



League Bylaws

Rocket City Roller Derby League

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ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of the organization is Rocket City Roller Derby League, Incorporated, hereafter referred to as “the League.”

ARTICLE 2: MISSION STATEMENT

The Rocket City Roller Derby League is dedicated to bringing the sport of roller derby to Huntsville, Alabama. We are dedicated to running a safe, competitive, and professional league. As members in good standing of the Women’s Flat Track Derby Association (WFTDA), we foster and promote the growth of flat track roller derby nationwide.

ARTICLE 3: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by or under the direction of its Board of Directors.

3.1 Members of the Board of Directors

There shall be up to seven members of the Board of Directors.

- President. The president shall be the principal executive officer of the corporation.
- Vice President. The vice president shall assist the president in the discharge of their duties as the president directs and shall perform other duties from time to time as assigned to them by the President or the Board of Directors.
- Secretary. The Secretary shall record the minutes of the meetings of the members and the Board of Directors; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws or as required by law; be a custodian of the corporate records; keep a register of the name of members; and perform all duties incident to the office of secretary and such other duties from time to time as assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.
- Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be the principal accounting and financial officer of the corporation.
- By-Laws and Policies Compliance. One Board member shall be responsible for ensuring the League By-Laws and Policies and Procedures documents are up to date and comply with all current League decisions.
- Officer.

3.2 Election of Board Members

Election of Board of Directors members is conducted by the league annually in November, or as necessary.

3.3 Removal

A director may be removed from their position for failing to fulfill its requirements via recall vote by the League Membership. A director who is removed from that position may remain



a member of the league as long as they fulfill all the requirements of a member.

ARTICLE 4: MEETINGS

4.1 League Meetings

League meetings are held quarterly or as needed at the discretion of the Executive Committee. These meetings are mandatory for all league members.

4.2 Executive Committee Meetings

Executive Committee meetings are every 2 months or as needed at the discretion of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee. These meetings are required for all Executive Committee members and Board of Directors members.

ARTICLE 5: CHANGES OR AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

The league bylaws are subject to change at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Members will be notified of any changes at the next league meeting and through electronic notification.

ARTICLE 6: MEMBERS

6.1 Member Voting Rights

The Rocket City Roller Derby league is run by the skaters for the skaters. Each active member in good standing is entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members. The Executive Committee shall determine which matters are submitted to members for a vote. The Executive Committee may determine that officials are allowed to vote in some league votes.

6.2 Active Voting Members

To become an active voting member, league members must meet the following requirements annually:

- Meet attendance requirements
- Be a member of a standing committee
- Be at least 19 years old
- Submit the following: signed Code of Conduct form, signed WFTDA nondisclosure agreement, signed insurance form, medical/emergency contact form, and copy of valid ID (driver's license, etc.)
- Pay for required insurance, practice fees, and required personal safety equipment on time

6.3 New recruits and transfers

To officially enter the league's new recruit training process, a skater must meet the requirements listed above. The league may choose to close recruitment for a period of time at the Executive Committee's discretion.

6.4 Inactive Members



To remain an active voting member, a skater must meet all of the requirements annually. If they do not meet all of the following requirements, they will become an inactive member and will not skate in bouts or vote. Inactive members become active again after completing these requirements.

- Meet attendance requirements
- Adhere to Code of Conduct
- Pay practice fees before the month they are due, according to the Treasurer's policies
- Carry out all job duties

6.5 Coaches

Coaches are active, non-dues paying league members. Coaches must meet the following requirements:

- Be at least 19 years old
- Submit the following: signed Code of Conduct form, signed WFTDA nondisclosure agreement, signed insurance form, medical/emergency contact form, and copy of valid ID (driver's license, etc.)

6.6 Officiating Committee

Officials are active, non-dues paying league members. To become an official, a person must meet the following requirements annually:

- Meet attendance requirements
- Be at least 19 years old
- Submit the following: signed Official's Code of Conduct form, signed WFTDA nondisclosure agreement, signed insurance form, medical/emergency contact form, and copy of valid ID (driver's license, etc.)

6.6.1 Head Referee & Head Non-Skating Official

The officials elect the head referee and head non-skating official (NSO). The Head Referee is responsible for the training, quality, and management of the referee and Non-skating official staff of the Rocket City Roller Derby. The Head Referee will ensure the league has the most up to date rules, clarifications, safety procedures, and best practices from WFTDA. The Head Referee may delegate bout Head Ref duties (as defined in the WFTDA Rule set) to another skating referee as they see fit.

The head NSO coordinates NSO job assignments at home bouts and oversees completion of WFTDA bout paperwork.

6.7 Volunteers

Volunteers are inactive, non-dues paying league members. Volunteers are recruited by committee chairs, as needed, to support league activities. Volunteers must sign and abide by the Code of Conduct.

ARTICLE 7: DUES



The Executive Committee determines the amount of dues. Active voting members pay dues monthly.

ARTICLE 8: LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A skater must file a written leave of absence with the league secretary when they plan to miss more than one month of practices for any reason, including mandatory medical reasons. Failure to file a written leave of absence will cause a skater to become an inactive member. When a skater returns from a leave of absence, the training committee will evaluate the skater's skills and place that skater accordingly. To become an active member after returning from leave of absence, a skater must meet all of the requirements outlined in the active voting members section.

ARTICLE 9: GRIEVANCES

Any member of the league may file a grievance with the Code of Conduct Committee. The league elects the three members annually. The grievance procedure is dictated and carried out by the Code of Conduct committee. All resolutions are final and binding. If a grievance is filed on a Code of Conduct committee member, that member may not participate in the meeting as a committee member. The remaining members may request for the Executive Committee to temporarily appoint another member to the committee. If an Executive Committee member has filed a grievance or has been filed against, they may not vote on its resolution.

ARTICLE 10: DISMISSAL

League members may be dismissed for violating the Code of Conduct per the written Policies and Procedures.

ARTICLE 11: COMMITTEES

The Executive Committee consists of the Board of Directors, all committee chairs, the skater representative, and WFTDA representatives. The league has the following committees. Each committee is headed by a chair and co-chair that are elected by the league annually or as needed.

- Sponsorship
- Events
- Fundraising
- Merchandise
- Marketing
- Training
- Officiating
- Code of Conduct

ARTICLE 12: LEAGUE RULES OF PLAY

The league adopts as its rules of play the most current version of WFTDA Standardized Flat Track Roller Derby Rules.



ARTICLE 13: TEAMS

The Rocket City Roller Derby League consists of a charter team and as many home teams as are appropriate, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Skaters must be chosen according to current Training Committee Policies to play on the charter team.

ARTICLE 14: DISCLOSURE

League financial records are accessible to all members through the treasurer. Any member who wishes to see financial records may make an appointment with the treasurer. No members are allowed to keep copies of financial documents without written permission from the Board of Directors.