

2019 British Roller Derby Championships: League Contract

Between:

The British Championships Committee

(the first party)

And

(the second party)

This contract relates to the 2019 British Roller Derby Championships Tournament to be conducted by the first party (who will henceforth be referred to as "**the BC Committee**"). The second party (who will henceforth be referred to as "**the League**") are seeking to enter a team to compete in said tournament. This contract covers the rules under which said tournament will be conducted. By subscribing to this document the parties' designated representatives agree that the parties will abide by the terms contained therein.

This contract is governed by the laws of England and Wales.

Glossary of Terms

In this contract the following terms will be defined as follows:

“British Championships” - The annual British Roller Derby Championships Tournament conducted by The BC Committee.

“Charter”- Up to 20 skaters who are members of a league who have been selected to skate as part a team participating in the Tournament.

“Division”- A grouping within a Tier consisting of up to 6 teams.

“Divisional Head Officials” - The Head Referee and Head NSO appointed by the BC Committee to oversee each Division.

“Double Header”- A two game event.

“Game”- A sanctioned Tournament game between 2 teams in the same division

“IGRF” - Interleague Game Reporting Form

“League” - A group of skaters, officials, administrators, and/or fans who work together with the objective of playing roller derby, whether in a competitive or uncompetitive nature. A league may be solely female, male, co-ed, gender inclusive, open to all, or operate a combination of teams under any or all these formats.

“MRDA” - The Men’s Roller Derby Association (the international governing body for men’s Roller Derby).

“NSO” - Non-Skating Official

“Referee” - Skating Official

“Roster” - A maximum of 15 skaters selected from the Charter to skate in a game

“Skater performance stats” - Statistics produced for each division showing the relative performance of each skater against others within their division. These stats are shared via the British Champs website.

“Statsbook” - The multi-sheet workbook record of the data and statistics from a single game produced using data collected by non-skating officials during game play and produced in line with WFTDA, MRDA, and UKRDA sanctioning policies.

“Team” - A group of skaters selected by a league from its membership to skate on their behalf in the Tournament.

“Tier” - A sub-division for the Tournament into which each team will be placed.

“Tournament” - The annual British Roller Derby Championships Tournament conducted by The BC Committee.

“Tournament Head Officials” - the Head Referees and Head NSOs appointed by the BC Committee to oversee the WFTDA and MRDA sides of the Tournament respectively..

“Triple Header”- A three game event.

“UKRDA” - The United Kingdom Roller Derby Association (the governing body for Roller Derby in the United Kingdom).

“WFTDA” - The Women’s Flat Track Derby Association (the international governing body for women’s flat track Roller Derby, author & publisher of the standard ruleset “The Rules of Flat Track Roller Derby)

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Unless explicitly stated, the rules contained in this contract cover all games conducted under the purview of the tournament. By signing this contract, the League agrees to take part in the 2019 tournament and agrees in principle to take part in subsequent tournaments. Though the League may choose to opt out by forfeiting their participation at any time. Teams may forfeit by contacting british.championships@gmail.com.

2 CHANGES TO CONTRACT TERMS

2.1 The terms of this contract may be changed at the discretion of the BC Committee.

2.2 Any proposed Changes will be communicated through the Tier Overview groups on Facebook. The League is expected to nominate at least two designated representatives to join the Tier Overview group for the Tier in which the League has been placed.

2.3 Save for sole changes listed in section 2.4 below, express consent from the League will *not* be required for the BC Committee to make changes to the agreed terms. Consent to any changes will be deemed accepted if the League has not expressly objected to the change via email to british.championships@gmail.com within 14 days of notification of the change being posted in the Tier Overview groups on Facebook.

2.4 The League is expected to either: a) expressly approve the changes (via method indicated in the change notification itself) or; b) request a full refund of their Tournament entry fee via email to british.championships@gmail.com, if the BC Committee propose any of the following changes:

- i. Changes which significantly affect the cost to leagues of hosting games or participating in the British Championships;
- ii. Changes which increase the number of games leagues are required to play;
- iii. Changes which affect the dates of games that have already been agreed between leagues;
- iv. Changes which significantly increase the distance that leagues will be required to travel in respect of games that they have already agreed to play.

3 TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

3.1 The Tournament will be split into a WFTDA-side tournament and a MRDA-side Tournament. Each Tournament Side will be split into Tiers which will be made up of Divisions of up to six teams. Each team in a Division will be expected to play all other teams in a Division.

3.2 The following sections detail the general structure for for Tiers 2 and below. The Structure for Tier 1 may vary from this where pre-tournament negotiations show a need for variation to accommodate demands in relation to other tournaments outside the British Championships.

3.3 Host Game Days

3.3.1 The League agrees to host one Double Header on a weekend to be determined by the Tournament schedule for each of the teams it enters into the Tournament. The League will choose one day on the scheduled weekend to host the Double Header, this will be known as the "Host Game Day". The league will also determine the times when the two games consisting the Double Header will take place.

3.3.2 The exact date of the Host Game Day should be communicated to the Divisional Head Official by 1st February 2019 or 45 calendar days prior to the fixture weekend, whichever is sooner. If the Host Game Day cannot be arranged by this date, the Divisional Head Official must be contacted with a predicted date and time and an approximate date when the date will be confirmed.

3.3.3 On the Host Game Day the League will be responsible for ensuring that the track and surrounding area meet WFTDA risk management guidelines both in design and in practice. The League will be responsible for laying down and maintaining the track on the Host Game Day.

