





Creatures of the Abyss Tournament!

C.A.T. is the first international Junior Roller Derby tournament in Europe.

About the event

On 11-13 August 2017, Copenhagen Roller Derby will host the first international Junior Roller Derby tournament in Europe. The tournament is open to all Roller Derby skaters under 18 years old and will include a roller disco and a bootcamp. The tournament is open to all junior skaters, both individual skaters and full teams. 145 skaters from 9 countries will be joining this event, about 50% of all active junior skaters in Europe.

The aim

We want to boost Roller Derby for juniors and help kids to live an active lifestyle. We want to create an event that will help build Roller Derby friendships and networks across borders. We want to inspire other leagues across Europe and throughout the world to form Junior Roller Derby divisions. We want to help create a positive and active outlook, to give children self-confidence and help them be comfortable in themselves regardless of their size and physicality.

What is Roller Derby

Roller Derby is a contact sport played on roller skates. Roller Derby is a game between two teams that play against each other on an oval track. Each team consists of 14 skaters, with 5 skaters on the track at any one time. They skate a 'jam', which runs for a maximum of 2 minutes when a new block of skaters enters the track ready for the next 'jam'. One of the skaters has a star on their helmet and they are the jammer - it is only the jammer that can score points. The jammer gets one point every time they pass a skater from the opposing team.

Roller Derby is one of the world's fastest growing sports and it is a reinterpretation of the traditional association sports. It is underground, street and predominantly a DIY sport.

Roller Derby in its current form was founded in Austin, Texas in 2001, and it is now one of the world's fastest growing sports. New leagues are appearing in the most amazing places like Cairo, Lima, Tokyo, Bogota, Beirut and Dubai. In Europe, the sport has practically exploded and in a short space of time several hundred leagues have helped form a grass roots movement of women who have never done sport before. Social media has greatly helped the extremely fast development of the sport. The sport is characterized by a high active involvement of league members who are

responsible for marketing, PR, streaming, tournament organization, training, officiating etc. Despite everything being done voluntarily, ambition and professionalism are very high.

Rat City Roller Girls in Seattle, Washington have a fantastic venue and draw several thousand spectators.



Roller Derby is equal parts high speed, hard hits, strategy and gameplay - and as with every other American sport, the rules are complicated and demand great tactical understanding. The sport attracts large numbers of spectators. Maybe because the combination of aggression, speed and tactics together with entertaining skater names like Bonnie Thunders, Lady MacDeath and Miss Demeaner gives great entertainment value.

The jammer from Aalborg Combat Bullies hunted by a blocker from Copenhagen Roller Derby.



Tournament participants

129 junior skaters from 9 different countries will participate at Creatures of the Abyss Tournament including one skater representing United States of America!

Team, League, City, Country

Candy Snatchers, Crime City Rollers, Malmö, Sweden.

Independent skater, Paris, France.

D.A.S.H, Devon All Star Hitters, North Devon, United Kingdom.

Hereford Poison Berries Junior Roller Derby, Hereford, United Kingdom.

Evergreen Junior Roller Derby, Everett, Washington, United States.

Teenage Terrors, Blackland Rockin'k Rollers, Charleroi, Belgium.

Fierce Valley Cubs, Fierce Valley Roller Girls, Forth Valley, Scotland.

Powerpuff Rollers, Luleå Roller Derby Juniors, Luleå, Sweden.

Västsvenska Roller Derby Sällskapet, Göteborg, Sweden.

Newbournes, Eastbourne Roller Derby, Eastbourne, United Kingdom.

RebELLIONS Junior Derby League, Munich, Germany.

Roller Derby Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands.

Bombinos, Lincolnshire Bombers Roller Girls, Lincoln, United Kingdom.

Stockholm Roller Derby, Stockholm, Sweden.

Dead Dragibus, Roller Derby Calais, Calais, France

Troublemakers, Copenhagen Roller Derby, København, Denmark.

About CRD

Copenhagen Roller Derby is the first and largest Roller Derby league in Denmark. The league is a member of the WFTDA (Women's Flat Track Derby Association) and is ranked number 142 in the world. In 2015, CRD arranged the first Danish Roller Derby Championships and took the gold medal becoming Denmark's first national champions.

In 2014, 14 skaters from CRD were picked for the first Danish national team and in December 2014, Denmark took part in the Roller Derby World Cup held in Dallas, Texas. This year, 11 skaters from CRD were picked for the national team. CRD train 6 times a week in DGI Byen, Ryparken and Valbyhallen.

Copenhagen Roller Derby All Stars include the spectators in their team shout!



Copenhagen Roller Derby's Juniors

Copenhagen Roller Derby's Junior team call themselves the Copenhagen Troublemakers. The juniors began in 2013 with two happy roller girls who dreamed of being on their own Roller Derby team. Today there are 20 members who train hard every week to become better skaters, but also because it's a cool way to hang out with friends.

Copenhagen Troublemakers prepare for a game against Malmö's Candysnatchers.



The people behind the tournament

The C.A.T. organizers are a group of experienced people who all have a passion for Roller Derby.

- Jesper Larsen. Founder and Chairperson. Responsible for Budget and streaming. Profession: Captain and HR leader in Defence Acquisition and Procurement Management Board in the Army.
- Phil Rutter. Founder and responsible for tournament format, coordinating with the Junior Roller Derby Association and contact person for the participating teams. Profession: Feature film Script Consultant.
- Henriette Thiim. Responsible for marketing, PR. Profession: eCommerce Manager for IKEA A/S.
- Charlotte Staun Christensson. Responsible for visual identity and social media. Profession: Senior User Experience Designer at Think! Digital.
- Wawwa Ohrt. Responsible for graphic production. Profession: Art Director at Haveselskabet.
- Amanda Ulla Kruse. Responsible for graphic production and merchandise. Profession: Media Graphics student at V18.
- Line Nors Frandsen. Responsible for Fund applications. Profession: Junior Concept Manager at DFDS Danmark.
- Ida Anna Müller. Responsible for venue and safety. Profession: Medical student and relief doctor.
- Christine Schrøder-Sevald. Responsible for venue, catering and accommodation. Profession: Teacher student at UCC.

Facts

Category: Sporting event

Name: C.A.T. Creatures of the Abyss Tournament

Date: 11-13 August 2017

Address: Parkvej 78, 2630 Taastrup

Accommodation for participants and volunteers is possible at a nearby school.

Streaming: The tournament will be streamed online.

Programme

August 11-12: Tournament

August 12 – evening: Roller disco

August 13: Bootcamp

Contact list

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Links

[Official C.A.T tournament Website](#)

[Copenhagen Roller Derby website](#)

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Pictures

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