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OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Hospitality Guide

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

OCT. 2-4

Ralston Arena

7300 Q Street, Ralston, NE

Hosted by:

OMAHA ROLLERGIRLS

Where We Skate

RALSTON ARENA



Ralston Arena

7300 Q St

Ralston, NE 68127

www.ralstonarena.com

The Ralston Arena, also called the Ralston Sports and Event Center, is an arena located in Ralston, NE, a suburb of Omaha. The Ralston Arena is located at 7300 Q St, Ralston, NE 68127.

PARKING

Parking is Free at the Ralston Arena venue parking lot.



About the Hosts

OMAHA ROLLERGiRLS



The Omaha Rollergirls were founded in 2006 and were accepted into the Women's Flat Track Derby Association in 2008. This will be the first time Omaha has hosted a WFTDA Playoff Tournament and we are honored to be given this opportunity to host some of the very best derby players from around the world! Omaha Skaters, Officials, and volunteers are here to serve you and ensure you enjoy your stay in Omaha, Nebraska.

If you would like information about Omaha, the **Omaha Convention and Visitors Bureau** has tons of information about our great city.

How to Get to Here AND TRANSPORTATION AROUND TOWN

HERE'S HOW TO GET TO THE RAMADA PLAZA CONVENTION CENTER & COCO KEY WATER RESORT.

From the North

Take I-29 South to I-80 West Exit 51. Travel West to 72nd St Exit 449. Turn right at bottom of off-ramp onto 72nd St. Take first right onto Grover St. Hotel is on the left.

From the South

Take I-29 North to I-80 West Signs for Omaha. Travel west on I-80 to 72nd St Exit 449. Turn right at bottom of off-ramp onto 72nd St. Take first right onto Grover St. Hotel is on the left.

From the East

Take I-80 West to 72nd St Exit 449. Turn right at bottom of off-ramp onto 72nd Street. Take first right onto Grover St. Hotel is on the left.

From the West

Take I-80 East to 72nd St Exit 449. Turn left at bottom of off-ramp. Turn right onto Grover St. Hotel is on the left.

From Eppley Airfield (OMA)

Head northwest on Abbott Dr 0.8 mi. Slight left to stay on Abbott Dr 0.2 mi. Continue onto Arthur C Storz Expy 2.1 mi. Merge onto US-75 S via the ramp on the left to I-480 3.1 mi. Merge onto I-480 W 1.9 mi. Take exit 452C to merge onto I-80 W toward Lincoln 3.5 mi. Take exit 449 for 72nd St 0.3 mi. Turn right onto S 72nd St Ramada Plaza will be on the right.

HERE'S HOW TO GET TO THE HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS RALSTON - ARENA AREA.

From Eppley Airfield (OMA)

Distance: 13.7 mi northeast to Hotel. Turn left onto Abbott Dr and continue to I-480 W. Follow I-480 W to I-80 W. From I-80, Exit 449, 72nd St. Turn left at light and head south. The hotel will be on the right side next to Ralston Arena.

From Amtrak Station Downtown Omaha

Distance: 4.0 mi east to Hotel. Head south on 10th St, Turn right on Williams St, Turn left onto 13th St and head towards I-80 West entrance ramp. Travel I-80 West and Exit 449, 72nd St. Turn left at light and head south. Hotel will be on the right, next to Ralston Arena.

Taxi Charge (one way): \$40.00



Hotel Information



Ramada Plaza Convention Center & CoCo Key Water Resort

**3321 South 72nd St
Omaha, NE 68124
(402) 393-3950**

<http://ramadaplazaomaha.com/>

http://www.ramada.com/common/images/branded/RA/images/45761_b1.jpg

GROUP RATES

\$84/night + tax (includes up to 4 persons in a Standard Queen/Queen room or Single Queen with Sleeper Sofa)

