

Columbia Roller Derby Code of Conduct

Safety

Protective gear must be worn during all skating activities. During practices this includes: kneepads, elbow pads, wrist guards and helmets. Mouth guards must be worn during bouts, scrimmages and some drills. Additional protective gear, such as ankle support, tailbone protectors, and shin guards are recommended and should be taken into consideration. Skaters without protective gear will not be able to participate in all drills. During events, protective gear changes depending on the event. For parades, bars, and other smooth surfaces, it's usually knee pads only. Skating under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol will not be permitted at CRD practices (including open and closed skates), public appearances or bouts.

Public Appearances

All CRD skaters are to represent the league in a favorable way during public appearances, promotional events, and CRD sponsored events. Skaters are required to conduct themselves in a professional manner. Skaters must use good judgment and discretion when smoking or consuming alcohol during events that involve underage individuals and refrain doing so if possible. CRD skaters may never consume alcohol at a public appearance if they have their skates on. No individual CRD skater is to accept monies for services rendered without approval from the Board of Directors. The marketing director must approve all requests for public appearances and interviews.

Sporting Conduct

Columbia Roller Derby is built on league camaraderie and respect. Poor sporting conduct, malicious violence, and disregard for the game rules of CRD will not be tolerated. Malicious gossip, personal insults (including anything regarding race, religion, sexuality, body type, and more), blatant disrespect toward another skater, coach, referee, board member, volunteer, other roller derby league member, and any other petty behavior that does not demonstrate solidarity will not be tolerated. It will result in suspension or removal from the league. Attempts to harm a person's reputation, character, or sour another member's opinion of a person, rule, or situation using libel or slander will not be tolerated. This includes statements made to other league members as well as statements published on the internet.

Coaches, Trainers and Referees

For the welfare and protection of CRD skaters, coaches, trainers and referees must adhere to a common set of rules and ethics. They are expected to be honest, fair, and respectful of others and to respect the fundamental rights, dignity, and worth of all skaters and each other. They should also seek to promote integrity in the practice of coaching, training, and refereeing. They should not let personal problems and conflicts interfere with their duties. Coaches, trainers, referees, and board members must adhere to the CRD code of conduct as well as the WFTDA rules and guidelines.