

# W.A. Roller Derby Code of Conduct

Throughout this document, the word “skaters” shall be taken to mean any and all W.A Roller Derby members. WFTDA refers to Women's Flat Track Derby Association.

## *Core Values*

WARD's Core values are:

- Inclusiveness
- Athleticism
- Sportswomanship

Skaters are expected to uphold these values when engaging with other members and when representing the league to the public.

## *General Code of Behaviour*

1. Skaters must support a **Safe Environment** at all times. This includes:
  - a. Supplying own skates and protective gear, including:
    - knee and elbow pads
    - wrist guards
    - mouth guard
    - helmet.All gear must be appropriate to the sport, in good working order and must not pose a threat or risk to any other skater. All relevant protective equipment must be worn at all training sessions, scrimmages, and bouts.
  - b. All skates must be rink-safe, meaning that their use must not gash, indent or blemish the skating surface or any other surface or cause injury to property or persons.
  - c. Supplying correct and relevant personal and contact information and signing the Code of Conduct.
  - d. Bringing to the nearest coach or official's immediate attention any unusual, unforeseen or significant hazard in the skater's presence or participation.
  - e. WFTDA bout clothing rules apply during training.
  - f. skaters must present themselves at training and competitions in a fit and sober state to skate safely, e.g. not unsafely influenced by medications/illegal substances, alcohol or sleep deprivation.
  - g. Skaters must abide by the venue's rules at all times.
2. Skaters must have a **Strong Team Ethos** and must demonstrate good sporting behaviour at all times, including:

- a. Play by the rules. Never argue with an official. If you disagree while scrimmaging or bouting, ask your Team Captain to deal with the matter.
  - b. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other athletes is not acceptable or permitted in the sport.
  - c. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player. This also includes via electronic mediums.
  - d. Co-operate with your coaches, teammates and other participants.
  - e. Participate in Roller Derby primarily for the sport, but feel free to enjoy the spectacle and drama of the bouts.
  - f. Attempt to discuss questions, concerns and problems openly and rationally.
3. WARD must always create a **Welcoming and Supportive** environment for every member. For example:
    - a. Skaters must treat everyone with respect
    - b. Allow others to express themselves, as long as it is in a way that is not hurtful to others and doesn't breach any other rules or codes.
    - c. Each skater, coach, trainer and volunteer must be given a chance to participate and must be given the encouragement they need.
    - d. Injured or inexperienced skaters must be given opportunities to participate at whatever level they feel comfortable with and the person in charge considers appropriate and safe.
  4. All skaters must meet the **WFTDA Minimum Skills Requirements** and have passed a **Written WFTDA Rules Test** before they are allowed to bout competitively.
  5. If they desire, skaters may choose a **Derby Name** and persona that is not already taken on the "Two Evils" master roster and does not reflect poorly on WARD, e.g. names should not be derogatory to others.

### *Officials' Code of Behaviour*

1. Attempt to be consistent, objective and courteous in calling all infractions.
2. Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
3. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate.
4. Ensure that own behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sporting behaviour.

### *Coaches' Code of Behaviour*

1. Be reasonable in your demands on athletes' time, energy and enthusiasm.
2. Never ridicule a team or skater for making mistakes or losing an event.
3. Attempt to ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate.

Any skater found violating this Code of Conduct will have their membership reviewed by the Committee of WARD and action, such as a warning or expulsion without refund of dues paid, may be taken.

Thank you for joining **WARD**.