

WFTDA GAMES OVERSIGHT (GTO)

Policies and Procedures

DEFINITION

A Games Tournament Oversight Officer (GTO) provides oversight at tournaments and multi-game weekends to ensure a fair and well-managed competitive event. The main duties of the GTO are to:

- oversee competition and tournament policies
- support officiating personnel and the tournament host
- manage sanctioning and score reporting
- act as a Skater advocate
- enforce grievance policies

The GTO is a required position for WFTDA Playoffs, Championships and WFTDA-Recognized Tournaments.

JOB DESCRIPTION

The responsibilities of the GTO for WFTDA Playoffs and Championships are outlined in this document. Host-run tournaments and WFTDA-Recognized Tournaments may use this for reference and customize the job duties of the GTO in order to better support the specific needs of the tournament.

Pre-Tournament

1. Complete tournament sanctioning application by the required deadline.
2. Work with WFTDA Tournament Director to review venue setup plans and event scheduling to ensure all Games-related requirements are met for the tournament and are properly communicated to teams and Officials.
3. Ensure that all teams submit uniforms via the WFTDA Dashboard and work with the Tournament Head Referee (THR) to review and approve team uniform submissions.
4. Work with WFTDA Tournament Director and THR/Tournament Head NSO (THNSO) to create a tournament games schedule which includes all relevant meeting times, roster deadlines, and games activities (e.g., number checks, coin toss, uniform selection).
5. Prior to the beginning of the tournament, approve conformance of the track layout to the [WFTDA Tournament Track Setup Requirements](#) with the WFTDA Tournament Director, THR and THNSO.
6. Attend the Captains' and Officials' meetings and provide information regarding all Games procedures (e.g., roster submissions, warm ups, expulsion procedures) to attendees.

In-Tournament

1. Act as an on-site Games resource for all tournament participants (Officials, Skaters, and staff).
2. Retrieve rosters from Team Captains by the roster deadline and provide information to THNSO and to Games Data (Rinxter or other system) Manager (if applicable).
3. Oversee pregame team uniform selection process.
4. Assist NSOs should any concerns or charter discrepancies arise with roster numbers or WFTDA patches during uniform checks.
5. Ensure that the WFTDA Tournament Uniform Requirements are followed (see section below). Final approval on uniform contrast and any requirements set forth in the [Rules of Flat Track Roller Derby](#) pertaining to uniforms and helmet covers are the responsibility of the Officials, though the GTO should assist in pointing out any possible issues.
6. Manage pre-game warm-ups to ensure that teams are provided with adequate warm-up time. Works with Crew Head Referee (CHR) and WFTDA Tournament Director should any scheduling concerns arise.
7. Oversee game play and ensure conformance with all WFTDA tournament-related policies and procedures listed in the WFTDA Playoff Tournaments Policies & Procedures (see WFTDA forum). The GTO is not responsible for enforcing all policy but should work with the appropriate parties to ensure that policies are consistently enforced throughout the tournament and across tournaments.
8. Confirm official score with WFTDA Marketing at the end of the game.
9. Oversee completion of the Interleague Game Reporting Form (IGRF) from the WFTDA StatsBook and submit scores to Sanctioning by the deadline.
10. Act as onsite Games Representative for expulsions/suspensions and compliance issues as described in the [WFTDA Suspension Policy](#). Ensure completion of Expulsion/Suspension Form (in the [WFTDA StatsBook](#)) and, if necessary, moderate a suspension review meeting in case of a suspension recommendation for a team with additional games to play in the tournament.
11. Maintain tournament games schedule throughout the tournament.
12. Attend daily wrap-up meeting with Tournament Head Officials (THOs).
13. The GTO is authorized to complete one tournament evaluation per Official.

Post-Tournament

1. Submit scanned IGRFs, Official Review forms and any associated Expulsion/Suspension Forms to the WFTDA Sanctioning Committee within two days of tournament.
2. Ensure that WFTDA StatsBook and/or games data are submitted within two weeks of tournament completion.
3. Post any relevant post-tournament information to the WFTDA Tournament Head Official Google group for subsequent GTO and THO crews in order to keep consistency across tournaments.

WFTDA PLAYOFF TOURNAMENT GTOs

HIRING AND ASSIGNMENT PROCESS

GTOs must complete an annual application process for a WFTDA Playoffs position. This position is open to Active or Retired Skaters, and Officials. Applicants with a Skater background are preferred.

Application materials to complete annually are:

- GTO application with league affiliation and current year's tournament availability indicated
- Derby resume or WFTDA Officiating History document (if used) with all relevant GTO experience listed
- Completion of the latest version of the GTO online curriculum by the posted deadline

The application and assignment schedule will be posted at the start of the Playoffs year.

The WFTDA Games Officer will review all applications and past performance, and will select a pool of candidates for that year's tournaments. The Board of Directors will vet the candidate pool selection. Once final seeding of tournaments is complete, the WFTDA Games Officer will assign GTOs to tournament locations based on GTO availability and experience, team affiliation, staffing considerations, and travel costs.

GTO assignments will be publicly announced with the release of tournament officials.

PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

The WFTDA Games Officer will solicit feedback on GTO performance through evaluations and communications with:

- Tournament Head Officials
- Tournament Director
- WFTDA Board of Directors Tournament Oversight
- Team Captains
- WFTDA Sanctioning

This information will be communicated to GTOs to mentor and support GTO development and to determine eligibility for future tournament assignments.