



**DES MOINES DERBY BRATS ALL STARS READY TO FIGHT THEIR WAY TO #1 IN THE WORLD
& THEIR THIRD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP JRDA TITLE**

7th Annual Spring Slam Derby Jam – April 28 & 29, 2018 – Skate North Incrediroll

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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 world and their third national Junior Roller Derby Association (JRDA) championship title. On April 28 and 29 at Skate North Incrediroll, the 7th Annual Spring Slam Derby Jam will host multiple JRDA ranked teams from all over the nation, including the current number-one team from Bakersfield, California, the Diamond City Minors – all of which are vying for the coveted top position.

The Des Moines Derby Brats All Stars are currently ranked #4 in the world and already have the 2014 and 2016 national titles under their belt. “We are extremely excited to host such a competitive roller derby event in Des Moines. Roller Derby, in general, 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 event organizer and Des Moines Derby Brats Booster Club President Adam Garrick.

“JRDA rankings change every month based on your opponent’s status, points scored, points spread and game weight, among many other factors,” Garrick explained. “If the All Stars can put themselves back on top this weekend, they’ll go up against the best teams in the world at the JRDA National Championship and World Cup held July 20-24 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.”

Three members of the Derby Brats All Star team – Anna Garrick (Dragon Fire), Chase Fredregill (Enigma) and James Sorbo (Triple Threat) – have already been selected to represent Team USA East at the World Cup.

The Des Moines Derby Brats All Stars will be playing at 8am on Saturday, April 28, against the Sirens of Savannah (Savannah, Georgia; currently ranked #13), and on Sunday, April 29, at 12 noon against the No Coast Junior Derby Furiosas (Lincoln, Nebraska), and at 4pm against the Diamond City Minors (Bakersfield, California; currently ranked #1).

Come watch all twelve action-packed games starting at 8am both Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29, at Skate North Incrediroll (5621 Meredith Drive, Des Moines). Admission is \$10/day, \$15/weekend and kids 5 and under are free.

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, including the All-Star traveling team, the Bravo team and the Tootsie Rollers.

The Des Moines Derby Brats All-Stars, coached by speed skating legend and Hall of Famer Mark Muse, are currently ranked #4 in the world by the Junior Roller Derby Association and are the 2014 and 2016 JRDA National Champions!

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