RESERVATIONS

Phone (402) 393-3950 or (888) 288-4982

Deadline September 15, 2015

Online Booking Link is not available

Group Name Women's Flat Track Derby Association

Group Code CGFTD1

MAP AND DIRECTIONS

— [Click Here](#) —

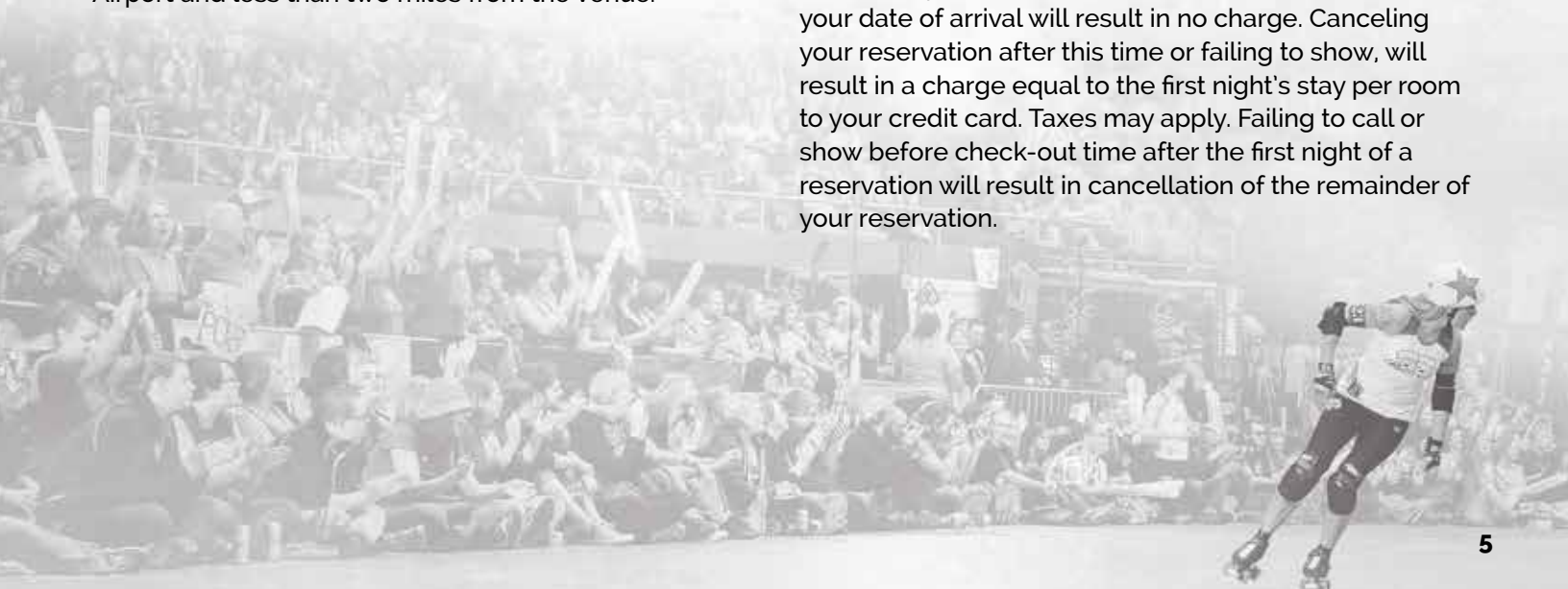
The Ramada Plaza is located 12 miles from the Omaha Airport and less than two miles from the venue.

AMENITIES

- Free parking
- Discounted CoCo Key Water Resort Day Passes for \$10
- Free Internet
- Refrigerator and microwave in all rooms
- Onsite water park
- Fitness room
- Check in: 4:00 PM
- Check out: 11:00 AM

CANCELLATION POLICY

Canceling your reservation before 4:00 PM prior to your date of arrival will result in no charge. Canceling your reservation after this time or failing to show, will result in a charge equal to the first night's stay per room to your credit card. Taxes may apply. Failing to call or show before check-out time after the first night of a reservation will result in cancellation of the remainder of your reservation.



Hotel Information



Holiday Inn Express Ralston - Arena Area

7306 Q St
Ralston, NE 68127
(402) 991-0084

<http://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/ralston/omara/hoteldetail>

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The Holiday Inn is located 11 miles from the Omaha Airport and adjacent to the venue. Holiday Inn Express does not have a hotel shuttle.