3.3.4 The Divisional Head Officials will be responsible for organising both Referees and NSOs for the Host Game Day. The League must liaise with the Divisional Head Officials to ensure all required equipment is available on the Host Game Day.

3.3.5 On the Host Game Day, it is strongly suggested that the first of the two games making up the Double Header should be between two teams in the Division excluding the host League's team, the second of the two games should be between the host League's Team and another team in the Division.

3.3.6 Variations to the format of the Host Game Day will only be permitted with the explicit written permission of the BC Committee or the Divisional Head Officials.

3.3.7 No games other than the scheduled British Champs games are to be played on the Host Game Day without explicit consent of the BC Committee. Where permission is granted

to the League for additional games, these must take place prior to the Double Header. Any non-Tournament games should be managed independently of the Double Header by the League. If any non-Tournament activity is likely to interfere with scheduled Double Header, the non-Tournament activity must be abandoned, unless a change to the time of the scheduled Double header is agreed by both BC committee and ALL teams involved in the Double Header. If such permission is not obtained and confirmed in writing, then the BC Committee have the right to consider the League's team to have forfeited the scheduled game as part of the Double Header.

3.4 Division Games

3.4.1 During the Tournament, the League's team will play against all the other teams in their respective division. . Once the division is allocated all teams will be asked to agree a format to achieve this. This may include:

- double and triple headers
- a weekend multi-game tournament
- a smaller number of single day, multi-game events

3.4.2 The default schedule for a division will be based on double headers, with each League hosting one game day as per para. **3.3.5**. If all Leagues in a division agree on another format, this will be arranged.

3.4.3 Where the number of events is not a direct multiple of the Teams in a division, events will go to tender amongst the Leagues with teams in the division. Should no individual league agree to host each event, all Leagues agree in principle to collaboratively co-host the unallocated events. In the event of a co-hosted event, co-hosting Leagues are at liberty to agree amongst themselves how to distribute duties, costs and profits.

3.4.4 The BC Committee reserves the right to reschedule any Game Day or alter the order of games if the schedule suggested by a hosting league is not suitable for any travelling teams and places them at a disadvantage.

3.5 Tier Finals

3.5.1 The top teams from certain tiers will progress to playoffs at a finals weekend; elaborated below.

3.5.2 The standings within each division are calculated using the following criteria:

- 1 - Tournament Points;
- 2 - Points Differential;
- 3 - Winner of the Tournament game between 2 tied teams;
- 4 - Most Points Scored; per game
- 5 - Fewest Demerits
- 6 - Fewest Total Team Penalties per played game.

3.5.3 Once the top two teams in each Division have been identified a draw will be conducted by individuals authorised by the BC Committee. For the purposes of the draw the teams will be split into 2 pools: a) Divisional Champions and; b) Second Place, with one team from each pool being selected for each initial playoff game. The draw will also determine the order of the playoff games.

3.5.4 The BC Committee can, at their discretion, alter the order of the games being played at the finals weekend solely to account for excessively long distances travelled by teams and for no other reason. The BC Committee may not alter the teams selected for nor which teams are playing each other.

3.5.5 Playoffs will be hosted by the British Championships Tournament and organised by the BC Committee, funded by League subscription fees, sponsorship and sales. Each of the participating leagues will be expected to provide at least 3 volunteers to act as crew for each day of the event -- these can be the same crew on both Saturday and Sunday, but fewer than 3 volunteers available on each day is insufficient.

3.5.6. Which tiers will be decided through Playoffs will be decided by a vote of 2018 leagues, and the results will be announced by 31st October 2018

3.6 Promotion and relegation

3.6.1 The anticipated promotion and relegation structure is detailed in the following sections. However this may change depending on the number and geographic location of teams that sign up to compete, and the results of the consultation, to be announced by 31st October 2018.

3.6.2 WFTDA-side Tournament

- Tier 1 - UKRDA Premier (1 division)
 - No playoffs - Champions are decided by divisional placement only
 - Bottom 2 teams are relegated to Tier 2 (2 teams total)
- Tier 2 - UKRDA National (2 divisions)
 - Top 2 teams from each division proceed to Playoffs (4 teams in total)
 - Top 2 finishers from Playoffs are promoted to Tier 1
 - Bottom 2 teams from each division are relegated to Tier 3 (4 teams in total)
- Tier 3 - Regional (4 divisions)
 - Top 2 teams from each division proceed to Playoffs (8 teams in total)
 - Top 4 finishers from Playoffs are promoted to Tier 2
 - Bottom 2 teams from each division are relegated to Tier 4 (8 teams in total)
- Tier 4 - Local (4 divisions)
 - Top 2 teams from each division are promoted to Tier 3 (8 teams in total)
 - Bottom 2 teams from each division are relegated to Tier 5 (8 teams in total)
 - In principle: relegation TBC based on future subscription
- Tier 5 - Local (all other divisions)
 - Top 2 teams from each division are promoted to Tier 4

- Relegation TBC based on future subscription

3.6.3 MRDA-side Tournament

- Tier 1 - Premier (1 division)
 - No playoffs - Champions are decided by divisional placement only
 - Bottom team is relegated to Tier 2 (1 team total)
- Tier 2 - National (1 division)
 - No playoffs - Champions are decided by divisional placement only
 - Top team from the division is promoted to Tier 1 (1 team total)
 - Bottom team is relegated to Tier 2 (1 team total)
- Tier 3 Regional (2 divisions max)
 - In the case of a single T3 division
 - Top team from the division is promoted to Tier 2
 - Relegation TBC based on future subscription
 - In the case of two T3 divisions
 - Top team from each division proceeds to Playoffs (2 teams in total)
 - The winning team at Playoffs is promoted to Tier 2
 - Relegation TBC based on future subscription

4 TEAMS

4.1 Overview

4.1.1 The League may enter a maximum of two teams in the tournament, and only one team from the League may be entered on each tournament side. Each team must individually meet the relevant eligibility rules for the Tournament side in which they are being entered.

