strong. Athletic. Revolutionary." roller derby.

Target Audience

WFTDA Interleague Officiating

Targeted at officials who have six months to about two years of experience, with knowledge about the WFTDA rules and solid skating skills.

WFTDA Interleague Officiating clinics:

- Offer attendees a working knowledge of tools and resources needed to join the WFTDA development path and follow it to [certification](#), as well as a good understanding of what it is going to take to succeed.
- Help solidify rules knowledge, and improve skating skills and positioning so that officials can execute theoretical knowledge of the rules and the game.

- Attendees are not league trainers, but rather active participants who are excited about mastering their craft.

Open to **all roller derby officials**, regardless of member league affiliation or certification.

WFTDA Tournament Officiating

Strongly recommended for all WFTDA affiliated or certified officials who hope to participate in the WFTDA Big 5 tournament season. Specifically, they are targeted at officials with comprehensive rules knowledge and skating skills.

WFTDA Tournament Officiating clinics:

- Will fortify participants' knowledge of skating skills and positioning, theory, and tournament consistency, as well as providing the tools to assist in the pursuit of Referee Certification.
- Include tournament track-coursework that will solidify officials' understanding of the nuances of the rules and supplementary documents.
- Also address higher order considerations such as impact spectrum, advanced positioning and skating technique, consistency among peers, and officiating techniques for the most competitive play (such as pack definition, direction of game play, etc).

For **all WFTDA affiliated or certified officials** who hope to participate as a skating referee or NSO in the WFTDA [Big 5 Tournaments](#).

Recognized Events

There is flexibility in the WFTDA Officiating Clinic cycle for clinics to be organized in conjunction with other WFTDA recognized events (e.g., multi-bout weekends). Please note that it is considered best practice for a WFTDA Officiating clinic to either precede or follow a WFTDA recognized event, not to run concurrently. If your member league is able to host a clinic under these more flexible circumstances please contact Sarah Hipel at sarah@wftda.com for details on bidding.

International

The WFTDA is open to the possibility of promoting the WFTDA Officiating Clinics in international markets. International clinics would be organized in accordance with, and offer the same benefits as, the WFTDA Interleague Officiating clinics.

Objectives

The 2012 WFTDA Officiating Clinic cycle will:

- Promote consistency in officiating theory and application

- Improve skating skills
- Foster tournament preparedness
- Foster Referee Certification preparedness and facilitate proctoring
- Encourage crew efficiency and integration
- Promote communication through officials' self-assessment and peer review

Project Details

The WFTDA aims to have a multi tiered, two day clinic in each US domestic region as well as two clinics each in Australia and Europe during the 2012 WFTDA Officiating Clinic cycle. This cycle will begin January 1st, 2012 and end September 1st, 2012. The ideal clinic size is 100 participants, including skating and non-skating officials on both the Interleague clinic and Tournament clinic tracks. Clinics are designed to start at a reasonable time on Saturday and end Sunday evening; in order to facilitate participants' weekend travel plans.

Ideal Cycles

Europe: January 1- February 28

Australia: March 1- April 30

North America: May 1– August 31

Budget and Financial Obligations

- The WFTDA will provide each hosting member league with two thousand dollars (\$2,000 USD) for venue rental and volunteer resources.
- The WFTDA will cover the cost of insurance chartering for the venue and WFTDA affiliated referees. Those referees with USARS insurance will have to pay the most current USARS day pass fee.
- The WFTDA will select and provide instructors, and cover the costs of their transportation and accommodations.

Schedule/Implementation Plan

January 1 – September 1, 2012: WFTDA Officiating Clinics cycle (there is some leeway to propose hosting clinics before or after those dates)

October 12th, 2011: WFTDA Officiating Clinics' Host RFP released

October 12th, 2011: WFTDA Officiating Clinics' Instructor selection call announced

November 1, 2011: Deadline for Instructor applications

	Deadline for Host bids
November 5, 2011:	Hosting bids selected
	Instructors hired
November 5, 2011:	Winning Host locations and dates announced
	Instructor roster announced
	Lesson plan development begins
December 1, 2011:	EU Registration opens
January 2012:	European Camp 1
January 1 – February 28, 2012:	European Union WFTDA Officiating Clinics cycle
February 1, 2012:	Australian Registration opens
March 2012:	Australian Camp 1
April 1 2012:	North American Registration opens
May 2012:	North American Camp 1
June 2012:	North American Camp 2
July 2012:	North American Camp 3
August 2012:	North American Camp 4

Sample portions of the WFTDA Officiating Clinics' curriculum may be tested at the WFTDA Annual Meeting in May 2012.

Resources Provided by the WFTDA

- Instructors and curriculum
- Proctoring of Referee Certification skating and written tests
- Logistics/planning assistance
- WFTDA employee and Instructor travel coordination
- Insurance administration

- Print list and electronic documents (administrative, referee certification, curriculum)

Evaluating the Success of Hosting

The WFTDA, in partnership with hosting leagues will have open feedback and a formal feedback submission period. The success of hosting will be determined by feedback from the hosting partner, clinic attendees, and feedback gathered from Instructors and administrators.

Criteria for Selecting a WFTDA Officiating Clinic Host

- Availability to accommodate two WFTDA standard tracks (according to the Referee Committee Standard Track Layout)
- Hotel room rates at or around \$99 a night, and the ability to coordinate the hotel blocks
- Available hosting dates that do not conflict with local or other WFTDA events
- Ease of travel to host city
- Ability to provide transportation for clinic participants
- Print/scan/fax and potentially video capabilities
- Ability to pre-print up to 500 hundred single sided black and white copies
- Ability to provide five worker bees/volunteers
- Ability to coordinate lunch for camp participants
- Venue accommodations able to host 100 participants in multiple concurrent sessions

Expectations of a WFTDA Officiating Clinic Host

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee • Classroom set up • Dual track set up, ideally with scoreboard • Registration table with two chairs (and two volunteers) • Printed WFTDA Insurance waivers and/or day pass forms • Printed registration list • Whiteboards/chalkboard/giant post-its • A lined tournament board • Helmet covers, jerseys, ref bands • Skaters for scrimmage (20+) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two blank 3x4 whiteboards and markers or giant note pads • Four stopwatches • Minimum of seven clipboards • 11 Chairs (six for penalty box, two for line up trackers, two for scorekeepers, one to rest whiteboards on) • Two smaller whiteboards for outside whiteboard operators • Penalty tracking boards • Markers • Testing center for one hour over lunch (quiet, closed, desks, clipboards, pens) |
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- Water jugs

Requests for Host Suggestions/Creativity

The WFTDA would like to encourage creativity among hosting leagues submitting bids. If you have a service or ideas not listed, please include them in your bid. If the hosting member league needs flexibility in camp start/stop times please also include them in your bid.

How to Submit a Bid

1. Please upload completed proposals to the WFTDA Officiating Clinics' wiki by **November 1, 2011**.
OR
2. Completed proposals may be submitted to sarah@wftda.com by **November 1, 2011**.

