

Certification

Cert Survey - Results and Next Steps

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I am part of Certification Oversight and also part of the Officials Education Committee.



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I'm **TaraByte (she/they)**, based in Portland, OR. I've been part of the roller derby community since 2009, starting out in Silicon Valley. I am an **independent official**, a **Level 3 certified official**, and currently serve as the **Vice President of the WFTDA Board of Directors**, where I've been a board member since 2020. Previously, I chaired both the **Officiating Committee** and **TOSP**.

I've officiated at all levels of derby and especially enjoy **THing, training new officials, and fostering a love for roller derby in others**, just as it's grown in me.



Goals of Effort

Survey Goals

- Concerns with officiating membership experience.
- Opportunity for all voices to be heard.
- What does membership want certification to be ?
- How does membership use certification?
- Design a system that better fits the needs of the organization

Results

Question 1: how do you use certification

- Personal use (most prominent)
 - Validation, pride, recognition, even bragging rights
 - Way to show accomplishments
 - Acknowledgement of their quality, knowledge, and commitment
 - Fostered a sense of connection, legacy, and support for WFTDA and officiating community
- Staffing Games (less prominent)
 - Staffing games
 - Reduced anonymity when traveling
- Training and Development
 - Used certification for training purposes
- Not Used
 - Lack of perceived value or need
 - Not respected for valued
 - Certification does not consistently guarantee quality
 - Lacks reliability and relevance

Question 2: What should cert be used for ?

Feedback much shorter and more in agreement in this question.

- Mark of quality and credibility
- Validation of their skills, experience and depth of knowledge
- Demonstrating their ability to perform duties effectively
- Tool for staffing officials
 - Post season
 - Tournaments
 - Sanctioned games
- Motivational tool in officiating journey

Question 3: Barriers to certification?

Cost Barrier: time, travel, and direct cost such as fees and accommodations

Certification Process: Too Difficult: process is challenging

Geographic Isolation: Limited access to feedback and Lack of Game Opportunities

Challenges in Requesting Officiating Overview Summaries (OOSs) and Evaluations

Language Barriers

Writing Officiating Overview Summaries (OOS) is Heavy Lift

Sexism in Certification and Officiating

Health Issues and Discrimination Due to Disability

Next Steps

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Certification was developed for officials after the request of the skaters

What do skaters want? We want to hear from skaters, we heard from officials.

Survey for Skaters:

<https://forms.gle/E8oiTMgNofYLnTzk6>

Trying to set up a meeting to speak one on one with skaters is not working with timezones, we will be sending out a form.

Once we hear from skaters we will take that information and work with a group of people to determine what Certification should be.

More Info

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