4.1.2 If the League chooses to opt out during a tournament year the League's teams will forfeit the rest of that year. Should the League reapply in any subsequent year having previously opted out their teams placing in the same Tiers will not be guaranteed.

4.1.3 By remaining in this tournament in consecutive years, the League's teams retain their seeded spots in the Tournament and may advance to higher tiers without having to improve their seeding through any other method.

4.1.4 Where appropriate, when a new team enters the Tournament any relevant UKRDA, WTFDA or MRDA ranking will be used to determine their placing in Tiers 1 or 2. Rankings from other Governing bodies will not be considered. Where a team does not have UKRDA, WTFDA or MRDA ranking, and for all other Tiers the team's European ranking from the Flat Track Stats organisation will be used.

4.1.5 Eligibility requirements laid out in **4.2** and **4.3** need to be met by the first year a team enters the tournament. If a team stays in the Tournament for a continued period of successive years, they do not have to re-submit proof of their eligibility each subsequent year of entry.

4.2 WFTDA-side Teams

4.2.1 The following teams may enter the WFTDA-side tournament:

4.2.2 All women's WFTDA or UKRDA "A" teams. Skaters for these teams must comply with the criteria for eligibility set forth in WFTDA guidelines.

(<https://wftda.org/charter-roster-policy>)

4.2.3 WFTDA-side "non-A" teams ("B" or "C" teams, etc) who belong to UKRDA or WFTDA affiliated leagues and meet all of the following criteria:

- a) The "non-A" team is part of a league whose WFTDA-side "A" team is ranked in the top 150 WFTDA teams Q3 2018, as of 30th June and;
- b) The "non-A" team is ranked in the top 150 European women's teams on Flat Track Stats Q3 2018, as of 30th June and;
- c) Have an up to date UKRDA charter and that;
- d) "B" and "C" teams have no more than six crossover skaters with their league's "A" or "B" teams.

4.2.4 Any other WFTDA-side "A" teams based in the British Isles (including England, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Crown Dependencies), provided those teams:

- a) Are actively recruiting skaters and;
- b) Have sufficient skaters and officials to support the games required for the season and;
- c) Are in a position to support at least 1 host date and travel to 4 away games (plus Playoffs, where applicable).

4.2.5 All Leagues with WFTDA-side teams in Tiers 1 and 2 must be UKRDA members.

4.3 MRDA-side Teams

4.3.1 The following teams may enter the MRDA-side tournament

4.3.2 All men's MRDA or UKRDA "A" teams. Skaters for these teams must comply with the criteria for eligibility set forth in MRDA guidelines.

4.3.3 Other MRDA-side "A" teams in the British Isles (including England, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Scotland, Wales and the Crown Dependencies), provided those teams:

- a) are actively recruiting skaters and;
- b) have sufficient skaters and officials to support the games required for the season and;

- c) are in a position to support at least 1 host date and travel to 4 away games (plus Playoffs, where applicable).

4.3.4 MRDA-side “B” teams and “B equivalent” teams who:

- a) are part of a league whose MRDA-side “A” team is ranked in the top 20 MRDA teams Q3 2018, as of 30th June and;
- b) have an up to date UKRDA charter and;
- c) have no more than six crossover skaters with their league’s “A” team.

4.4 Charters and Rosters

4.4.1 For leagues that are not UKRDA members, charters for each team shall be submitted to champs.officials@gmail.com at least 30 clear days before the first game date for each league. The charter may be changed any number of times throughout the year. However any changes must be communicated to the above email address 30 clear days before the next game or the previous roster will be considered applicable for that game. Edits to the charter for example, to correct spelling or typographical errors, will not be considered to be a change in roster and will not require 30 days notice.

4.4.2 For UKRDA member leagues, the automated “Muster” system must be used, and submissions will be taken directly from this system in accordance with the UKRDA Sanctioning process.

4.4.3 If a League is a member of WFTDA or MRDA, it is expected that the charters submitted to British Champs to be the same as the charter registered with that governing body

4.4.4 A Charter may consist of up to 20 skaters for each team and may not contain any “Guest Skaters” (see below) from other leagues. The skaters on the charter must be full members of the League who regularly attend practices and where appropriate pay full dues and must have passed minimum skills assessments. It is the League’s responsibility to ensure their skaters meet these requirements, however Head Officials on game day retain discretion to request proof, or decide on the qualification of any skater to participate.

4.4.5 On the day of any game each team must bring to the captains meeting a list with the Roster of skaters they have chosen to participate in their allotted game that day; this can be a maximum of 15 skaters. Any non-participating skaters in the charter will be removed from the IRGF.

4.4.6 If too few skaters are available from the Charter at the time of the captains meeting to allow a team to safely participate in the allotted game then the team will be considered to have forfeited the game through absence. This number will be determined by the head referee.

