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Charlotte Roller Girls Change Venues for August 30 Bout; To Be Held at Bojangles' Coliseum

Charlotte, N.C. (August 21, 2009) - Due to circumstances beyond its control, the Charlotte Roller Girls have changed venues for its August 30 bout. It will now be held at Bojangles' Coliseum located at 2700 East Independence Blvd. in Charlotte. The bout was originally scheduled to be held at the Grady Cole Center but recent heavy rains caused water damage to the building which forced the move. The change of venue will be for this bout only. Tickets already purchased will be honored.

"We apologize to our fans for any inconvenience this may cause but we were left without a choice," said Charlotte Roller Girls league president Cress Barnes. "We are asking our fans to help us spread the word about the venue change. Last season, we competed at Bojangles' Coliseum and fans will remember that the action was intense. It will be no different on August 30."

In sports, one of the most highly anticipated matchups is when two teams are in a do-or-die situation. The winner heads to the championship while the loser's season is over. On August 30, roller derby fans will have to chance to experience the do-or-die intensity when the Charlotte Roller Girls holds its final qualifying bout of the 2009 intra-league championship.

Competing are Charlotte's two teams, the Cockpit Candies and Fraid Knots. The winner will face Charlotte's third team, the Block'em Sock'em Rollers, in the championship deciding bout on September 12.

"Everybody loves do-or-die games, especially the players," said Fraid Knots captain Paige Leary a.k.a. Court'her Pound'her. "We are all in super focus mode because we know a mistake means the end of our season. In the last bout, we tried a new strategy and, despite losing by one point, discovered that it worked well. We've made a few minor tweaks and we are ready to go. This bout can't come soon enough."

During the summer, Charlotte takes a break from interleague competition (city against city) in order to bring fans its intra-league championship (Charlotte against Charlotte). This championship runs from July to September and consists of three qualifying bouts followed by a title-deciding round, the final home bout of the year.

"We've had several weeks to regroup since our first round loss," said Cockpit Candies captain Pam Brown a.k.a. Pamela Ander-Slam. "We spent our time focusing on where we made mistakes and how to correct them. Our goal is to be in the championship and we will be because we are not afraid of the Fraid Knots."

To kick off the evening, Montana Roberts will sing the national anthem. Roberts, known in the derby world as VegeScary-an, is the 12-year-old daughter of Jennifer Roberts, Chairman, At-Large, Mecklenburg Board County of Commissioners. Intermission entertainment will be provided by Queen City Dancing Queen, a dance-inspired fitness company that provides adult group fitness classes.

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Doors open at 5:15 p.m. with the bout starting at 6:00 p.m. Tickets for both bouts are on sale now at www.charlotterollergirls.com for \$10 or in person at The Common Market. Tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$14. Access to the after party event, held at the Dilworth Neighborhood Grille 911 E. Morehead Street, is included with the purchase of a ticket

Roller derby's resurgence began in 2001 and has been gathering speed ever since. Modern day roller derby is a fast-paced, hard-hitting sport that focuses on genuine athleticism. This new generation of roller derby pays homage to its theatrical roots but is a non scripted, competitive sport which follows the rules and regulations of the Women's Flat Track Derby Association (WFTDA). Today, more than 250 female flat track roller derby leagues are found in cities across the country.

Organized in 2006, the Charlotte Roller Girls is an all-female flat track roller derby league formed with the purpose of promoting the sport of roller derby and enriching the Charlotte community. It is a not-for-profit organization that donates its time and a portion of bout proceeds to local charitable causes. Its 2009 season runs from February through November.

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