

# Five Nations Roller Derby Championships 2025:

A Guide for Leagues

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# Signing Up

## Who can enter?

Leagues can enter ANY NUMBER of Teams into the tournament, with the condition that:

- There are at least 10 unique skaters on the charter for each team (7 for WFTDA chartered Teams, 9 for MRDA chartered Teams)
- There are no more than 8 “Crossover” Skaters from within the same league on any team’s Charter
- Skaters appear on no more than Three Charters for up to two leagues at any one time. (Note that this can be on either side of the tournament - so a skater could be on a WFTDA team and an MRDA team, or two teams on the same “side”)

In 2025 we are not allowing mixed teams or guest skaters. The team and charter rules remain the same as 2024.

There are no ranking requirements in 2025. Any teams can enter as long as they are situated within the UK, Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man

## What are we committing to?

All teams signing up to Five Nations agree to:

- Host one double or triple header event. **NB:** In 2025 we are going to continue with flexible scheduling, therefore are open to joint games, combined events and day or weekend long tournament style events
- We are particularly keen to explore single weekend events for T1W, T2W and T1M
- Travel to up to four away games, plus Playoffs if you qualify
- Nominate at least four officials to every event you skate in (their selection is not guaranteed) **NB:** This is under discussion, however this will be the maximum requirement.
- Supply at least three hall crew to Playoffs, if you qualify

Please note, the officials must be free to officiate ALL games at the event, unless otherwise confirmed with the relevant Head officials. This includes the game your team is skating in.

By expressing an interest via the sign up form you are indicating that you can abide by these criteria.

## When will the tournament run?

We’re asking for sign ups early because we anticipate that the main season will start in mid-January and run to mid-June, before Playoffs in early Autumn. For 2025 we aim to compress the season and will consider games at any point in January due to the Roller Derby World Cup in Austria in early July 2025 and the Junior Roller Derby World Cup in Australia in late July. We will schedule as far as possible to avoid WFTDA and MRDA postseason events.

## How much does it cost?

Subscriptions for 2025 are £110 per team if paid before 15th December; £130 thereafter. If you have not paid, you will not be able to play. Second and subsequent teams will pay £90 before 15th December or £110 after.

## We played in 2024! Do we have to sign up again?

Yes!

## When should we let you know?

The sign up form can be found [here](#)

The deadline for sign-ups is **Monday 7th October 2024**

We intend to provisionally allocate tiers and divisions by **Monday 14th October 2024**. Teams will be asked to accept their place by **Monday 21st October 2023**.

Once participation is confirmed contracts and invoices will then be issued to teams. We will endeavour to get contracts and a draft schedule out by **Monday 28th October**

Contracts should be returned by **1st December**. Payment must be made by **31st December 2023** (remember the lower rate of £110 only applies if you make payment before 1st December).

Any team not having paid subs **and** submitted their signed contract by the date of their first game will **forfeit that game, and any subsequent games** before the contract and subs are received. No pay, no play!

We aim to move to a non facebook platform for the 2025 season to streamline communications

## The Contract

- [W Five Nations Roller Derby Contract 2025.docx](#)

Every League signs and returns a contract to the Five Nations Roller Derby Committee before the season starts.

## Changes to the Contract for the 2025 season

It is, of course, important to read the contract thoroughly. The current contract is draft, and changes may be made following consultation with leagues. If you have comments please contact us at the email below.

Key changes are :

- Clarification on cross-team rostering (section 4.4)
- Clarifications on sanctioning (section 5.3)

## How can I get involved

Roller Derby, especially Five Nations, doesn't work without help from others. If you'd like to help organise, coordinate or otherwise share your skills to further Champs please email us at [hello@fivenationsrollerderby.com](mailto:hello@fivenationsrollerderby.com)

## Hosting

- [Guide for Leagues Hosting Gamedays](#)

## Video Guidelines

- [Video Capture and Editing Guidelines](#)