4.4.7 Leagues who are hosting games may wish to have a list of skaters sent to them in

advance for programme and preparation purposes. This will be communicated between the host League and any participating Leagues. The Leagues should comply promptly with any such request for information. Any List of skaters provided to the host League will not affect the League's ability to change the roster at any time up until the captains' meeting.

4.5 Guest Skaters

4.5.1 Leagues are not permitted to include guest skaters on their Charter. Guest skaters are defined as skaters that:

- a) are not full members of that League or;
- b) do not attend regular practices of that League or;
- c) are skating members of another League or;
- d) hold Independent status.

4.5.2. Skaters who belong to a closely associated "sibling" League do not count as Guest skaters provided that:

- a) the skater's home League and the team's League are situated in the same town or city.
- b) the skater's home League is associated with the other side of the tournament from the League submitting the team (e.g. WFTDA skaters on the MRDA-side).
- c) the skater's home League does not have a team in British Champs.
- d) the skater's home League has no team that could play on the same side of the tournament as the team's League.
- e) the team's League has no other team associated with the other side of the tournament, whether participating in British Champs or not.

4.5.3. In this circumstance we consider that the skater's home League and the team's League are jointly submitting a team, and both Leagues will be considered responsible for the actions and conduct of that skater.

4.5.4 A skater can only be on one charter at any one time. Challenge teams and National teams are exempt from this; it is assumed that all skaters on Challenge and National teams have longstanding home Leagues.

4.5.5 Skaters may transfer between teams by following the transfer rules in this contract (para. 4.7). Skaters can transfer between charters on the WFTDA-side and MRDA-side during the same tournament year, however a skater who is on a WFTDA charter may not be simultaneously on an MRDA charter.

4.6 Challenge Teams

4.6.1 Challenge teams consisting of skaters from multiple different leagues are not permitted within British Championships.

4.7 Transferring Between Leagues

4.7.1 A skater participating in British Championships cannot be a member of two Leagues at once, this includes leagues not participating in the tournament. If a skater transfers to a new League, they are entitled to skate with their previous League until the Charter at their new League comes into effect (30 days after the Charter has been submitted as per para. **4.4.1** above).

4.7.2 The League should contact the Divisional Head Officials with details of any skaters transferring to The League from another League. The Divisional Head Officials will then immediately contact the skater's previous League to confirm the transfer and authorise their addition to The League's new charter.

4.7.3 If The League receives a request from the BC Committee to confirm the transfer of a skater to another participating league they must reply to this request within 14 days or risk a demerit for failure to communicate.

4.7.4 Investigations regarding skaters eligibility regarding their League membership may be made by the BC Committee at any time. Any decision they make is final.

5 GAMEPLAY AND GOVERNANCE

5.1 Ruleset

5.1.1 All games in the tournament will be conducted under "The Rules of Flat Track Roller Derby" as published by the WFTDA and ratified by MRDA, along with any and all casebooks, clarifications, and guidance that accompanies it.

5.1.2 Should any amendments or clarifications be made to the ruleset during the tournament any subsequent games will be played in compliance with these amendments or clarifications.

5.1.3 Should a change described in section 5.1.2 occur, game officials may defer to a previous ruleset only with the consent of both leagues fielding teams and the Tournament Head Officials. Any such deferment can only take place a maximum of 30 days after any change is publicised, after this period it will be assumed Leagues have had adequate opportunity to make themselves aware of any changes.

5.1.4 Should a full new ruleset be released or changes occur which have a significant impact on scoring or penalty time during play then the Tournament Head Referee shall discuss this situation with Leagues and the BC Committee. The Tournament Head Referee may defer to

a league vote or consultation with other Head Officials, however the Tournament Head Referee's decision on how to proceed will be final.

5.2 Scoring and Forfeiting

5.2.1 Teams will score 3 Tournament points for a win, and zero for a loss. This remains the same even if a game results in overtime.

5.2.2 For seeding purposes the Points Scored For and the Points Scored Against each team will also be recorded.

5.2.3 If a team forfeits a game by failing to attend or field an adequate roster the opposing team will be awarded a win with a 200-0 point score.

5.2.4 If a team forfeits during a game the opposing team will be awarded a win with a 200-0 point score or the current score, whichever points difference is greater.

5.2.5 If a team forfeits 2 games, in addition to the points score detailed above they will also lose one tournament point.

5.2.6 If a team forfeits half of more of their games, they will be disqualified from the tournament and all games, played or unplayed, will be expunged from the record

- In a 6-team division, 3 forfeits mean disqualification
- In a 5-team division, 2 forfeits mean disqualification
- In a 4-team division, 2 forfeits mean disqualification

5.2.7 If a team forfeits the Tournament, all of that team's games, played or unplayed, will be expunged from the record

In the case that a team's games are expunged from the British Champs record, that team's games will remain in Flat Track Stats, unless both teams agree with their DHNSO that the results should be removed.

5.2.8 If it is considered by the Tournament Head Officials that there is a tactical or strategic advantage available to a team by forfeiting as detailed then, after consultation with the BC Committee the Tournament Head Officials have the discretion to apply a consequence they consider proportional to the effect of the forfeiture. This can be up to and including including disqualification from the tournament. This will only be used if the offending leagues actions have implications that affect the placing in that division.

