



## ISSA 2016 Contest Sanction Application

<b>Name, phone, email of contest organizer:</b>		
St. Louis Dagers – <a href="mailto:slalomstlouis@gmail.com">slalomstlouis@gmail.com</a> , (314) 497-4366 or (618) 401-2011		
<b>Date of Contest:</b>	<b>Title of Contest:</b>	
May 28-29, 2016	Slalom St. Louis the 14 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Location of Contest:</b>	<b>Number and type of events at this contest (hybrid, tight, etc):</b>	
Tower Grove Park, St. Louis, MO	Dual-lane tight(ish) slalom, Single-lane hybrid and giant	
<b>Sanction status desired (Major, Main, Prime, Basic)</b>	<b>Classes of competitors: (Pro/Am, Open, Jr, Women, etc)</b>	<b># Of runs per competitor, qualification method, bracketing method:</b>
Main	OPEN – everyone races wherever they qualify – divided into A, B and C groups for dual-lane	Dual: 2 qual/brackets. Single: ≥3 runs; winner determined by fastest combined time of each racer's two fastest runs.
<b>Permits, insurance, arrangements for road closures, etc:</b>		
All permits have been secured, insurance purchased; road closure not needed (closed road)		
<b>Prizes and value of prizes to be awarded:</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> place in each event: \$200, 2 <sup>nd</sup> place: ≥\$100, 3 <sup>rd</sup> place: ≥\$50. Custom trophies for 1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> places overall in A, B and C groups, various sponsor goodies		
<b>Venue description (surface, pitch, length, cone distance, etc). Please describe the hill and course as completely as possible:</b>		
All races will be on a closed road in Tower Grove Park, near the Turkish Pavilion. Slight slope (less than five degrees), weathered but decent asphalt (7/10), The hill starts straight, then becomes an S-curve (bending right, then left). Plenty of runoff at the bottom, so footbraking is rarely if ever required.		
<b>Venue attractions (local attractions for non-skaters):</b>		
Gateway Arch, free Zoo and Art Museum, Anheuser-Busch Brewery tours, City Museum, The Magic House (kid-friendly), Delmar Loop (entertainment/shopping); free DIY concrete skatepark <1 mile away.		
<b>Press Coverage:</b>		
ISSA report in <i>Concrete Wave</i> magazine and/or <i>Skate [Slate]</i> .		
<b>Competitor amenities (lodging, meals, gifts, etc):</b>		
Free BBQ Saturday afternoon/evening after race. Free box lunch (wrap/sandwich or equivalent) on Sunday. Free water and sports drinks for all racers. Free food (DIY PB&J station, fresh fruit, trail mix, etc.) on the hill on one or both days. Free T-shirt for all racers, with additional T-shirts for sale as souvenirs.		
<b>Race Equipment (ramps, timing system, displays, safety gear, etc.):</b>		
Start ramps, approx. 3' tall (Eric Brassard design), Trackmate timing, ExcelMate input. Extra LCD screen for racers to view their times/cone counts. Printed results after each round. Automated calculation of overall winners. Helmets required.		
<b>Race Personnel (experience, training, etc) Please include Contest Organizer and contact info:</b>		
Jonathan Harms, (314) 497-4366, <a href="mailto:jbh123@gmail.com">jbh123@gmail.com</a> ; Paul Graf, (618) 401-2011, <a href="mailto:grafgulch@aol.com">grafgulch@aol.com</a> . Fourteenth year in a row for race. Paid, non-racing timekeeper(s) and cone judges.		
<b>Spectators (expected number, other attractions for spectators, provision for, etc.)</b>		
Minimal spectators, other than curious local skaters and passers-by. Lots of shade, lots of room.		
<b>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. <a href="#">ISSA RACING RULES</a></b>		
Dual-lane: <u>random</u> start beeps for both qualifying and eliminations. Single-lane: <u>regular</u> beeps: the timer will start when racer hits the start tapeswitch (or beam).		

## **Contest Description:**

Slalom St. Louis is the longest-running slalom race in the world, having been run every year since 2003. Low-key, fun atmosphere but competitive racing. City park setting with lots of shade. Main Midwest race of the year; near international airport; cheap lodging and entry costs; regularly attracts racers from central & upper Midwest, Appalachia, Florida, Deep South, Texas, Colorado and California.

## **Race Event #1 description:**

### **SATURDAY: Dual-lane Tight(ish) Slalom**

Dual-lane course set by STL Dagers (Jeff Goad, Paul Graf, Jonathan Harms, Steven Lewis) and/or other willing volunteers – approx. 600 feet long, with 60–70 cones. Cone spacing will start at approx. 6' (edge of one cone to edge of next), then gradually widen out to 6.5' and 7' as the course gets faster and follows the S-curve of the road. Straight cones, but there may be an offset or two for variety.

Dual-lane qualifying via standard ISSA rules (one run in each lane, single best time determines qual position). OPEN format, i.e., qualifying is determined by time only – no separate Pro/Am/Women/Junior divisions. Qualifiers 1–8 will be the A Group, 9–16 will be B Group, 17–end will be C Group. Women and Juniors may have separate “grudge match” races if desired and if time allows, but not for official results.

## **Race Event #2 description:**

### **SUNDAY: Single-lane hybrid slalom**

Single-lane course set by STL Dagers and/or other willing volunteers – approx. 600 feet long, somewhere between 40–70 cones. Quicker cones (6' - 7' apart) at start to get racer up to speed, then a variety of medium and loose gates – up to 20' – mixed with quick gates to keep the flow. The hill is NOT steep, so going fast is VERY dependent on generating and maintaining speed through pumping. Each racer gets at least three runs. All runs will be recorded on Excel spreadsheet developed by Dan Gesmer, with ExcelMate input to ensure accuracy. Results will be based on combined time of two fastest runs.

## **Race Event #3 description:**

### **SUNDAY: Single-lane “giant” slalom**

Single-lane course set by STL Dagers and/or other willing volunteers – same hill, somewhere between 25–50 cones. Again, at the start there will be a few quicker cones to get racer up to speed, then a variety of bigger gates. On the bigger gates, will double/triple-pumping be faster, or a smooth glide, or maybe even a tuck? We shall see! As with hybrid, combined time of two fastest runs determines the results.

## **Notes:**

If rain or other bad weather prevents racing from being completed, race organizers will decide whether to postpone or cancel remaining racing.

- Dual-lane: If racing is canceled before elims are finished, final results will be based on qualifying.
- Single-lane: Results will be based only on rounds in which every racer has gotten a run. Specifically:
  - Racing canceled before end of Run 1 = no results
  - Racing canceled before end of Run 2 (everyone got one run but only some got two) = Run 1 time will be used as final results, i.e., single best time in Run 1.
  - Racing canceled before end of Run 3 (everyone got two runs but only some got three) = combined times from Run 1 and Run 2 times will be used.
- If racing is postponed, race organizers will decide whether to continue on site or whether to conduct remaining races (a) in the rain or (b) at an indoor/covered location. (Racers' input will be asked for and considered in making such a decision.)
- If racing is able to be moved to indoor/covered location, race organizers will decide whether racers will repeat qualifying or whether previous qualifying results will be used, in order to make best use of available time to complete the event, award prizes, etc.