

WFTDA Programs Update

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Presentation Agenda

- WFTDA By the Numbers
- 2023 Focus: Back to Competition
 - Structure and Sanctioning
 - 2024 Regional and Global Championship Bids
 - Dual Sanctioning with NGBs
- Membership Update
 - Membership Benefits Reminder
 - Renewal Information
- 2023-2024 and beyond

WFTDA By the Numbers

WFTDA Membership By The Numbers

- Total Member Leagues: 437
- Total Inactive Members: 57
 - 2 planning to return with renewal
 - 33 inactive members in the US, 5 Canada, 19 outside US/Canada
 - 10 inactive members from the US have active WFTDA insurance
- 10 New Member Leagues joined from 2020-2023

New Members

Welcome to our New Members!

- Auver'Niaks Roller Derby - Clermont-Ferrand, France
- Baja Roller Derby - Baja, Mexico
- Bristol Roller Derby - Bristol, England
- Capital Rats - Bogotá, Colombia
- Discordias Roller Derby - Mexico City, Mexico
- Peterborough Area Roller Derby - Peterborough, Ontario, Canada
- Roller Derby Regensburg - Regensburg, Germany
- Schuylkill County Scream Queens - Pennsylvania, US
- Susquehanna Valley Derby Vixens - Pennsylvania, US
- Valencia Roller Derby - Valencia, Spain



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WFTDA Competition By The Numbers

- Total Teams Competing: 428 (380 active leagues)
 - 54 additional teams
 - 7 leagues have 3 teams competing
 - 40 leagues have 2 teams competing
 - 8 leagues are active (paid dues) but have no teams competing
- June 1, 2023 - 268 leagues with charters submitted - 63%



WFTDA Competition By The Numbers

- 2023 sanctioning numbers to date:
 - Q1: 30 games
 - Q2: 163 games
 - Q3: 10 games so far
 - 35 tournaments to date

TOTAL NUMBER OF SANCTIONED GAMES HOSTED IN REGION W/O PLAYOFFS AND CHAMPS										
	USA	Canada	UK/Ireland	Europe	S. America	Australia/NZ	Asia	Africa	Total	
2014	832	30	21	48	0	4	3	0	938	
2015	894	34	21	55	0	35	3	0	1042	
2016	956	62	23	84	0	29	11	0	1165	
2017	980	32	54	129	17	52	11	0	1275	
2018	754	53	23	132	1	29	1	0	993	
2019	809	52	113	148	3	45	0	0	1170	
TOTAL	5225	263	255	596	21	194	29	0	6583	



2023 Focus: Back to Competition

WFTDA Competition Basics

- Season and Pathways
 - Season runs from January 1, 2023 until approximately April 1, 2024
 - Next cycle starts July 1, 2024 (and includes Global Champs)
 - Regional gameplay pathway to Hydra via Regional and Global Champs
 - Geographically Unrestricted Region (GUR) for intraregional play and a global ranking but no Hydra pathway
- Rankings and Eligibility
 - One game required to get a ranking
 - Teams must play five “close” games to be eligible for Regional Championships
 - Rankings algorithm is capped to allow for more game play
- Charter Rules Changed
 - Skaters may be on more than one charter (in any league)
 - Teams may have no more than 8 shared skaters regular season/3 in postseason



WFTDA Competition Basics

- Updated instructions and information:
<https://community.wftda.org/resources/document-libraries/competition-documents#competition>

Competition Updates

- The **new rankings calculator and game site** is under development and will be tested soon. We will release it in the coming months.
- WFTDA has entered into a partnership with FFRS, RDD, and Five Nations to have their competitions **dual-sanctioned** automatically. Leagues will sanction with their NGB and the NGB will report results and paperwork to WFTDA for WFTDA rankings.
- The initial **hosting bid deadline for Regionals and Champs** has passed. We are reviewing submitted bids and still need some for North America-South and Latin America.

How Do You Submit Charters and Sanction?

- Charters are submitted via a Google Form system linked to the WFTDA Member Portal
 - Leagues must assign role of “Skater” to all skaters for charter
 - Leagues must assign role of “Roster Manager” to individuals submitting charters
 - Due **30 days prior to the game - FIRM!** - first-ever charter, name and number changes, or removing skaters will be effective immediately
- Game sanctioning is submitted via the Game Sanctioning Form and tournaments (at least 3 games between 3 teams) via the Tournament Sanctioning Form
 - All participating leagues “sign” the form
 - Due **30 days prior to the game or you may be assessed a late fee.**



Sanctioning Reminders

- Read and follow the instructions on how to submit charters and sanctioning carefully.
 - **For all games in the United States**, make sure your league insurance is up-to-date before you sanction games to avoid delays.
 - If you update your charter (add skaters), use the online form and select amendment. **Remember the 30-day waiting period!**
 - Roster managers must submit the charter form using a Google-compliant email and that email must be used as your login/email in the member portal.
 - The portal, charter roster, uniform and IGRF must all match!
 - Shortened versions of names on uniforms are OK, but if you use a completely different name on your uniform, you must put that name on the charter roster and in the portal.
 - If a skater uses a different name/number on one league and plays for another roster, please let Sanctioning know.



