



Request For Proposal – Instructors for 2013 WFTDA Officiating Clinics

Introduction

The Women's Flat Track Derby Association (WFTDA) is the international governing body for the sport of women's flat track roller derby and a membership organization for leagues to collaborate and network. The WFTDA sets standards for rules, seasons, and safety, and determines guidelines for the national and international athletic competitions of member leagues. There are currently 160 WFTDA member leagues and 87 leagues in the WFTDA Apprentice program.

Overview

Beginning in 2011, Officiating Instructor positions became permanent placements as Instructors in the WFTDA Officiating Clinics program. The WFTDA may select more Instructors for its instructor pool than are used at Clinics during any given cycle. Before each Officiating Clinics cycle, the Selection Panel will meet to discuss openings and performance indicators.

The WFTDA Officiating Clinics program is currently adding to its existing pool of quality Officiating Instructors. Specifically, the program would like to add up to two skating referee Instructors and three non-skating official (NSO) Instructors. The following information details the objectives of the Clinics program, criteria for selection of Instructors, resources provided, deadlines, and how to apply.

The WFTDA Officiating Education Program Instructors will be selected by a panel consisting of the Executive Director, BoD Games Oversight, Games Officer, and Officiating Education Director. All interested applicants shall apply with an Officiating Resume and Letter of Interest to clinics@wftda.com by November 21, 2012.

The Selection Panel will receive, organize, and announce the selected Instructors by December 1st, 2012.

Objectives

- Promotion of consistency of officiating theory and application
- Increase skating skills
- Tournament preparedness
- Increase knowledge and preparedness of the WFTDA Certification process
- Increase knowledge of Rinxter
- Create online learning materials

Resources Provided by the WFTDA

- All Instructor travel and accommodations
- \$20 per diem (\$10 a day on travel days) meal reimbursement
- An environment dedicated to development, innovation, training, and collaboration

Criteria for Selecting Instructors

- Availability to attend domestic and potentially international clinics
- Experience:
 - Two years WFTDA affiliated or certified
 - Participation in 10 sanctioned/regulation bouts
 - Participation in two WFTDA Big 5 Tournaments or equivalent
- Preferred Experience: (any of the below)
 - Officiating Clinics Instructor, Referee AP mentor, WFTDA Games level administration, or Officiating Committee position
 - Educator (related to roller derby officiating or not)
 - Online media production, html experience, general web content creation
 - Rinxter
- Willingness and availability to hold the position of “Instructor of Officiating Education” for the long term
- Availability to attend the 2013 WFTDA Annual Meeting (travel not covered by the WFTDA)
- Bonus Experience:
 - Language skills (any of French, German, and Spanish)

Criteria for Evaluating Success of Instructors

The WFTDA, in partnership with Officiating Clinics' hosting leagues and participants, will evaluate success based on aggregated feedback from the hosting partner, Clinic attendees, Instructors, and administrators. Additionally Clinic attendees will have access to post-Clinic testing that will both count as a bonus towards Certification and act as a gauge of Instructor effectiveness. Feedback will be compiled into postmortems and submitted to Games leadership and the BOD.

Project Details

The WFTDA aims to have a two-day long clinic in each region during the 2013 Officiating Clinics cycle, as well as two Clinics each in Europe and Australia/New Zealand, and one Clinic in South America from January 1st, 2013 until September 1st, 2013. The ideal Clinic attendance is 100 participants, including skating and non-skating officials. Clinics are designed to start at a reasonable time on Saturday and end in the evening of Sunday, allowing participants to make weekend travel accommodations.

As an Instructor you will be expected to participate in a collaborative effort to generate innovative and articulate lesson plans. Lesson plans cover a wide spectrum of skating and non-

skating officiating skills, and include a variety of topics from rules and skating to theory. This effort may take place using a digital medium such as SharePoint and the WFTDA forum, or other collaboration platforms such as the Google suite. The WFTDA Officiating Clinics program works to build diversity in Instructor skill sets, and all Instructors will be encouraged to lead and work cooperatively on a variety of plans and themes.

You may also be called on to participate on site at WFTDA Officiating Clinics in the domestic US. Instructors for international Clinics will be selected from the Instructor pool on an ongoing basis apart from the US assignments. Instructors will need to be on site no later than Friday night and should plan to remain on site until 6p.m. Sunday evening.

How to Apply

Please send an Officiating Resume (or link to one), along with a letter of interest that discusses your skill set, to clincs@wftda.com by November 21, 2012.

