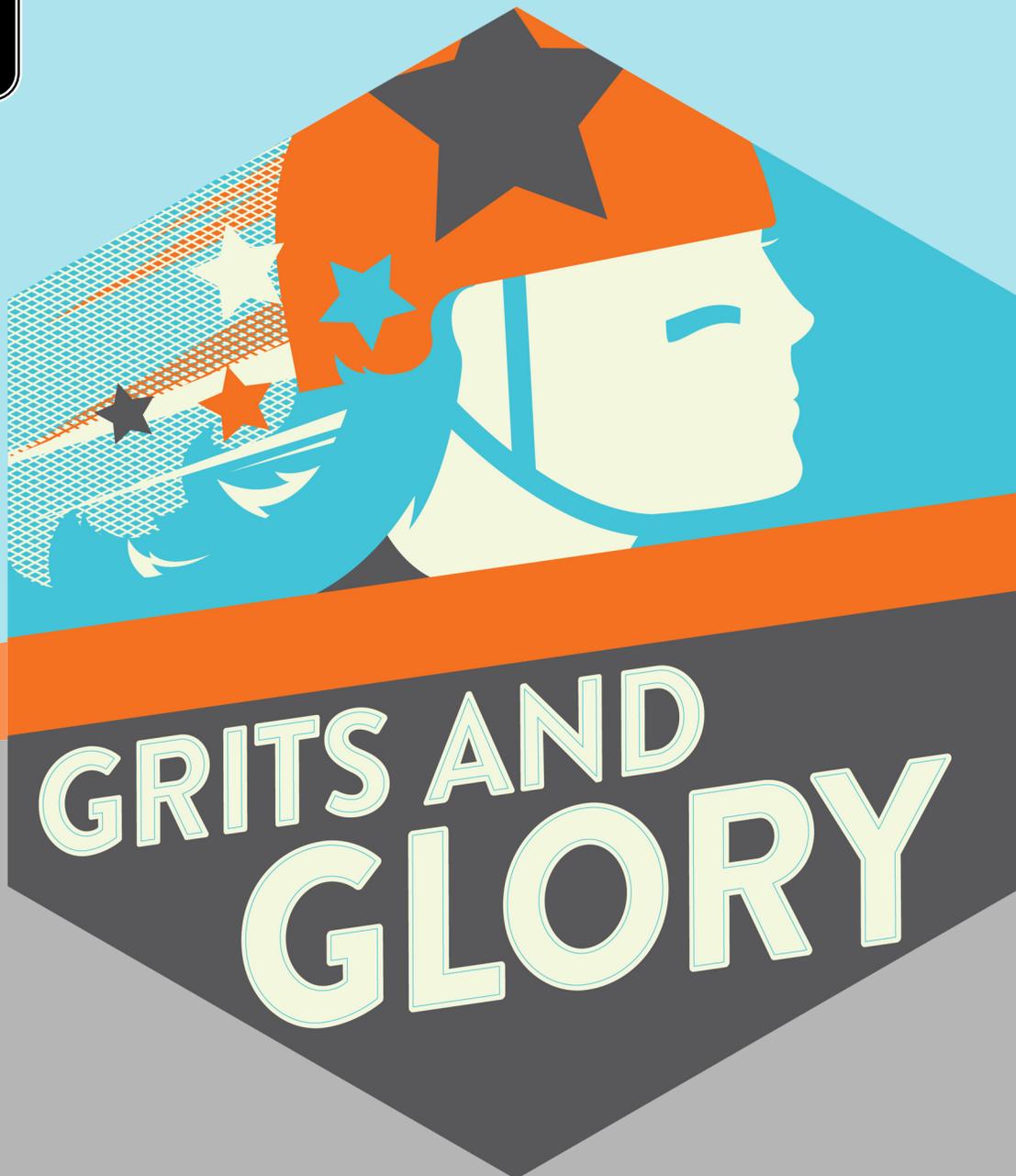




WFTDA 2012 Championships



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Hospitality Guide

November 2-4, Atlanta, GA

Georgia World Congress Center

Hosted by Atlanta Rollergirls

Where We Skate

Georgia World Congress Center

285 Andrew Young International Blvd, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30313

404.223.4000 gwcc.com



Located in the heart of downtown Atlanta, the Georgia World Congress Center ranks among the top five largest convention destinations in the country as well as one of the best sports and entertainment campuses in the world. The campus consists of 1.4 million square feet of prime exhibit space, 106 meeting rooms, 3 auditoriums and 2 grand ballrooms. Our event will be held in Building/Hall C.

