



# WFTDA OFFICIATING UNIFORM POLICY

*The uniform procedures outlined in this document are advised for officiating all play under The Rules of Flat Track Roller Derby, including WFTDA Playoffs and Championships tournaments. Officials participating in tournaments other than WFTDA Playoffs and Championships should contact the event organizers or Head Official(s) for additional dress code details. Leagues should use this policy as a guideline for forming their own Officiating Uniform Policies specific to their needs.*

For all events requiring compliance to this policy, including WFTDA Playoffs and Championships:

- The Head Official(s) may remove any Official who they feel fails to comply with this policy.
- A removed Official may return to officiating duties when they have addressed their uniform issue(s).

The Head Official(s) have the authority to make the final decision on any points not specifically covered in this document.

## GENERAL UNIFORM

1. All clothing, including alterations, must be of professional quality and kept in good repair. Officials should appear to be professional and be clearly identifiable as Officials.
2. Officials may wear jewelry and accessories with discretion, avoiding the appearance of any bias. Jewelry and accessories that might be considered distracting are prohibited.
3. Officials must not wear recording devices of any kind unless approved by the highest level of oversight present (Tournament Head or Crew Head). Officials are never required to wear a recording device.
4. Officials may wear dresses in the pattern of the Referee jersey or the color of the NSO tops. All dresses must have sleeves. A breast pocket is acceptable, as long as it matches the pattern or color of the dress. If a dress is shorter than mid-thigh, opaque black shorts or leggings must be worn underneath the dress to meet this length requirement.
5. The Head Official may allow additional accessories.

### Tops

1. Tops must be long enough to cover the midsection while at rest.
2. Tops must have sleeves (cap sleeves are acceptable).
3. Officials may add only these patches to their top:
  - a. the WFTDA patch, worn on the upper left chest,
  - b. certification patches, worn on the right sleeve,
  - c. the official patch of their country/region of residence or origin, worn on their left arm.
4. All patches and name plates must be sewn or otherwise permanently affixed to the uniform. Safety pins or other means of temporary attachment are not allowed. Velcro sewn to both the jersey and patch is acceptable.

## **Bottoms**

1. If not wearing a dress, an Official must wear predominantly black pants or shorts (made of any material), black skirt, or black kilt.
2. Bottoms must at least mid-thigh in length and opaque. If skirt or shorts are shorter than mid-thigh, opaque black shorts or leggings must be worn underneath to meet this length requirement.
3. If worn, belts and socks must be black or white.
4. Adornments are limited to tournament patches.

## **Whistle**

1. Fox 40 (Classic or Mini) is strongly recommended.

## **REFEREES**

### **Tops**

1. Referees must be easily identifiable by their uniform as the Skating Officials for the game, wearing a black and white vertically-stripped top with stripes approximately 1 inch (2.5 cm) wide. A breast pocket is acceptable so long as it matches the pattern of the top.
2. If a Referee uses a name, number, or both on the back of their jersey, it must be clearly readable. The number, if worn, must be a numeral of no more than four digits. (It must not contain letters or symbols, regardless of their size.)
3. Alternate Referees may wear stripes, but they must be mostly covered by nondescript black clothing or black WFTDA apparel.

### **Gear**

1. All safety gear mandated for Skaters in *The Rules of Flat Track Roller Derby* must be worn by Referees, with the exception of a mouthguard.
2. Referees are permitted to wear inline skates, but are strongly encouraged to wear quad skates.

### **Accessories**

1. Referees may wear bandanas or other head coverings. The accessory must be professional and must not interfere with the function and safety of their helmet.

## **NON-SKATING OFFICIALS**

### **Tops**

1. NSOs must wear a top differentiating themselves from Referees (Example: the official WFTDA NSO top). The color of the top must be dictated by the Head NSO prior to the day of the game.
2. The word "OFFICIAL" must be printed on the back of the top between the shoulders in high-contrast letters.
3. If an NSO puts a name on their shirt, it must be in the upper right chest area. Names must be approximately the same size or smaller than the WFTDA member patch.

### **Accessories**

1. Shoes must have closed toes.
2. NSOs may wear hats, bandanas, headbands, or other head coverings, provided that they are professional.