

# Why Join the Women's Flat Track Derby Association (WFTDA)?

## **The Women's Flat Track Derby Association (WFTDA)**

**is a cooperative effort** of all-female flat track roller derby leagues working together to further the sport's worldwide reach. WFTDA was started by skaters from some of the earliest established leagues and was born out of their desire to help get newer leagues started, standardize a rule set for interleague play and make derby even more fun. And WFTDA is still doing all of that and a whole lot more today!

## **Considering applying for WFTDA membership?**

Here's some valuable information to share with your entire league regarding the benefits WFTDA membership delivers. WFTDA offers member leagues:

- **A say in the future of the association.** WFTDA

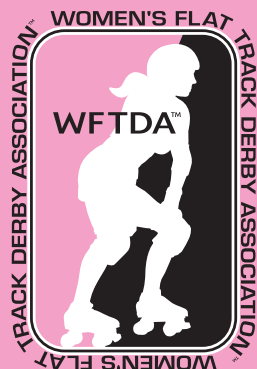
operates "by the skaters, for the skaters." This national governing body is made up of representatives – skaters – from member roller derby leagues. WFTDA decisions – including those surrounding rules, specifics of the game, how the organization is run and more – involve all representatives.

- **A way to help mold the rules.** Member

leagues develop and vote on standard rules for the game. Anyone can play by WFTDA rules, but member leagues get to decide what those rules will be. In addition, interleague play between WFTDA member leagues adheres to these rules to create a level playing field for all involved.

- **An easy way to reach other**

**leagues.** WFTDA is a great place to challenge like-minded leagues.



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- **Opportunities for WFTDA tournament play.** The WFTDA

Regional and National Tournaments have already made their mark on the world of derby – and WFTDA members have a chance to help organize, host, and participate in these and other tournaments.

- **Participation in rankings.**

Comprehensive team rankings and statistics from every WFTDA interleague bout are maintained within the WFTDA archives and are made available on [wftda.com](http://wftda.com).

- **Power in numbers.** As an association of 78+

member leagues and growing, WFTDA offers insurance brokers, sponsors, media, and equipment manufacturers access to a network of organized leagues, which can be more appealing than a single league working on its own.

- **An easy way to find resources.** Trying to write your league's bylaws? Need advice on recruiting or training? Looking for sample contracts? Member leagues are constantly reaching out to each other and sharing information. Plus, WFTDA is a place to share and ask questions confidentially and get incredibly on-target advice. In addition, WFTDA is growing and with it, so is our pool of resources and information.

- **The chance to help safeguard the future of roller**

**derby.** WFTDA policy and procedures ensure that member leagues protect the image and quality of the sport.

- **Structure with flexibility.** WFTDA honors member leagues as individuals as well as part of the WFTDA whole. Varying league models are respected yet are provided a standardized framework within which they can operate and maintain continuity with other member leagues.

**WFTDA is an association in the true sense of the word – it's a pool of some of flat track roller derby's most dedicated players and staff.** In short, WFTDA is made up of smart people collaborating to come up with the best solutions and best ideas. And we want more people in that pool!