Transportation

Atlanta's public transportation (MARTA) can be useful in traveling from airport to hotel, and from hotel to venue. Airport bus shuttles are \$16 per person (taass.net). Taxi service from airport to downtown is about \$32 (atlantacheckercab.com 404-351-1111).

Public transportation via MARTA rail is \$2.50 per trip. The hotel is near Peachtree Center Station. Traveling from the airport on MARTA requires no transfers, as both are on the North/South Line. When exiting at Peachtree Center Station, take escalators toward Peachtree Street, then turn right on J. Portman Blvd for one block. Turn left on Peachtree Center Avenue and look for sculptures at hotel entrance. **Please note that Atlanta has multiple streets with the word Peachtree in the name!**

The venue is near the Vine City MARTA station on the East/West line. Traveling from hotel to venue, take the train from Peachtree Center Station to Vine City Station (one transfer required at Five Points Station from North/South line). **It may seem counter intuitive to pass the GWCC Station, but Vine City is closer to Hall C.**

Parking

The Georgia World Congress center offers six surface lots and two parking decks (gwcc.com/directions/parking/Default.aspx). Cost is \$10 a day. Please be aware that you CANNOT leave the parking area without incurring the same fee when you return.

Security

There will be hired security personnel and volunteer security staff from the Atlanta Rollergirls to attend to crowd control and general security matters. Nonetheless, you are advised not to leave valuables unattended as WFTDA, Atlanta Rollergirls, or Georgia World Congress Center can not be responsible for loss, damage, or theft of your belongings. Any property you bring to the event is at your own risk.

The convention center has its own police force and security department that work directly with the Atlanta Police Department to ensure visitors are safe and comfortable while downtown. The city's law enforcement and ambassador force also offer downtown patrols. You can text the Ambassador Force to report a problem or request assistance. Text the request to 404-732-4200. This number is monitored from 6 am to midnight (11 pm on Sundays) by Ambassador Communications.

Entry & Re-entry

Spectators

Doors open at 1:30pm on Friday, 9:30am on Saturday, and 12:30pm on Sunday. Games begin at 2pm, 10am, and 1pm, respectively.

The main entrance to Hall C is on Northside Drive. Your ticket barcodes will be scanned at the door to the Hall. If you have a LoafDeals ticket for Friday, you will be asked to go to the LoafDeals line to have your printed or smartphone ticket redeemed.

For same-day re-entry, you will need a wristband. Do not leave the venue without one of these if you wish to re-enter since your ticket barcode (or LoafDeals ticket) is invalid once scanned/redeemed.

Seating Information

- All seating is general admission. There will be trackside seating, some sections of chairs and bleacher seating in addition to standing room. There is no reserved or VIP seating.
- In order to sit trackside, you must be at least 18 years old. If you do not have valid photo ID to verify your age you will be required to move.
- While seating is first come, first served, please be considerate and allow others the opportunity to sit and enjoy the bout they are interested in watching if a seat is not actively being occupied. Do not “save seats” for individuals who are not returning to their seats momentarily.

Tickets

You can purchase tickets online at wftda.ticketleap.com/2012-wftda-champs/. Tickets will also be available for purchase on site.

- Individual passes per day: \$22 + fees through 10/25/12 when prices increase to \$27 + fees
- 3-Day Passes: \$65 + fees through 10/25/12 when prices increase to \$80 + fees
- Children 9 and younger are admitted for free when accompanied and supervised by a ticketed adult.

Accessibility

The GWCC was originally designed to provide full access to guests with disabilities. There is ample designated disabled parking, several passenger drop-off areas, and convenient curb cuts for easy wheelchair access. The GWCC has manual push wheelchairs available for use by attendees while in the building. A credit card is required for a deposit; however there is no rental charge for use of the wheelchair. Wheelchairs are available on a first-come, first-served basis and can be found at the Information Desk in Building C. FedEx Office Business Centers located in the main lobby of Building C offers mobility scooters and wheelchair rentals.

Where to Stay

Atlanta Marriott Marquis

265 Peachtree Center Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30303

\$98/night (subject to applicable state and local taxes [16%] and surcharges)

Single-quad occupancy

Reservations

“How do I get the special rate for the hotel?”

