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Twin State Derby Accepted as Women's Flat Track Derby Association Apprentice

Woodstock, VT/Enfield, NH— The Women's Flat Track Derby Association (WFTDA) is proud to announce today that Twin State Derby, also known as the Upper Valley Vixens, has been accepted as an "Apprentice" affiliate of the WFTDA, the governing body for women's amateur flat track roller derby.

"Twin State Derby is incredibly honored to be accepted as an apprentice league by the WFTDA. For five years we have worked hard to recruit and retain the best athletes the Upper Valley has to offer, and are so excited to become a part of the association we have admired since our founding in 2010," said Ivory Tower, President of Twin State Derby. "We look forward to continuing to grow and strengthen our league while living our core values of inclusion, dedication, community, and athleticism through the mentorship of the WFTDA."

As an Apprentice affiliate of the WFTDA, Twin State Derby joins the ranks of more than 300 all-female, skater-owned-and-operated leagues worldwide that have united to lead the growing sport of women's flat track roller derby.

WFTDA apprentice leagues are matched with veteran member leagues who guide them in the processes and requirements necessary to become a full member of the Association. WFTDA Apprentice leagues are considered "pre-members" of the WFTDA and have access to many of the resources and benefits of full WFTDA membership.

Twin State Derby will open their season on March 19, 2016 in East Setauket, NY skating against the Strong Island Derby Revolution. Their home opener at Union Arena in Woodstock, VT will be on May 7, 2016 when the Upper Valley Vixens host the Furies of Western Mass Roller Derby from Greenfield, Massachusetts.

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About the WFTDA

The Women's Flat Track Derby Association is the governing body for women's flat-track roller derby, and a membership organization for the leagues to collaborate and network. The organization created and maintained the first standardized ruleset for the flat-track game, now in its fourth edition. The WFTDA also serves as the sanctioning body for games, hosts tournaments, sets safety standards and provides insurance to athletes and leagues. There are currently 355 WFTDA member leagues and more than 71 apprentice leagues worldwide.

About Twin State Derby

Twin State Derby is a women's flat-track roller derby league in the Upper Valley region of New Hampshire and Vermont. Also known by the name of their travel team, the Upper Valley Vixens have played teams throughout greater New England since 2010. The league was accepted into the WFTDA Apprentice Program in January 2016. To learn more about the sport of roller derby and Twin State Derby, please visit our website at www.twinstatederby.com.

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