

WFTDA 2012 East Region Playoffs



Hospitality Guide

September 28-30, Burlington VT

Champlain Valley Exposition

Hosted by Green Mountain Derby Dames

Montreal Roller Derby

Where we skate

Champlain Valley Exposition 105 Pearl St, PO Box 209, Essex Junction, VT 05453

cvexpo.com



The Champlain Valley Exposition is the largest multi-purpose special events complex in Northern New England. With nearly 34,000 sq. ft. of clear-span, air conditioned exhibit space, significant available parking, and banquet capabilities, it is the perfect venue for major events requiring professional set-up and management.

How to get there

It is not feasible to walk from the host hotel to the venue. Consider reserving a rental car and parking in one of 5,000 attended parking spaces. Shuttles may be offered for the weekend, but specifics are unknown at this time. Should a shuttle bus be secured, we do not want not oversell passes and have people standing and waiting for buses to arrive. Therefore, we would likely limit the number of passes sold in order to provide prompt service. Check the tournament website and Facebook event page for announcements or consider renting a car.

There will be hired security personnel and volunteer security staff from the Green Mountain Derby Dames and Montreal Roller Derby to attend to crowd control and general security matters. Nonetheless, you are advised not to leave valuables unattended as neither WFTDA, Green Mountain Derby Dames and Montreal Roller Derby nor the Champlain Valley Exposition can be responsible for loss, damage or theft of your belongings. Any property you bring to the event is at your own risk.

Food and Beverage

Champlain Valley Exposition provides on-site concessions and alcohol sales. There are a few fast food restaurants and a grocery store within walking distance as well.

Rules and Restrictions

- By state law, Champlain Valley Exposition is a smoke-free facility.
- All purses, bags and cases are subject to search.
- 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 Champlain Valley Exposition 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 the Champlain Valley Exposition.
 All sanitary needs for permitted animals are the responsibility of the customer.
- Neither Champlain Valley Exposition, WFTDA nor host league 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 Champlain Valley Exposition is wheelchair accessible. If you require accessibility accommodations, please email tickets@wftda.com for assistance

Spectators

Tickets

Tickets may be purchased online at anytime at http://wftda.ticketleap.com/ or from the box office beginning one hour before doors open and through the first half of the final bout of the evening.

- Individual passes per day: \$27 + fees
- 3-Day Passes: \$80+fees
- Children 9 and younger are admitted for free when accompanied and supervised by a ticketed adult.

Online ticket orders have confirmations emailed to the purchaser. Every ticket has a unique barcode to be scanned at the venue for entry. Barcodes may be printed out or shown on a Smartphone. Once scanned, the barcode becomes inactive.

Tickets may be transferred or sold, however tickets are not refundable.

Entry and Re-Entry

Doors open daily at 9:30a.m. Games begin at 10:00 a.m.

Your ticket barcodes will be scanned at entry to the venue, please follow appropriate signage. For same day re-entry, you will need either a hand stamp or wristband (depending on your ticket type). Do not leave the venue without one of these if you wish to re-enter as your ticket barcode is invalid once scanned.

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.
- Please be considerate and allow others to sit if a seat is not actively being occupied. 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.

Cross the border

What to bring

You will need proper documentation to cross the border between the United States and Canada.

Acceptable documents for crossing the borders: U.S. Passport, U.S. Passport Card, Enhanced Driver's License (offered by Vermont, New York, Washington and Michigan); Trusted Traveler Program Cards such as NEXUS, SENTRIU or FAST enrollment cards; Special Audiences (Special documents for U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents, U.S. Military, Native Americans, and Boaters; birth certificates (original or a certified copy) for children under the age of 16). If traveling with children who are not a part of your family, have a note or proof that the child has permission to cross the border with you.