Book here: https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=9563965

or if that doesn't work, go to wftda.com/tournaments/2012/championships/hotels

and click on the “Make Reservation online here”

Directions from Hotel to Venue

The hotel is 0.7 miles from the venue, but because of the size of the venue it is more like a 1.3 mile walk to GWCC Hall C.

For maps to the venue from the hotel: tinyurl.com/9t83sg8

Driving - go North on Peachtree Center NE, turn left on Baker Street NE, the left on Peachtree Street NE. Turn right onto Forsyth Street NW, then right onto Martin Luther King Jr Drive SW and left onto Spring Street SW. Then turn right onto Mitchell Street SW. Then turn right onto Magnum Street SW and the venue will be on the right.

Walking - go South on Peachtree Center Ave NE, turn onto John Portman Boulevard, then turn left onto Spring Street NW, and right onto Andrew Young International Boulevard NW, slight right to stay on Andrew Young international Boulevard SW, and cross the Georgia International Plaza toward the venue. Hall C is located at the far end of the venue.

After Parties

Friday, November 2

10pm

Gibney's Pub

231 Peachtree Center Avenue NE
Atlanta, GA 30303

gibneypub.com

Directly across the street from
the Marriott Marquis

Saturday, November 3

10pm

STATS

300 Marietta Street Northwest
Atlanta, GA 30313

statsatl.com

0.2 miles from the Georgia
World Congress Center

Sunday, November 4

6pm – 12am

Hard Rock Atlanta

215 Peachtree Street NE
Atlanta, GA 30303

hardrock.com/locations/cafes3/cafe

0.6 miles from the Marriott Marquis

By Plane

You can make arrangements to fly into Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. The airport is approximately 12 miles from the venue. Skating from the airport could take a large amount of time, so keep that in mind. It's only about 20 minutes by car.

By Train

Amtrak offers trains into Atlanta. Please be sure to bring your pipe for the smoking car.

By Bus

You can ride right into Atlanta via the oldie but the goodie, Greyhound. There's also the ominous sounding Megabus option.

By Automobile

The venue is located off the I-85/I-75 connector.

From the Airport and South: Take I-75/85 North to Central Ave Exit 246. The exit ramp becomes Central Ave. Turn left onto Martin Luther King, Jr Drive. At the bottom of the hill, turn right onto Northside Dr. GWCC Building C is located on the right after you pass the Georgia Dome. Covered parking is available in the Gold Deck located on the right between the Dome and Building C. Surface parking is available in the Blue and Yellow lots on Northside Drive across from Building C.

From the North: Take I-75/85 South to Williams St Exit 249C. The exit ramp becomes Williams Street. Turn right at the first light onto Ivan Allen, Jr Blvd. Stay on Ivan Allen. It will take you to Northside Drive. Building C will be on your left once you reach Northside Dr. Surface parking is available in the Yellow lot on the right on Simpson St. and in the Blue lot on Northside Drive across from Building C. (Turn left onto Northside Dr and Blue lot will be on your right.) Covered parking is available in the Gold Deck on Northside Dr. (Turn left onto Northside Drive and the Gold Deck will be on your left between Building C and the Georgia Dome.)

Near the GWCC

The Georgia Aquarium

georgiaaquarium.org

225 Baker Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30313

The world's largest aquarium.

\$35, recommend buying tickets ahead of time online

The World of Coke

worldofcoca-cola.com

121 Baker Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30313

Get the history of the drink the world loves and sample Coke products from all over the world.

\$16

Centennial Olympic Park

centennialpark.com

21-acre legacy from the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games features The Fountain of Rings.

CNN Studio Tour

cnn.com/tour

190 Marietta St, NW, Atlanta, GA 30303

Inside CNN is a 55-minute guided walking tour (departing every 10 minutes) with exclusive, behind-the-scenes views of Atlanta's CNN studios.

Participants

Registration

Registration will be held on Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the host hotel, the Marriott Marquis (265 Peachtree Center Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30303) at which time skaters, officials, and other credentialed participants will complete required paper work and receive their tournament credentials.

Credentials must be worn at all times in order to obtain access to the venue and to participant restricted areas. There is a \$30 fee to replace lost or stolen credentials.

Track Floors, Warm Up Space & Time

The floor is SkateCourt brand flooring. The venue will be open 7pm - 10pm on Thursday night and again at 8am on Friday for skaters and officials who wish to test the floor.

