

CANADIAN RECIPROCITY

Most Canadian roller derby leagues purchase their insurance through Canadian Roller Derby Insurance (CRDi) or are members of Roller Sports Canada (RSC) and therefore receive insurance as a membership benefit. Due to this, there are a couple of things that USARS clubs/leagues need to be aware of when it comes to participating in events that involve a Canadian league. The details of the 3 possible scenarios are discussed below:

1. USARS member team traveling to Canada

For USARS members' benefits to be valid (including the accident insurance) in Canada for an event, the USARS team must sanction the event by submitting the following in writing to the USARS national office:

Date of Request
Date of Event and Opponent

“We, the undersigned, who represent the (state name of your club), Club ID #, respectfully request USARS to sanction our event against (state name of Canadian team) to be held at (name of facility, address, city, country) on (state the date).”

Then, you must list the real names (not derby names) of all the members that will be participating in the event- include their USARS membership # by their name.

2. Roller Sports Canada (RSC) member league travelling to the U.S. to participate in a USARS sanctioned event.

The coverage that Canadian leagues have through the RSC includes international sports liability. The coverage that individual roller derby members receive as a membership benefit now (beginning in 2012) includes travel medical insurance when they participate in roller derby events in the United States. For RSC members Travel Medical Insurance to be in place, RSC must be informed before the departure day of travel by completing and submitting to RSC, the appropriate Travel Medical Information Form. Proof of such is by the RSC Roller Derby notification of Travel (documentation) as well as a current Roller Sports Canada individual membership card. All current membership cards carry an expiry date that is clearly marked below the name of the member. Individuals with this proof would NOT need to purchase an event pass in order to participate in a USARS sanctioned event.

NOTE: An individual with a current USARS membership will be covered under the USARS policy and a skater that is a member of RSC will fall under the RSC policy.

3. Canadian Roller Derby Insurance (CRDi) insured Canadian league that travels down to the U.S. to participate in a USARS sanctioned event.

The coverage that is provided to these leagues (most of them are CWRDA/CRDi) does include sports accident coverage in the United States, and the liability “coverage territory” is worldwide, with suits to be brought in Canada only.

The documentation that is required to verify insurance coverage to USARS includes a copy of the Canadian roller derby league’s certificate of insurance, provided from IAP/PackisHere, which should include a list of the names of the insured people as well as their ID #. This document must be forwarded to the USARS national office with the event roster form at least 10 days prior to the event. CWRDA/CRDi skaters also carry insurance cards for the year they are insured that states the skater’s real name and insurance #.

NOTE: An individual with a current USARS membership will be covered under the USARS policy and a skater insured through CRDi will fall under the CRDi policy.