

Wirral Roller Derby Accessibility Information for Scrims, Bouts & New Skater Intakes

Venue Address

Address:
Leasowe Leisure Centre,
Twickenham Drive,
Leasowe,
Wirral,
CH46 1PF.

Transport links

Parking

Free parking is available in the leisure centre car park, located directly in front of the venue. For details about accessible parking, please see the "Accessibility" section below.

Nearest train stations:

Leasowe Station National Rail Station (Reeds Lane, Moreton, Wirral, CH46 1QN) – approximately a 17-minute walk (based on Google Maps).

Conway Park (nearest underground station) (Europa Boulevard, Birkenhead, Merseyside, CH41 4PP) - approximately a 15-minute drive (based on Google Maps)

Nearest bus stops (walking times based on Google Maps)

- **Hudson Road** (4-minute walk) – served by routes: 413, 414, 423, 635, 637, 656
- **Castleway North** (4-minute walk) – served by routes: 1, 413, 414, 423, 635, 656, 811

There is not a bus stop within 150m (164yds) of the venue.

Seating

During Open Scrims and Bouts

Seating is available both in the main hall (limited chairs and gym mats) and on the balcony.

- **Gym mats** are placed closest to the track. Please note that sitting here comes with a small risk with skaters or referees may accidentally fall into the crowd. For this reason, we recommend that **children and assistance animals** spectate from the **balcony** instead.

- The **balcony** is located on the first floor, and chairs will be provided. However, the leisure centre has a limited number of chairs available. If you require a seat, we recommend bringing a **portable chair**, just in case all chairs are in use.

During New Skater / Rookie Training

If you need a chair during training, you are welcome to request one or feel free to get one from the cupboard yourself.

Tickets and carer/essential companion

For Open Scrims and Bouts

Spectator tickets are usually available to purchase online in advance. If you're buying tickets on the day, you can usually purchase them at the venue either in the sports hall or on the balcony and will receive a wristband for entry.

- **Free tickets** are available for **carers or essential companions**.
- **Under 18s** currently get free entry. (Please note: this policy may change, so we recommend checking the most up-to-date information when booking or enquiring about tickets.)

For New Skater / Rookie Training

Carers or essential companions are welcome to attend **off-skates** free of charge. Please feel free to let a committee member or coach know in advance if you'll be bringing someone for this reason.

Stalls

During open scrims and bouts, there may be stalls selling **food, drinks, and merchandise**. Most stalls will accept **both cash and card payments**.

Temperature and water

The building and sports hall can get quite warm, especially during the hotter months, so bringing extra water with you is recommended.

- There is a water fountain available upstairs in the gym.
- A nearby dance studio next to the hall also has water access, but please note it may be unavailable if a class is in session.
- You can also use the taps in the changing rooms and toilets to refill your bottle.

During scrims and bouts, extra water bottles or water containers are usually provided in the hall.

Additionally, vending machines with drinks are available in the reception area.

Open Scrims and Bouts Event Atmosphere

Roller derby is a fast-paced sport played on an oval track. During the game, players often get hit, pushed, and fall over, sometimes resulting in injuries.

The event environment can be noisy, with sounds including:

- Skaters, officials, and spectators shouting or cheering
- Clapping
- Referees blowing whistles
- Announcements
- Music playing at various times

First aiders will be present on-site to provide medical support if needed.

New Skater / Rookie Training Atmosphere

Skating kit is provided, including:

- Helmet
- Knee pads
- Elbow pads
- Wrist guards
- Skates

Training sessions are designed for beginners and focus on teaching the **fundamentals of skating** before introducing any contact. Once skaters are assessed as safe and confident with basic skills, they will gradually begin learning contact techniques.

The atmosphere may include:

- A coach using a **whistle**
- **Instructions shouted** from a distance
- Use of **cones and other equipment** for drills

The hall is divided into two halves. The other half may be used for different sports or activities, so you may hear **background noise** from other participants.

Venue Accessibility

Parking

- There is/are 4 Blue Badge parking bay(s) within the car park.
- Parking spaces for Blue Badge holders cannot be booked in advance.

- The dimensions of the Blue Badge parking bay(s) are 300cm x 490cm (9ft 10in x 16ft 1in).
- The route from the car park to the entrance is accessible to a wheelchair user, assistance may be required because there are slopes/ramps.
- The car park surface is tarmac.
- There is not a designated drop off point.

Outside Access (Main Entrance)

- There is a ramp/slope located on the path leading to the entrance and the gradient of the ramp/slope is slight.
- There is ramped/sloped access at this entrance.
- The main door and there is a second door that both open automatically with a push pad/button activated which is 89cm from floor level.
- The doors are single width and the width of the door opening is 110cm.
- There is a small lip on the threshold of the entrance, with a height of 2cm or below.

Reception

- There is an automatic gate to the side of the reception desk to allow entrance to the sports centre. The gate is 90cm wide.

