

**- Upcoming Events -**

- June 4, 2016  
Away Bout  
Foxettes vs. Coachella
- Wednesdays June 8 – July 27  
Fontana Public Skate Night  
Fontana Park 15556 Summit
- June 11, 2016  
Away Bout—B/C Mix  
FFF vs. IEDD
- June 18, 2016  
Away Bout  
FFF B/C Mix vs.  
South Coast Lagunatics
- June 28, 2016  
Open Scrimmage  
Jack Bulik Park, Fontana
- July 9, 2016  
Home Bout  
Beach Cities
- July 26, 2016  
Open Scrimmage  
Jack Bulik Park, Fontana
- July 26–August 1, 2016  
RollerCon  
Westgate Resort Las Vegas
- August 6, 2016  
RollerCon  
The Rinks Corona Inline
- August 20, 2016  
Away Bout  
Hidden City vs. FFF  
Oceanside CA
- September 17–18, 2016  
Deep Blue Tournament  
Trukee Ca
- September 24, 2016  
Away Bout—Yuma CA  
Foxettes vs Border City
- October 1, 2016  
Smarty Pants Clinic  
Location TBA

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# Fox Talk

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## Jr. Foxtails in Bakersfield

The FFF Junior Foxtails traveled to Bakersfield on May 7 to face off with the Bakersfield's Diamond Minors for their debut bout against another league. With Coach Hawaiian Lei U Out and Coach Sweaty Boop running a smooth bench and keeping the lines solid and the confidence flowing, the Foxtails quickly responded to new challenges. The Diamond Minors had a deep bench, sizable walls, and even a coed lineup but nothing makes these Foxtails back down. They took a few jams to get their defensive walls in line with the Minors offense, but soon were giving the Minors a hard time digging through. The Foxtails slowed the point advantage but were not able to take the lead. The Foxtail offense was fierce and unrelenting. With a solid rotation of jammers, starting with Krazy Ann, points came in slow but steady. Foxtail Tiger commented that she didn't know there would be boys, but that didn't stop her from putting points on the board. Foxtail families showed their derby love and support for the girls, and even cheered on a first time Minor who ran into some penalty trouble encouraging her to make her way out of the box. With a final score of 259 – 147, the Minors took the win. No one says it better than Foxtail Autumn Bomb, "we didn't lose, we learned!"

## Attack of the C Squads

As we headed out for FFF's fourth trip to Sonora for Attack of the C Squads Fantastic Four, we were excited and anticipating a great trip. Of course, based on our progress over our past three visits to this tournament, climbing from dead last to first place, we knew we were the team with the target on our backs. Everyone would be looking to take that number one spot from us this year. We weren't about to let that get into our heads too much, though. After all, the C Squads tournament is all about teams building and growing and training their newer skaters to fill the shoes of those who advance past the point of C Squad eligibility. That just means that each year, although many of the same leagues participate, the teams taking the track are very different. Any league could take

## Fox Finder



When it comes to positivity, willingness to help fellow skaters, and fun energy, June's Fox has it all. June's Fox is none other than the very tricky, Selena "Trick or BeatHer" Hawkins. Her derby name comes from her love of all things Halloween. If you want to venture into anything that has "Haunted" in it, she is your girl. She came up with her number 909, because of how long she has lived in the area. Tricky, has been a part of the FFF family since 2014, and has been active in Roller Derby for the last 5 years, previous teams include Syndicate Roller Girls and Riverside Roller Belles; both teams are no longer active. Her most memorable derby experiences are playing her first real bout and winning MVP blocker, and making the B Team. You wouldn't know it watching her skate today, but backwards blocking wasn't always easy for Tricky. Now she easily transitions from forwards to backwards and is a force to be reckoned with. When Tricky is not on the track she can be found spending time with her husband, 13-year-old son (athlete and Boy Scout), and her 3-year-old daughter, who is always finding ways to test her patience. Although they spend a lot of time doing sports and Scouts, they do manage to carve out some time to head out with friends in their Jeeps and explore the backroads and enjoy nature.

# WFTDA Says...

## Starting Positions

There are variety of legal pre-jam positions blockers and jammers may choose to take as they prepare for the jam to start.

Blockers may line up anywhere between the Jammer Line and the Pivot Line. Blockers may not be touching the Jammer Line and only the Pivot is permitted to be touching the Pivot Line when the jam starts. More than half of the on-track Blockers from each team must be positioned so that they create a Pack at, or immediately after, the Jam starting whistle. A team that doesn't field enough Blockers and in the proper positions risk having an Illegal Procedure penalty assessed to their Pivot. Blockers are permitted to be either upright or down on one knee at the starting whistle. Blockers who line up out of position may be called for a Delay of Game Penalty. Blockers may be rolling within their legal area at the Jam Starting Whistle.

Pivots may line up touching the Pivot Line, but are the only players permitted to do so. If the Pivot is lined up on the Pivot Line, Non-Pivot Blockers must line up behind (measured at the hips) the Pivot. If the Pivot isn't on the Pivot Line Blockers don't have to line up behind her.

Jammers may line up anywhere behind the Jammer Line clockwise to the Pivot Line. They are permitted to touch the Jammer Line, but not the Pivot Line. Jammers may not be accelerating at the Jam Starting Whistle, but may be rolling, moving, coasting or braking.

Any Skater may be issued a False Start penalty if they are outside of their legal starting area and/or are lined up partially out of bounds at the Jam Starting Whistle. If a skater is called for a False Start, they must immediately stop all forward motion and allow all other skaters an opportunity to pass them before they proceed. A skater called for a False Start is not part of the Pack.



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the title any given year, which makes it exciting to return to the tournament year after year.

As many of our skaters who have contributed to our success the past three years have advanced to B level play, we have been grooming our fresher skaters to replace them. This year we are proud to say that half of our limited roster of skaters (only 14 total) are first-timers to this tournament. Although we would surely miss having of our veteran skaters and derby sisters with us on the trip and on the track, we were confident that our team had prepared for the challenge ahead, and we were looking forward to helping our first-timers enjoy their C Squad experience as much as the returners have in past visits. So we loaded up the vans and started our 6-hour drive.

Unfortunately, our first game on Saturday turned out to be a disappointing loss to SVRG which meant we would face Pacific Coast later that afternoon. After Pacific Coast handed us our second loss of the tournament we were reminded of just how tough this tournament has consistently been the past three years. Even though we didn't achieve our primary goal for the day...to win our first game and go back to the hotel, we were still keeping a positive attitude and planning for a long day climbing our way through the brackets on Sunday. We decided to put our disappointing losses aside for a couple of hours and enjoy a team dinner at The Standard Pour. What a great choice that turned out to be! The service was great, the food was delicious, and we were able to be seated together in a beautiful private dining room where we could recharge through conversation and laughter. We even worked on recruiting our waitress for the local team.

We arrived at the arena early on Sunday motivated to begin what we were keenly aware was a win-or-go-home day. With a victory against Sin City (quite possible the most fun team in attendance) for our first game of the day, we were hopeful that this was just the beginning of several games before we had to hit the road. We had a couple of hours before we would face the Hooligans so we tried to rest and get prepared for what we expected would be a tough game based on how we had already seen them play in this tournament. As we expected this was a very challenging game and we just weren't able get the job done. It was and extremely disappointing loss which ended the tournament for FFF.

We didn't bring home a medal this year, but it was still a great trip. We watched some really good roller derby. We met a bunch of amazing derby people. We learned a lot about ourselves. And we had a lot of fun with our teammates. So, I guess it's time to start looking ahead to next year and the opportunity for a more victorious ending to the story.



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