

JR Derby Meeting Minutes (Subcommittee of USARS Derby Committee)

1. **Date: Sunday March 13, 2022**
2. **Time: 9:00pm (eastern)**
3. **Meeting was called to order** by Patty Leazier and seconded by Sara LeMay at 9:05pm.

In Attendance:

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| Patricia Leazier (Chair) |
| Terry Wishard |
| Sara LeMay |
| Yvonne Martinez |

Meeting Agenda:

1. Divisions & Levels

- Discussion pertaining to levels of competition for USARS jr. derby.
 - Committee reviewed **JRDA's** levels of participation as it pertains to skillset. JRDA language for this topic is cited below.
 1. **JRDA play is divided into 3 Skill Levels.** Each level has a separate set of required skills, separate skills assessment, and separate allowance for contact. Skaters must pass the corresponding JRDA Skill Level Assessment annually to play a game in that Skill Level.
 2. **Skill Level 1** – Skill Level 1 allows Positional Blocking only. intentional contact with an opponent is not allowed.
 3. **Skill Level 2** – Skill Level 2 allows Lean Blocking only - initiating with Forceful Contact is not allowed. After initial contact is made gently, Skaters may apply force to Legal Target Zones with Legal Blocking Zones.
 4. **Skill Level 3** – Skill Level 3 allows all contact otherwise considered legal.
 - Committee reviewed USARS's jr. derby (as per USA Roller Sports Roller Derby Guide 2015 edition) levels of participation as it pertains to insurance, age and levels of contact. USARS language for this topic is cited below.
 1. **For insurance purposes, junior skaters (minors) under the age of 14** cannot be allowed to participate in contact drills or contact skating with adults as this would VOID COVERAGE. This would include participating in USARS sanctioned bouts for adults.

2. However, **minors** can participate in skating drills that are **NON-CONTACT**.
 3. Any skaters **14 and over that wish to participate in contact drills** or play on the adult team must complete the Roller Derby Minor **Waiver paperwork**.
 4. The club officers on a junior league charter must be at least 18 years of age.
- Terry Wishard expressed concern about athletes under the age of 14 (specifically 12 & 13 year olds) being restricted from full contact, even if they displayed a high level of play and skill set and had the capability to compete in full contact derby.
 - Committee members thought that USARS's jr. derby should mirror that of JDRA as it pertains to level of contact and game play.
 - Terry Wishard suggested that the committee investigate the option of a USARS registered jr. derby league obtaining secondary insurance to cover those athletes not yet 14 for coverage for full contact derby.
 - Patty Leazier suggested that we ask Brent Benson to confirm if this is a viable option.
 - Based on the committee's conversation Patty Leazier will compose a proposal for USARS level of play and submit to jr. derby committee for an electronic vote. Once committee approval has been received, Patty will submit to Mlsty Greer and USARS derby committee for review and approval. It is the goal of jr. derby to have the proposal submitted to the board of directors for approval and ratification.

2. Closed session

3. Miscellaneous?

- Nothing at this meeting.

Meeting adjournment: Terry Wishard motioned to adjourn and Sara LeMay seconded the motion at 10:30pm.