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An illustration of a roller derby rink. A large white sign is mounted on a brick wall, listing the rules for roller derby in 1948. The sign is tilted. In the foreground, a man in a red and black plaid jacket and a red cap is pointing towards the sign while holding a stack of papers. To his right, a man in a grey suit and hat is talking to a woman in a tan coat and hat. Further right, a man in a grey suit is talking to a woman in a black coat and a red hat, who is holding a small child in a red coat. In the bottom left, a man in a green coat is talking to a woman in a blue coat. In the bottom right, a woman in a brown coat with a white fur collar is looking down. The rink floor is light blue and white, and the brick wall is reddish-brown.

ROLLER DERBY RULES, 1948

Each team consists of five men and five women.
Men skate against men.
Women skate against women.

Games are divided into eight 15-minute periods,
alternating between men and women.

Both teams skate around the track.
To score, a skater breaks away from the pack,
circles the track, and then passes members of
the other team. Her team gets one point for
every opponent she passes.

A scoring play is called a jam.
The scorer is a jammer.

Referees can send skaters to the penalty box
for tripping, holding, fighting, and
unnecessary roughness.