



**DES MOINES DERBY BRATS ALL STARS READY TO FIGHT THEIR WAY TO #1
& THEIR 3rd NATIONAL TITLE AT JRDA CHAMPIONSHIPS
July 26 - 28, 2019 in Loveland, Colorado**

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DES MOINES, IOWA – The Des Moines Derby Brats All Stars junior roller derby team is ready to fight their way to the number-one spot in the nation and their third national title at the Junior Roller Derby Association (JRDA) Championships, July 26-28, 2019, in Loveland Colorado.

The Des Moines Derby Brats All Stars are currently ranked #5 in the nation and already have the 2014 and 2016 national titles under their belt. “We are extremely excited to have the Des Moines Derby Brats heading to Nationals once again. Roller Derby is gaining popularity all over the world and we are proud to have one of the best junior teams right here in Des Moines,” said Head Coach and speed skating legend Mark Muse.

“Our team is extremely talented this year. In fact, two members of the team – Sophia Hernandez (Cuban Missile - #62) and Aaron Blindt (GOLD.E.KNOCKS - #101) – have been selected and are currently playing for Team USA in the 2019 World Roller Games held in Barcelona, Spain, June 29 – July 14, 2019,” explained Muse.

JRDA rankings change every month based on your opponent’s status, points scored, point spread and game weight, among many other factors. The top 20 teams in the nation (Open division and Women’s division) will be going head to head at the championship, vying for that number one spot.

The Des Moines Derby Brats All Stars will be playing their first game at JRDA Championships at 1pm on Friday, July 26, against the Attack Pack (St. Petersburg, Florida; currently ranked #4). Live stream video can be seen free at: <https://twitch.tv/wftda>.

Formed in 2011 by World Speed Skating Champion Romina Muse, the Des Moines Derby Brats provides area youth with an alternative sport opportunity that fosters discipline, team work and social acceptance in addition to rocking' skating skills! Beginning with just six skaters, the team has grown to more than 70 members, both girls and guys ages 10-17, including the All-Stars traveling team, the Bravo team and the Tootsie Rollers (ages 3-9).

The Des Moines Derby Brats All-Stars, coached by speed skating legend and Hall of Famer Mark Muse, are currently ranked #5 in the nation by the Junior Roller Derby Association and are the 2014 and 2016 JRDA National Champions! For more information, go to: www.desmoinesderbybrats.com.

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