

ANCHOR CITY ROLLERS

ROLLER DERBY



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ABOUT ANCHOR CITY ROLLERS

HALIFAX'S ROLLER DERBY LEAGUE

Anchor City Rollers is Halifax, Nova Scotia's flat track roller derby league. The league, (originally named Halifax Roller Derby Association) was founded in August 2010 by a group of dedicated, enthusiastic athletes who decided to jump on quad skates and hit the pavement. Since then, the league has grown exponentially, and now boasts over 100 members.

The league's first bout was held in June 2011, which was successful beyond all expectation with approximately 700 fans in attendance! 2012 saw the introduction of our two home teams, the Dead Ringers and Las Bandidas Locas (later to become the Black Rock Bandits). In 2013 our A-level travel team, the Halifax Harbour Grudges was introduced. The team structure was rounded out in 2014 with the addition of a B travel team, the Dockyard Brawlers. In 2017, the league expanded to include junior skaters, welcoming children from 8 to 17 to a brand new Junior Roller Derby League.

The league is a registered non-profit organization. Each Anchor City Rollers event is 100% dependent on volunteer time and energy, with all proceeds going back to the league to cover expenses like practice space and supplies. We could not do this without the support of our friends, family and community.

The league always welcomes new members, both on-skates and off. New skaters are invited to join the learn-to-skate program, held regularly throughout the year.



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HISTORY OF ROLLER DERBY

Roller derby was first created in Chicago the 1930's. Originally a marathon roller skating race, the game soon evolved into a full-contact sport between two teams competing for points. Well-known for its popularity in the 1970's and 80's as a staged, spectacle-sport, roller derby experienced an overhaul in the early 2000's, when a new generation of independent, skater-run leagues began reviving the sport.

Roller derby is now the fastest-growing sport worldwide. The first Roller Derby World Cup took place in Toronto in 2011. As of 2013, there were over 1,100 roller derby leagues across the world. Though the United States dominates the sport, its popularity is increasing in Canada and around the globe. Derby leagues skate and compete in all four Atlantic provinces; Nova Scotia alone is growing leagues in Cape Breton, New Glasgow, the Annapolis Valley and Halifax, though not all leagues compete. There are also a few men's leagues sprouting in Atlantic Canada.

IS IT REAL?

Absolutely! Roller derby of the 70's and 80's may have been staged for spectacle and entertainment, but contemporary roller derby is not—it's a full contact sport that demands athleticism and skill. Rules today, which are set by the Women's Flat Track Derby Association, are strict, emphasizing safety and respect for fellow players, coaches and referees. The sport maintains a unique sense of humour with elements like alter-ego-style player names and creative uniforms, all the while recognizing that this isn't mutually exclusive to playing a genuine, hard-hitting sport.