GROUP RATES

\$109/night + tax (includes up to 4 persons in a Standard Queen/Queen room) or \$99/night + tax (includes up to 2 persons in a Standard King room)

RESERVATIONS

Reservation Phone (402) 991-0084 or (877) 834-3613

Online Booking Link is not available

Group Name WFTDA

Reservation deadline September 2, 2015

MAP AND DIRECTIONS

Link to map and directions to the Holiday Inn Express:

<http://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/ralston/omara/hoteldetail/directions>

AMENITIES

- Free breakfast buffet
- Free parking
- Free Internet
- Refrigerator and microwave in all rooms
- Indoor pool
- Whirlpool
- Fitness room
- Check in: 3:00 PM
- Check out: 11:00 AM

CANCELLATION POLICY

Canceling your reservation before 6:00 PM prior to your date of arrival will result in no charge. Canceling your reservation after this time or failing to show, will result in a charge equal to the first night's stay per room to your credit card. Taxes may apply. Failing to call or show before check-out time after the first night of a reservation will result in cancellation of the remainder of your reservation.

How to Get to the Venue

FROM INTERSTATE 80, GOING WEST

Take the 72nd St Exit. Head south on 72nd to Q St (destination will be on the right).

FROM 72ND ST, GOING SOUTH

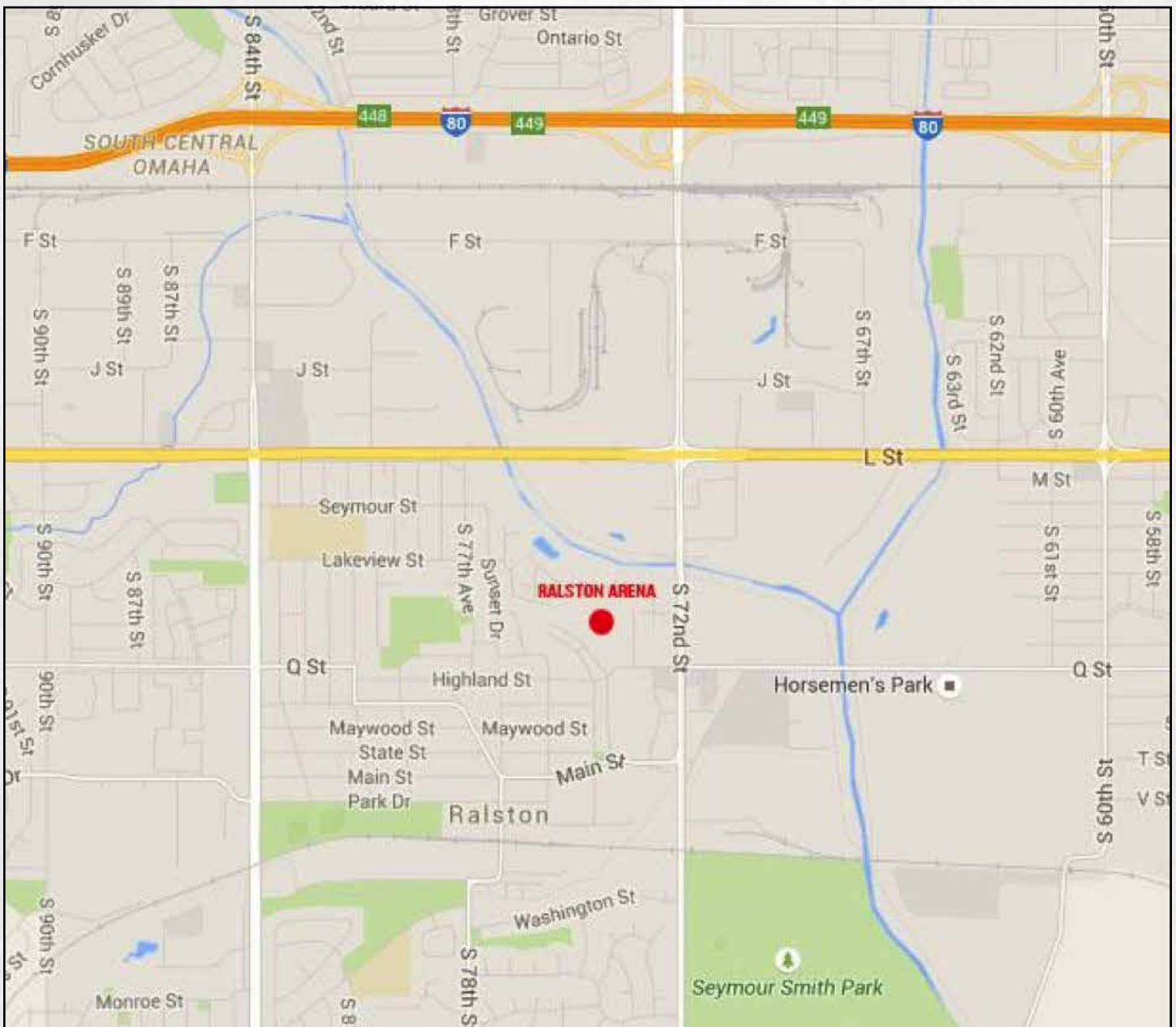
Head south on 72nd to Q St (destination will be on the right).

