

Roller Derby Membership Bylaw and FAQ's



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Skate Victoria is a State Sporting Association not an insurer. Clubs and individuals register with Skate Victoria as members which provides the sport of Roller Derby with a range of benefits including insurance.

Membership benefits include support through the Skate Victoria office with a high level of customer service, development programs which include Coaching Accreditation, Beginner Referee Training Program, Standardised Skills Assessments, Quad Fit, Junior programs and Policy development. Promotion and marketing through Skate Victoria's social media outlets and participation development support.

This Bylaw is to be read in conjunction with Skate Victoria Safety Protocol, which can be downloaded from our website at: skatevic.org/Docs-Policies

Clubs are required to be sole affiliates of Skate Victoria to provide Public Liability, Professional Indemnity and Personal Accident coverage. Skate Victoria cannot provide affiliation to clubs wishing to have dual insurance coverage.

Skate Victoria strongly recommends that skaters also carry their own private medical and income protection. Personal Sports Accident coverage through Skate Victoria insurance is intended to supplement Medicare and Private Medical coverage, NOT replace it.

Clubs are required to adopt the Skate Victoria Return to Play Policy which can be downloaded from our website at: skatevic.org/Docs-Policies. Once a claimant returns to the sport, which includes training, they can no longer claim ongoing expenses ie: physio, massage, etc.

For full details of coverage, the AJ Gallagher policy needs to be read in conjunction with the schedule - both documents can be downloaded from our website at: skatevic.org/Docs-Policies

Frequently Asked Insurance Questions

Non Medicare Medical Expenses Claim

1. Please note that due to Federal Government Legislation (Sec126, Health Insurance Act 1973) General Insurers are unable to provide benefits on any Medicare related expenses, including gap payments. Surgeon fees, Assistant fees, Anesthetists fees – are all doctors and their fees and charges are Medicare claimable. The Medicare “Gap” which is the portion Medicare does not rebate back to you is not compensable under any insurance policy The “Gap” is created when doctors charge more than the Medicare schedule fee
2. Claims for treatment given by a chiropractor, masseur, naturopath, osteopath or physiotherapist must be accompanied by a referral from a registered medical doctor.
3. Skaters returning from an injury must have a medical clearance from a registered medical doctor and follow the Skate Victoria Return to Play Policy which can be downloaded from our website at: skatevic.org/Docs-Policies.
4. Ambulance Coverage and Income Protection are not covered under the policy.
5. If you hold private health insurance you are required to claim all expenses from your private health fund first. Once you have claimed from your health fund please forward your 'Statement of Benefits Paid', the account and receipt to AJ Gallagher Melbourne Office.
6. If you have already incurred non-Medicare medical expenses, please attach the original tax invoices along with a receipt confirming the account has been paid & forward to AJ Gallagher.

Eligibility Requirements

1. To be eligible to claim the club is required to have logged the incident onto the Incident Report system within 7 days skatevic.org/2019RDi
2. Activity where injury occurred must be a Skate Victoria sanctioned event listed on the google Activity Insurance Form skatevic.org/2019RDa
3. Each club has access to their club Activity Insurance Form information.
4. The online Venue Checklist form must be completed by the club for each of their venues in use link to form skatevic.org/2019RDv
5. It is the Club's responsibility to ensure that their members have completed the Skate Victoria online google membership form and payment made before they participate in any sanctioned Skate Victoria activity. They must also ensure that members have the appropriate level of membership for the activity they are participating in. To be covered for insurance for inter-league scrimmages and bouts a skater is required to have passed WFTDA Minimum Skills or passed minimum requirements for modified gameplay.
6. Affiliated clubs must ensure their Incorporation Association status remains current by submitting annual statements and their Rules of Association (Constitution) is reviewed annually by the Executive Committee.
7. Clubs are required to adhere to the Skate Victoria Safety Protocol.
8. Claimants are requested to forward their completed Sports Injury Claim Form to Skate Victoria office within 30 days. They are not to wait for all their medical accounts.
9. Skate Victoria strongly recommends members have Ambulance coverage and ensure when travelling interstate to participate in Roller Derby activities they have the appropriate coverage. Ambulance expense is not covered under the SV policy. It is highly recommended members obtain travel insurance when travelling interstate.