Reception Inside Access

- There is level access.
- Music is played in the reception area.
- Motorised scooters are welcomed in public parts of the venue.

Access to First Floor

- The floors are accessible by stairs from G1 and a lift.
- There are 15+ steps between floors which are clearly marked, deep (18cm+), with handrails on both sides.
- The is for public use and is located in the reception area to the side of the stairs.
- Staff do not need to be notified for use of the lift.
- The lift dimensions are 120cm x 190cm (3ft 11in x 6ft 3in) and the clear door width is 81cm (2ft 8in).
- There is a mirror to aid reversing out of the lift, there is no visual floor indicator and the lift does have an audible announcer.
- The controls for the lift are within 90cm - 120cm from the floor, there are Braille markings and tactile markings.

Standard Changing Rooms (Male and Female Dry Side)

- The standard changing rooms are located off the main corridor to the rear of reception.
- Shower facilities are available within the changing rooms.
- There is level access to the changing rooms and the shower facilities.
- Music is played in this area.

Standard Female and Male Toilets (Ground Floor)

- The female and male toilet facilities are located within the dry side changing rooms.
- There is level access to the toilets

Standard Toilets (First Floor)

- There is level access to the male and female toilets
- The female toilets are by the lift through multiple double doors and located on the balcony and the male toilets are located through the multiple double doors.

Toilet with Adaptations (Ground Floor - Left Hand Transfer)

- There is pictorial and written text signage on the toilet door and requires a RADAR key.
- This accessible toilet is located between the male and female dry side changing rooms.
- There is level access to this accessible toilet.
- The door opens outwards and the width of the door is 87cm (2ft 10in).
- The door is locked by a locking handle.
- The dimensions of the accessible toilet are 165cm x 272cm (5ft 5in x 8ft 11in).
- There is sufficient turning space in the cubicle for a wheelchair user and there is a lateral transfer space.
- The lateral transfer space is 96cm (3ft 2in) and there is a dropdown rail on the transfer side.
- The flush, however it is not on the transfer side, the tap type is lever and is a mixer tap.
- There is an emergency pull cord alarm and an emergency alarm.
- Disposal facilities are available in the cubicle and there are not coat hooks
- Wall mounted grab rails on both sides and the height of the toilet seat above floor level is 48cm (1ft 7in).
- There is a hand dryer not placed higher than 100cm (3ft 3in) and cannot be reached from seated on the toilet.

- The toilet roll holder is not placed higher than 100cm (3ft 3in) and can be reached from seated on the toilet.
- The wash basin can be reached from seated on the toilet and is not placed higher than 74cm (2ft 5in).

Toilet with Adaptations (First Floor - Left Hand Transfer)

- There is pictorial and written text signage on or near the toilet door and requires a RADAR key.
- There is level access to this accessible toilet and is located through double doors from the lift.
- The door opens outwards and the width of the door is 88cm (2ft 11in).
- The door is locked by a locking handle.
- The dimensions of the accessible toilet are 194cm x 350cm (6ft 4in x 11ft 6in).
- There is sufficient turning space in the cubicle for a wheelchair user and there is a lateral transfer space.
- The lateral transfer space is 120cm (3ft 11in) and there is a dropdown rail on the transfer side.
- The flush is on the transfer side, the tap type is lever and is a mixer tap.
- There is an emergency pull cord alarm and an emergency alarm.
- Disposal facilities are available in the cubicle and there are not hooks
- Wall mounted grab rails on both sides and the height of the toilet seat above floor level is 47cm (1ft 7in).
- There is a hand dryer not placed higher than 100cm (3ft 3in) and cannot be reached from seated on the toilet.
- The toilet roll holder is not placed higher than 100cm (3ft 3in) and can be reached from seated on the toilet.
- The wash basin can be reached from seated on the toilet and is not placed higher than 74cm (2ft 5in).

Other access information

- This venue does play background music.
- The lighting levels are bright.
- A loud intercom system is occasionally used throughout the centre. It does not provide a warning before announcements.
- Only registered service animals are permitted in the building. Unregistered service animals are not allowed.
- There are no gender-neutral toilets or changing rooms.
- Showers are available until different times depending on the day. Please check the Leasowe Leisure Centre website or ask staff at the venue for the most up-to-date information.
- Baby changing facilities are available in the wet change area.
- At this time, we are unable to provide a designated quiet space

This website may have more detailed information including photos about venue accessibility you may find useful (link below):

<https://www.accessable.co.uk/venues/leasowe-leisure-centre#2a7346d3-8ffb-6448-985c-99a95395d261> .

Contact Information

If you have any accessibility needs not addressed here, please contact us to request specific access needs. Improving access is always a process in development for us.

Contact: Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wirralrollerderby>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/WirralRollerDerby/>

Tiktok: <https://www.tiktok.com/@wirralrollerderby>

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If you are a new member feel free to contact any committee members.