FROM INTERSTATE 80, GOING EAST

Take the 72nd St Exit. Head south on 72nd to Q St (destination will be on the right).

FROM 72ND ST, GOING NORTH

Head north on 72nd to Q St (destination will be on the left).



Venue Information

RULES AND RESTRICTIONS

- All purses, bags, and cases are subject to search.
- In accordance with Ralston City ordinances, smoking, including e-cigarettes, is not permitted in all public areas at the Ralston Arena including the arena and concourse. A designated outdoor smoking area is located at Southwest corner, behind Sections 106 and 107.
- Any item that is dangerous, hazardous and/or illegal, or that may be used as a weapon, compromise or otherwise interfere with the enjoyment, comfort, or safety of any person or pose risk to security at the venue, or any other item that WFTDA event Officials or Ralston Arena Officials determine (in their absolute discretion) may cause injury or public nuisance or inconvenience to any other person is strictly prohibited.
- No animals other than guide, signal, or service animals (as defined by law) are allowed in Ralston Arena. All sanitary needs for permitted animals are the responsibility of the customer.
- Neither the Ralston Arena, the WFTDA, nor the Omaha Rollergirls, will be liable for any loss, damage, or harm (of any kind, including to any person or any property) arising from your presence at the event and you agree that no claim, complaint, or proceeding will be brought in this regard. You are responsible for any property you bring to the event and such property is at your own risk. Your presence and/or movement in and around the event is at your own risk.
- The Ralston Arena is wheelchair accessible. If you require further accommodations, email tickets@wftda.com.

SECURITY

There will be hired security personnel and volunteer security staff from the Omaha Rollergirls to attend to crowd control and general security matters. You are advised not to leave valuables unattended as neither the WFTDA, the Omaha Rollergirls, nor the Ralston Arena will be responsible for loss, damage, or theft of your belongings. Any property you bring to the event is at your own risk.

STORE INSIDE THE RALSTON ARENA

The Locker is a sports apparel and novelty store located inside the Ralston Arena. The store features an entrance attached to the Arena as well as its own entrance from outside. The store is located on the southwest corner of the Ralston Arena. The Locker carries a wide variety of collegiate and professional sports team apparel specializing in Nebraska, Creighton, Omaha Beef Football, and NHL apparel. The Locker store opened in the fall of 2013 and is one of three Dugout stores operating in the Omaha area.

VENUE FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Ralston Arena offers a wide variety of delicious food and beverages. You're sure to find something for everyone! Several local restaurants and food vendors are available in the Ralston Arena to complement other food and beverage choices. This list includes Famous Dave's, Domino's Pizza, Metro Deli, Omaha Steaks, Chick-fil-A, Jitter Joe's, and Maria's Mexican Restaurant.



Purchase Tickets

TICKET INFORMATION

3-Day Weekend Pass, General Admission

- Age 13+: \$60
- Age 9-12, 55+ (senior), Military (box office only): \$40
- Age 8 and under: free

Friday Single-Day, General Admission

- Age 13+: \$25
- Age 9-12, 55+ (senior), Military (box office only): \$18
- Age 8 and under: free

Saturday Single-Day Single-Day, General Admission

- Age 13+: \$25
- Age 9-12, 55+ (senior), Military (box office only): \$18
- Age 8 and under: free

Sunday Single-Day, General Admission

- Age 13+: \$25
- Age 9-12, 55+ (senior), Military (box office only): \$18
- Age 8 and under: free

