



## **Cape Fear Roller Girls Joins Women's Flat Track Derby Association**

**Wilmington, NC—June 1, 2011—** The Women's Flat Track Derby Association (WFTDA) is proud to announce today that Cape Fear Roller Girls has been accepted as a member of the WFTDA, the national governing body for women's amateur flat track roller derby in the U.S.

As a new member of the WFTDA, Cape Fear Roller Girls joins the ranks of over 75 all-female, skater owned and operated leagues nationwide that have united to lead the growing sport of women's flat track roller derby. WFTDA member leagues engage in sanctioned interleague play, including regional and national tournaments. Cape Fear Roller Girls will be a Class B member in the East region.

Charlotte Roller Girls of Charlotte, NC were also accepted as a member of WFTDA, and the 2 teams will play a sanctioned bout in September in Charlotte.

### **About the WFTDA**

Founded in 2004, the WFTDA promotes and fosters the sport of women's flat track derby by facilitating the development of athletic ability, sportswomanship, and goodwill among member leagues. The governing philosophy is "by the skaters, for the skaters." Women skaters are primary owners, managers, and operators of each member league and of the association. WFTDA's operational tasks include setting standards for rules, seasons and safety, and determining guidelines for the national and international athletic competitions of member leagues. All member leagues have a voice in the decision-making process, and agree to comply with the governing body's policies. For more information, visit [www.wftda.com](http://www.wftda.com).

### **About Cape Fear Roller Girls**

Cape Fear Roller Girls is a group of students, teachers, mothers, wives, daughters, and professionals who all have a need for speed, competitive and compassionate hearts, and the ability to kick some major ass. Cape Fear Roller Girls began its formation in 2005 when a few local ladies heard about the revival of roller derby, and felt that Wilmington, NC would be a great place to start a league. What began as a few nights a week of banging around at Scooter's Skating Rink with shower caps fashioned to resemble the traditional "helmet panty" has morphed into something we used to only dream about. Gaining inspiration from our "big sisters" the Carolina Roller Girls, we have grown from a small group of dedicated women into a strong league of 30+ skaters, with many volunteers and devoted supporters, and we are still growing!

We started off as an LLC that became incorporated in 2007. We are currently in transition and are classified as a 501c3, State of NC Non-Profit, and hope to be a Federal Non-Profit soon. Our goal is to maintain a league "for the skaters-by the skaters" and give back to our local community while we are having fun competing with other derby leagues. At every bout, we donate a portion of our proceed to a local charities and have done benefits for Habitat for Humanity, NHRMC Pink Ribbon Foundation, Toys for Tots, and the Cape Fear River Watch, just to name a few.

We were accepted to the WFTDA apprentice program in the summer of 2010, and are extremely excited to have graduated from the AP program as an official member of WFTDA.

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