

# COMPETITION STRUCTURES

The Ultimate Global Leverage



A vibrant, multi-colored galaxy with a bright central core, set against a dark blue background filled with stars. The galaxy's core is a brilliant yellow-white, surrounded by a thick, glowing ring of orange and red. The outer regions of the galaxy are a deep, rich blue, with numerous small, bright stars scattered throughout. The overall appearance is that of a young, star-forming galaxy.

In the beginning...





In 2017...

Global Championships

National  
Local / Home Games  
Seasons/Championships

Regional Competitions  
World Cup



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# Competitive Structures

are the framework for the team and player experience



# Competitive Structures

Goals

Achievement

Success

Opportunity

Enjoyment

Failure

Development

Travel

Excitement

Drive

Challenge

Possibility

Passion

Team

Strength

Longevity

Dreams

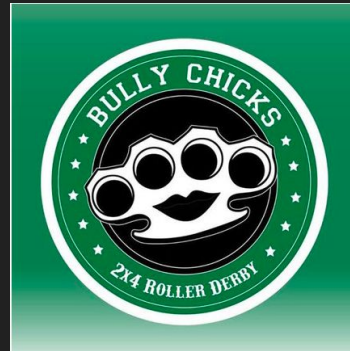
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# Local Structures

Regulated by each individual league based on a variety of factors that include:

HOME TEAMS - INTRALEAGUE PLAY



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# Local Structures

Fan base

Financial limitations

Training goals

Membership size

Opponent availability

Geographic isolation

Venue resources

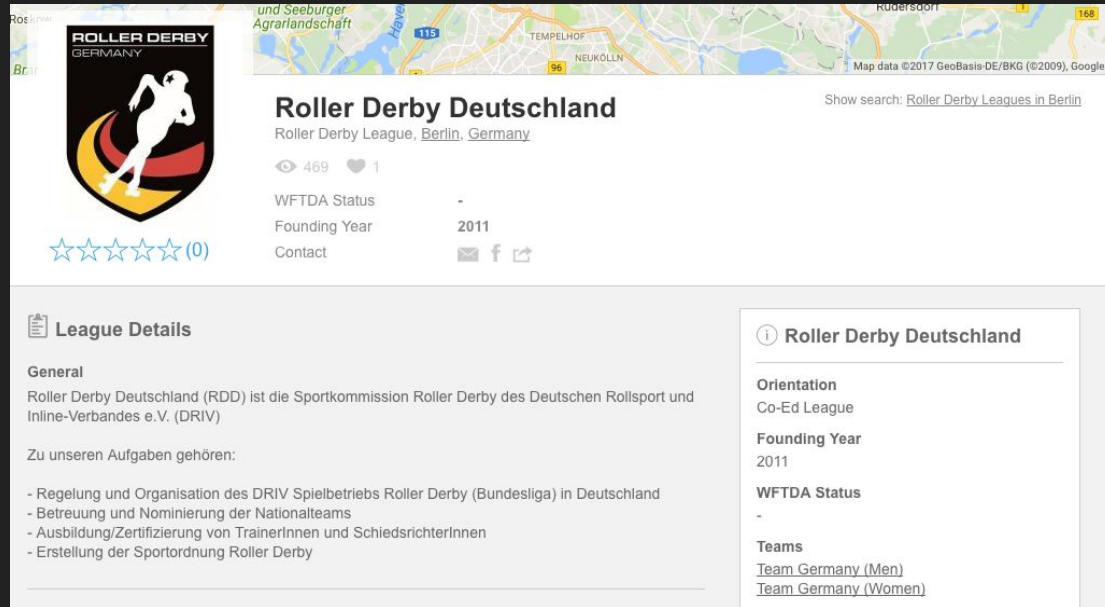
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# National Structures

Regulated by a national governing body (primarily a roller derby specific NGB, but not always).