Friday Evening, Final Two Bouts Only

- Age 13+: \$15
- Age 9-12, 55+ (senior), Military (box office only): \$12
- Age 8 and under: free

Saturday Evening, Final Two Bouts Only

- Age 13+: \$15
- Age 9-12, 55+ (senior), Military (box office only): \$12
- Age 8 and under: free

Sunday Evening, Final Two Bouts Only

- Age 13+: \$15
- Age 9-12, 55+ (senior), Military (box office only): \$12
- Age 8 and under: free

NOTES AND ADDITIONAL FEES

- Convenience and handling fees are added to these prices (typically by phone or online).
- Friday and Saturday evening tickets are for entry at 5:00 PM.
- Sunday evening tickets are for entry at 3:00 PM.
- Discounts for active military personnel are available in person wherever tickets are sold.
- Children 8 years old and younger are always free with a ticketed and supervising adult! While admission is free for children 8 years old and younger, a child ticket will be required upon entry to track venue capacity, so please be sure to obtain one from the ticketing site.

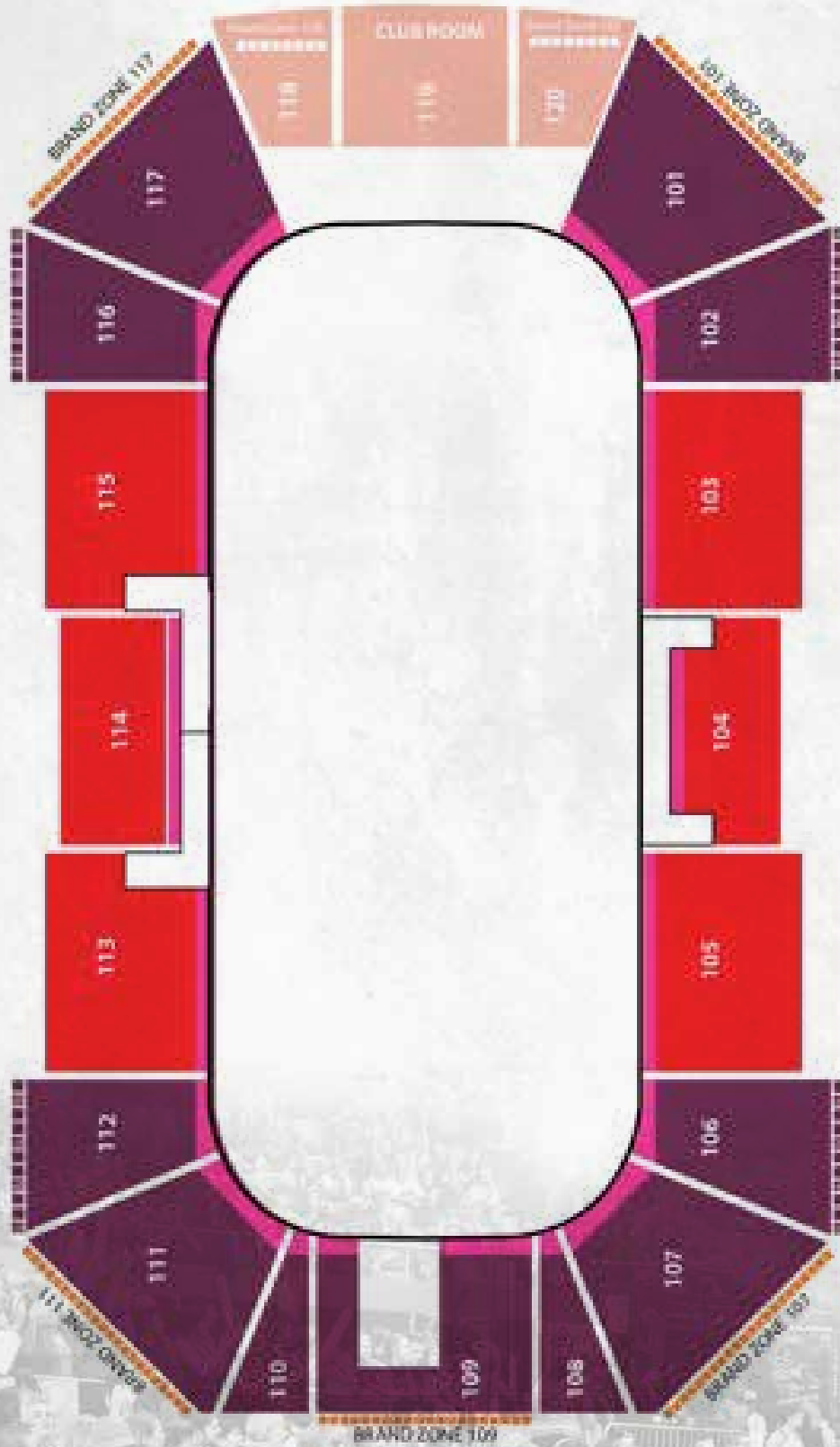
ENTRY AND RE-ENTRY

- Doors open daily at 9:00 AM.
- Games begin at 10:00 AM.

Your tickets will be scanned and/or taken at the entrance to the arena. For same day re-entry, you will need a wristband. Do not leave the arena without a wristband if you wish to re-enter.

VISIT WWW.WFTDA.COM/OMAHA TO PURCHASE TICKETS

Venue Map



Seating Information

- Seating is on a first come, first served basis. There will be stadium seating and limited track-side floor seating. No reserved seating or VIP seating is offered for this tournament.
- No carry-in chairs are permitted.
- Chairs are not permitted trackside except as a companion to ADA accessible seating. Wheelchairs (and their companion chair) must be a minimum of five feet away from the outside referee line.
- In order to sit trackside, you must be at least 18 years old. If you do not have a valid photo ID to verify your age, you will be required to move.
