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## ***NORTHWEST KNOCKDOWN: THE FIERCEST AND FASTEST***

### **Roller Derby National Championship Storms Into Portland, Ore., Nov 14-16**

Portland, Ore. (Oct 29, 2008) – On Friday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> the top eight flat-track roller derby teams in the nation will descend on Portland, Ore., for the 2008 Women's Flat Track Derby Association (WFTDA) National Championship: *The Northwest Knockdown*. Seattle's Rat City Roller girls and Portland's Rose City Rollers will co-host the tournament featuring the hardest hitting, fastest derby teams in the country as they battle for the national title at the Portland Expo Center before an audience of 3,000 fans.



The Knockdown will highlight the volatility and unpredictable excitement inherent in the nation's fastest growing all-female sport, flat track roller derby. Tournament participants include a west coast Cinderella story (Duke City, NM), the east coast's year-long dominators (Gotham, NY), and the godmothers of modern derby who are dead set on regaining their place at the top (Texecutioners, Texas).

#### **NORTHWEST KNOCKDOWN PARTICIPANTS:**

Texas Roller girls (Austin, TX)	Gotham Girls Roller Derby (New York, NY)
Bay Area Derby Girls (San Francisco, CA)	Windy City Rollers (Chicago, IL)
Rat City Roller girls (Seattle, WA)	Philly Roller Girls (Philadelphia, PA)
Duke City Derby (Albuquerque, NM)	Carolina Roller girls (Raleigh, NC)

#### **ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT DETAILS:**

- Tickets: 3-Day and Single Day Tickets available through TicketsWest
- Doors Friday at 5:00 pm, Saturday Noon, and Sunday 1:00 pm
- The Knockdown Party Tour: \$33 for three nights of after parties at 13 venues featuring the best bands, DJs, grub and brew in Portland, Ore. (includes charter buses for Friday and Saturday nights)

**For complete tournament details, please visit [www.northwestknockdown.com](http://www.northwestknockdown.com)**

#### **About the Women's Flat Track Derby Association**

Founded in 2004, the WFTDA promotes and fosters the sport of women's flat track derby by facilitating the development of athletic ability, sportswomanship, and goodwill among member leagues. The governing philosophy is "by the skaters, for the skaters." Women skaters are primary owners, managers, and operators of each member league and of the association. Operational tasks include setting standards for rules, seasons, and safety, and determining guidelines for the national and international athletic competitions of member leagues. All member leagues have a voice in the decision-making process, and agree to comply with the governing body's policies.