

SATURDAY DECEMBER 12

**Officials Listening
Session**

Welcome!



**WFTDA
ROLLER DERBY**

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A Few Housekeeping Rules

Recording: We will record this event, so feel free to turn off your camera. But we also love to see your faces ;)

Microphone: Please keep your microphone muted during the presentations.

Chat: Use the chat to raise questions at any time.

Discussion: Please raise your hand and remember to make space & take space. We will moderate to the best of our abilities.

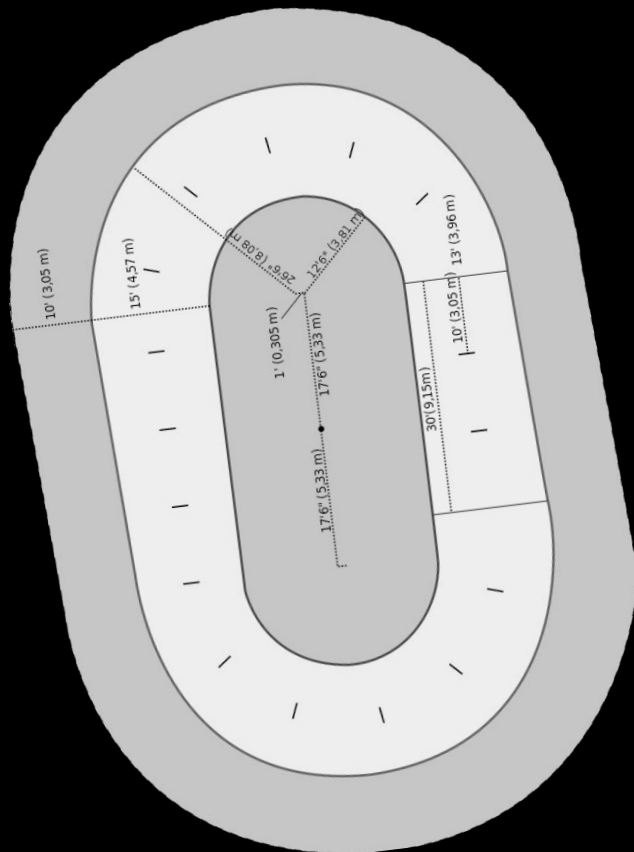
Respect & Kindness: Be mindful about different languages and everyone's intersecting identities. Criticize ideas, not individuals.

Have fun!



What do we want to talk about today?

- **WFTDA Updates:** Past meetings, Competitive Play Taskforce
- **Holding Space & Listen**
 - **Challenges** you are facing personally or if affiliated, in your league;
 - **Losses and plans 2022**
 - **Your questions** around getting back to roller derby or officiating.
 - **Other ideas or wishes**



Past WFTDA Meetings

Find the recordings under <https://community.wftda.org/meetings/home>

- 1) **Holding Space for Grief:**
Acknowledging loss and collective trauma
- 2) **How to mentally and socially return to roller derby** (incl. developing resilience and moving away from goal setting)
- 3) **Update on the state of the organization** (competition, challenges, changes, task forces)

WFTDA MEETING AND CONFERENCE CENTER

Welcome to the WFTDA Meeting and Conference Center! Here you'll find information, resources, and discussions about online meetings and conferences for WFTDA members and others in the community.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Visit the [Events](#) page for a full list of upcoming events.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Recordings, followup discussions, and other resources for previous meetings and conferences.

"HOLDING SPACE FOR GRIEF" A WFTDA MEMBER-EXCLUSIVE GRIEF DISCUSSION SESSION

After our second [Incubator session](#) where we held space for mentally and socially returning to roller derby, we had a follow up session to take some extra time to focus on the topic of grief with Leslie Barber from [Grief Warrior | Recognize, Respect and Reconnect the Grieving](#).

Visit the [meeting space](#) for a recording of the session and followup discussions.

[GO TO MEETING SPACE](#)

WFTDA INCUBATOR SESSION 2: HOLDING SPACE FOR MENTALLY & SOCIALLY RETURNING TO ROLLER DERBY TRAINING

On October 10th (World Mental Health Day) we held an interactive online meeting where attendees saw presentations and chatted with experts about topics related to mental health in sports, and how we can hold space for our league-mates (and ourselves) emotionally and socially as we all return to roller derby

Visit the [meeting space](#) for a recording of the meeting, related resources, and followup discussions.

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AUG. 2021 WFTDA ALL-HANDS MEETING

On Aug. 22, 2021, WFTDA Board of Directors and Staff held an All-Hands Meeting with WFTDA committee members, volunteers, and partners to discuss the future of our organization and sport. This meeting was also open to member league reps or anyone else interested in being part of upcoming committee or task force work.

Visit the [meeting Work Group](#) for an overview of the topics discussed, a recording of the meeting and a copy of the presentation, and a discussion forum for updates and related discussions. Join the Work Group to participate!

[GO TO WORK GROUP](#)

WFTDA Competition Task Force

Goals to support:

1. RECOVERY - return to play and operations
2. REBUILDING - uneven progress and needs
3. REGIONALIZATION - local play and coordination

[Join the task force on the Community!](https://community.wftda.org/groups)

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The task force is working with the WFTDA Board of Directors to develop a regional-focused recovery plan for 2022 events. This task force is open to anyone interested and officials' input is key to the success of the plan.

If you have any problems joining the WFTDA Community, or for any technical support questions with the member portal or the community, email Bones at portal@wftda.com.

Detailed instructions can be found [here](#) or in the sign-up guide video [here](#).

Your Questions & Topics

Let's Talk!



- What are leagues doing to **include officiating as part of league training**?
- What are people doing about **whistles**? Weird whistle masks? Electronic whistles?
- As a "young" official it feels very hard to be **selected at high level events**, whether WFTDA-organized or not. Only my Games History and my certification can make the difference. Does the WFTDA plans something to improve that?
- **Certification** is, and has been a trouble spot -- difficult, tortuous and error-prone. **Classes for new officials** are few and far between, also.