- We expect high attendance at the tournament and seating areas to be full. Do not "save seats" for individuals who are not returning to their seats momentarily. You will be asked to remove skate bags, backpacks, and other large items from the seating area in order to make room to accommodate others. Participant bags may be left in the participant-only area (locker rooms). Please be considerate and allow others to sit if a seat is not actively being occupied.

Sign In and Lace Up

REGISTRATION

Registration will be at the Ramada Plaza on Thursday, October 1, from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM, at which time Skaters, Officials, and other credentialed participants will complete required paperwork and receive their tournament credentials.

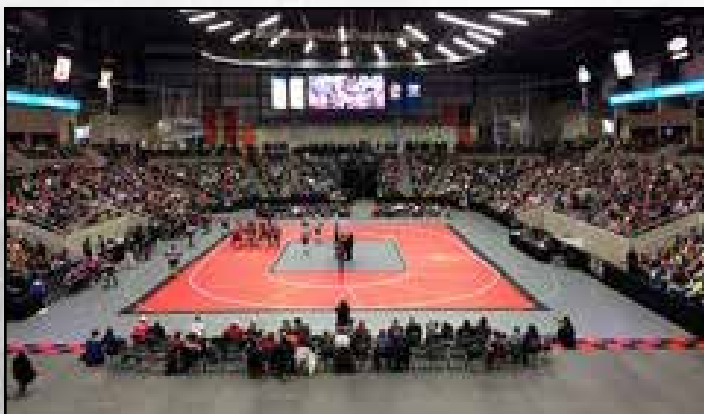
Captains Meeting will be at the Ramada Plaza on Thursday at 8:00 PM local time (US Central). Officials Meeting will be at the Ramada Plaza on Thursday at 9:00 PM local time (US Central).

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

TRACK FLOOR, WARM-UP SPACE, AND WARM-UP TIMES

The venue will be open by 8:00 AM Friday morning for Skaters and Officials who wish to test the floor.

The regulation track takes up most of the arena floor so there will be no warm-up space aside from the actual track. Teams will be allowed to warm up on the track during the half time of the game prior to their own, as well as in the 20-30 minutes before the start of their game.



MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

The WFTDA as tournament host provides trained, certified emergency medical responders should an injury occur on the track. These staff may be a contracted service, venue provided, volunteers, and and/or team/league professionals. Only the staffed responders working their current shift 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/League medical staff seeking to treat their Skaters on the track or bench must be part of, and sit with, the scheduled medical crew. For information on how to volunteer for the safety staff, please let your team's wrangler know so that they can notify the Safety Liaison. PLEASE NOTE: NOT ALL VENUES AND CONTRACTS PERMIT THE USE OF ADDITIONAL OR VOLUNTEER MEDICAL STAFF. The opportunity to participate in this capacity is not guaranteed and when not part of the prearranged schedule will not be permitted.