What to do when you get to the border

Have <u>proof of citizenship</u> (birth certificate or passport) readily available. Don't be digging for it as you pull up to the border guard. Have an original (or certified copy) birth certificate for each child (16 and under) in your vehicle. If the child is 16 or over, they will need a passport. Resident aliens must carry residency cards at all times.

There is a toll to cross over into Canada (drivers and pedestrians). Have toll monies ready. It is based on vehicle weight and axles. Standard vehicles will cost \$3.25 (US and CAN) per vehicle. Pedestrian tolls are \$.50 (US and CAN).

Turn off radios and car phones when talking to border agents.

As you approach the border guard station in your vehicle, <u>roll down all windows</u> so they can easily see all passengers in your car. If you are driving a van they may request you open the nearest cargo door.

<u>Declare</u> all fruits, vegetables, plants and plant products, animals, birds, eggs, meat and meat products. <u>Declare</u> all items acquired for personal use. If you make purchases and travel between the United States and Canada, be sure to <u>save receipts</u>. When crossing the international border you will be required to <u>declare all purchases</u>. Certain items may be taxable or you may qualify for tax refunds. Please visit the duty free stores located at the bridges between the U.S. and Canada for more information.

<u>Dogs and cats</u> must be free of evidence of diseases communicable to humans. Dogs older than three months must have proof of a rabies vaccination.

<u>Don't joke or fool around</u> with the border guards. They are law enforcement officials who take their duties very seriously and can search your car or person if they feel it is necessary.

<u>Don't drive under the influence of alcohol</u>. If you have ever been charged with a DUI (driving under the influence) in the U.S. you may be denied entry to Canada regardless of how long it has been.

Have your <u>seat belt fastened</u> (front seat and back seat passengers). It is against the law in both NYS and Canada to travel without a seat belt fastened.

Be patient. Additional security has been instituted for safety on both sides of the border.

Visit Montreal

If you can spare the time, be sure to take the trip up to "La Belle Province." About an hour and forty-five minutes from Burlington, take a food tour of smoked meat sandwiches, poutine, the best bagels in the world, world class restaurants, bakeries and chocolate shops. Visit the Old Port and wander the cobblestone streets, shop along St-Catherines and Saint-Laurent boulevards, and wander through Park Mount-Royal to get the best views of the skyline.

The excitement doesn't stop there: the city comes alive at night! Take in a play, or catch a show! Or just grab a beer on a terrace and watch the beautiful people of Montreal stroll by. Montreal nightlife is second to none, with last cal at 3AM, so hit the clubs and dance until you drop! Come share our joie de vivre but don't forget your passport!

Where to stay

Sheraton Burlington Hotel 870 Williston Road, Burlington, VT 05403

Reservations

The tournament takes place during the height of fall foliage and tourist season! **Do not wait** to reserve your room.

Local: 802.865.6620

PARTICIPANTS: starwoodmeeting.com/Book/DERBY12

FANS: starwoodmeeting.com/Book/DerbyFan12

How to get there

The Sheraton Burlington Hotel is conveniently located at 870 Williston Road in Burlington, less than five minutes to the downtown Burlington Church Street area and convenient to Interstate-89. It is about five miles from the venue, less than a 15-minute drive.

After Parties

The Sheraton 870 Williston Rd, Burlington VT 05403 802.865.6600

Meet and greet skaters and fans gathering at G's Restaurant and Tuckaway's Pub. Light snacks provided. Located in the Summerhouse, a lushly planted four-story atrium and outdoor courtyard that is light-filled and refreshing in summer and carpeted and cozy all winter.

Signal Kitchen 71 Main Street, Burlington, VT 05401 802.399.2337

Downtown Burlington Vermont's only live music venue, art gallery, bar and video and audio production facility. First 100 skaters, refs, and NSOs get free entry, \$5 after. Food provided to skaters. Entertainment starts at 9 p.m.

