



# WFTDA Charter Roster Policy

*This document outlines the requirements for WFTDA Charter Rosters. Failure to meet the requirements outlined in this document could result in sanctioning being rescinded from a game and loss of game eligibility for WFTDA Rankings points (updated March 2024).*

## Definitions

A **charter roster** or **charter team** is a roster of Skaters who meet WFTDA sanctioning requirements to represent their league in WFTDA-sanctioned gameplay.

A **charter change** is when a new Skater is **added** to a charter roster.

A **charter amendment** is when a Skater is **removed** from a charter roster or Skater information is **edited** (e.g., name, number).

A **game roster** is the roster of Skaters who compete in a given game.

## Charter Requirements

Charter submissions are enforced by the WFTDA Sanctioning Committee. In order to participate in sanctioned games for WFTDA Rankings, a member league must create and submit a charter roster of Skaters to compete in those games.

1. Leagues may enter any number of charter teams into WFTDA-sanctioned competition.
  - a. Additional membership fees may apply per WFTDA membership requirements.
  - b. There is no requirement to enter a team into the competitive system in a given year.

Should a team fail to meet the requirements set forth in this section, it could result in game sanctioning being revoked, thus forfeiting eligibility for WFTDA Rankings points.

## Skater Eligibility

All submission requirements are enforced by the WFTDA Sanctioning Committee.

1. A WFTDA charter roster must include a minimum of seven Skaters and a maximum of 20 Skaters.
2. Leagues may determine their own membership eligibility requirements for their charter rosters in compliance with WFTDA membership requirements, including the WFTDA Gender Statement.
  - a. All Skaters must be 18 years old or older to participate in WFTDA-sanctioned games in any region..



3. Skaters may be on up to two active charters at any given time.
  - a. The two charter teams may be from any member league.
  - b. Participation on teams from other associations (e.g., MRDA, JRDA, etc.) is not counted in this total.
  
4. The number of skaters shared by two charter teams on active charters is limited to:
  - a. 8 skaters in the regular season and 3 skaters in the postseason (Regional and Global Championships)
    - i. The 3-person overlap applies only to charters of two teams participating in Regional or Global Championships. Any team competing for rankings outside of Championships will not be subject to this change and will continue to be allowed to have the 8-skater overlap with any other team.
    - ii. The check for skater overlap will be as follows:
      1. Two teams in one region cannot overlap more than 3 skaters in their Regional Championship tournament. (e.g., two teams competing in NA-South's Regional Championship.)
      2. Two teams in two different Regional Championship tournaments cannot overlap more than 3 skaters. (e.g., a team that competed in NA-Northeast and another team competing in NA-South)
      3. Two teams in Global Championships cannot overlap more than 3 skaters. (This is only within the 13 Global Championships charters.)

## Submission Deadlines and Requirements

1. To be effective for a game, a WFTDA charter change must be submitted **30 days prior to the game start time. The only exception is the first charter roster a team submits following the pandemic, which will be effective immediately.**
  - a. A charter change is when a new Skater is added to a charter.
  - b. Charters are effective on the 30th day after the submission day based on the date of the submission to the WFTDA Sanctioning Committee.
  
2. Charter amendments: Skater information may be changed (name or number), or Skaters removed from a charter, at any time. The revised charter will have the same effective date as the original charter when approved and there will be no waiting period.
  
3. Should a league have any issues while submitting a charter at the deadline, it must contact [charters@wftda.com](mailto:charters@wftda.com) **immediately**. Failure to do so could result in the charter being submitted after the deadline and Skaters being ineligible for gameplay.

## Game Roster Requirements

1. A Game Roster will consist of no more than 15 Skaters.
  
2. Game rosters for all WFTDA-sanctioned games must be selected from the charter that is effective at the time of the game.
  
3. Game roster submission deadlines are per agreement between teams or tournament requirements.



## Compliance Issues

The WFTDA Sanctioning Committee checks charter compliance of all rostered Skaters during the charter verification process, when legal names and uniform numbers are checked. Uniform numbers on the IGRF are confirmed against the charter during the IGRF verification process. If a Skater, team, or other party does not meet the requirements set forth in this document and the issue is not resolved prior to the game by contacting [charters@wftda.com](mailto:charters@wftda.com), sanctioning may be revoked.

Charter compliance issues are managed by the Fair Play Panel. Sanctioning will forward any discrepancies to the panel for review. Any party with compliance concerns may also contact [fairplay@wftda.com](mailto:fairplay@wftda.com).

### Revisions

#### March 2024:

Added more specifics on the roster overlap and check

#### October 2023:

Compliance issues moved to Fair Play Panel.

#### April 2023:

Made changes to reflect new competitive system.

Leagues may have more than one charter team, or no charter team.

Skaters may be on up to two charter rosters of any WFTDA league.

Teams may have no more than 8 crossover skaters in regular season, 3 in postseason

#### November 2020:

Removed WFTDA Minimum Skills and WFTDA Skater Rules test requirement as these have been replaced by a new curriculum.

Added Continental Cups to game roster information.

#### December 2019:

Removed Apprentice Program requirements (program closed).

#### December 2017:

Increased game roster size to 15 skaters.