TEAM ROOMS

There will be several locker room areas and these will be assigned based on the tournament schedule. Please note these rooms will be shared by all teams. Please leave the team rooms in better condition than you found them.

There will be designated areas to leave your gear when not assigned a locker room and these will be in credential-only areas. The Ralston Arena, the WFTDA, and Omaha Rollergirls assume no responsibility for items left unattended.

There will be designated areas for Officials, announcers, and credentialed photographers and media. Please clean up after yourselves since there are quite a large number of you using shared space.



WFTDA Tournament Rules

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF A FEW 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.
- 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 without warning. Trackside seating is at your own risk.
- Chairs are not permitted trackside except as a companion to ADA accessible seating. Wheelchairs (and their companion chair) must be a minimum of five feet away from the outside referee lane.
- Glassware, sharp objects, and other items deemed inappropriate, harmful, or hazardous by tournament staff are not allowed in trackside seating.
- You must remain seated in the trackside seating area. Laying down is not permitted. 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. If a piece of clothing or equipment falls onto the track, do not enter the track or safety lane to retrieve it.
- 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 game 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.
- 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. 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 our 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 outside of the arena).
- Prohibited entry items such as outside food and beverage, weapons, non-service animals, air horns, vuvuzelas, megaphones, laser pointers, and other items deemed inappropriate, harmful, or hazardous by tournament staff.
- 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. The 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.

Food! Food! Food!

Omaha sure has a lot to offer, but you might not have to travel farther than good ol' Ralston, right where the D1 Playoffs are being held, to find activities and good eats. Close to the arena you can get your taste buds smacked with flavor from a bunch of restaurants. Below are a few of the nearby options, along with their distance from Ralston Arena.

TCBY, Ralston

\$ Frozen Yogurt
5170 S 72nd St
Distance of 0.1 mi

Ragazzi's Pizza, Ralston

A nice pizza/pasta joint and their dessert cookies are as big as a person's face--literally!
<http://www.ragazzi-pizza.com/>
\$ Pizza, Sandwiches/Subs, Italian
5170 S 72nd St
Distance of 0.1 mi

Subway, Ralston

\$ Fast Food
5170 S 72nd St
Distance of 0.1 mi

Ralston Keno, Ralston

A place to pick some numbers, eat some food, and wait to see if you're a millionaire.
\$ American, Pub Food
5130 S 72nd St
Distance of 0.1 mi

King Kong, Ralston

<http://www.kingkongfastfood.com/locations.html>
\$\$ Greek, Burgers, Fast Food
5250 S 72nd St
Distance of 0.1 mi

Scooter's Coffee Drive-Thru, Ralston

<https://www.scooterscoffee.com/Locations>
\$ Coffee, Smoothies
5405 S 72nd St
Distance of 0.2 mi

Panda 88, Ralston

\$ Chinese
5352 S 72nd St
Distance of 0.3 mi

Jitter Joe's, Ralston

\$ Coffee, Dessert, Smoothies
7300 Q St, Ralston
Distance of 0.3 mi

Winchester Bar and Grill, Ralston

Offering bull riding, dancing, and food.
<http://winchesteromaha.com/>
\$ Pub Food, Burgers, Pizza
7002 Q St
Distance of 0.3 mi

Margarita's, Ralston

\$ Mexican, Tex-Mex
4915 S 72nd St
Distance of 0.6 mi

Scorz Sports Center (Bowling Alley), Ralston

<http://scorzsportscenter.com/>
\$ Pub Food
7602 Main St
Distance of 0.7 mi

Maria's Mexican Restaurant, Ralston

mariasralston.com/
\$ Mexican, Tex-Mex
7630 Burlington St
Distance of 0.8 mi

Brewsky's Food & Spirits, Omaha

Great food, great bar, and great people
<http://www.brewskys.com/>
8528 Park Dr
Distance of 0.8 mi

Horsemen's Park, Ralston

Wager on horse racing and keno
<http://www.horsemenspark.com/food.asp>
\$ Breakfast, American, Sandwiches/Subs
6303 Q St
Distance of 1.0 mi

Food! Food! Food!