**Roller Derby Deutschland**  
Roller Derby League, [Berlin](#), [Germany](#)

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Founding Year: 2011  
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### League Details

**General**  
Roller Derby Deutschland (RDD) ist die Sportkommission Roller Derby des Deutschen Rollsport und Inline-Verbandes e.V. (DRIV)

Zu unseren Aufgaben gehören:

- Regelung und Organisation des DRIV Spielbetriebs Roller Derby (Bundesliga) in Deutschland
- Betreuung und Nominierung der Nationalteams
- Ausbildung/Zertifizierung von TrainerInnen und SchiedsrichterInnen
- Erstellung der Sportordnung Roller Derby

### Roller Derby Deutschland

**Orientation**  
Co-Ed League

**Founding Year**  
2011

**WFTDA Status**  
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**Teams**  
[Team Germany \(Men\)](#)  
[Team Germany \(Women\)](#)



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# National Structures

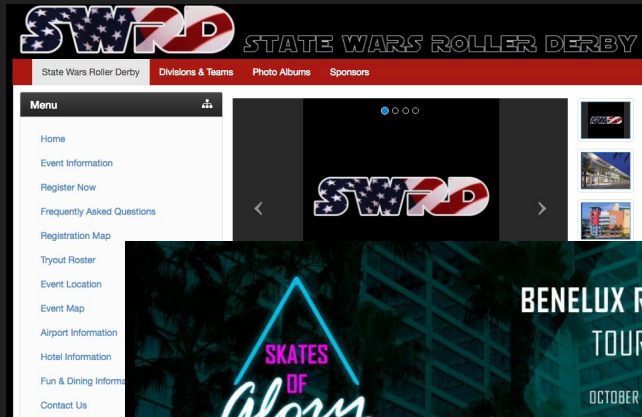
Divisional levels with required games and mandatory opponents.

Ranking - 1. Bundesliga								
1. Bundesliga		2. Bundesliga		3. Bundesliga North			3. Bundesliga South	
Rank	Team	Matches	W*	L*	Score	D*	Points	
1	 Bear City Roller Derby	4	4	0	1527:436	+1091	8	
2	 Harbor Girls	4	3	1	762:601	+161	6	
3	 Stuttgart Valley Rollergirls	4	1	3	638:729	-91	2	
4	 Dresden Pioneers	4	1	3	572:1080	-508	2	
5	 RuhrPott Roller Girls	4	1	3	431:1084	-653	2	



# Regional Structures

Overseen or organized by a league or private individual who determines the standards and policies.

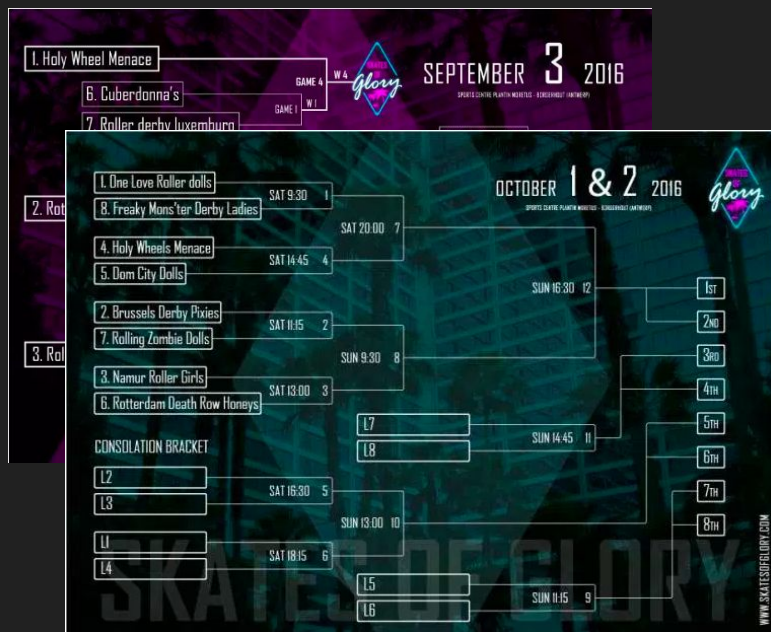


# Regional Structures

Organizers use either ranking or divisions to structure competition.