What is not Covered

- a) For those costs that are covered by Medicare, private health insurance, a statutory insurance scheme such as worker's compensation or which can only be covered by a registered health insurer. This includes those costs that the law states your insurer cannot cover, such as Medicare 'gaps'.
- b) For treatment that takes places later than 365 days after the accident unless the delay is on the advice of a registered medical doctor or dentist.
- c) Loss of income.
- d) A claim cannot be lodged if a person wishes to continue to participate in Skate Victoria sanctioned skating activities unless under advisement from a registered medical practitioner.
- e) A claim will cease once a person returns to Skate Victoria sanctioned skating activities.
- f) Ambulance Coverage

First Aid

The club is required to have a designated trained Level 1 First Aider (this can be a coach but cannot be a participating skater) which can include Paramedics and Nurses in attendance at training, bouts, scrimmages and bootcamps.

If the club does not have a first aid person in attendance at training, bouts, scrimmages and bootcamps these activities will not be sanctioned and covered by Skate Victoria insurance.

It is not a requirement that a club must contract a First Aid Service provider for bouts but highly recommended for major tournaments.

Injury Insurance Coverage

The AJ Gallagher insurance Injury policy covers Death, disability or injury due to an Accident happening during the period of cover whilst the member is taking part in a Skate Victoria club sanctioned event.

Who is covered?

Skate Victoria Inc. including all affiliated clubs/clubs and members, coaches, referees, officials, first aid personnel, administrators and voluntary workers.

SV Members are covered when they:

1. Take part in a competition, game, performance or training session at indoor venues
Out Door Roller Derby activities are not covered except for parades and demonstrations at community events not scrimmages or bouts. The club must ensure the skaters are at a skill level to skate on outdoor surfaces.
Street skate and Skate Park (bowls) training sessions are not covered.
Social Skates, Skate Discos and Skateathons open to the public are not covered. Social skating functions can be run under the Skate Victoria JNR Quad Fun program. Attendees are required to be Social Recreational members of Skate Victoria.
Quad Fit, Quad Fun and Recreational skating programs will not be covered at outdoor venues including tennis/netball courts.
2. Attend a social function ie: Presentation or Awards functions
3. Travel to or from a competition, game, performance, social function, training session, administrative, fundraising or volunteer activity (subject to Limitation – check policy).
4. Stay away from their home to take part in a competition, game, performance, social function, training session or administrative activities.
5. Are engaged in administrative, fundraising or volunteer activities.

The competitions, games, performances, social functions, training sessions, administrative, fundraising or volunteer activities must be sanctioned by Skate Victoria.

Skate Victoria must be aware of where our members are participating and officiating to be covered under the Skate Victoria Insurance Program

- a) Participating in a TEAM who is not covered under the Skate Victoria Insurance Policy:
 - If you are a Skate Victoria Member and wish to participate in a team who is not affiliated with Skate Victoria, you can request to retain your Skate Victoria insurance cover by ensuring your club completes the online google Activity Insurance Form skatevic.org/2019RDa with details of the activity you will be participating in.
- b) Participating in an EVENT that is not covered under the Skate Victoria Insurance Policy:
 - If you are a Skate Victoria Member or affiliated Club and wish to participate in an event that is not covered by the SVIP, you can request to retain your Skate Victoria insurance cover by ensuring your club completes their online google Activity Insurance Form skatevic.org/2019RDa with details of the activity you will be participating in.
- c) Activities must be listed in the online google Activity Insurance Form before the event for a member to retain their Skate Victoria insurance cover. An activity cannot be entered retrospectively.
- d) Non Skate Victoria affiliated clubs and members will need to contact their Insurance Program Provider for endorsement requirements and sanctioning when participating in a Team or Event covered by Skate Victoria Insurance program. SA sanction number will need to be listed on host club's Activity Insurance Form.
- e) Regular club training, scrimmaging or bouting with nonaffiliated members will not be covered.

Officials

- a) Participating in Skate Victoria sanctioned activities
 - If you are a Skate Victoria Referee/NSO/Visiting Coach participating in Skate Victoria sanctioned activities your club is now required to complete the online google Activity Insurance Form with details of the activity you will be participating in.
- b) Participating in an EVENT that is not covered under the Skate Victoria Insurance Policy:
 - If you are a Skate Victoria Referee/NSO/Coach and wish to participate in an event that is not covered by the Skate Victoria Insurance Policy, you can request to retain your Skate Victoria insurance cover by ensuring your club completes their online google Activity Insurance Form with details of the activity you will be participating in.

Skate Victoria cannot provide Public Liability coverage where the club uses waivers for their activities including Come and Try Days. All participants are required to be SV members.

All club activities must be listed on the Activity Insurance Form. Only activities listed on the form will be covered for insurance.

Team members travelling overseas to compete are required to purchase Travel Insurance which includes coverage whilst participating in derby activities. Only Skate Victoria team sanctioned activities which include training and bouting will be covered whilst overseas. The club must complete Overseas Endorsement Form at least one month prior to departure, the form is available here: <https://goo.gl/forms/4luCPiZwLtOnohxp2>

Individual skaters travelling overseas will not be covered only if travelling as a club team member.

