



IOC Letter
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Men's Roller Derby Association

Dear Mr. Dubi, Mr. McConnell and Mr. Wassmer:

We are writing to you on behalf of the Men's Roller Derby Association (MRDA), in support of the WFTDA's correspondence to you regarding their dispute of FIRS' claim to governance of the sport of roller derby. By way of introduction, the MRDA has been in existence since 2010 and currently consists of 62 leagues in the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia, and continues to grow. We also currently have approximately 270 MRDA affiliated officials. The MRDA considers itself the male counterpart to the WFTDA, has partnered with them, and shares their commitment to democracy in the governance of the sport of roller derby.

The WFTDA is the paradigm by which the MRDA has established its internal governance, and the MRDA acknowledges the WFTDA as the dominant governing body of the sport of roller derby. The MRDA plays under the Rules of Flat Track Roller Derby as promulgated by the WFTDA, and utilizes many of the WFTDA's standards and resources. MRDA is also working with the WFTDA in a formal partnership on additional ways we can share workloads and resources.

We support the WFTDA's efforts in challenging FIRS' attempt to establish governance of the sport of roller derby. We share the same concerns about FIRS' ability to govern a sport, for which they have contributed little, if anything, to its current evolved state. The WFTDA, on the other hand, can be credited with the creation of this sport in 2005, and for creating an infrastructure based on democratic principles that has successfully grown and thrived for the past decade.

We are happy to answer any questions you may have in this regard and look forward to speaking with you further on this topic. Thank you for this consideration.

Signed,

The Board of Directors of the Men's Roller Derby Association

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