Motivations include:

- geographical freedom
- promoting high level play opportunities
- seasonal framework



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# World Cup Structures

Roller Derby Nations Committee (RDNC) has granted Roller Derby World Cup (RDWC - previously Blood and Thunder) the production contract for the 2018 Roller Derby World Cup.

Working in close collaboration, the RDWC is creating structures that are being vetted and voted on by the RDNC.



# World Cup Structures

Previous World Cup competitions placed a focus on establishing global 'rank' or placement, maximizing the cross level play experience for teams and creating a satisfactory number of games for each participating team.

Because the number of participants changes each competition cycle, there is no established standard as of yet.



# WFTDA Structures

WFTDA Competition Structures are rooted in rankings. Rankings determine not just a team's position globally, also:

- their level of desirability for opponents
- participation in certain tournaments
- sponsoring leverage
- games flexibility





# WFTDA Structures

Rank	+/-	League	W	L	Weight	Score
1	+1	Victorian Roller Derby League	9	1	7.39	1,035.10
2	-1	Gotham Girls Roller Derby	10	1	7.33	1,027.18
3		Rose City Rollers	13	1	6.75	944.85
4	+1	London Rollergirls	5	3	6.64	930.82
5	-1	Angel City Derby Girls	7	5	6.43	900.83
6		Texas Rollergirls	9	6	5.91	828.27
7		Denver Roller Derby	7	9	4.93	690.15
8		Arch Rival Roller Derby	11	2	4.92	688.79
9		Jacksonville Rollergirls	10	4	4.85	679.53
10		Minnesota RollerGirls	8	6	4.77	667.77



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# WFTDA Structures

The WFTDA has a variety of WFTDA organized or sanctioned competition it oversees and regulates.

- Local competition - one off member games
- Regional competition - Recognized Tournaments
- Global competition - Playoffs and Championships



# WFTDA Structures

## Five total events in 2017

- One dual-track D2 tournament. This event will have two brackets. The D2 championship game between the winners of those brackets will happen the same weekend.
- Three single-bracket D1 playoff tournaments which feed into a D1 championship tournament.



# WFTDA Structures

## Serves leagues ranked 1-52

- The D2 tournament will feature two brackets of 8 teams each.
- Each of the three D1 tournaments will feature a single bracket of 12 teams. Teams placing 1-4 in their respective playoff tournament will progress to Champs.
- Championship will feature a single bracket of 12 teams.



# WFTDA Structures

## Medals and trophies

- D2 teams placing 1-3 will receive medals, and a trophy for the winner of the D2 championship.
- D1 teams placing 1-3 in their respective playoffs will receive medals.
- At the Championship tournament, teams placing 1-3 will receive medals and the D1 team in first place will claim the Hydra.

## Broadcast

- Live video broadcast of all three D1 playoffs and Champs.
- Live audio broadcast of the D2 tournament.



# MRDA/JRDA Structures

MRDA has a playoff and championship structure similar to WFTDA. With a smaller membership, MRDA tournament season features two playoffs and one championship.

JRDA features one championship tournament.



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In the future...



# Compatible Structures

Combining objectives to make sense of the chaos



# Global Season Plan

Coordination ensures a systematic approach to ensuring adequate resources (venues, teams, officials) while not dividing fan bases or overwhelming leagues, skaters and volunteers.



# Global Season Plan

Month	WFTDA Season	
January	Pre-season*	National Play
February	Qualifying games/Tournaments	National Play
March	Qualifying games/Tournaments	National Play
April	Qualifying games/Tournaments	National Play
May	Qualifying games/Tournaments	National Play
June	Qualifying games/Tournaments	National Play
July	<i>(qualifying games for teams with byes to Champs)*</i>	
August	Continental Cups	
September	D1/Champions League Playoffs	National Play
October	Continental Cups	National Play
November	WFTDA Championship (1st week); Off-season*	National Play
December	Off-Season*	National Play
	*Sanctioning will be available year-round	



# Global Structures

How can existing bodies better facilitate skaters?



# Thanks!

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