

BOOMington Blockheads Roller Derby Bylaws

MISSION STATEMENT:

The goal of the BOOMington Blockhead Roller Derby Team is to bring roller derby to Bloomington and the surrounding area, to provide an opportunity for skaters of all skills and all genders to learn about roller derby and develop their skills in the sport, and to build strong relationships with other roller derby organizations supporting the same goals.

ORGANIZATION:

BOOMington Blockhead Roller Derby is a skater owned and operated roller derby league, loosely following the Women's Flat Track Derby Association (WFTDA) ruleset. The League's business structure consists of a Board of Directors (BoD) and four committees to handle everyday business operations.

The BoD consists of five elected positions and three appointed advisory positions:

- Elected officials are the five committee chairs: Membership, Coaching, Events, Finance, and Marketing.
- Advisory positions include: Insurance/Safety Lead, Secretary, Interleague Coordinator

The BoD will be elected in the off season. Once elected, each official will serve a one year term; there is no limit to the number of terms a League member may serve. In the event that an elected official steps down or is unable to complete his or her term, an interim official will be elected to carry out the rest of the current term.

The BoD electoral procedure follows:

- Open BoD positions will be posted for nominations and a campaign period of one week will follow.
- Voting will be anonymously conducted by the Secretary of all league members; the voting period will be open 48 hours.
- Elections will be held using a ranked voting system.
- There will be a 30 day training period by the previous chair or official if applicable/available.

For general league decisions, committees present suggestions to the BoD for approval. The BoD may opt to present issues to the league for a vote; however, a league vote is not required for all decisions. Skater input will actively be requested and considered on a regular basis

The BoD will attempt to reach a unanimous decision on issues via discussion. If there is a difference of opinion, any BoD member may move for a vote after the discussion has been open for no less than 48 hours. The BoD must vote in a timely manner, i.e. within one business day. The BOD must have 75% approval required to change bylaws and 60% for policies.



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MEMBERSHIP:

League Members may be skaters, coaches, referees, or non-skaters (NSO/Volunteers). To remain a league member, a person must maintain all membership requirements. Failure to maintain all requirements for longer than a 30 day period may result in removal from the league. Privileges given to league members include, but are not limited to:

- Inclusion on Facebook private group (Google Chat/whatever method we settle on)
- Ability to run for committee or board positions
- League voting rights

To achieve and maintain membership status, all League members must:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Understand and accept the inherent risks of roller derby and sign all appropriate waivers without coercion
- Attend at least 50% of practices per month or 1 practice for non-skating league members (exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis by BoD)

In addition participation in some events may require:

- Register and pay for secondary insurance provided by WFTDA
- League Members must serve as a member of a committee.

All volunteers associated with the League must abide by the code of conduct, regardless of membership status. Failure to do so will result in removal from League events.

DUES:

Currently, dues are paid directly to the venue on a per practice basis. League members who do not pay dues will not be allowed to skate at practices until they pay dues or make arrangements with the Treasurer. Members may not fall more than 30 days behind on dues or payment arrangements without being removed from the Blockheads league. This 30 day policy does not apply to members with approved extended leave of absence. In the future, dues may be increased and collected by the league to support league activity such as (but not limited to) practice space, event space, gear, travel, ref reimbursement, or recruiting events.

RULES OF CONDUCT:

Protective gear may be required for many events. This includes knee pads, elbow pads, wrist guards, helmets, and mouthguards. Skaters without protective gear will not be allowed to participate.

Skaters are expected to treat each other respectfully.