

Devil Dog Derby Dames 2013 Constitution

Article I – Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be: Devil Dog Derby Dames (DDDD), herein after referred to as the “League”.

Article II – Authority and Purpose

Section 1. Upon approval of the Commanding General, Marine Corps Bases Japan (MCBJ), this Constitution is hereby established.

Section 2. The purpose of this League is to: Manage serve and promote the game of Women’s flat track roller derby in the Okinawa, Japan area, at all levels of play; to assist member teams and participate in their various forms of involvement with the game; to adhere to all the laws of the game according to the “Women’s Flat Track Derby Association” (WFTDA); and to encourage and facilitate the involvement of as many men and women, ages 18+, as possible with roller derby activities.

Article III – Bylaws and other regulations

Section 1. Bylaws shall be formulated and upon approval of the Commanding General, MCBJ, shall have the same force and effect as if published as part of the Constitution.

Section 2. The League shall comply with DoD; Marine Corps; MCBJ; MCB Camp Smedley D. Butler orders, directives, and instructions pertaining to the operation of independent private organizations.

Section 3. The League acknowledges that is not a government instrumentality and therefore is not entitled to the immunities and privileges afforded government agencies, and is responsible for taxes and insurances as required by law.

Article IV – Membership

Section 1. League membership will be on a voluntary basis. Subject to approval of the Commanding General, MCBJ; membership shall be extended to men and women, ages 18+, interested in the participation of women’s flat track roller derby. Men and women are eligible to coach, referee, announce, or be a non-skating official (NSO). Only women are eligible to be placed on a roster and compete in the bouts as players.

Section 2. League members may be general members or limited members. Limited members are Medics and Officials. General members are players and coordinators. Limited members are not responsible for monthly dues and do not have the right to vote on financial matters. Limited members may opt in to paying monthly dues and would at that time gain general membership rights. In order to change your status from a limited to a general member you must send a request to bod@devildogderbydames.com.

Article V – Board of Directors and Coordinators

Section 1. The directors for the League, elected from the membership, shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. This group of directors shall be designated the Board of Directors (BOD).

- a Each year in the month of September, nominations from the floor shall be invited prior to the election of office. Nominees must give their permission for the elections. In the month of October officers shall be elected by a secret, written, majority vote of those members present and voting. A simple majority vote is required. The existing BOD shall not vote unless it is necessary to break a tie. It is the retiring BOD's duties to properly train and prepare their successors to perform their duties as it pertains to their position in office through the months of November and December. The new BOD will take over the positions the 1st of January.
- b The directors of the League may be removed for cause by a majority written vote of the members in the form of a petition.
- c The BOD shall have the authority to act on any and all matters concerning the League except those requiring approval of the Commanding General, MCB, Camp Smedley D. Butler, or a vote of the League membership, or as otherwise provided for in the Bylaws of the League.
- d In the event of a vacancy on the Board, the remaining BOD shall appoint a temporary officer to serve until the next regularly scheduled meeting at which time nominations from the floor shall be presented for election and voted upon at the next scheduled meeting. If a permanent officer is not elected within 60 days after the vacancy occurs, the temporary officer appointed by the BOD shall automatically become permanent for the remainder of the calendar term.
- e An officer may resign his/her office by notifying the President in writing. If the President is the official resigning then he/she must notify the entire membership in writing in a professional, businesslike manner.
- f Directors are eligible for re-election to the BOD and can be nominated for any position every year. As long as said member accepts the nomination and a vote is conducted; BOD positions are unlimited in the time served.
- g Any member who is elected to the BOD cannot concurrently hold a League Coordinator position while serving as a Director.
 - 1. Elected BOD members may act as an interim Coordinator until that vacancy has been filled.
- h Duties of the elected directors are as prescribed in the bylaws.

Section 2. The Coordinators of the League, appointed by the current BOD are listed in article III of the bylaws.

- a With each new BOD the Coordinators must be reappointed. Members may hold the same coordinator position for consecutive terms upon being re-appointed by the new BOD.
- b A Coordinator may be removed for cause from their position pending a majority rule of the BOD.
- c A Coordinator may resign his/her position by notifying the BOD in writing.
- d The duties of the Coordinators as are prescribed in the Bylaws.

Article VI – Quorums and Meetings

Section 1. The BOD/Coordinators shall meet once a month, on the last Monday of every month, or at the call of the President. The quorum for all BOD/Coordinator meetings shall be at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the BOD. The BOD will exercise their powers through a simple majority vote.

Section 2. A general membership meeting will be held once a month, on the first Monday of every month. A simple majority vote of these members present and voting at the meeting will prevail of all issues brought to a vote with the exception that Constitutional amendments shall be affected as prescribed in this Constitution, Article XI.

Section 3. Upon written request of at least 75% of the voting membership of the League, the President shall be required to call a special meeting. The President may call a special membership meeting at his/her own discretion.

- a All members shall be notified, if possible, of the time, place, and subject matter of the special meeting and ONLY the business for which the meeting is called shall be transacted.

Article VII – Voting

Section 1. Only members in good standing shall be allowed to vote on any matter requiring a vote, and they shall be entitled to only one vote.

- a “Good Standing” status is as described in the Bylaws.

Section 2. There shall not be any voting by absentee or proxy, except for matters concerning amending the Constitution, for which, members may vote by absentee.

Section 3. Passage of any resolution shall be a simple majority vote of those voting members present, except when otherwise provided for in the Bylaws.

Article VIII – Finance

Section 1. Registration fees and monthly dues of all members shall be submitted via Paypal.

- a Registration fees are to be paid annually of all members in the amount of \$36.00
- b Monthly dues are to be paid on the 1st of each month in the amount of \$21.00 (Officials and Medics are excluded from monthly dues)
- c If a member falls 30 days past due of any fee due, they will be notified of their past due status, reminded to pay their fees due and of this policy. If a member falls 60 days past due, they will be suspended from the league until all fees are paid up to date. If a member falls 90 days past due, their membership shall automatically be cancelled.

Section 2. Total fees and dues of all members, together with other income, shall be sufficient to cover insurance and other expenses. All Members are personally and equally liable if the assets of the League are insufficient to discharge all liabilities/obligations.

Article IX – Liability

Section 1. Adequate and proper insurance shall be carried at all times to protect the membership from liability. Members understand they are personally liable, as provided by law, if the assets of the non-Federal entity are insufficient to discharge all liabilities.

Article X – Dissolution

Section 1. Dissolution of the League shall be upon the initiative of the membership or a decision by the Commanding General, MCBJ, to withdraw local authorization to operate aboard USMC installations.

Section 2. Upon the liquidation of all indebtedness, residual assets will be disposed of as directed by the BOD.

Section 3. Upon disestablishment, the incumbent senior officer shall notify the Commanding General, MCBJ, via the Assistant Chief of Staff, MCCS, of impending action with certification that all indebtedness has been liquidated and residual assets disposed of.

Article XI – Amendments or Changes

Section 1. Amendments or changes to this Constitution may be proposed by the BOD, or by any member, who submits a written request to the President, using the exact wording of the proposed change. Notice of the proposed change shall be presented to the membership 24 hours after the monthly BOD/Coordinator meeting and may be voted on at any membership meeting thereafter or via proxy. The notice will be drafted as a proxy vote to allow those members who cannot attend the meeting to vote.

Section 2. Proposed amendments or changes shall be adopted when 2/3 of the voting members, both those at the meeting and those voting by proxy, approve the amendment. It shall become effective upon approval of the Commanding General, MCBJ.

Section 3. Any Amendments or changes to this Constitution shall be attached hereto.