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WFTDA ROLLS OUT NEW STANDARDIZED RULES AND SPRING 2007 RANKINGS!

The Women's Flat Track Derby Association (WFTDA) continues to raise the bar for modern flat track roller derby leagues worldwide with the release of the 2007 WFTDA rules version 2.1. The WFTDA has also rolled out the March 2007 WFTDA league rankings.

RULES v2.1

After much deliberation by WFTDA skaters and referees, the WFTDA proudly presents the highly anticipated, revised 2.1 version of the standardized rules: http://www.wftda.com/files/WFTDA_Rules_2-1.pdf
Some improvements and changes include:

- * New pack definition
- * Clarified penalties
- * Updated scoring model
- ... and so much more!

"The 2.1 rules are a big step forward for the sport of roller derby and the WFTDA," explains Elias "Johnny Crash" Hanusiak, a WFTDA referee who serves as Head Ref for the Tucson Roller Derby. "The member leagues worked together to revise our ruleset, and have produced rules that are a marked improvement."

SPRING RANKINGS

In the year since the first rankings were first released, WFTDA leagues have competed in more than 45 inter-league bouts, including 3 tournaments. The experience is evident in the increasing intensity of games and dramatic shifts in rank. Here are a few highlights:

- Tucson Roller Derby (2), was the first team to beat former #1 Texas Rollergirls (3)
- Seattle's Rat City (1) moves up three spots after defeating both Texas Rollergirls (3) and Tucson Roller Derby (2)
- Albuquerque's Duke City (11), Portland's Rose City (12), and the Philly Rollergirls (13) all move up three or more spots based on strong inter-league and tournament play.
- Baltimore's Charm City, the first division 3 team to be ranked, enters the rankings in the top twenty after an impressive performance at the Eastern Extravaganza tournament.

"Competition is getting fierce as more leagues take the action on the road," according to Phoebe "Edie Brickwall" Smith, skater for the Rat City Rollergirls and Chair of the WFTDA Games Committee. "I can't wait to see what ranking shake-ups come out of the Eastern Regional Tournament in August."

March 2007 WFTDA rankings are available online: <http://wftda.com/stats2/Rankings.htm>

WFTDA quarterly rankings reflect the outcome of all regulation WFTDA bouts and tournaments between active member leagues in the last quarter. The WFTDA Western Division Regional Tournament caused significant ranking shifts. Full results of the tournament are available: http://www.wftda.com/stats2/tournaments_2007/west_regional_2007.htm.

About the WFTDA:

Founded in 2004, the WFTDA promotes and fosters the sport of women's flat track roller derby by facilitating the development of athletic ability, sportswomanship, and goodwill among member leagues. The governing philosophy is "by the skaters, for the skaters." Women skaters are primary owners, managers, and operators of each member league and of the coalition. Operational tasks include setting standards for rules, seasons, and safety, and determining guidelines for the national and international athletic competitions of member leagues. All member leagues have a voice in the decision-making process, and agree to comply with the governing body's policies.

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