

**CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
JUNIOR ROLLER DERBY ASSOCIATION (JRDA), (Corp.)**

**Preamble**

The JRDA, being established to promote the benefits of participation in junior roller derby, hereby adopts this Constitution and Bylaws for the advancement of that purpose.

**Adoption**

This Constitution and Bylaws shall be effective immediately when approved in accordance with legislative procedures in effect at the time of adoption. Persons holding any office in the JRDA at the time this Constitution is adopted shall remain in office for the term elected or until removed or replaced according to the provisions of the Constitution.

**Amendments**

The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended only by the Board of Directors.

Amendments to the Constitution may be approved only upon the affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors.

The Bylaws may be amended only upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors.

Amendments become effective immediately upon approval unless otherwise specified at the time of adoption.

Amendment procedures:

- **Presentation** A proposed amendment may be submitted only by:
  - An Officer of the JRDA.
  - A member of the Board of Directors.
  - A Regional Coordinator.
- **Time and Form of Publication** A proposed amendment to the Constitution or Bylaws must be received by the Secretary of the JRDA in writing. The proposed amendment must be received at least forty-five (45) days before the next held Meeting of the Board of Directors of the JRDA at which it is to be submitted. The proposed amendment must be submitted in such a form to show the entire section, subsection or paragraph as it will read if adopted. The proposed amendment shall be forwarded by the Secretary within five business days to the Board. A report of all proposed amendments must be sent by the Secretary to each member of the Board of Directors at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of Board of Directors.
- **Urgent Amendment** If considered urgent and necessary, the Board may, by a majority vote, present amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws for consideration at any time during a meeting of Board of Directors. Approval of an urgent amendment requires an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of those members of Board of Directors voting.

Language, Stylistic, Housekeeping Changes:

The Executive Committee is authorized to make language and stylistic changes to the Constitution and Bylaws to avoid inconsistencies of wording and conflicting provisions, to improve syntax, and correct grammatical and typographical errors. The Board of Directors shall be notified of any changes and shall be presumed to have approved them unless it votes disapproval at its next meeting following notification.

**Membership**

Membership in the JRDA is a privilege granted by the JRDA. It is not a right. The JRDA at its sole discretion reserves the right to accept or reject any applicant(s) for membership.

- **Conditions for Membership** Membership in any category may be granted only after an application and payment is submitted and approved. By submitting an application, the applicant agrees to comply with all the provisions of the JRDA Code of Conduct, the Constitution, Bylaws, as well as general policies, procedures, regulations, and rules of the JRDA.
  - JRDA Member leagues must provide at least one representative to serve on a JRDA committee.
  - They must provide two league contacts who are empowered to act on behalf of the league
    - They must provide Member Congress representatives as outlined below.
- **Term of Membership** The term of membership shall be from the first of September until the 31st of August in the fiscal year for which the application and fee are submitted and approved. Memberships approved mid-year will expire on the 31st of August, and no refund will be given for the time before the application was approved. A new application must be submitted by all renewing leagues for each fiscal year (competitive season)

### **JRDA Congress**

- **Members** The members of congress shall consist of:
  - Advisory (non-voting) members (unless also serving as member league's Congressional representative):
    - JRDA Board of Directors
    - Regional Coordinators
  - Voting Members:
    - 2 Congressional Representatives from each league
    - 1 Parent Representative from each league (must be a skater parent or guardian)
    - 1 Skater Representative from each league
- **Voting** Each league will have one vote in the Congress. The voting members of the Congress are responsible for polling their respective leagues and voting according to the wishes of their league in the Congress. If a league enters more than one vote on a given item, all votes submitted by that league will be considered null and void on that item.
  - A formal vote will be taken on any items identified on the agenda as "for decision" and any other items where a Board member requests a vote be taken. A formal vote will occur with a call to voting being made by the Board and communicated to the Regional Coordinators who will communicate such voting matters to the member leagues. The call for any Congressional vote will be held via electronic survey. Each survey must be available for voting for a period of at least two weeks and not more than four weeks.
  - Dissenting and abstaining votes shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- **Powers** The powers of the JRDA Members as represented by their congressional delegate(s) are to:
  - Vote on membership-related issues and determine implementation plan to be immediate, incremental, or scheduled for a future date rollout.
  - Elect all annual Regional Coordinators for their respective region.
- **Forum** The JRDA Congress shall regularly participate in the JRDA Forum. All Congressional

Representatives shall have the right to have access to the Forum, and to vote on any items put forth therein. All member leagues shall be notified of any voting items in the Forum not less than 14 days before a call for vote can follow. All voting shall take place via electronic survey.

### **Board of Directors**

- **JRDA Executive Committee** The members of the Executive Committee shall consist of:
  - President
  - Senior Vice President
  - Vice President
  - Treasurer
  - Secretary
- **General Board of Directors** The General Board of Directors is comprised of all members of the Executive Committee, plus the following Directors:
  - Parent Representative
  - Regional Coordinator Representative
- **Terms** The three terms of the Executive Committee shall renew as follows:
  - President, in 2019 and every three years thereafter
  - Senior Vice-President, in 2020 and every three years thereafter
  - Vice President, in 2021 and every three years thereafter
  - Treasurer, in 2020 and every three years thereafter
  - Secretary, in 2021 and every three years thereafterThe terms of the General Directors shall renew annually

### **Regional Coordinators**

A Regional Coordinator shall be selected, by majority votes of the member leagues (each regional league will have one vote) by December 15th of each year, for each respective JRDA region.

Persons interested in becoming a Regional Coordinator must submit their name to the Nominating Committee by October 15th of each year. The Nominating Committee will select a slate for each region to be presented to the regional member leagues for voting by December 1st of each year. The voting will take place between December 1st and December 15th of each year.

The number of regions and boundaries for the regions shall be determined by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors. Any proposed changes to the number of regions or the boundaries of the regions shall have a public review of 60 days for comment from the Member Congress. No more than one change can be made during any competitive season and will only go into effect for the subsequent competitive season for which the changes were approved.