5.2.9 WFTDA/MRDA rules on forfeiting during a game are not affected by any of the above and still apply.

5.2.10 Head Officials at games will use their discretion in regards to Teams arriving late to an event due to travel issues or other issues that may cause play to be abandoned. There

should be a presumption in favour of a game proceeding, albeit delayed, rather than declaring the game forfeit.

5.2.11 If a game needs to be cut short due to injury, venue problems, or other situations beyond the control of teams, a replay between the teams must be arranged as soon as possible. In situations where 45 minutes or more of gameplay has already elapsed by the time of calling, the current score will be submitted as the final score.

5.3 Sanctioning

5.3.1 Where 2 UKRDA teams are competing, UKRDA sanctioning is mandatory, and will be automatically arranged by agreement between the BC Committee and the UKRDA Sanctioning committee. Divisional Head Officials will be responsible for the completion and submission of all post-game paperwork to the standard requirements of UKRDA.

5.3.2 All games between 2 WFTDA teams will be automatically submitted for sanctioning, unless both teams agree not to sanction, and communicate this to the Tournament Head Officials 60 days prior to the scheduled game date.

5.3.3 The Head NSO of any WFTDA sanctioned game is responsible for communicating with the British Champs Tournament Head Officials in order to submit the following:

- Final game score: by midnight on game day
- Signed game stats book IGRF: within 24 hours of the game date
- Completed stats book; within 10 days of the game date.

The British Champs Tournament Head Officials is responsible for submitting these things to MRDA within the required deadlines for sanctioning

5.3.4 All games between 2 MRDA teams will be automatically submitted for sanctioning, unless both teams agree not to sanction, and communicate this to the British Champs MRDA Liaison 60 days prior to the scheduled game date.

5.3.5 The Head NSO of any MRDA sanctioned game is responsible for communicating with the British Champs MRDA Liaison in order to submit the following:

- Final game score: by midnight on game day
- Signed game stats book IGRF: within 24 hours of the game date
- Completed stats book; within 10 days of the game date.

The British Champs MRDA Liaison is responsible for submitting these things to MRDA within the required deadlines for sanctioning

5.4 Provision of Volunteers and Officials

5.4.1 The League is expected to contribute to the tournament by providing both officials and game crew for events in which they have a team competing. Failure to meet these obligations will result in penalisation as detailed below.

5.4.2 The League must provide a minimum of four officials for each event in which they have a team skating. There must be four officials nominated for each game of the event; ideally four officials for the full event, but more officials in rotation will be acceptable, pending approval by the DHNSO.

5.4.3 Officials provided need not be directly associated with the League and the League may also provide officials for events where they do not have a team skating.

5.4.4 The League's Head Officials will liaise with the Divisional Head Officials for their teams Tier to confirm the identity of the officials being provided for any event.

5.4.5 The League is not required to provide officials for playoff events in which they have a team participating; these will be organised through an independent application process. The League will instead provide a minimum of 3 hall crew volunteers, the League may also provide hall crew volunteers if they do not have a team participating in the playoff event.

5.4.6 As correct and complete Statsbooks depend on full NSO crews the Leagues should be prepared to provide more than the minimum 4 officials at least 30 days before the event if required. Failure to meet the deadline will result in a demerit.

5.5 Referees and NSOs

5.5.1 Divisional Head Officials have the discretion to select what they consider the most appropriate officiating crew for each event they are responsible for using both officials provided by participating teams, and other officials who are available.

5.5.2 Officials should be considered impartial and are expected to act in a manner which reflects this.

5.5.3 Tournament and Divisional Head Officials are not permitted to act as a skater or in a coaching role for any team involved in the tournament. If any person in such a position wishes to do so they must forfeit their position as a Tournament or Divisional Head Official.

5.5.4 Should a Tournament or Divisional Head Officials leave or forfeit their position another Divisional or Tournament Head Official may be appointed by the BC Committee to the vacant position on an interim basis. The BC Committee may also appoint a replacement official.

5.5.5 Referees may be affiliated with participating Leagues as skaters or in coaching roles. Such skaters and/or coaches may referee in any division except that in which their team competes. They may, however, act as referees in any division in which they do not act as skaters or hold a coaching role.

5.5.6 NSOs may be affiliated with participating leagues and may act as both skaters and in coaching roles, even within the division within which they act as skaters or hold a coaching

role. This may include those skating and coaching on the day of the event at the discretion of the event's Head Referee and Head NSO.

5.5.7 All Tournament Officials and Organisers should disclose any involvement with their own Leagues where appropriate. These restrictions remain for entire tournament year, including any playoffs. Such disclosure will not itself be considered a bar to Tournament organisational roles, even if those leagues are a part of the Tournament.

5.6 Conduct

5.6.1 Members of The League are expected to show behaviour in accordance with WFTDA, MRDA and UKRDA Codes of Conduct where appropriate. All League members, whether rostered skaters or not, are expected to show respect towards officials, crew, opponents and members of the public, online and in person. The League takes full responsibility for the behaviour of its members, and any incidence of disrespectful behaviour may result in a demerit and/or forfeiture of a game (see paras. **5.7.5** and **5.7.6**)

5.6.2 In addition to WFTDA and MRDA rules regarding impairment of skaters, bench staff may not participate in a game while under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, or illegal drugs. Bench staff and Skaters found by the Head Officials to be under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, or illegal drugs will be removed from the game. In such circumstances they can be replaced by their League.

5.6.3 The League should not organise games on the same day as other events in their Division, this is to ensure maximum attendance and availability of officials at tournament events.