City Sports Grill 215 Lower Mountain View Dr, Colchester, VT 802.655.2720 Saturday, September 29, 9 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Kick back and relax with good food, good friends and good times. Participants in the tournament have free food provided; kitchen is open for ordering other American food items. Full bar with jello shots and Budweiser specials. Bowling lanes open from 9:30-11:00pm.

Club Metronome 188 Main Street, Burlington, VT 05401 802.658.4771 Sunday, September 30, 9 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Celebrate the end of the tournament at Club Metronome, the upstairs sister club of Burlington's famous music venue, Nectar's. DJ Rekkon will take requests all night. Wander downstairs for Nectar's famous gravy fries and Reggae Night. Sunday skaters, referees and NSO's get free entry into Metronome and food provided. Club Metronome's doors open at 9 p.m., \$8 cover until 11 p.m. Nectars opens at 5 p.m., no cover charge.

Travel

By Plane

Burlington International Airport is the closest airport to the Champlain Valley Exposition. Car rentals are available at the airport. There is also a bus that runs from the airport and through the greater Burlington area. However, the local bus schedule is limited, especially on Sundays, so please plan accordingly. The Sheraton offers shuttle service from the hotel to the airport.

By Train

The Amtrak Vermonter line runs daily between Washington, D.C. and Saint Albans, Vermont. The stop closest to the venue is at 29 Railroad Avenue in Essex Junction, just down the road from the Expo center. Schedules and tickets are available at http://www.amtrak.com/vermonter-train.

Greyhound offers daily service to Burlington, Vermont from many locations. The bus stop is located in Burlington's south end at 345 Pine Street. Schedules and tickets are at www. greyhound.com. Megabus is another option for travel from Boston, Saratoga Springs, New York City, Amherst, MA, and Hartford, CT, which drops you at University Place and Main Street in Burlington. For more information and tickets, visit www.megabus.com.

By Automobile

From I-89 north, take exit 15 and turn right at the ramp to head east on Route 15. The Champlain Valley Expo is approximately 3 miles on the left. From I-89 south, take exit 16, turn right on US 2 East/US 7 South for .8 miles, take a left on East Spring Street, then a left on Route 15 East. The Expo is approximately 3.2 miles away on your left.

Leaf Peeping

It sounds creepy, but it's really just looking at leaves! Take a drive and stop along the way for short hikes, cider doughnuts, and picture taking!

Smuggler's Notch (Route 108)

Route 100 (Take 89 south to exit 10, drive either way on Route 100 for a beautiful drive!)

Northeast Kingdom (Take Route 15 east all the way to Vermont's Northeast Kingdom.)

Participants

Registration

Registration will be held on Thursday evening from 8:00-10:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Burlington Hotel (870 Williston Rd, Burlington, VT 05403, (802) 865-6620) at which time skaters, officials and other credentialed participants will complete required paperwork and receive their tournament credentials.

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

Track floor, warm up space and warm up times

The floor is polished concrete. GMDD recommend 93As. The venue will be open from 8:30-9:30 Friday morning for skaters and officials who wish to test the floor.

There is a warm-up track, but it will not be on the same floor surface as the competition track. It is polished concrete, but it is located in an attaching wing of the building. 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 start of their bout.

Medical assistance

Emergency Medical Technicians 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 will be four partitioned team rooms that will be assigned based on the tournament schedule. Please note these rooms are shared between all teams. Kindly leave the team room in better condition than you found it.

There will be a designated room for officials and also for announcers. Kindly clean up after yourselves as there are quite a large number of you using a shared space for the weekend.

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!

How to act 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 is 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.

