



ISSA 2012 Contest Sanction Application Rev 1.0

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Dates of Contest:

June 23, 2012

Title of Contest:

Pinhook Slalom Open

Location of Contest:

Pinhook Park, South Bend IN

Number and type of events at this contest (hybrid, tight, etc):

Dual lane, double-elimination hybrid; dual lane, double-elimination tight (Pro/Am); Single lane hybrid/tight (beginner)

Sanction status desired (check attachment)

Prime

Classes of competitors: (Open, Jr, Women, etc)

Pro, Amateur, Beginner

Of runs per competitor, qualification method, bracketing method:

2 qual. runs for double elimination (Pro/Am), Single lane short course w/o ramps for beginner

Permits, insurance, arrangements for road closures, etc:

Approval from Parks & Recreation to use Pinhook Park for event, \$1m liability policy will be in place

Prizes and value of prizes to be awarded:

Undetermined at present; will be cash for pro/am classes and skate gear for beginner class

Venue description (surface, pitch, length, cone distance, etc). Please describe the hill and course as completely as possible:

Surface is asphalt in good condition with minimal cracks; course slopes down two-lane drive into parking lot that levels to gentle downward grade through end. Estimate is 20mph hill without cones.

Venue attractions (local attractions for non-skaters):

Race takes place in a park with a large grassy area for play and a small playground with swings, slide, etc. area museums include Studebaker Museum, College Football Hall of Fame, and South Bend Museum of Art. Jazz & ribs fest happening the same day across town in Coveleski Stadium. Large indoor skate park in downtown South Bend (thekitchenskatepark.com)

Media Coverage:

Race will be featured on The Skateboarder's Journal website. Private media team will be producing sportscast-style coverage for free online dissemination. Sending press releases to local newspapers and television stations. (No confirmed TV coverage yet but my last event did garner a live news segment)

Competitor amenities (lodging, meals, gifts, etc):

Block of discounted rooms reserved at local Hyatt; shuttle provided evening before and morning after race between South Bend Airport (SBN) and hotel - also provided from hotel to course and back on race day. Lunch provided for racers on race day. T-shirt included for all non-late registrants.

Race Equipment (timing system, displays, safety gear, etc.):

We will be renting a Tag Heuer timer using optical triggers and wireless communication. We hope to secure a trackmate timer for backup. Results will be posted on large brackets/sheets for dual/single lane.

Starting Ramps description (height, width, s-shaped or straight, material):

We will be using either 4ft or 5ft tall ramps by about 3ft wide with a radiused transition

Race Personnel (experience, training, etc) Please include Contest Organizer and contact info:

Organizer info is at top of form. I will be training a herd of volunteers to cover the timing table, cone heading, announcing, racer registration, vendor relations, parking, and results posting.

Spectators (expected number, other attractions for spectators, provision for, etc.)

Our goal is to see 200 spectators from the community turn out for the event. Other attractions outlined above. Large spectator area lining either side of the course, near vendor section and playground.

Rules: Describe ALL exceptions to the ISSA rules, clarification of rules, competitors allowed or restricted, and any other special rules that will apply to this contest. [ISSA RACING RULES](#)

Dual lane competition will be a combination of the described single-elimination and double-elimination options, with each head-to-head contest consisting of two runs, with lowest combined time advancing

Contest Description:

The 2012 Pinhook Slalom Open aims to set a new standard for professionalism and organization in the realm of smaller-venue slalom racing. We will have a large volunteer staff trained to keep the event running smoothly, and every aspect of the event has been planned to make the race as enjoyable as possible for both racers and spectators. With the level of privately-produced coverage we intend to generate, this event will surely be one to remember for years to come.

Order of Events and General description (applies to all below):

All courses will be prepared by Peter Metzger, Derek Yerke, and Breagan Eicher prior to the event. Peter and Derek are each entering their 4th year of slalom skateboarding and will test the courses to ensure a well-balanced, fun, and challenging layout. Breagan is not a skateboarder but his skills as a Professional Engineer will ensure that the two lanes are as identical as possible. All courses will be marked the night prior to the race using different colors of chalk for each course. The course for the first event will be set during the registration period. Each racer will get up to 4 practice runs in each lane, with the exception of Peter and Derek, who will be limited to one run in each lane.

After all racers have had their allotted number of practice runs, TS Qualifying for Pro/Am will begin, starting with Amateurs in the order of registration followed by Pros in order of registration. Amateurs will then compete down to a round of 4 (2 in winner's bracket, 2 in loser's bracket), followed by Pros competing to a similar round of 4. Once the pros are down to 4, The amateur semifinals, consolation round, and finals will take place, again followed by the same in the pro division.

Pro/Am TS competition will be followed by a slight reset of the course to accommodate the beginner's division (Pro/Am racer lunch will occur during beginner competition). Beginners will get up to 4 practice runs the shorter, no-ramp, single lane TS configuration before the course closes for practice and opens for competition. Each competitor will get 3 timed runs, with the best one counting for final placement. The first round of runs will take place in order of registration, while the following two rounds will be in order of slowest to fastest based on current standings. After beginner's TS competition concludes, the course will be reset for beginner's HS competition. HS competition will follow the same format as described above for beginner's TS.

After all beginner's division events have taken place the course will be set for Pro/Am HS competition. Practice runs, qualifying, and double-elimination competition will take place in the same manner as Pro/Am TS competition (described above).

The race surface is smooth asphalt with minimal cracks. The course will begin down a sloped drive and continue into a parking lot which has a gentle decline to the finish. Plenty of run-out space is available and each lane will be able to turn away from the other to scrub speed.

Race Event #1: Tight Slalom (Pro/Am/Beginner)

Tight slalom course will be identical for both Professional and Amateur classes, with start ramps at the top of the hill. The 40-50 cone course will be tight and technical, beginning at 5.5ft between-cone spacing and expanding out to 7ft. Layout will describe a gentle s-curve overall, with minimal offsets and not too much deviation from the fall line. Each competitor will get up to 4 practice runs on each side of the course, one qualifying run on each side, and will take a minimum of 4 trips down the hill during double-elimination competition. Each matchup in the bracket will consist of one run on each side for each competitor, with the lowest combined time advancing through the tournament. Losers in main bracket will be entered into losers' bracket; losers in losers' bracket will be eliminated from competition.

The Beginner version of the course will start partway down the hill, with no start ramps (push box will be outlined). Beginners will participate in single lane competition, getting three runs each with the single best time counting toward final standings. This division is designed for those who have never tried slalom before, or who may have tried it but not competed in any other events.

Race Event #2: Hybrid Slalom (Pro/Am/Beginner)

Hybrid slalom course will be laid out on the same hill as the tight course, using the same start ramps. Course will employ a variety of spacings and offsets, always keeping racers on their toes as they navigate the hill. The layout (approximately 30 cones) will contain sections of tight spacing as well as wide offsets. Pro and Am classes will experience double-elimination competition, while the Beginner course will be single-lane only without the use of ramps.