5.6.4 Bench staff are not permitted to wear skates. Other than rostered skaters for the team, no one in a team's bench area should be on skates at any time.

5.7 Demerits

5.7.1 Demerits may be issued for the reasons detailed below. A team receiving 2 demerits will result in the loss of a tournament point. Any subsequent demerits will result in the loss of a tournament point per demerit.

5.7.2 Where the League does not submit Officials or Crew in accordance with section 5.4 above before at least 30 days before the event, or meeting any earlier deadline set by the Divisional Head NSO, the team competing at the event shall receive a demerit. This demerit will be issued automatically if sufficient officials are not nominated and identified to the Divisional Heads by 30 days before the event..

5.7.3 Supplied Officials or Crew must arrive in good time for the event and demonstrate a skill level in line with what was promised by the team putting them forward. (They can be lower skill, we just need an accurate understanding of what we're getting.) Should Officials or Crew fail to arrive on the day, or should Officials or Crew arrive with significantly lower

skills than promised, the team will receive a demerit. Compassionate exceptions will be applied where immovable circumstances apply.

5.7.4 Failure to deliver footage and/or links as outlined in **5.14** will result in a demerit. Compassionate exceptions will be applied in the case of technical failure on the day or in processing.

5.7.5 Serious misconduct or negligence on the part of the League or its representatives may also result in a demerit for the League's teams. Demerits can also be given for serious issues of misconduct or negligence that involve the League or their representatives.

5.7.6 Incidents of serious disrespect to officials, crew or members of the public by the League or its members shall result in demerits being issued.

5.7.7 Demerits will not be issued as a result of allowing skaters to play who have not been added to the League's Charter. If a skater is not added to the League's Charter in time then they will not be allowed to play. No exceptions will be made to this rule.

5.7.8 The League is responsible for ensuring that Charter submissions are made before the relevant deadline at the commencement of the tournament in the required format, with all correct skater numbers and names. Otherwise a demerit will be issued. It is the responsibility of the League to ensure its representatives are fully conversant with the requirements for Charter submissions. No exceptions will be made. A League committing an action with the understanding that they will receive a demerit may be subject to further demerits or disqualification.

5.7.9 Where the League considers that a demerit has been issued incorrectly they have 7 days to submit an appeal to the Tournament Head Officials explaining why they consider the demerit was incorrectly issued and providing any supporting evidence. Within 7 days of having received an appeal the BC Committee the League will receive a response confirming if the issuance of a demerit is upheld or overturned.

Note: any committee members participating in teams affected by any grievances shall recuse themselves from participating in applying demerits or appeal discussions to ensure zero bias.

5.7.10 If the initial 7 day appeal period has passed without an appeal being submitted or the demerit is upheld after appeal the BC Committee will formally announce the demerit to all Leagues participating in the tournament.

5.8 Expelled and Suspended Skaters

5.8.1 Tournament and Divisional Head Referees have the power to suspend a skater from future games or to expel them from the tournament. A suspension may be for one or more tournament games.

5.8.2 Where a skater is expelled from a game and suspension is recommended by the Game Head Referee, this will then be reviewed by the Tournament Head Referee and/or Divisional Head Referee. Having reviewed all the evidence a collective decision will be made as to if the skater will be permitted to continue competing in the tournament. This decision then will be communicated directly to the skater concerned as well as their team Captain and Alternate in the relevant game.

5.8.4 Tournament and Divisional Head Officials may make a decision to suspend a skater after reviewing video footage of the relevant game.

5.8.5 Where possible a decision on suspension or expulsion from the tournament should be made on the same day as the offence took place.

5.8.6 Where the League wishes to challenge a suspension ruling, all relevant evidence should be presented to the Tournament Head Referee within 48 hours of the League's representative(s) being informed of the decision. Any decision will only be overturned if there is irrefutable evidence to show the suspension was not correctly assessed and issued.

5.8.7 A skaters suspension must be served in the Tournament and cannot be served elsewhere, this may include suspension from Playoff games or into further seasons. Leagues can remove the skater from their Tournament Charter while any suspension is being served. Any expulsion decision should be issued giving sufficient time for the Leagues to adjust their charter as necessary.

5.8.8 Following any expulsion a meeting should be held after the game between the Skaters involved, the captains of both teams, the Game Head Officials and the officials who initiated the expulsion. Game Head Officials should complete expulsion paperwork in a timely manner.

5.9 Uniforms

5.9.1 Where there are discrepancies regarding uniforms or numbers issues on a game day the affected skaters will not be permitted to take part in the game. It is the League's responsibility to ensure that all numbers are displayed correctly, that they comply with WFTDA or MRDA standards and match the skaters numbers found on the Championship Charter roster. This will be strictly adhered to.

5.9.2 All Leagues are expected to have both a dark and light set of uniforms. If for any reason, there is no compatible uniform configuration from the two strips provided, the Away team shall play in a third uniform that will be mainly White in colour. If one of the Away League's uniforms is already White, then the third uniform shall be mainly Black.

5.9.3 Leagues will be required to share high quality, white balanced photos of their Uniform, including helmet covers, with the BC Committee at the start of the year to ensure compliance and compatibility. Image names should identify which colour set is Home and which is Away.

5.9.4 If any of the team's uniforms are altered at any time during the tournament, new images should be shared with the Divisional Head Officials at least 14 days before the next game to enable the Division Heads to ensure compatibility. Failure to do this may require any older uniform to be used for that game.