Beer

Pearl Street Pub 137 Pearl Street, Essex Junction

Backstage Pub 60 Pearl Street, Essex Junction

McKee's Pub 19 East Allen Street, Winooski

On Tap Bar & Grill 4 Park Street, Essex Junction

American Flatbread 115 Saint Paul Street, Burlington

Coffee

Firebird Cafe 163 Pearl Street Essex Junction

Muddy Waters 184 Main Street, Burlington

Uncommon Grounds Cherry and Church Streets, Burlington

Radio Bean North Winooski and Pearl Streets, Burlington

August First 149 South Champlain Street, Burlington

Speeder and Earls 412 Pine Street, Burlington

Food

Martone's (giant sandwiches!) 16 Main St, Essex Junction

Vietnam Restaurant 137 Pearl Street, Essex Junction

Nectar's

A Burlington institution. Try the gravy fries! 188 Main Street, Burlington

Ali Baba's Kabob Shop 163 Main Street, Burlington

Duino! (Duende) International street food. Try the chicken and waffles. 8 North Winooski Avenue, Burlington

Stone Soup All-veggie restaurant (closed Sundays). 211 College Street, Burlington

Breakfast/Brunch

Bagel Market 30 Susie Wilson Road, Essex Junction

Firebird Cafe 163 Pearl Street, Essex Junction

Penny Cluse Cafe

169 Cherry Street, Burlington

Magnolia Bistro 1 Lawson Lane, Burlington

Mirabelles Cafe 198 Main Street, Burlington

Skinny Pancake 60 Lake Street, Burlington

Have A Creemee!

Creemees are Vermont's version of soft serve ice cream, but they have cult-like status here....most of us actually prefer it to Ben & Jerry's! No Vermont experience is complete without one - get maple for a true Vermont experience!

Rocky's

39 Park Street, Essex Junction

Bluebird Tavern Coffee Stop Corner of College and Pearl Streets, Burlington

Burlington Bay Market & Cafe 125 Battery Street, Burlington

Beansie's Bus (literally, a bus!) Battery Park, Burlington

Apple Picking

You'll be here at the height of apple season...well worth a trip; our apples are the best! Take a bag home for apple pie!

Chapin's Orchard

Shelburne Orchard 216 Orchard Road, Shelburneu

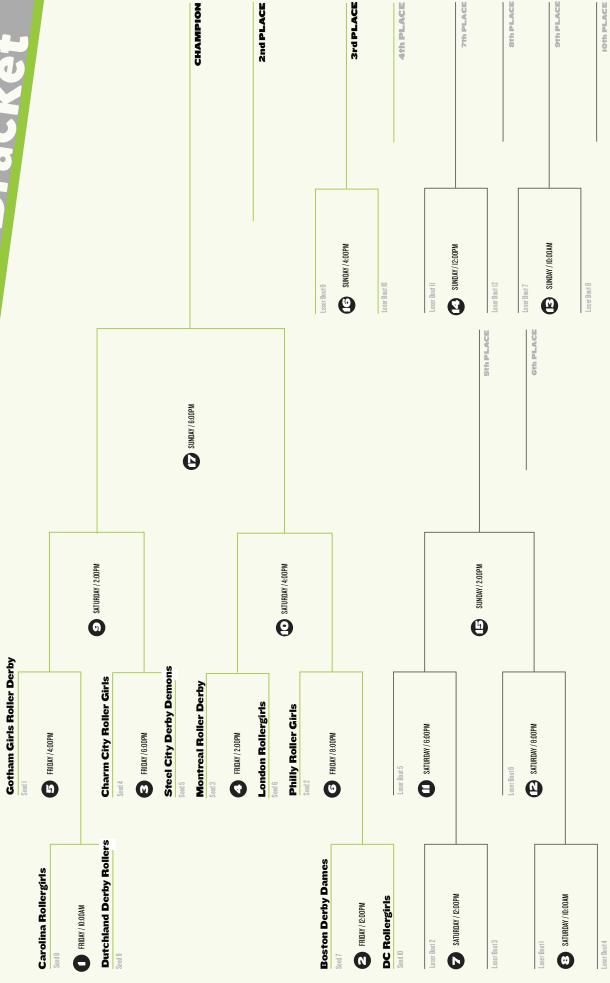
Magic Hat Brewery

magichat.net Tours and Sampling One of Vermont's most wellknown (and quirky) breweries is just over in South Burlington.

