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WHY WFTDA?

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 international athletic competitions of member leagues.

I don't play this sport, I am this sport. And so is every other member of the WFTDA.
- Grace Killey



- WFTDA leagues benefit from an organized, **international** support network. The WFTDA provides a platform for leagues to share resources.
- The WFTDA enables international competition and organization without forcing leagues to lose their individual principles, providing structure with flexibility.
- Member leagues and their individual skaters ARE the WFTDA. By being a part of a member league, each skater has:
 - A say in the future of the sport. Operating under the "by the skaters, for the skaters" principle, member league representatives guide the WFTDA's direction.
 - A way to help design and define the rules. Anyone can play by WFTDA rules, but member leagues decide what those rules will be.
- Education, through the Apprentice Program, Officiating Clinics, officials Certification and more!

- Opportunities for tournament play. The WFTDA has upped the competition with seven tournaments in 2013. Members have the chance to help host and participate in these tournaments.
- Participation in international rankings. Comprehensive team rankings and statistics from every WFTDA-sanctioned bout are maintained within the WFTDA archives.
- Strength in numbers. As an association of nearly 200 member leagues and growing, the WFTDA offers sponsors and media access to a network of organized international leagues.
- Safeguarding the future of roller derby. WFTDA policies ensure that member leagues can protect the image and quality of the sport.

WFTDA's mission is to promote and foster the sport of women's flat track roller derby by facilitating the development of athletic ability, sportswomanship, and goodwill among member leagues.