5.9.5 Failure to make available full details of uniforms as above may be considered as forfeiting a game and the appropriate sanctions will be applied.

5.9.6 Officials will be uniformed taking the WFTDA Officiating Uniform Policy as a best practice guideline; the colour for NSOs will be determined by the Divisional Heads for each game to best suit the gameplay, distinction from colours of team uniforms, and availability for officials.

5.10 Venues

5.10.1 When hosting events it is the League's responsibility to ensure that their venue complies with track regulations for WFTDA/MRDA/UKRDA sanctioned games (i.e. 10 foot Outside Ref Lane or 5 foot with barrier, high-contrast scoreboard visible to both team benches and the audience, etc.). Tape is required with rope to mark the track, this is not optional. Striped hazard tape is permitted.

5.10.2 If for any reason the League's venue is unable to comply with the above requirements the League must inform their Divisional Head Referee. Allowances may be made but safety will be the main priority. If the League has regular problems or issues with their venue then they should inform the Divisional Head Officials of this as soon as possible.

5.10.3 The League is responsible for preparing and maintaining the track before and during any event they are hosting. If additional assistance is required then this should be requested from other Leagues participating in the event.

5.10.4 The League will liaise with Head Officials regarding the timings and running of the day.

5.10.5 The League is responsible for paying all costs including but not exclusively, Hall Hire, Public Liability insurance, Track rope, Track tape, PA systems and any other items that will enable the running of the event. This also includes any equipment required by officials, including a scoreboard laptop, projector, projector screen (or suitable wall space in the venue), clipboards and stopwatches.

5.10.6 When hosting the League must, within reason, allow access to the venue without charge for all volunteers and officials (including Tournament Heads) as recruited to run the day. However, it will be at the League's discretion to allow access to anyone else, or if a volunteer's task does not actually take place during the games on the day.

5.10.7 When hosting the League should provide access to water for the Leagues and officials whilst on track, whether this be through a refillable tank, or through bottled water.

5.10.8 Where possible, the League must ensure that their venue is booked no less than 3 months in advance of their designated game day. No less than 14 days beforehand, they should provide a schedule to all Leagues taking part. Ultimately, timing on the day will be at the discretion of the Game Head Referee and Game Head NSO for the day. Any issues with the venue or schedule should be brought to the attention of the Divisional Head Referee Officials, who may also consult with a Tournament Head Official.

5.11 Stats, IGRF's and other shared material

5.11.1 As per WFTDA and MRDA standards Statsbooks will be made available no later than 2 weeks after the date of any game; 4 weeks for playoffs or multi-day tournaments.. Requests for earlier disclosure will be ignored and multiple requests from the league may result in a demerit.

5.11.2 To ensure transparency, copies of Charters, Rosters, IGRFs and Statsbooks will be made available to all leagues through use of a shared online filespace.

5.11.3 It is the responsibility of the Divisional Head NSOs to upload documents to the relevant Tiers folder and to Flat Track Stats. This may be delegated on a game by game basis.

5.11.4 Where possible Game Head NSOs should take a take a photographic record of all gameday paperwork to ensure a backup of the paperwork and to allow others to process the information if necessary. This may be delegated on a game by game basis.

5.11.5 The League should endeavour to keep all relevant photos and information up to date to prevent people having to chase for photos and information.

5.11.6 Without full NSO crews it is not possible to track lineups and provide full skater stats, therefore the League should be willing to provide additional NSOs to ensure a full crew when requested by their Divisional Head NSO.

5.11.7 The League will supply footage of the games played at their event. This will ideally be captured in HD with a camera on a tripod, but any footage is better than no footage. This footage will be hosted as a private link on YouTube (or similar) and the link shared in the Footage Tracker no more than 8 days following the event. Failure to supply footage and/or links will result in a demerit.

5.12 League Representation

5.12.1 The League will provide 2 representatives for the relevant Overview Group. It is the responsibility of the representatives and the League to make sure that all information is passed down to other League members and to ensure that all League Representatives are kept up to date in this group.

5.12.2 To ensure ongoing and effective communication the BC Committee may occasionally perform a "roll call", to ensure that reps are passing on info. Any League reps who fail to respond to this will be contacted, as will the Leagues involved.

5.13 Medical

5.13.1 The league must ensure that two licensed or qualified medical professionals are present at any event they are hosting. Such professionals are often commonly called "Medics" or "EMTs." First Aiders, even if supplied by the event hall, are insufficient. These medics must have no other role on the day except to be present in case of emergency. For further clarity please see the WFTDA Risk Management policy.

5.13.2 In the case of there being any question regarding any player returning to play after receiving medical attention, any skater that has received medical attention from a medic will not be allowed to continue in that game until all medical professionals, the Captain of their team and the Head Referee are in agreement that they can continue. Existing rules regarding skaters returning to play after an injury remain unchanged.

5.14 Footage

5.14.1 Host Leagues are required to supply footage of games, ideally in HD, hosted as private links on YouTube or similar, with footage links shared in the footage tracker no more than 8 days following the event. This footage should be complete, with clear audio & visuals, all jams in the correct order, and ideally a shot of the scoreboard following each jam.

5.14.2 The League must ensure footage is available, and if they feel they cannot do this themselves, they are encouraged to ask for tech & human resource from other teams in their division in order to fulfil the requirement.