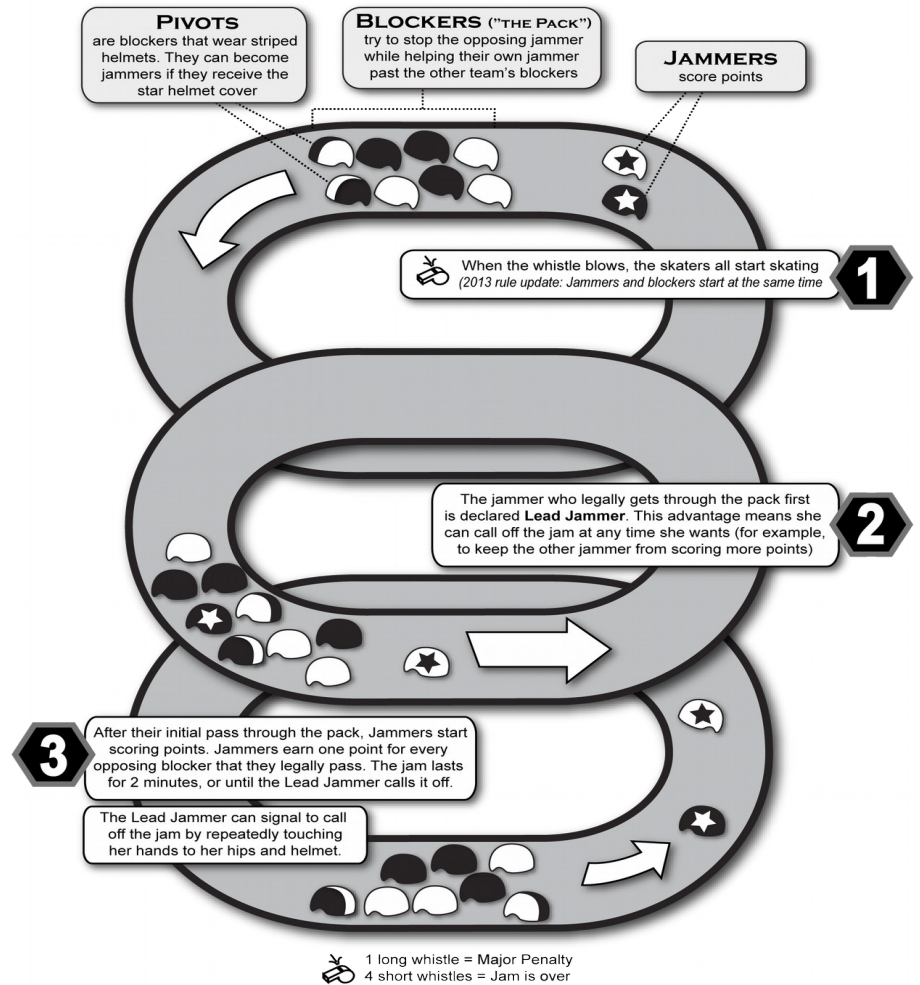


BASIC GAME PLAY

Roller derby is a hard-hitting contact sport, played between two teams on an oval-shaped track. Each team fields five skaters at a time: one designated scoring player (the “jammer”), and four “blockers”. The blockers skate together as a “pack”, while the jammers try to score points by passing the opposing team’s blockers.

A game (called a “bout”) is divided into two 30-minute halves, consisting of a series of “jams”. Jams can last up to two minutes, in which the jammers will race each other to score as many points as they can. Blockers use positioning, legal body contact, and strategy to stop the opposing jammer from passing, while simultaneously helping their own jammer past the other team’s players.

Referees call penalties for violations like illegal types of hits, passing out of bounds, or unsafe play. A player called on a penalty must serve time in a penalty box.





TEAMS

"A" Travel Team



"B" Travel Team



Home Team



Home Team





2018 GAME SCHEDULE

(All Halifax games take place at Mayflower Curling Club, 3000 Monaghan Dr, Halifax)

April 27 — 29	Beast of the East: Harbour Grudges	Montreal, QC	TBA
May 11	Dead Ringers vs. Black Rock Bandits	Halifax, NS	7:30 pm
May 26	Dockyard Brawlers vs. Tar City Rollers	Halifax, NS	6:30 pm
June 2	Harbour Grudges vs. Spitfires	Halifax, NS	6:30 pm
June 9	Dockyard Brawlers vs. Twisted Sisters vs. Bootleg Betties	PEI	TBA
June 15	Black Rock Bandits vs. Dead Ringers	Halifax, NS	7:30 pm
June 23	Harbour Grudges vs. Shipyard Sirens Dockyard Brawlers vs. Portside Pirates	Saint John, NB	TBA
July 7	Dockyard Brawlers vs. Kickin' Vixens	New Glasgow, NS	TBA
July 13	Dead Ringers vs. Black Rock Bandits	Halifax, NS	7:30 pm
July 20	Harbour Grudges vs. Lumbersmacks	Moncton, NB	7:30 pm
July 20 — 22	Muddy River Jamboree: Dockyard Brawlers	Moncton, NB	TBA
August 4	Birthday Bash Double Header	Halifax, NS	TBA
August 10	Black Rock Bandits vs. Dead Ringers	Halifax, NS	7:30 pm
August 18 — 19	Capital City Rumble: Harbour Grudges	Fredericton, NB	TBA
August 25	Dockyard Brawlers vs. Tar City Rollers	Cape Breton, NS	TBA
September 8	Derby Day of Debauchery	PEI	TBA
September 15	DRRD"Y Tournament: Harbour Grudges	Oshawa, ON	TBA



PHOTOS

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