

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# Two weeks until Australia's national roller derby tournament rolls into Adelaide

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The countdown is on; in just under two weeks, the first whistle will be blown for Australia's national roller derby tournament, The Great Southern Slam (TGSS), held here in Adelaide over the June long weekend, Saturday, 11 June to Monday 13 June.

The founder of this event, Adelaide Roller Derby, is excited to host all 45 national and international leagues at the Adelaide Showground and show them what Adelaide has to offer, both in a competitive and cultural sense.

The three-day tournament will see over 80 games played across two divisions that will determine who are the top leagues across A and B levels:

- Saturday, Division 1 & 2 Tournaments
- Sunday, Division 1 & 2 Tournaments and Quarter Finals
- Monday, Division 1 & 2 Semi Finals and Grand Finals.

Tickets are now available to the general public. To experience the full weekend, purchase a pre-sale weekend pass for \$60 + booking fee via Oztix, www.oztix.com.au. Day passes can be purchased at the door only; \$20 for Saturday and Sunday and; \$30 for the Finals on Monday.

The Great Southern Slam 2016 June 11-13 2016 Adelaide Showground, South Australia, Australia

For more information, head to our website, www.greatsouthernslam.com.au.

# **Media Enquires**

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### **BACKGROUND NOTES**



Adelaide Roller Derby (red) versus New Zealand's Richter City Roller Derby (purple), 2014 TGSS Photo credit: Martin Stanley Photography

#### Participating Leagues - Divisions 1 and 2

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## **Tournament Pools**

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#### **Tournament Schedule**

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## **Tournament Structure**

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## **About Adelaide Roller Derby (ADRD)**

Adelaide Roller Derby was established in 2007 and is Adelaide's oldest and largest roller derby league. ADRD is a not-for-profit organisation that is owned and operated by the ADRD skaters and officials.

#### **About The Great Southern Slam**

The Great Southern Slam was birthed from an idea to bring leagues across Australian and New Zealand together under one roof, offering the opportunity to compete against one another; a chance that many rural and/or remote leagues did not receive. The first TGSS was held in 2010. It has since become a biennial event that showcases the largest roller derby tournament in the world.

## **About Roller Derby**

Roller Derby across the world is empowering women, building community and creating positive change. The game itself is a full contact sport played by two teams skating around a track. Game play consists of a series of short matchups 'jams', in which both teams designate a player, the 'jammer' who scores points by lapping opposing team members as they attempt to block the 'jammer'.