Establishing a New Club Requirement in Regional Locations

New clubs cannot be affiliated if there is already an existing SV affiliated club within 40 minutes travel. Skate Victoria will consult with existing Skate Victoria affiliated clubs in the region in regard to any new club applications.

Minimum of 10 registered Skate Victoria members which can include social recreational, development or competitive members.

Be an incorporated association. Certificate of Incorporation to be forwarded to Skate Victoria.

Establishing a New Club Requirement in Metropolitan Regions

New clubs cannot be affiliated if there is already a number of clubs in close proximity. Skate Victoria will consult with existing Skate Victoria affiliated metro clubs in regard to any new club applications.

Minimum of 15 registered Skate Victoria members which can include social recreational, development or competitive members.

Be an incorporated association. Certificate of Incorporation to be forwarded to Skate Victoria.

Relocation of Established Club to an area with Existing Established Club/s

An established club may request to relocate to an area where there is already club/s in close proximity. SV will consult with existing established club/s and facilitate discussion between all parties.

SV and the existing established club/s may request a proposal from relocating club. If an agreement cannot be met between the parties, SV will support the decision of the existing established club.

Insurance/Membership Year

Renewal membership/insurance is due 31st of January each year. Membership is carried over a calendar year not when the person joins. Early Bird memberships commences: October 1st and will run over 16 month period ie joined 1st October 2018 – 31st January 2020.

Members are required to complete online google membership form, available here: skatevic.org/2019RD or through their club.

All club members who are required to be covered by insurance must all be registered with Skate Victoria. Skate Victoria will not provide insurance for clubs who wish to have members insured with various insurers.

Skate Victoria Membership Level Required

- One month (31 days) trial skaters - \$25 (valid from the date form has been completed by member)
- Senior Recreational (Quad Fit, Skate Victoria JNR Quad Fun, approved Recreational programs) -\$35 (Are not permitted to participate in Club Training, Derby Skills and Bootcamps)
- Development (non bouting/inhouse gameplay) - \$80
- Competitive (intra/inter club/interstate/ bouts/ interclub scrimmage international competition) -\$115 (Requirement that WFTDA Minimum Skills has been passed)
- One month trial refs/NSOs - \$nil
- Referees (including on skates) - \$20 (Are required to be a member of an affiliated club)
- Associate (including Coaches, Officials and Administrators) - \$10
- Club/Club Affiliation Fee - \$150 (For clubs only, not individuals)
- Junior Recreational (Learn to Skate, Skate Victoria JNR Quad Fun program, Quad Fit) - \$20
- Junior Development (Learn to Roller Derby, training, inhouse scrimmage) - \$35
- Junior Competitive (intra/inter club/interstate/ bouts/ interclub scrimmage) - \$50

One event insurance coverage is not available

Referees are required to upgrade to participate in RD skater training/competitions

Social Recreational does not cover members to participate in club training including derby drills.

Payment

- Direct transfer to: Skate Victoria BSB 063 125 Account: 1002 9746 Reference: Club Name
Cheque: Skate Victoria mail to 47 Yarram Street, Yarram 3971
- Members excluding one month trial will only be covered when their payment to their club is listed on the club's online google spreadsheet. Payments must be made to Skate Victoria within one month of receiving payment from member unless other arrangements have been made with Skate Victoria.
- When clubs are making a payment, they are required to email Skate Victoria office with the following information:
 - Payment Amount,
 - If applicable, SV monthly Outstanding Memberships Invoice
 - Date paid into Skate Victoria Bank Account,
 - Names of persons/category of coverage that payment is covering.

Transfers

Please refer to the Skate Victoria Transfer Policy which can be downloaded from our website at: skatevic.org/Docs-Policies

Visiting Overseas Skaters and Coaches

Visiting overseas skaters and coaches are required to have travel insurance that includes Roller Derby participation. The club will need to forward a copy of the skater or coach's policy to office@skatevictoria.com.au to be endorsed by our insurer. Skate Victoria does not provide coverage under the Skate Victoria Insurance Program

Visiting Skate Victoria coaches visiting clubs

The visiting Skate Victoria coach needs to ensure their club is aware of their activity and has submitted an Activity Insurance Form for their participation at another club.

Visiting Nonaffiliated Coaches

When clubs are contracting in coaches who are not affiliated with Skate Victoria they will need to ask the coaches for proof of their Professional Indemnity and Public Liability coverage and forward to Skate Victoria.

Visiting coaches are required to be covered under their own policy not Skate Victoria's. All Skate Victoria affiliated coaches are covered for Professional Indemnity Australia-wide.