5.14.3 Leagues will be provided with a footage guidance document, detailing minimum standards and preferred settings.

6 INSURANCE & WAIVERS

6.1 All skaters and support staff are responsible for their own personal injury insurance if they choose it. Skating is at their own risk.

6.2 The League and the BC Committee accept no liability for Skaters or Officials participating at any event, or any other persons present in the venue. All visiting skaters and officials may be required to sign a waiver prior to the start of any game hosted by the league.

6.3 The BC Committee advises the League to secure Public Liability insurance to cover any Tournament Event they Host to protect all participants, the venue and the Tournament..

Leagues who subscribe to the UKRDA Insurance policy should have sufficient Public Liability coverage for these events.

6.4 Teams progressing to Playoffs must have team insurance for this event. Teams with UKRDA insurance are covered; teams without UKRDA insurance will be asked to demonstrate cover.

7 FINANCE

7.1 In accepting this contract the League agrees to pay subs in a timely manner. Subs for 2019 are £80 if paid before 1 December 2018, £90 if paid after. Teams will not be eligible to play games until payment has been received. If any games the Team is scheduled to play takes place before the payment has been received, that game is considered forfeited by the Team. If both teams scheduled to play have not yet paid, both teams forfeit and record a loss, and the score will be -200/-200.

7.2 The BC Committee will make financial reports available at the request the Leagues to show how any funds have been disbursed and will produce an annual report at the end of the season.

7.3 The BC Committee will aim to reduce costs as much as possible through sponsorship and merchandise sales.

7.4 The League is responsible for covering the costs of any event they host and will retain 100% of their profits from any such event.

7.5 If the League or any of the League's teams are considered responsible for the cancellation of any tournament event they will be liable to reimburse any other participating League or Team for all reasonable non-recoverable expenditure incurred in connection with organising or travelling to the event. Repeated failure to finalise details as per agreed timelines can be considered to be initiation of cancellation. Teams must ensure they are fulfilling all areas of the contract as any games contravening the contract may result in the abandonment of a game, in which instance the host league is liable for costs listed in this point.

7.6. The BC Committee will have the final say on whether any one League should be considered responsible for cancelled events.

7.7 If the League has any outstanding payments owing to the Tournament they will be debarred from promotion and/or winning their tier. They will not be eligible to play any games or receive any certificates, medals or trophies, until any pending payment has been made.

8 MEDIA

8.1 When hosting an event the League should provide free access to the event for one photographer from each participating League. The League will also be entitled to free access for one photographer on behalf of their league at any event in which they have a team participating but are not hosting.

8.2 Any photographer at a BC event retains copyright to any images they produce. Should the BC Committee wish to use an image they will seek consent from the photographer who produced the image.

8.3 When hosting an event the League must ensure that games at the event are filmed, ideally in High Definition. The League is encouraged to make use of volunteers from any participating league to fulfil this obligation. If the League wishes to film any part of the event for their own purposes they should first ensure the videographer role for that game is already staffed.

8.4 The High Definition footage will be made available publicly to all teams and Officials involved in the tournament, for their own study and training and used by Division Head Officials to aid in their assessment of the officials working each event. Links to each game should be added to the designated Video Links 2019 file.

8.5 The League should ensure that videographers are supplied with the British Championships Video Capture & Editing Guidelines document, to ensure consistency across the tournament. Footage should be made available no more than 8 days after the event, and may be used for review by officials in regards to expulsions/suspensions, or officiating feedback. Failure to supply footage within the time frame will result in a demerit.

8.6 The Tournament may have the opportunity to receive coverage on more traditional media. Consistent, high quality footage is key to this, however, nothing will be put into place without input and consultation with all participating Leagues.

8.7 The League consents to its logos, skater's names, Charter and Roster being used by all other host Leagues and the Tournament organisers: for the use in advertising, promotion and news articles, both online and in print.

8.8 For the use of all photos featuring the images of visiting League members being used to promote an event, either the League in possession of the rights of the photos or appropriate owner of the images should be contacted beforehand for their prior consent, it is within the rights of the owner to ask for a fee to use these photos. Leagues maintain ownership of their Intellectual Property, and any out of the ordinary use of this would be done in consultation with the League Representative(s).

9 DECLARATION

9.1 No liability shall attach to a party which is unable to perform its obligations under this contract due to events or circumstances beyond its reasonable control.

9.2 This agreement and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of England and Wales.

9.3 All parties agree that the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim that arises out of or in connection with this agreement or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims).

9.4 If any dispute arises between any of the parties involved, a member of the BC Committee, will, at the request of any party, meet in a good faith effort to resolve the dispute.

9.5 If any dispute is not resolved at that meeting or if no such meeting takes place within 1 calendar month of it being requested, either party may propose that the dispute is referred to mediation and all parties will consider this proposal in good faith. The mediator will be appointed by agreement between the parties. The rules of procedure for the mediation shall be determined by the mediator in consultation with the parties.

9.6 By signing below the League agrees to abide by the terms of this contract and any the referenced documents. Electronic signatures are permitted.

9.7 The person signing on behalf of the League is the League's authorised representative and will email the completed document to British.Championships@gmail.com with "Tournament Contract + YOUR LEAGUE NAME" in the subject line.

Authorised League Representative

League Name: _____

Team Name(s): _____

Real Name: _____

Skate Name (if applicable): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Authorised BC Committee Representative

Real Name: _____

Skate Name (if applicable): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____