

WFTDA Risk Management Guidelines

Quick Reference Guide to Changes & Revisions History

This document outlines the areas in which the current guidelines differ from previous releases in terms of verbiage and content, and provides a list of past revisions.

2024 Risk Management Guidelines Changes

October 2024	
3.1 Spectators and Seating	Removed PARTICIPANTS from the requirement to be seated within Zone E. Participants in coach boxes are allowed to stand.
September 2024	
4.2 Optional Gear	Removed the specification that the wearer's eyes must be visible through tinted visors. Some venues may make the tint seem darker, but it's still allowed as long as it's transparent.
April 2024	
3.1 Spectators and Seating	This new wording adds All SPECTATORS and PARTICIPANTS in TRACKSIDE (Zone E) must be seated <i>upright</i> , with their limbs and possessions completely behind the OUTER OFFICIATING LANE boundary line. The word upright was added for clarity.
4.1 Required Equipment	Wrist guards, elbow pads, knee pads, and helmets must have a hard-protective shell or inserts. Equipment must be worn per manufacturer's guidelines. This replaces previous verbiage Wrist guards, elbow pads, knee pads, and helmets must have a hard-protective shell or inserts.
4.2 Optional Gear	Full-face shields and half-face shields are permitted. This includes tinted visors. The new verbiage adds the inclusion of tinted visors.
6 Concussion, Injury, and Impairment	All references of SCAT 5 have been removed and replaced with updated SCAT 6 information.

Remember: The WFTDA Risk Management Guidelines contain the minimum requirements. Leagues may add additional restrictions as they deem necessary for the safety of participants and spectators.

Revisions History

2020

- Added Section 2 to address Safe Skills for Participating in Roller Derby to align with the new skater curriculum being developed instead of the Minimum Skills Requirements and Skater Rules Test.
- Edited Table 2 to allow participants to use medical apparatuses such as wheelchairs or knee scooters in bench areas, and NSOs may use them in clearly demarcated areas in the center of the infield. Bench staff acting as Alternates may move between zones as applicable during game stoppages.
- Edited Section 5.8 to clarify that therapeutic substances necessary to maintain a person's health are allowable as long as the substance does not impair the person's judgment, ability or motor skills.
- Position of Safety Director was changed to Risk Coordinator to better reflect the duties of that position.

2019

- Included the term "Participants" to seating restrictions in Zone E in order to incorporate safety standards for placement of camera operators, photographers, volunteers and staff to be seated when in Zone E, even if they are working.
- Emphasized that posts may not be located in Zone D unless specific criteria are met.
- Added the term "Flat" to surface requirements.
- Added the allowance of taping over small indentations to smooth out a skating surface.
- Added requirement for coaches, bench staff and off-skates volunteers and officials working in Zones A, B, C, D and/or E to wear closed-toe shoes.

2017-2018

- Removed the term "Safety Zone/Lane"
- Added and defined the term "Minor"
- Added and defined the term "Participant"
- Defined the difference between skating surface and competition surface
- Added zones and zone letter designations
- Updated distance measurements to refer to inner track line and/or outer track line
- Specified floor requirements in zone D
- Added medical staff seating requirements
- Added Barriers section