

CHARLESTON DERBY SYNDICATE

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Charleston Derby Syndicate (CDS) is a co-ed, noncompetitive recreational league created for the enjoyment, amusement and pleasure of *all* past and present roller derby veterans, inexperienced newcomers, and supporters in the greater Charleston area. The Charleston Derby Syndicate is comprised of men and women ages 18 and older who have a passion for roller derby but desire to skate or learn how to play roller derby without the pressure that comes from a competitive league. Although the Charleston Derby Syndicate abides primarily, but not exclusively, by WFTDA rules and policies, the Charleston Derby Syndicate is currently not a member of any skating organization, and therefore was not created for interleague competition. It is the policy of the Charleston Derby Syndicate that anyone, regardless of gender, race, creed, and league affiliation is welcome to attend Charleston Derby Syndicate practices and events. No membership is required.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

The Charleston Derby Syndicate's inception is the creation of an environment of sports(wo)manship, respect, and support for all skaters and nonskaters involved in the growth and development of the sport of flat track roller derby. We have a simple expectation and that is to leave your league or personal stuff at the door. As a result, the Charleston Derby Syndicate employs a "don't fuck with our fun" policy. This policy is designed to encourage all involved in Charleston Derby Syndicate activities to respect fellow participants and the rules of gameplay regardless of past experiences or relationships with other teammates or leagues.

Although no membership is required and no board of directors appointed, Charleston Derby Syndicate participants reserve the right to remove any Charleston Derby Syndicate skaters, event participants or nonskaters that do not respect the "don't fuck with our fun" policy or the safety policies in effect. In addition, any form of sexual harassment or bullying will not be tolerated, and offending skaters will be asked to not return.

SAFETY:

It is necessary that all participants sign a waiver identifying the risks associated with roller derby participation. The Charleston Derby Syndicate does not currently require insurance but **strongly** encourages it.

For the safety of yourself and others, protective gear must be worn during all skating activities. During practices it includes kneepads, elbow pads, wrist guards and helmets. Mouth guards must be worn during scrimmages and drills. Additional protective gear, such as ankle support, tailbone protectors, and shin guards are recommended and should be taken into consideration. Skaters without protective gear will not be able to participate in all drills. **Skating under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol will not be permitted at CDS practices and events.**

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RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted in any Charleston Derby Syndicate, LLC ("Activity") when authorized to compete, officiate, observe, work for or participate in any way or for any other purpose, each of the Undersigned for himself/herself and for his/her personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. ACKNOWLEDGES, agrees, and represent that I understand the nature of this Activity, and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity. I further agree and warrant that if, at any time, I believe the conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue further participation in this Activity.
2. FULLY UNDERSTAND that: (a) THIS ACTIVITY INVOLVES RISKS AND DANGERS OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS, AND DEATH ("Risks"); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the conditions in which the Activity takes place, or THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" NAMED BELOW; (c) there may be OTHER RISKS or SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation in the Activity.
3. HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the Charleston Derby Syndicate, their administrators, directors, agents, officers, members, volunteers, and employees, other participants, officials, rescue personnel, sponsors, advertisers, owners, and lessees of Premises on which the Activity is conducted, (each of the foregoing shall be considered one of the RELEASEES herein) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON MY ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OF OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS; AND I FURTHER AGREE that if, despite this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the RELEASEES, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which may be incurred as the result of such claim.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I AM OVER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS, HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE, AND I INTEND IT TO BE COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY THE LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID, THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

PRINTED NAME OF PARTICIPANT:

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE:

ADDRESS:

DATE:

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

PHONE: