

International Rules of Roller Derby

2018 Edition Improvements



Global Modifications

- Changed references of FIRS and Federation Internationale de Roller Sports to World Skate.
- Changed references of FIRS Roller Derby Technical Committee to World Skate Roller Derby Technical Commission.

Diagram 1 – The Track

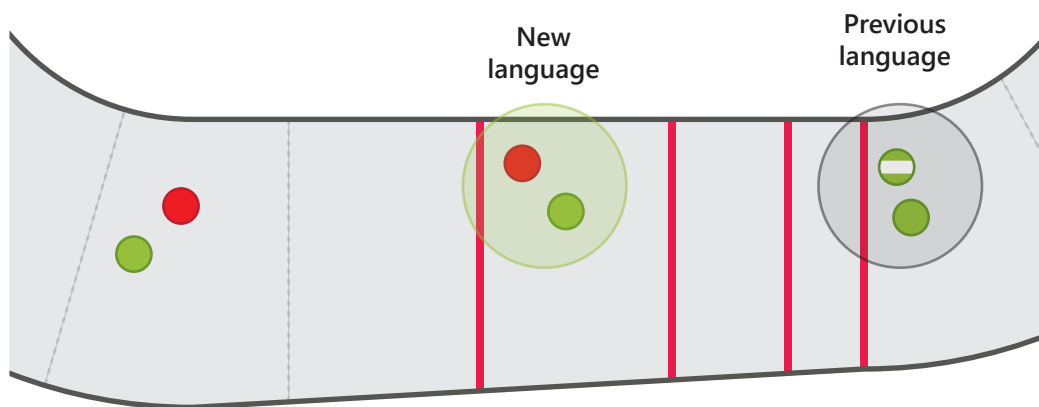
- Changed FIRS logo to World Skate logo

Article 22 – Optional Equipment

- Fixed typo on first paragraph. Added the word “to” between designated and give.

Article 42 - Pack Definition

- Switched the order of the second and third paragraphs to match the order defined on the pack definition decision flow chart distributed in the complementary materials.
- Removed the words **"and are more than 3m (10ft) from one another"** on the third (previously second) paragraph. This definition is redundant since the first paragraph clearly indicates that groups are defined based on proximity and the definition of proximity is also clearly defined there.
- Added the words **"with Blockers from both teams"** to the third (previously second) paragraph. This modification solves one particular situation where a portion of a team may be unfairly defined as the pack. The new language enforces the concept that a team may only become the pack if all players from such team are together and most forward. The example of the specific situation is shown below:



Article 45 - Skating across the Infield

- Modified second paragraph to include **"infield violation"** instead of just **"verbal warning"**.
- Infield violation is now defined on the new Official Communication Standards - Appendix B
- Modified penalty issued on second paragraph from **Cutting penalty** to **Skating Out-of-Bounds**.
- Modified **"an Out-of-Bounds penalty"** to **"a Skating Out-of-Bounds penalty"**.

Article 65 – Procedural Penalties

- Modified section f. from **Out-of-Bounds** to **Skating Out-of-Bounds**.
- Modified designated penalty code on section f. from **O** to **S**.
- Modified game paperwork to add the **Skating Out-of-Bounds (S)** penalty code.

Table 2 – Procedural Penalties Reference

- Reordered each section on the table according to the number of the article infringed.
- Added penalty definition for Article 61 - Scope, indicating that failing to remove helmet cover at the conclusion of the jam should be called as an **Illegal Procedure**.
- Changed section **Out-of-Bounds (O)** to **Skating Out-of-Bounds (S)**.
- Moved the penalty for shortening the length of the track with both skates out-of-bounds from the **Cutting section** to the **Skating Out-of-Bounds section**.

Article 91 – Hand and Verbal Signals

- Article name changed from **Hand Signals** to **Communication Standards**.
- Changed the words “**hand signals**” to “**communication standards**” on first paragraph.
- Appendix B now includes hand signals, penalty codes, verbal communication and whistles.

New Documents

Pack Definition Flowchart

This newly developed document defines the logical structure of the decision making process suggested to define the Pack, described as a flowchart. It also includes tables documenting all combinations of blocker groups to facilitate the definition of the pack.

Pack Definition Situations

This new document specifies all possible combinations of blocker groups in order to define the pack for each specific situation. Each combination is accompanied by a visual representation that exemplifies the position of the players and the appropriate pack definition.

Approved by the World Skate Roller Derby Technical Commission

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