Ben & Jerry's Factory

802.882.1240

You're only a half-hour's drive from the Ben and Jerry's Factory in Waterbury. Take I-89 south to Exit 10. Head north on Route 100 for about a mile.



Schedule

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Day		Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8:30am	Venue opens to skaters and staff, open track time for all teams to test floor			
	Teams with locker room access:	Game 1	Game 8	Game 13
9:30am	Venue opens to ticket holders			
9:30-10am	Teams warming up:	Game 1	Game 8	Game 13
10am	Teams with locker room access:	Game 2	Game 7	Game 14
10-11:30am	Tournament play:	Game 1	Game 8	Game 13
	Track time at halftime for teams:	Game 2	Game 7	Game 14
11:30am-Noon	Teams warming up:	Game 2	Game 7	Game 14
Noon	Teams with locker room access:	Game 4	Game 9	Game 15
Noon-1:30pm	Tournament play:	Game 2	Game 7	Game 14
	Track time at halftime for teams:	Game 4	Game 9	Game 15
1:30-2pm	Teams warming up:	Game 4	Game 9	Game 15
2pm	Teams with locker room access:	Game 5	Game 10	Game 16
2-3:30pm	Tournament play:	Game 4	Game 9	Game 15
2 3.30pm	Track time at halftime for teams:	Game 5	Game 10	Game 16
3:30-4pm	Teams warming up:	Game 5	Game 10	Game 16
4pm	Teams with locker room access:	Game 3	Game 11	Game 17
4-5:30pm	Tournament play:	Game 5	Game 10	Game 16
	Track time at halftime for teams:	Game 3	Game 11	Game 17
5:30-6pm	Teams warming up:	Game 3	Game 11	Game 17
6pm	Teams with locker room access:	Game 6	Game 12	
6.7.20	Tournament play:	Game 3	Game 11	Game 17
6-7:30pm	Track time at halftime for teams:	Game 6	Game 12	
7:30-8pm	Teams warming up:	Game 6	Game 12	Medal Ceremony
8-End	Tournament play:	Game 6	Game 12	





The Women's Flat Track Derby Association along with the Green Mountain Derby Dames and Montreal Roller Derby welcome you to the 2012 East Region Playoffs!

With ten talented teams and over seventy committed officials rolling into town for three full days to determine which three team advance to the Championships in Atlanta, you can bet the competition will be so fierce you won't want to take your eyes of the track! Not even take in the splendor of the fall foliage in Vermont! Talk about a Sugarbush Showdown! (Sugarbush – n. an orchard or grove of sugar maple trees)

Although not new to the sport, Green Mountain Derby Dames is a WFTDA youngster having joined in 2010, and they are ready to show WFTDA the kind of hard-working league they are and welcome you to their home venue, the Champlain Valley Exposition along with their co-host, Montreal Roller Derby. Montreal danced into roller derby's heart in Philadelphia at the 2009 Championship and have since then continued to impress with their skill on the track. In 2012 both leagues are ready to impress the roller derby community with their hospitality.

East Region teams, officials, fans and vendors will appreciate the efforts of our co-hosts - Green Mountain Derby Dames and Montreal Roller Derby. These two leagues want your visit to East Region Playoffs to be as pleasant for the visit as it will be memorable for the roller derby you're sure to witness. This hospitality guide is chock-full of useful information to help you plan visit and enjoy your stay once you arrive. It includes everything from driving directions to favorite local restaurants to after-party details and even information on what is required to make the short drive across the border up to Montreal. League members will also be available at the tournament to answer questions and offer assistance as well.

WFTDA, Green Mountain Derby Dames and Montreal Roller Derby thanks you for supporting the 2012 WFTDA Playoffs and Championship season.

We look forward to seeing you in Burlington!

Janis Kelley WFTDA Tournament Director



