



WFTDA Apprentice Program

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What is the Apprentice Program?

The Welcome Wagon to WFTDA



- A mentorship resource for league formation, business development, and competitive growth
- An orientation to WFTDA, our democratic processes, and our membership policies
- A required training period for all leagues applying for full membership



Guidance on League Formation

- What's the best business structure for my league?
- Should we charge dues? How should we structure dues?
- Our rink owners are a-holes, is there anything we can do?
- What's a normal amount to pay for practice space?
- How do we become a nonprofit? Should we?
- Should we require volunteer involvement in committees?



Guidance on League Development

- Can I see a sample attendance policy?
- How do other leagues choose their travel team?
- How do we get invited to play in a WFTDA tournament?
- How are rankings decided? How can I improve ours?
- Does anyone have a code of conduct for announcers?
- Training advice for skaters and officials



Guidance on WFTDA Membership

- Full orientation on membership requirements
 - Plus strategies for keeping your membership status active and how to represent your home league
- Increased communication with member leagues
 - Guidance on navigating the message board, updating your contacts, FAQs and other online resources
- Practical voting experience and information
 - Access to processes, rules, and suggestions on how to gather home league feedback



What else is in it for Apprentices?

- Display WFTDA Apprentice seal on league promotional materials
- Dedicated mentor who is available to help your progress through the program
- Facilitation of membership application, including a letter of recommendation from your mentor upon completion
- Access to Apprentice Program section on the WFTDA message board—improved ability to network with member leagues and other Apprentices
- Referee education and training
- Access to WFTDA committees and projects
- WFTDA-member-league price subscriptions to FiveonFive, WFTDA magazine
- Future: WFTDA Insurance coverage



How does it work?

- Structured as a 12-month program, but leagues can fast-track through some steps depending on their readiness.
- Participation is required to become a full member; mentors assist in application and recommendations.
- Applications are accepted through 2009 with monthly deadlines. The first deadline is August 1 and the first leagues will be enrolled September 1.



Eligibility Requirements

- Five skaters skating at least two hours a week.
 - Applicants need not be formally organized yet.
- Mission Statement, league history, and short essay on league goals.
- Intent to meet WFTDA membership requirements
- Letter of reference from a veteran WFTDA member league.
- \$150 enrollment fee
- Complete application is available at <http://www.wftda.com/wftda-membership/>



WFTDA Leagues Eligible to Write Letters of Reference

Angel City Derby Girls
Arch Rival Rollergirls
Bay Area Derby Girls
Big Easy Rollergirls
Boston Derby Dames
Brewcity Bruisers
Burning River Roller Girls
Carolina Rollergirls
Charm City Roller Girls
Cincinnati Rollergirls
CT Rollergirls
DC Rollergirls
Denver Roller Dolls
Detroit Derby Girls
Dixie Derby Girls
Dominion Derby Girls
Ft Wayne Derby Girls
Gem City Rollergirls
Gotham Girls Roller Derby
Grand Raggidy Roller Girl
Green Country Roller Girls
Harrisburg Area Roller Derby

KC Roller Warriors
Long Island Roller Rebels
Maine Roller Derby
Memphis Roller Derby
Minnesota Roller Girls
Naptown Rollergirls
Nashville Rollergirls
No Coast Derby Girls
Ohio Rollergirls
Oly Rollers
NWA Rollergirls
Philly Rollergirls
Pikes Peak Derby Dames
Providence Roller Derby
Rat City Rollergirls
Rocky Mountain Rollergirls
Sacred City Derby Girls
Salt City Derby Girls
Steel City Derby Demons
Tampa Bay Derby Darlins
Texas Rollergirls
Tucson Roller Derby
Windy City Rollers

Full list is also available at <http://www.wftda.com/wftda-membership/>



Full WFTDA Membership Requirements

- League competitors are female only.
- League competitors skate on “quad” style skates only
- 67% of League management are skaters, whether active, injured or retired
- 51% of League owners, (excluding non profit leagues), must be skaters, whether active, injured or retired.
- All skaters who enter into a WFTDA sanctioned bout have met minimum skill requirements, as established by the Rules and Training committee.
- A minimum of 6 games have been played during the season, including 2 sanctioned interleague bouts.*

**** In order to qualify for regional tournaments, 2 interleague games must be played against teams in your region***



Questions?

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