There will be a warm-up space on a polished concrete surface; however, details are still pending and updated information will be available onsite.

Teams will be allowed to warm up on the actual track during the half-time of the game prior to their own, as well as in the 20-30 minutes before the beginning of their bout.

Medical Assistance

Professional Medical Staff will be on site at all times to assist with any injuries that arise. The WFTDA Emergency Action Plan requires the WFTDA, as tournament host, provide trained, certified emergency medical responders should an injury occur on the track. Only the WFTDA provided EMTs may go onto the track or players benches to access or treat a skater or official. Once removed from the playing area, if the skater or official wishes to use their own medical provider, s/he may refuse additional treatment.

Team Rooms

There are conference rooms in the area above the exhibit hall that will be used as locker rooms. Specific details will be available onsite, however, we can tell you that there is a good possibility your team will have to share a room with another team. No skates will be allowed on the escalator to reach the team rooms. There is an elevator. There will be temporary team areas in the hall for teams to use during warm-ups and bouts.

There will be a designated room for officials and a designated room for announcers, staff, and volunteers.

Please be sure to clean up after yourselves since there are a lot of people using the rooms.

Skate Emergency

Sin City Skates is again the official skate tech of the tournament season. If you have a skate malfunction, they are available to assist you free of charge and get you back on the track. Take note of where their table is so you know on the off-chance you require their assistance. Thank you to Sin City for offering this great service!

WFTDA Tournament Rules

- No video or audio recording devices or cameras with detachable lenses without prior approval from the WFTDA. Please visit wftda.com/tournaments/credentials for more information.
- You must be at least 18 years old to sit trackside and provide a valid photo ID to verify your age if requested or you will be required to move.
- If you choose to sit trackside you accept all responsibility for the possible risk of injury to you, or damage and/or destruction to your belongings at any time and without warning. Trackside seating is at your own risk.
- You must remain seated in the trackside seating. Keep your hands, feet, and belongings behind the safety line at all times. Do not touch or grab skaters or officials who fall into trackside seating.
- Fire lanes, exits, and walkways must remain clear.
- Certain areas of the track and venue are reserved for individuals who require special seating or perform specific bout duties. They may obstruct the view of persons behind them. However, they are not able to move, sit, squat, or otherwise alter their position lest they not be able to complete their job function. Thank you for your understanding.
- By entering the venue you agree to the possibility of being photographed, filmed, or recorded. Your voice, image, and likeness may be captured and recorded in and around the venue and publicly disseminated by any means and in any format or media, and you waive all rights on an irrevocable, worldwide, perpetual basis to object to such recording and dissemination.

Guest Code of Conduct

The Women's Flat Track Derby Association strives to provide a safe and satisfying event for everyone in attendance by seeking your compliance with guest code of conduct. We ask for your assistance in creating an environment that is free of:

- Abusive or foul language and obscene gestures directed toward other guests, venue employees, tournament staff and volunteers, players, coaches, and officials.
- Guests who are disruptive to the event or impair other guests' enjoyment.
- Intoxicated or drug impaired individuals.
- Smoking, except in designated areas (located on the outside of the arena).
- Prohibited entry items such as outside food & beverage, weapons, non-service animals, air horns, vuvuzelas, megaphones, laser pointers.
- Professional cameras, video cameras, and audio recorders are prohibited without prior authorization and proper credentials.
- Guests without proper authorization or credentials entering or attempting to enter restricted areas
- Banners or signs that obstruct the view of guests, obscure sponsor advertising, contain objectionable subject matter, or are commercial in nature. WFTDA and the venue reserve the right to remove any banner or sign at any time.

Guests not abiding by this Guest Code of Conduct are subject to ejection from the venue. In the event that you are refused entry into or requested to leave the venue for failure to comply with the Guest Code of Conduct or follow the venue regulations, you will not be entitled to a replacement or refund for your ticket. Entry to the venue shall constitute acceptance of the Guest Code of Conduct and venue regulations.

