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Fairbanks Rollergirls (FBXRG) Accepted as Women's Flat Track Derby Association Apprentice

Fairbanks, Alaska -- The Women's Flat Track Derby Association (WFTDA) is proud to announce the Fairbanks Rollergirls has been accepted as an "Apprentice" affiliate of the WFTDA, the governing body for women's amateur flat track roller derby.

"The Fairbanks Rollergirls are very happy to become a WFTDA apprentice league. We've looked up to other WFTDA leagues as models for our business plan in the past and look forward to working with our mentor league to continue our growth. This is a huge step for FBXRG and for our derby sisters in Anchorage, the Rage City Rollergirls, as they are a new apprentice league as well. Being sanctioned strengthens the sport of Roller Derby in Alaska, and we look forward to what our future holds."

President of Fairbanks Rollergirls, Michelle Maynor

As an Apprentice affiliate of the WFTDA, Fairbanks Rollergirls joins the ranks of more than 100 all-female, skater-owned-and-operated leagues nationwide that have united to lead the growing sport of women's flat track roller derby.

WFTDA apprentice leagues are matched with veteran member leagues who guide them in the processes and requirements necessary to become a full member of the Association. Additionally, the mentor offers advice and information related to the management and development of the apprentice league. WFTDA Apprentice leagues are considered "pre-members" of the WFTDA and have access to many of the resources and benefits of full WFTDA membership.

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About the WFTDA

The Women's Flat Track Derby Association is the governing body for women's flat-track roller derby, and a membership organization for the leagues to collaborate and network. The organization created and maintained the first standardized rule set for the flat-track game, now in its fourth edition. The WFTDA also serves as the sanctioning body for games, hosts tournaments, sets safety standards and provides insurance to athletes and leagues. There are currently 78 WFTDA member leagues and more than 35 apprentice leagues in the United States, Canada and Europe.

About Fairbanks Rollergirls (FBXRG)

The Fairbanks Rollergirls are organized as a non-profit organization dedicated to training skaters, raising funds, and promoting roller derby as a viable sport in Fairbanks. We also support our community by performing community service. **We are powerful women - empowering others.** For more information go to <http://www.fairbanksrollergirls.org>

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