Introduction to Incremental Gameplay

With the increasing number of senior roller derby games now being played under modified versions of the WFTDA documentation, Skate Victoria have implemented minimum requirements for modified gameplay.

Each level of gameplay includes the minimum requirements for skating skills, rules knowledge, Skate Victoria membership; as well as the modifications to WFTDA documents.

Affiliated clubs need to ensure that their skating skills levels, rules knowledge tests and their modifications to the WFTDA documents are equivalent or higher than the Skate Victoria minimum requirements.

Affiliated clubs need to ensure they have documented any modifications made to WFTDA documents for modified gameplay to cover their club's duty of care.

Note that the Skate Victoria Roller Derby Basics program is not a Learn to Skate program. It is a Roller Derby specific training program and participants should have basic, safe skating skills before commencing the program.

It is the hosting club's responsibility to ensure that all participants, including support staff and officials, are at the required skill/knowledge level and are aware of the level and modifications to gameplay they are participating in.

Senior In-House Gameplay (scrimmages and bouts)

Skate Victoria affiliated club skaters can participate in club-only games (scrimmages and bouts) under controlled circumstances, if they have passed the correct levels for incremental gameplay (listed below) and all participants, including support staff and officials, are from the host member club.

Skating members are required to hold current, financial Skate Victoria Senior Development or Competitive membership if members are participating in club-only games (scrimmages and bouts).

One Month Trial and Social Recreational members are not permitted to participate in club-only games (scrimmages and bouts).

Pot Luck Team Gameplay (scrimmages and bouts)

Skate Victoria affiliated Club skaters can participate in pot luck games (scrimmages or bouts) if they have passed the correct levels for incremental gameplay (listed under Senior Inter-Club Gameplay).

Skating members are required to hold current, financial Skate Victoria Senior Competitive membership if members are participating in pot luck games (scrimmages and bouts).

One Month Trial, Social Recreational, and Development members are not permitted to participate in games (scrimmages and bouts).

Skaters must ensure they have been passed at the appropriate level by their club to participate.

Senior Inter-Club Gameplay (scrimmages and bouts)

Low Contact Gameplay (low contact scrimmages and bouts)

Minimum Skating Skill Requirements

Skate Victoria Roller Derby Basic Level 2 – once SV Level 1 and 2 or equivalent or higher club level passed.
Additional skills to be included prior to participating in low contact gameplay (low contact scrimmages or bouts):
Leaning and bumping – being bumped
Group/pairs skating – skating in proximity.

Minimum Rules Knowledge Requirements

Affiliated clubs are required to test their skaters on the basic rules of the game (current WFTDA documentation), including: basic gameplay, penalties; as well as the applicable Skate Victoria low contact gameplay modifications or club equivalent being used, etc.

Minimum Skate Victoria Membership Requirements

Participants will be required to hold current, financial Skate Victoria Senior Competitive membership if members are participating in inter-club games (scrimmages and bouts).

Modifications to WFTDA Documents

All rules not specifically modified below remain as in the original current WFTDA documentation.

Amendments to Section 1

1.1. Timing

A game can last for 20 to 60 minutes of play, divided into two equal periods, with a halftime between them. Referees can allow up to 60 seconds between jams.

1.3.1. Team Timeouts

Each Team may have additional timeouts that they can take during the game, if approved by game officials.

1.5.1. Overtime

A non-tournament game may end in a tie score.

Additions to Section 2

2.4. Blocks and Assists

Skaters are to positionally block - Blocking without contact; positioning oneself so as to impede an opponent's movement on the track. Skaters called out of play have to significantly move out of the opposing skater's way to avoid a blocking out of play penalty.

2.5. Passing

Skaters must come to a complete stop within ten feet of the pack before entering and making their way through the pack, to ensure that skaters are not entering the pack at an accelerated pace. If skaters do not come to a complete stop within ten feet of the pack before they enter the pack and no impact is made, Referees should call a Misconduct Penalty on skater.

Addition to Section 4

4.1. Contact Penalties

Hitting shall be defined as any intentional contact initiated with a hit or bump between skaters. Pushing on legal target zones is permitted but driving (continuous pushing) should be called as a Hitting Penalty.

No Impact / No Penalty - Unintentional contact with an opposing skater.

Penalty - Intentionally hitting an opposing skater.

Expulsion – Negligent or reckless contact with an opposing player.

Hand Signal: Right fist striking open left palm in front of chest.

Verbalisation: Colour - Number - Hitting.

