



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Thousands of national and international athletes roll into Adelaide this weekend**

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Adelaide, South Australia

Tomorrow marks the first day of Australia's largest national roller derby tournament, The Great Southern Slam (TGSS), hosted by Adelaide Roller Derby at the Adelaide Showground, 11-13 June 2016.

Thousands of athletes will roll their way into Adelaide from across Australia and New Zealand, competing in 80 games across two divisions (A and B grades) to determine who are the best leagues of Australasia:

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

This will be the fourth TGSS hosted by founders Adelaide Roller Derby – and it is by far the biggest event hosted to date.

Favorite food trucks and mobile food vendors will be present over the weekend, in addition to many stallholders offering hard-to-find skate-related items.

If you are interested in in seeing what will be making Adelaide tick this June long weekend, purchase a pre-sale weekend pass for \$60 + booking fee online via Oztix, [www.oztix.com.au](http://www.oztix.com.au) before 4:30PM Friday, 10 June 2016.

Day passes are available at the door only (cash only) for \$20 for Saturday and Sunday and \$30 for Monday (Finals).

**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](http://www.greatsouthernslam.com.au).

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## BACKGROUND NOTES

### Fast Facts

	2010	2012	2014	2016
<b>Skaters</b>	500	850	980	<b>990</b>
<b>Refs</b>	?	120	170	<b>174</b>
<b>Commentators</b>	?	?	25	<b>20</b>
<b>Leagues involved</b>	25	30	43	<b>45</b>
<b>Div 1 Bouts</b>	23	30	29	<b>31</b>
<b>Div 2 Bouts</b>	0	0	32	<b>34</b>
<b>Challenge Bouts</b>	14	16	13	<b>15</b>
<b>TOTAL BOUTS</b>	37	58	74	<b>80</b>

### About Adelaide Roller Derby (ARD)

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



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Adelaide Roller Derby (red) versus New Zealand's Richter City Roller Derby (purple), 2014 TGSS  
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