Nearby Food & Fun

Breakfast

- **Ria's Bluebird**
riasbluebird.com
421 Memorial Drive SE
- **Flying Biscuit**
flyingbiscuit.com
1655 McLendon Avenue
- **Radial Cafe**
radial.us
1530 Dekalb Avenue
- **Sun in My Belly**
suninmybelly.com
2161 College Avenue NE

Authentic Southern Food

- **Mary Mac's Tea Room**
marymacs.com
224 Ponce De Leon Avenue NE
- **The Busy Bee Café**
thebusybeecafe.com
810 Martin Luther King Jr Dr SW
(closed on Saturday)

Cheap but Delicious Dinner

- **Midway Pub**
themidwaypub.com
552 Flat Shoals Avenue SE
- **El Myr**
elmyr.com
1091 Euclid Avenue NE
- **The Vortex**
thevortexbarandgrill.com
878 Peachtree Street NE

Health Food Stores

- **Sevananda**
sevananda.coop
467 Moreland Avenue NE
- **Whole Foods**
wholefoodsmarket.com
650 Ponce De Leon Avenue NE

Fancy Pants Dinner

- **Cafe Sunflower**
cafesunflower.com
2140 Peachtree Road
- **Pura Vida Tapas**
puravidatapas.com
656 N Highland Avenue NE
- **Sun Dial**
sundialrestaurant.com

Travel to the top of the **Westin Peachtree Plaza** for a revolving view of Atlanta. Tickets are \$5 for adults, meal not included.

Westin Peachtree Plaza
210 Peachtree Street NE

Cocktails

- **Sound Table**
thesoundtable.com
483 Edgewood Avenue SE
- **Eastside Lounge**
eastsidelounge.net
485 Flat Shoals Avenue SE

Beer

- **Elliott Street Pub**
elliottstreet.com
51 Elliott Street

Ping Pong

- **Sister Louisa's Church of the Living Room & Ping Pong Emporium**
sisterlouisaschurch.com
466 Edgewood Ave SE

Dancing

- **Eastside Lounge**
eastsidelounge.net
485 Flat Shoals Avenue SE
- **Mary's**
marysatlanta.com
1287 Glenwood Avenue SE
- **Masquerade**
masqueradeatlanta.com
695 North Ave NE

Live Music

- **The EARL**
badearl.com
488 Flat Shoals Avenue SE
- **Smith's Olde Bar**
smithsoldebar.com
1578 Piedmont Avenue NE
- **529 Bar**
529atl.com
529 Flat Shoals Avenue
- **The Star Bar**
starbaratlanta.com
437 Moreland Avenue NE

Karaoke

- **10 High** (with a live band backup!)
10highclub.com
816 N Highland Avenue NE
- **Mary's**
marysatlanta.com
1287 Glenwood Avenue SE
- **The Star Bar**
starbaratlanta.com
437 Moreland Avenue NE
- **Corner Tavern - Edgewood**
thecornertavern.com
464 Edgewood Avenue SE

Entertainment

- **Dad's Garage Theatre**
dadsgarage.com
280 Elizabeth Street NE
- **Midtown Art Cinema**
tinyurl.com/9rmhox2
931 Monroe Drive
- **Young Blood Gallery**
(Gallery and great shopping)
youngbloodgallery.com
636 N Highland Ave NE

Thrift/Consignment Stores

- **Psycho Sisters**
psychosistersshops.com
428 Moreland Avenue
- **Rag-O-Rama**
ragorama.com
1111 Euclid Avenue NE



Area Attractions

Center for Puppetry Arts

Permanent museum exhibit—

Puppets: The Power of Wonder

Special exhibits—

Jim Henson: Puppeteer

Jim Henson: A Man & His Frog

puppet.org/museum/index.shtml

\$8 **Fernbank Museum of Natural History**

\$17.50 (museum)

\$13 (IMAX)

\$23 (IMAX + museum)

\$12 Friday Martinis and IMAX

fernbankmuseum.org
767 Clifton Road NE
Atlanta, GA 30307

Oakland Cemetery

Free Admission

oaklandcemetery.com
248 Oakland Avenue SE
Atlanta, GA 30312

Margaret Mitchell's House

\$13

Home of the author of *Gone with the Wind*

margaretmitchellhouse.com
990 Peachtree Street NE
Atlanta, GA 30309

Zoo Atlanta

Come see pandas!!

zooatlanta.org
800 Cherokee Avenue SE
Atlanta, GA 30315

High Museum of Art

\$16.50

high.org

1280 Peachtree Street Northeast
Atlanta, GA 30309

The Varsity

The world's largest drive-in restaurant, originally opened in 1928

thevarsity.com
61 North Ave NW
Atlanta, GA 30308

City Pass

\$69 Adults

\$49 Ages 3-12

\$21 Choose five attractions at one low price with an almost 50% discount on the combined admission prices. CityPass booklets are good for nine days from the first day of use. Purchase in advance online or at the first attraction visited.