Statistics Penalty Code: T

Amendment to Roster requirements

<https://wftda.com/officiating-risk-management-and-games-policy-documents-released/>
Gameplay Policies. Requirement moved from *The Rules of Flat Track Roller Derby*:

Roster requirements, teams are allowed extra skaters on a team roster, if approved by game officials.

Modified Contact Gameplay (modified contact scrimmages and bouts)

Minimum Skating Skill Requirements

Skate Victoria Roller Derby Basic Level 3 – once SV Level 3 or equivalent or higher club level has been passed.

Minimum Rules Knowledge Requirements

Affiliated clubs are required to test their skaters on the basic rules of the game (current WFTDA documentation), including: safety, gameplay, penalties; as well as the applicable Skate Victoria modified contact gameplay modifications or club equivalent being used, etc.

Minimum Skate Victoria Membership Requirements

Participants will be required to hold current, financial Skate Victoria Senior Competitive membership if members are participating in inter-club games (scrimmages and bouts).

Modifications to WFTDA Documents

All rules not specifically modified below remain as in the original current WFTDA documentation.

Amendments to Section 1

1.5.1. Overtime

A non-tournament game may end in a tie score.

Additions to Section 2

2.4. Blocks and Assists

Skaters may not accelerate into a block or assist nor excessively hit an opponent. Skaters called out of play have to significantly move out of the opposing skater's way to avoid a blocking out of play penalty.

2.5. Passing

Skaters must actively show that they have slowed their pace by at least 50% prior to entering and making their way through the pack. If skaters do not actively show that they have slowed their pace by at least 50% before entering the pack and no impact is made, Referees should call a Misconduct penalty on the skater. If impact is made, the appropriate penalty in relation to the contact initiated should be called.

Addition to Section 4

4.1. Contact Penalties

Excessive acceleration or hitting can be determined if the initiator does any of the following prior to or during engagement:

- takes more than two steps or strides into a hit
- travels from across the width of the track into a hit
- is propelled by a team mate from across the width of the track into a hit
- repeatedly hitting the same opponent in quick succession

No Impact / No Penalty - Not Applicable

Penalty - Excessive accelerating into a block against an opposing skater, regardless of impact or repeatedly hitting the same opponent in quick succession.

Expulsion - Any repeated conscious, forceful attempt to excessive accelerate into a block or repeatedly hit an opponent in a negligent or reckless manner.

Hand Signal: Right fist striking open left palm in front of chest.

Verbalization: Colour - Number - Excessive Hitting.

Statistics Penalty Code: T

WFTDA Gameplay (full contact scrimmages and bouts)

Minimum Skating Skill Requirements

Skate Victoria Roller Derby Basic Level 4 – once WFTDA current minimum skating and written skills passed.

Minimum Rules Knowledge Requirements

Affiliated clubs are required to test their skaters on the rules of the game (WFTDA). Use the WFTDA Skater Rules test, available here: <https://static.wftda.com/rules/wftda-rules-test.pdf> or club equivalent/higher standard test.

Minimum Skate Victoria Membership Requirements

Participants will be required to hold current, financial Skate Victoria Senior Competitive membership if members are participating in inter-club games (scrimmages and bouts).

Modifications to WFTDA Documents

No modifications to the current WFTDA documents.

Safety Equipment

Helmet, mouth guard, wrist guards, elbow pads and knee pads must be worn by skaters at training, scrimmaging and bouts. It is the club's responsibility to ensure all equipment is worn. Skaters will not be covered if they are not wearing Safety Equipment.

Juniors

A junior is defined as a participant under the age of 18 years. Juniors of all ages are covered under the Skate Victoria policy.

Coaches will be required to obtain their State's relevant legal requirements (Working with Children Checks, Victorian Child Safety Standards, Blue Card, Police Check) to coach Juniors. Clubs are permitted to conduct either age or skill based junior development programs.

Junior Incremental Gameplay

Junior incremental gameplay has been updated to bring it into line with the Senior Incremental Gameplay while maintaining child safety requirements.

Each level of gameplay includes the minimum requirements for skating skills, rules knowledge, Skate Victoria membership; as well as the modifications to WFTDA documents.

Affiliated clubs need to ensure that their skating skills levels, rules knowledge tests and their modifications to the WFTDA documents are equivalent or higher than the Skate Victoria minimum requirements.

Affiliated clubs need to ensure they have documented any modifications made to WFTDA documents for modified gameplay to cover their club's duty of care.

It is the hosting club's responsibility to ensure that all participants, including support staff and officials, are at the required skill/knowledge level and are aware of the level and modifications to gameplay they are participating in and hold their state's required documentation.

