

## Border City Brawlers - Photo by Edwin Tam

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Border City Brawlers (BCB) was founded in July 2010 when a group of women came together with the goal of bringing the full-contact sport of women's flat-track roller derby to Windsor. Skating practices began outdoors at Charles Clark Square, and as word spread the league grew, with 50 or so skaters practicing at the Windsor Armouries that winter to prepare for their 1st games. BCB brought roller derby to the Windsor public for the first time in August 2011, hosting a live draft and game featuring house league teams the Hiram Stalkers and the 519ers. Over 600 fans packed South Windsor Arena to catch a first

glimpse of the BCB in action at home.

With Windsor's appetite for roller derby clear, BCB spent the winter improving their skills and recruiting "fresh meat", and returned in Spring 2012 with a full season at Windsor Arena. The home opener, which saw BCB's new all-star travel team face off against Guelph, packed over 1,200 cheering fans into the Barn and kicked off a season of house league and travel roller derby. 2012 saw the BCB accepted into the Women's Flat-Track Derby Association (WFTDA), the sport's governing body, and in

2013 entered into the official WFTDA rankings.

After two house league seasons, BCB retired its home teams, and introduced the BCB All-Stars, the Canadian Clubbers B-level travel team, and a farm team, the Windsor A-Salt, representing Windsor at all levels against squads across Ontario and in the U.S.

With 2015 marking the 4<sup>th</sup> full season in Windsor, the BCB continue to build their league and increase their level of competition, climbing in rankings and working to promote the athleticism and excitement of roller derby in Windsor. The Brawlers can also be found being active in their community, supporting local groups and charity events, and spreading their passion for fitness, fun, competition, and the sport they love.



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Team Logo



**Border City Brawlers at Adie Knox**