Choose from:

- o The Georgia Aquarium
- o New World of Coca-Cola
- o Inside CNN Atlanta
- o Fernbank Museum of Natural History or the High Museum of Art
- o Zoo Atlanta or Atlanta History Center

citypass.com/atlanta

The Big Zombie Movie Tour

\$45

(BOOK IN ADVANCE!)

atlantamovietours.com/tours

This 3-hour tour brings you to the popular Downtown filming locations (*Zombieland*, *The Walking Dead*, *The Vampire Diaries*, and *Teen Wolf*), as well as places few have access to!

Spotting localities in the show has become a pastime for some Atlantans. One of the locations is listed below, or check out www.walkingdeadlocations.com for more.

The rooftop where T-Dog gets beaten by Merle and drops the key? That's on top of a building owned by Norfolk Southern, at the corner of Spring Street and Nelson. It's also where we see Rick riding his horse into the city (about a 15 minute walk from GWCC).

Schedule

NOTE: Friday and Saturday are on Daylight time and UK/Europe on Standard time and UK/Europe on Standard
Don't forget about Daylight Savings time: an extra hour for the after party

Friday

1:30pm

Doors open

2pm
6pm GMT

Game 1 Denver Roller Dolls (West #2) vs Charm City Roller Girls (East #3)

4pm

Game 3 Minnesota Rollergirls (NC #2) vs Kansas City Roller Warriors (SC #3)

6pm

Game 4 Philly Roller Girls (East #2) vs Bay Area Derby Girls (West #3)

8pm
12am GMT

Game 2 Atlanta Rollergirls (SC #2) vs Naptown Roller Girls (NC #3)

Saturday

9:30am

Doors open

10am

Game 8 Texas Roller Girls (SC #1) vs Winner of Game 4

12pm

Game 7 Oly Rollers (West #1) vs Winner of Game 3

2pm

Game 5 Windy City Rollers (NC #1) vs Winner of Game 1

4pm

Game 6 Gotham Girls Roller Derby (East #1) vs Winner of Game 2

5:30pm

Dinner Break

6:30pm
10:30pm GMT

Game 10 Winner of Game 7 vs Winner of Game 8

8:30pm
12:30am GMT

Game 9 Winner of Game 5 vs Winner of Game 6

Sunday

12:30pm

Doors open

1pm
6pm GMT

Game 11 Loser of Game 9 vs Loser of Game 10 (3rd / 4th place)

3pm
8pm GMT

Game 12 Winner of Game 9 vs Winner of Game 10 (1st / 2nd place)