Junior In-House Gameplay (scrimmages and bouts)

Skate Victoria affiliated club skaters can participate in club-only games (scrimmages and bouts) under controlled circumstances, if they have passed the correct levels for incremental gameplay (listed below) and all participants, including support staff and officials, are from the host member club.

Skating members are required to hold current, financial Skate Victoria Junior Development or Competitive membership if members are participating in club-only games (scrimmages and bouts).

Social Recreational members are not permitted to participate in club-only games (scrimmages and bouts).

Junior Pot Luck Team Gameplay (scrimmages and bouts)

Skate Victoria affiliated Club skaters can participate in pot luck games (scrimmages or bouts) if they have passed the correct levels for incremental gameplay (listed under Junior Inter-Club Gameplay).

Skating members are required to hold current, financial Skate Victoria Junior Competitive membership if members are participating in pot luck games (scrimmages and bouts).

Social Recreational, and Development members are not permitted to participate in games (scrimmages and bouts).

Skaters must ensure they have been passed at the appropriate level by their club to participate.

Junior Inter-Club Gameplay (scrimmages and bouts)

Junior Low Contact Gameplay (low contact scrimmages and bouts)

Minimum Skating Skill Requirements

Skate Victoria Junior Roller Derby Basic Level 2 – once SV Level 1 and 2 or equivalent or higher club level passed.

Minimum Rules Knowledge Requirements

Affiliated clubs are required to test their skaters on the basic rules of the game (current WFTDA documentation), including: basic gameplay, penalties; as well as the applicable Skate Victoria low contact gameplay modifications or club equivalent being used, etc.

Minimum Skate Victoria Membership Requirements

Participants will be required to hold current, financial Skate Victoria Junior Competitive membership if members are participating in inter-club games (scrimmages and bouts).

Modifications to WFTDA Documents

All rules not specifically modified below remain as in the original current WFTDA documentation.

Amendments to Section 1

1.1. Timing

A game can last for 20 to 60 minutes of play, divided into two equal periods, with a halftime between them. Referees can allow up to 60 seconds between jams.

1.3.1. Team Timeouts

Each Team may have additional timeouts that they can take during the game, if approved by game officials.

1.5.1. Overtime

A non-tournament game may end in a tie score.

Additions to Section 2

2.4. Blocks and Assists

Skaters are to positionally block - Blocking without contact; positioning oneself so as to impede an opponent's movement on the track. Skaters called out of play have to significantly move out of the opposing skater's way to avoid a blocking out of play penalty.

2.5. Passing

Skaters must come to a complete stop within ten feet of the pack before entering and making their way through the pack, to ensure that skaters are not entering the pack at an accelerated pace. If skaters do not come to a complete stop within ten feet of the pack before they enter the pack and no impact is made, Referees should call a Misconduct Penalty on skater.

Addition to Section 4

4.1. Contact Penalties

Hitting shall be defined as any intentional contact initiated with a hit or bump between skaters. Pushing on legal target zones is permitted but driving (continuous pushing) should be called as a Hitting Penalty.

No Impact / No Penalty - Unintentional contact with an opposing skater.

Penalty - Intentionally hitting an opposing skater.

Expulsion – Negligent or reckless contact with an opposing player.

Hand Signal: Right fist striking open left palm in front of chest.

Verbalisation: Colour - Number - Hitting.

Statistics Penalty Code: T

Amendment to Roster requirements

[https://wftda.com/officiating-risk-management-and-games-policy-documents-released/Gameplay Policies](https://wftda.com/officiating-risk-management-and-games-policy-documents-released/Gameplay_Policies).

Requirement moved from *The Rules of Flat Track Roller Derby*: Roster requirements, teams are allowed extra skaters on a team roster, if approved by game officials.

Addition to Uniforms

Uniforms and equipment may not contain sexually explicit or blatantly offensive language or images. Such language or images must be removed or covered if so directed by any official. Failure to cover or remove offensive clothing/equipment shall be grounds for expulsion under 4.3. Penalties for Unsporting Conduct.

Clothing or equipment which is not blatantly or widely offensive, but which may be considered offensive by some, shall be dealt with by the Head Referee or Event Organiser on an individual basis when a complaint is made. The Head Referee's/Event Organiser's judgement is final.

Junior Modified Contact Gameplay (modified contact scrimmages and bouts)

Minimum Skating Skill Requirements

Skate Victoria Junior Roller Derby Basic Level 3 – once SV Level 3 or equivalent or higher club level has been passed.

Minimum Rules Knowledge Requirements

Affiliated clubs are required to test their skaters on the basic rules of the game (current WFTDA documentation), including: safety, gameplay, penalties; as well as the applicable Skate Victoria modified contact gameplay modifications or club equivalent being used, etc.

