



Referee Education Instructors

Status: Part-time

Position Available: Immediately

Organization

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 of the WFTDA is "by the skaters, for the skaters." Female skaters are primary owners, managers and/or operators of each member league and the association. Operational tasks include standards for rules, season, safety, and determining guidelines for the national and international athletic competitions of member leagues.

Position Summary

The WFTDA Referee Education Instructors – who will instruct the 2012 WFTDA Officiating Clinics – will be selected by a panel comprised of: the Executive Director, BoD Games oversight, Games Officer, and the Referee Training and Certification Coordinator. All interested applicants shall submit a complete application, including an Officiating Resume, Bout CV, and Letter of Interest by November 1, 2011.

The WFTDA Referee Education Instructors' selection panel will receive, organize, select, and announce the successful applicants by November 5, 2011.

Beginning in 2011, Instructor positions became permanent placements in the WFTDA Officiating Clinics program. As such, the WFTDA may select more Instructors for its Instructor pool than are used at clinics during any given WFTDA Officiating Clinics cycle. Before each WFTDA Officiating Clinics cycle, the selection panel will meet to discussion openings and performance indicators.

The WFTDA Referee Training Clinics Program

Overview of Training Goals

The WFTDA remains committed to consistency and standardization, as well as providing tools and resources so that all roller derby referees may succeed in providing the highest level of officiating to promote the ideal of "Real. Strong. Athletic. Revolutionary." roller derby.

Target Audience

WFTDA Interleague Officiating

Targeted at officials who have six months to about two years of experience, with knowledge about the WFTDA rules and solid skating skills.

WFTDA Interleague Officiating clinics:

- Offer attendees a working knowledge of tools and resources needed to join the WFTDA development path and follow it to [certification](#), as well as a good understanding of what it is going to take to succeed.
- Help solidify rules knowledge, and improve skating skills and positioning so that officials can execute theoretical knowledge of the rules and the game.
- Attendees are not league trainers, but rather active participants who are excited about mastering their craft.

Open to *all roller derby officials*, regardless of member league affiliation or certification.

WFTDA Tournament Officiating

Strongly recommended for all WFTDA affiliated or certified officials who hope to participate in the WFTDA Big 5 tournament season. Specifically, they are targeted at officials with comprehensive rules knowledge and skating skills.

WFTDA Tournament Officiating clinics:

- Will fortify participants' knowledge of skating skills and positioning, theory, and tournament consistency, as well as providing the tools to assist in the pursuit of Referee Certification.
- Include tournament track-coursework that will solidify officials' understanding of the nuances of the rules and supplementary documents.
- Also address higher order considerations such as impact spectrum, advanced positioning and skating technique, consistency among peers, and officiating techniques for the most competitive play (such as pack definition, direction of game play, etc).

For **all WFTDA affiliated or certified officials** who hope to participate as a skating referee or NSO in the WFTDA [Big 5 Tournaments](#).

Recognized Events

There is flexibility in the WFTDA Officiating Clinic cycle for clinics to be organized in conjunction with other WFTDA recognized events (e.g., multi-bout weekends). Please note that it is considered best practice for a WFTDA Officiating clinic to either precede or follow a WFTDA recognized event, not to run concurrently.

International

The WFTDA is open to the possibility of promoting the WFTDA Officiating Clinics in international markets. International clinics would be organized in accordance with, and offer the same benefits as, the WFTDA Interleague Officiating clinics.

2012 WFTDA Officiating Clinic Objectives

- Promote consistency in officiating theory and application
- Improve skating skills
- Foster tournament preparedness
- Foster Referee Certification preparedness and facilitate proctoring
- Encourage crew efficiency and integration
- Promote communication through officials' self-assessment and peer review

Project Details

The WFTDA aims to have a multi tiered, two day clinic in each US domestic region as well as two clinics each in Australia and Europe during the 2012 WFTDA Officiating Clinic cycle. This cycle will begin January 1st, 2012 and end September 1st, 2012. The ideal clinic size is 100 participants, including skating and non-skating officials on both the Interleague clinic and Tournament clinic tracks. Clinics are designed to start at a reasonable time on Saturday and end Sunday evening; in order to facilitate participants' weekend travel plans.

Ideal Cycles

Europe: January 1- February 28

Australia: March 1- April 30

North America: May 1– August 31

Resources Provided by the WFTDA to Instructors

- All Instructor travel and accommodations will be organized and provided
- An environment dedicated to development, innovation, training, and collaboration

Criteria for Selecting Instructors

- Availability to attend domestic and potentially international clinics
- Required Experience:
 - Minimum two years WFTDA affiliated or Certified
 - Participated in a minimum of 10 sanctioned/regulation interleague bouts
 - Participated in two WFTDA Big 5 Tournaments or equivalent
- Preferred Experience:
 - Previous experience as a Referee Education Instructor or with WFTDA Games- level administration

- Willingness and availability to hold the position of Referee Education Instructor for 1-2 years
- Availability to attend the 2012 WFTDA Annual Meeting (expenses not covered by the WFTDA)

How to Apply

Please upload Officiating Resume, Bout CV, and Letter of Interest to the WFTDA Officiating Clinics' wiki no later than **November 1, 2011**.

OR

Send Officiating Resume, Bout CV, and Letter of Interest to sarah@wftda.com no later than **November 1, 2011**.