Submission Deadlines

Item	Deadline	Send To
Charter Rosters	30 days prior to the game (no exceptions to add new skaters)	Enter skaters in member portal, use charter roster submission tool
Game/Tournament Sanctioning	30 days prior to the game (late fee possible)	gamesanctioning@wftda.com ; tournamentsanctioning@wftda.com
Scores	24 hours after the event	https://scores.wftda.com/
IGRFs, Official Reviews, Expulsion Forms	48 hours after the event	igrf@wftda.com
StatsBooks	2 weeks after the event	stats@wftda.com



Membership Update

Membership Benefits

- Compete in competitive structures and rankings
 - One team included in base membership cost
 - Teams may enter as many teams as they wish!
- Access to Online Community (<https://community.wftda.org>)
 - Portal League Admins may assign their own Representatives and give them access (Skater Rep, Officials Rep, Risk Coordinator, Vote Reminders contacts)
 - Everyone else can join WeFTDA Collective membership
- Voting on ballot issues (Reps only)
- Access to WFTDA Online Education (<https://learning.wftda.org>)
 - Member Learning (needs to be updated)
 - Officiating training (Basic Cert courses are free and open to all)
 - Games and Safety courses
 - WFTDI basic first aid course
- Use of WFTDA logo/member patch (when available)
- Discounted WFTDA Insurance (where available)



Membership Program Changes

- Competitive Structure Changes
 - Dues are now set up with a base price (one charter team) and additional fees for adding more than one team
 - No requirement to sanction games or have a team for membership purposes, just pay dues and play WFTDA derby
- Voluntary Inactive Status
 - Now limited to 12 months maximum.
 - Dues will be prorated quarterly for leagues who return mid-season.
 - Current inactive members will be contacted to determine their plan.
 - Leagues who need to leave may work out a way to return if they wish.
 - Inactive teams cannot vote and cannot participate in competitive play.

2023 Renewal Information

- Dues remain the same this year
 - \$400 US for the member year August 1, 2023 - July 31, 2024
 - Global index leagues (Latam, S. Africa, E. Europe) no dues but must confirm
 - Additional teams are \$100 US each (3 or more \$300), \$10 for Global Index
 - Board and Officer leagues pay no dues but must pay full additional team fees
- Renewal Timing
 - Opens on or around July 1
 - Payment is due 60 days after invoicing (around September 1)
 - Invoicing and payment on the member portal
 - US leagues pay by credit card or e-check on member portal
 - Outside of the US may pay by credit card on member portal or using Paypal to paypal@wftda.com.



Membership and Insurance are Different!

- Membership dues provide the benefits of membership listed earlier and is renewed annually in July.
- Insurance is additional and purchased separately. Renewal is 365 days from the date it was purchased.

REMINDERS

- Assign an Insurance Contact in the member portal. This individual and League Admins receive renewal reminders 30 days before expiration and on the day of expiration.
- If you are playing in the United States, or carry insurance other than WFTDA insurance, please have your insurance verified in advance of sanctioning (60 days is recommended). Send to insurance@wftdi.com.
- Sanctioning will verify insurance (liability and personal skater medical) prior to game sanctioning and will not approve games/tournaments until insurance is cleared.

What's Next?

What's Next for Membership?

- Review bylaws to ensure they fit the organization currently
- Review and update membership policy
 - What would true membership mean for individuals (Officials, Announcers, etc.)?
- Review and update member requirements
- Update new member learning and recreate guide
- Figure out a plan for member and certification patches
- Get education committees reinvigorated and catch up on education emails, content, etc.

What's Next for Competition?

- Finish updating policies to align them with the new system
- Finish and launch the rankings and games site
- Onboard and organize the permanent competition committees
- Select hosts for 2024 tournaments and begin tournament planning
- At some point in the coming months, Competitive Play will release an analysis of our rankings algorithm and rankings based on games played the first half of 2023.

THANK YOU!

————— *FOR VOLUNTEERING*



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