Minimum Skate Victoria Membership Requirements

Participants will be required to hold current, financial Skate Victoria Junior Competitive membership if members are participating in inter-club games (scrimmages and bouts).

Modifications to WFTDA Documents

All rules not specifically modified below remain as in the original current WFTDA documentation.

Amendments to Section 1

1.5.1. Overtime

A non-tournament game may end in a tie score.

Additions to Section 2

2.4. Blocks and Assists

Skaters may not accelerate into a block or assist nor excessively hit an opponent. Skaters called out of play have to significantly move out of the opposing skater's way to avoid a blocking out of play penalty.

2.5. Passing

Skaters must actively show that they have slowed their pace by at least 50% prior to entering and making their way through the pack. If skaters do not actively show that they have slowed their pace by at least 50% before entering the pack and no impact is made, Referees should call a Misconduct penalty on the skater. If impact is made, the appropriate penalty in relation to the contact initiated should be called.

Addition to Section 4

4.1. Contact Penalties

Excessive acceleration or hitting can be determined if the initiator does any of the following prior to or during engagement:

- takes more than two steps or strides into a hit
- travels from across the width of the track into a hit
- is propelled by a team mate from across the width of the track into a hit
- repeatedly hitting the same opponent in quick succession

No Impact / No Penalty - Not Applicable

Penalty - Excessive accelerating into a block against an opposing skater, regardless of impact or repeatedly hitting the same opponent in quick succession.

Expulsion - Any repeated conscious, forceful attempt to excessive accelerate into a block or repeatedly hit an opponent in a negligent or reckless manner.

Hand Signal: Right fist striking open left palm in front of chest.

Verbalization: Colour - Number - Excessive Hitting.

Statistics Penalty Code: T

Addition to Uniforms

Uniforms and equipment may not contain sexually explicit or blatantly offensive language or images. Such language or images must be removed or covered if so directed by any official. Failure to cover or remove offensive clothing/equipment shall be grounds for expulsion under 4.3. Penalties for Unsporting Conduct.

Clothing or equipment which is not blatantly or widely offensive, but which may be considered offensive by some, shall be dealt with by the Head Referee or Event Organiser on an individual basis when a complaint is made. The Head Referee's/Event Organiser's judgement is final.

Junior WFTDA Gameplay (full contact scrimmages and bouts)

Minimum Skating Skill Requirements

Skate Victoria Junior Roller Derby Basic Level 4 – once WFTDA current minimum skating and written skills passed at an adult level.

Minimum Rules Knowledge Requirements

Affiliated clubs are required to test their skaters on the rules of the game (WFTDA). Use the WFTDA Skater Rules test, available here: <https://static.wftda.com/rules/wftda-rules-test.pdf> or club equivalent/higher standard test.

Minimum Skate Victoria Membership Requirements

Participants will be required to hold current, financial Skate Victoria Junior Competitive membership if members are participating in inter-club games (scrimmages and bouts).

Modifications to WFTDA Documents

No modifications to the current WFTDA documents.

Juniors Participating with Adults

Skate Victoria retains the right to appoint an independent coach to assess the skill level of juniors participating in activities with adults. Depending on the state you are located in, there may be additional state government laws that will need to be complied with.

Junior skaters should be members of their club for a reasonable period of time, as determined by the Club, before consideration for transitioning to training, scrimmaging and/or bouting with their club's adults is given.

It is the club's responsibility to ensure permission has been sought from all skaters involved in the activity (training session, bootcamp, scrimmage, or bout) that they are aware and comfortable with participating with a junior aged 16 years+ in that activity. It is suggested that a record of this is kept by the Club for future reference to cover the Club's legal responsibilities and duty of care. If an opposing team is not comfortable with a junior 16 years+ competing against, the junior is not permitted to participate in that activity.

For all activities, the club is responsible for ensuring that the junior is participating in a safe environment for their age, skill level, size and maturity.

A new application is required to be completed for changes to dispensation.

Junior 16+ Dispensation Application Forms

Online Junior 16+ Dispensation Application form is available here: skatevic.org/RDjnrDisp

You can download and print the required Parental Permission form from our website at: skatevic.org/Docs-Policies

Dispensation Levels and Requirements

Skate Victoria offers three levels of dispensation for approved juniors to participate in adult roller derby activities.

Non Contact/Learn to Skate Club Requirements:

- must have correct applicable policies in place
- SV accredited coach/s
- WWCC/Blue Card/WWVP and other State required checks
- Complete the Junior 16+ Dispensation Application form
- Submit signed and completed Parental Permission form
- receive an email confirmation of approved application from Skate Victoria

Approved applicants can then participate in adult club non-contact training sessions and bootcamps and can participate in inter-club non-contact training sessions and bootcamps if all participating adults are in agreement.