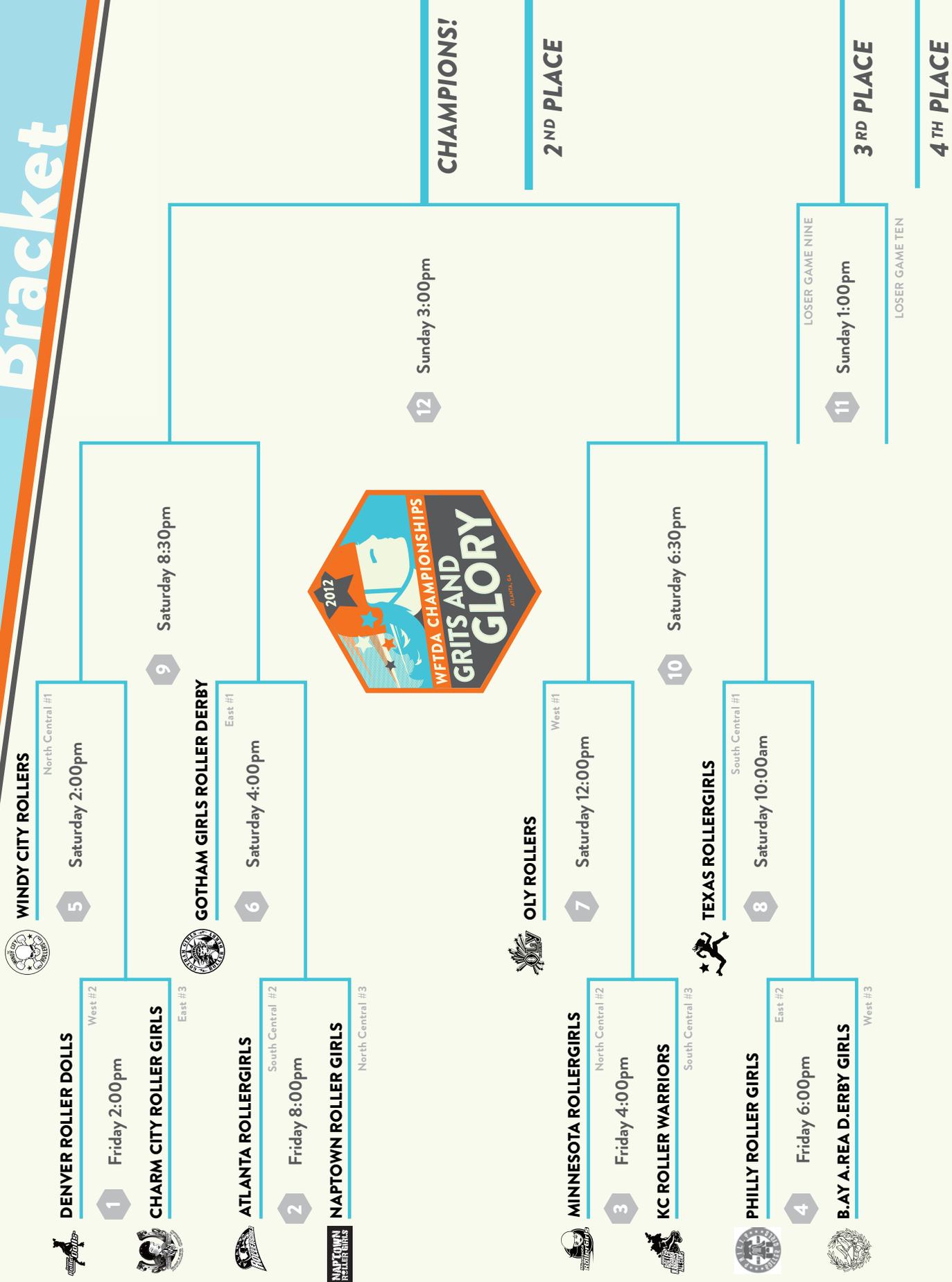
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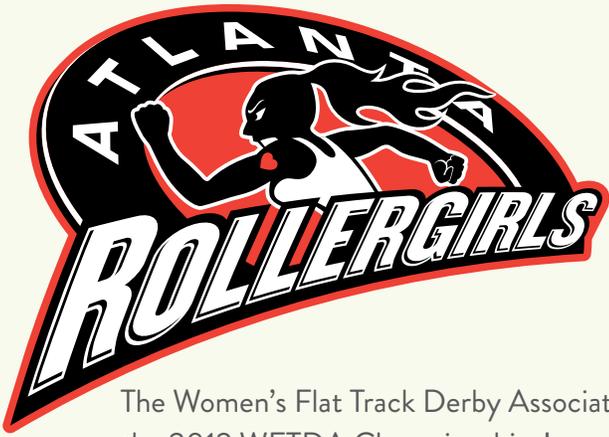
Medal ceremony

6pm

Venue vacated of fans

Bracket





The Women's Flat Track Derby Association and the Atlanta Rollergirls welcome you to the 2012 WFTDA Championships!

Twelve fiercely talented teams and more than 70 committed officials will roll into town and lace up their skates for three full days of competition Nov. 2-4. These teams have each emerged at the top of four grueling regional Playoffs to advance to Championships and compete for the sport's greatest glory, the Hydra trophy and the title of 2012 WFTDA Champions.

While their Dirty South Derby Girls are getting ready to compete on the track, the Atlanta Rollergirls are ready to show some proper Southern hospitality to visiting teams, officials, fans and vendors as they descend on the Georgia World Congress Center. If you have questions, need assistance, want local recommendations, are curious to learn more about the area, they will be happy to offer assistance. They want your visit to Championships to be enjoyable and stress-free. To that end, they have prepared this hospitality guide to help you plan your visit and enjoy your stay once you arrive. It includes everything from driving directions to favorite local restaurants to after-party details and more.

The WFTDA and the Atlanta Rollergirls would like to thank you for joining us in the 2012 WFTDA Playoffs and Championships season.

We'll see you in the 'derby' South!
Janis Kelley
WFTDA Tournament Director

Welcome



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