Runza, Ralston

You will wish your state had one after you are done eating their runza and crinkle fries. (You can also order FRINGS--how cute!)

\$ Fast Food, Burgers

4713 S 77th Ave

Distance of 1.1 mi

Latino Legacy Restaurant, Ralston

\$\$ Latin American, Caribbean, Peruvian

7755 L St

Distance of 1.1 mi

Johnny Sortino's Pizza, Ralston

\$\$ Pizza

7880 L St

Distance of 1.4 mi

Don & Millie's, Ralston

<http://donandmillies.com/>

\$ Burgers, American, Hot Dogs/Sausages

8405 Q St

Distance of 1.6 mi

Things to Do in Omaha

Fear not the city tape between Ralston and Omaha and check out all our local area has to offer!

1. The world-famous **Henry Doorly Zoo**, featuring America's biggest indoor rainforest and over 1,300 species of amazing wildlife! Ranked #1 zoo in the world by TripAdvisor in 2014.
2. The **Durham Western Heritage Museum** housed inside Omaha's former Union Station (est. 1931), is one of the finest Art Deco structures in the United States. The Durham is home to many permanent exhibits showcasing the history of Omaha and its surrounding areas, as well as traveling exhibits from the Smithsonian Institute, the National Archives, and the Library of Congress.
3. **Old Market District** features world-class shopping, restaurants, performing arts centers, and nightlife!
4. **Joslyn Art Museum** is another example of the finest Art Deco architecture preserved from the 1930s. The Joslyn Art Museum is Nebraska's largest art museum, housing over 11,000 pieces of art from centuries past and from all around the world.
5. **Lee G. Simmons Conservation Park and Wildlife Safari** is located just outside of Omaha across the Platte River and near the Strategic Air and Space Museum. The Lee G. Simmons Conservation Park and Wildlife Safari is a drive-through wildlife adventure that spans over four miles. You can get up close and personal with American bald eagles, bison, sandhill cranes, black bears, and many more incredible animals!
6. And so much more! On top of these major attractions, additional activities to take in could be bull riding and dancing at **Winchester's Bar and Grill**, family bowling at **Scorz Sports Center**, and ice-skating at the **Ralston Arena**!

Check out **Horseman's Park** for horseracing and food, **Johnny Sortino's** for pizza and room for 400 people, or even **Family Fun Center** for some arcade-y fun and mini golf.

Playoffs weekend will be busy—but make sure to make time for some local eats and sights!

Local Trail Skating Map



After Parties

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

7 PM - 2 AM

Benson First Friday

Omaha Rollergirls volunteers will be handing out fliers with all the awesome details/discounts or grab a flier from their merch booth.

Includes 7 blocks of: bars, pubs, food, coffee, street art, guerrilla art, performance, spoken word, visual art, fashion, food art, digital media, music, interactive, creative, fresh (N 59th-67th Streets and Maple Street)..

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

9 PM - 2 AM

Village Bar

5700 S 77th St, Ralston, NE 68127

(402) 315-9211

The Village Bar is a local Ralson establishment not too far from the Arena. It's a neighborhood favorite with lots of drinks and taps, pouring beer till 2 AM.

No food served on site, but does accept deliveries.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

9 PM - 2 AM

Bushwacker's Saloon and Dance

7401 Main St, Ralston

(402) 593-9037

Located half a mile from the hotel and venue, Bushwacker's Saloon and Dance is a country style dance hall with pool tables, designated dance floor and a mechanical bull for all your bull riding desires. The saloon does serve food until 1 AM in case you arrive with post-game munchies.

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HOSTED BY: BURNING RIVER ROLLER DERBY

AUG. 28-30 – DETROIT MICHIGAN

HOSTED BY: DETROIT DERBY GIRLS

SEPT. 4-6 – TUCSON, ARIZONA

HOSTED BY: TUCSON ROLLER DERBY

SEPT. 11-13 – DALLAS, TEXAS

HOSTED BY: DALLAS DERBY DEVILS

SEPT. 18-20 – JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

HOSTED BY: JACKSONVILLE ROLLERGIRLS

OCT. 2-4 – OMAHA, NEBRASKA

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CHAMPIONSHIPS

NOV. 6-8 – SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

HOSTED BY: MINNESOTA ROLLERGIRLS



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