Contact with Restrictions Club Requirements:

- must have correct applicable policies in place
- SV accredited coach/s
- WWCC/Blue Card/WWVP and other State required checks
- Complete the Junior 16+ Dispensation Application form
- Submit signed and completed Parental Permission form
- Minimum skating skill (has passed SV Junior Roller Derby Level 3 or club equivalent) and maturity (club senior coach/management committee member needs to approve and vouch for the applicant's maturity level) requirements
- receive an email confirmation of approved application from Skate Victoria

Approved applicants can then participate in club contact training sessions and bootcamps and may participate in club games (scrimmages and/or bouts) depending on dispensation applied and approved for. Applicants can also participate in inter-club training sessions, bootcamps, and games (scrimmages and/or bouts), depending on dispensation applied and approved for, if all participating adults are in agreement.

Full Contact/No Restrictions Club Requirements:

- must have correct applicable policies in place
- SV accredited coach/s
- WWCC/Blue Card/WWVP and other State required checks
- Complete the Junior 16+ Dispensation Application form
- Submit signed and completed Parental Permission form
- Minimum skating skill (has passed SV Level 4 or club equivalent, including WFTDA minimum skating and written skills at an adult level) and maturity (club senior coach/management committee member needs to approve and vouch for the applicant's maturity level) requirements
- receive an email confirmation of approved application from Skate Victoria

Approved applicants can participate in club contact training sessions, and games (scrimmages and/or bouts) and can participate in inter-club contact training sessions, and games (scrimmages and/or bouts) if all participating adults are in agreement.

Special Dispensation

Dispensation can be applied for 16 years and under to train (noncontact or contact), scrimmage, and bout; if the skater's skill level and size are prohibitive for them participating in a junior division or there is not availability of appropriate training in the area.

Applications for dispensation will only be considered if the relevant junior skater is unable to access training at a junior club/session in their area. Consideration can also be given to skaters where it can be evidenced they have met advanced skill levels in other skating disciplines in conjunction with roller derbyskills.

Dispensation will be granted on a case by case basis and Skate Victoria will keep a register of all dispensations. Applications for Dispensation can be applied for by emailing juniors@skatevictoria.com.au

Juniors Officiating

Please refer to the Skate Victoria Junior Officiating Policy, which can be downloaded from our website at: skatevic.org/Docs-Policies.

Coaching

Skate Victoria affiliated club coaches are required to complete Skate Victoria Roller Derby Beginner Level Coaching Accreditation Course.

Senior coaches will be required to obtain Working With Children Check if coaching Juniors.

New coaches entering the sport will be required to have obtained Skate Victoria Roller Derby Beginner Coaching Accreditation within 12 months of commencement of their coaching.

New affiliated clubs will be given 12 months for their coaches to gain accreditation

Coaches can apply for Recognised Prior Learning and Recognised Current Competencies.

An accredited coach is required to be in attendance at all training sessions.

Assistant or new coaches are required to have an accredited coach in attendance at sessions.

16+ coaches are required to complete Skate Victoria Roller Derby Beginner Level Coaching Accreditation Course and be under supervision for 12 months by a Senior accredited coach. Juniors cannot coach without a Senior coach being present.

Clubs may apply for a temporary dispensation to have an accredited coach in attendance for following reasons:

- The club is awaiting a Skate Victoria Beginner Level Coaching Accreditation Course to be held in their area.
- The only accredited coach no longer wishes to coach or leaves the club.
- Due to illness or personal issues the only accredited club coach is on temporary leave from the sport. Assistant coaches are not required to be accredited but it is highly recommended.

Referees

Skate Victoria Referee Training Program is available for clubs to use and has been updated to reflect the WFTDA rules current as of 1 October 2018.

The use of the SV Training Program is not compulsory, but there for clubs to access as a resource if they choose.

If a club wishes to take on the responsibility of using their own training program, SV recommends that it be documented and that records be kept of who has completed the program and when. The purpose being to ensure consistency in your program delivery and to provide proof that referees have completed the required training to provide a safe playing environment for participants. This documentation may be called upon in the case where a participant is injured during play and may seek legal action against the club and/or officials. Furthermore, in cases of injury where a claim is made, the insurers may request documentation of the risk management protocols in place by clubs, including training for referees.

Complaints Handling

Clubs are responsible for dealing with their member's complaints. Club Member Protection Policy Complaint-Handling Procedure Template can be downloaded include SV link. It is not compulsory to use this template but it may assist your club with dealing with complaints.

Skate Victoria Roller Derby Membership Bylaw Inquiries

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