

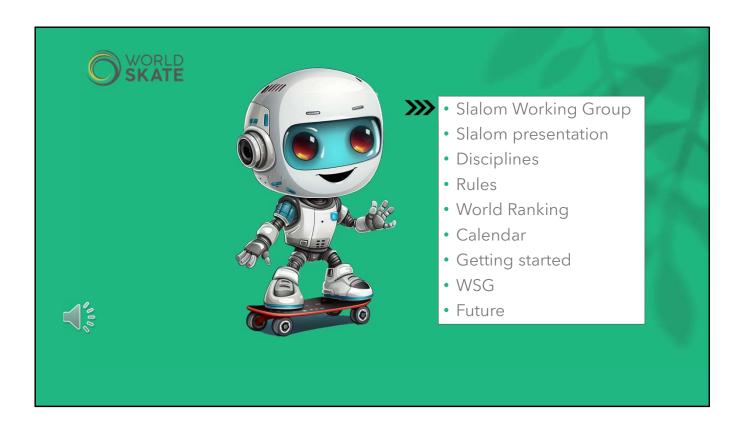
Hello, and welcome to this presentation of slalom skateboarding.

Together with World Skate, and its slalom skateboard working group, I will be your presenter.

I will take you on a journey through a part of the skateboard landscape, that is in many cases unknown for the most people, and even the big part of the skateboarding world itself.

Slalom skateboarding might today be a less known discipline on the skateboarding scene, but it was actually the start of the competition side of skateboarding.

So, we thought it would be nice taking a quick tour through the slalom history until today, with an eye from our perspective as slalom racers. To show where we are today, and also where we want to go in the near future.



These are the points we will walk through today.

Presentation of the World Skate Slalom Skateboarding Working Group.

Introduction to slalom skateboarding and some history.

Disciplines, Rules, World Ranking, Calendar. How to get started with slalom skateboarding. World Skate Games. Current pre-qualification and other news.

And lastly something about what we want to happen in the future.

If you have any questions during the presentation, then make a note in the chat, and we will try and answer them during the small breaks we have as we go along.

We estimate that the raw presentation will take around 40 minutes. But since we may answer questions on top of this it may take a bit longer.

Now! Let's get started!



Before we present the working group. Just a quick note about ISSA.

The name ISSA may be mentioned now and then. It was the former International Slalom Skateboard Association, that gathered the slalom racers around the world. Now, World Skate has taken over the ownership of international slalom skateboarding. ISSA today still have a role in the background but more as a Slalom, "Skateboarders", Association.

Taking on all those aspects of slalom that does not yet fit into World Skate.

But now let us present the current World Skate Slalom Working Group. They are the group of people under World Skate making sure all the knowledge and history around slalom skateboarding is taken into account.

We let them present themselves in order.

# 2022-2024 WORLD SKATE SLALOM WORKING GROUP

















- Jani | European Champion Pro racer. ISSA: President, Internet and Forum Supervisor, Event organizer, Main creator of the international Slalom! Magazine and ISSA itself.
- Maria | National: Vice President Slalom ISSA: Vice President, Event organizer
- Hans | ISSA: World Ranking Supervisor, Event organizer, Web Administrator and Programmer.
- Joe | World Champion Pro racer. National: President Slalom. ISSA: Secretary.
- Janis | World Champion Pro racer. National: Skateboard President
- Michael | National: Skateboard President. ISSA: Status Marshal Supervisor, Event organizer
- Bruno | National: Professional Skateboarders Committee, Slalom Committee, Certified and ISSA: South American Status Marshal.



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They are also, all of them, sitting on the board of directors of ISSA.

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Let us present them in order.

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Let us start with our ISSA president, Jani. He is a former European Champion Pro racer. He is our internet, and forum Supervisor. He is also an event organizer, and main creator of the international slalom magazine, and ISSA itself.

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Then we have Maria. Our ISSA, vice president. She is also an event organizer, and nationally, vice president of USA skateboarding, the slalom section.

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Then we have Hans. ISSA, World Ranking Supervisor. Event organizer. Web administrator, and programmer.

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Then we have Joe. ISSA secretary. He is a World Champion Pro racer. And also, nationally, the president of USA skateboarding, the slalom section.

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Then we have Yawnis. Nationally the president, of the Latvian Skateboard association. He is also a World Champion Pro racer.

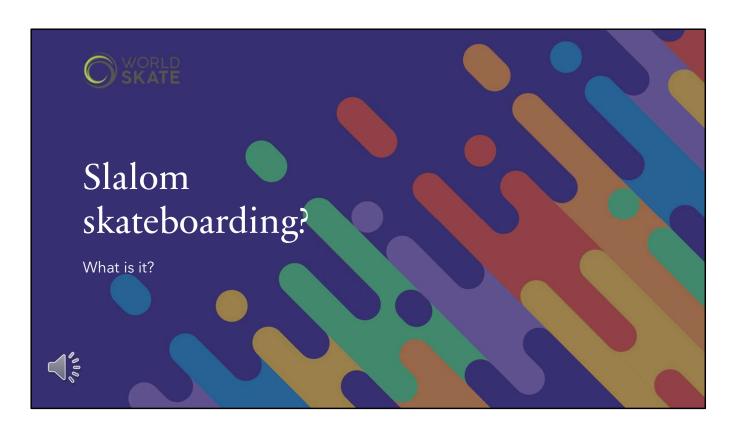
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Then we have Michael. ISSA, status marshal supervisor. Event organizer. And nationally, the president, of the Czech Republic Skateboard Association.

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And finally, Bruno. ISSA Status marshal, for South America. And nationally, on the Professional Skateboarders committee, and on the slalom committee, of the Brazilian skateboard association.

He is also a licensed referee and event director.



Slalom skateboarding. What is it?

Let's give you a first quick introduction.

## Slalom Skateboarding...

- A form of downhill skateboarding racing. First appeared in the 1960s and 1970s.
- · Racers run through a course marked by cones.
- Get through the course as fast as possible.
- Each cone carries a penalty.
- Total time = Raw time + cone penalties.







Slalom is a form of downhill skateboarding racing, that first appeared in the 1960s and 1970s.

Slalom racers run through a course, marked by plastic cones.

The racer tries to get through the course, as fast as possible, while knocking down as few cones as possible.

Each cone typically carries a penalty, of a fraction of a second. Most often 0.1 seconds.

Total time = Raw time + cone penalties.

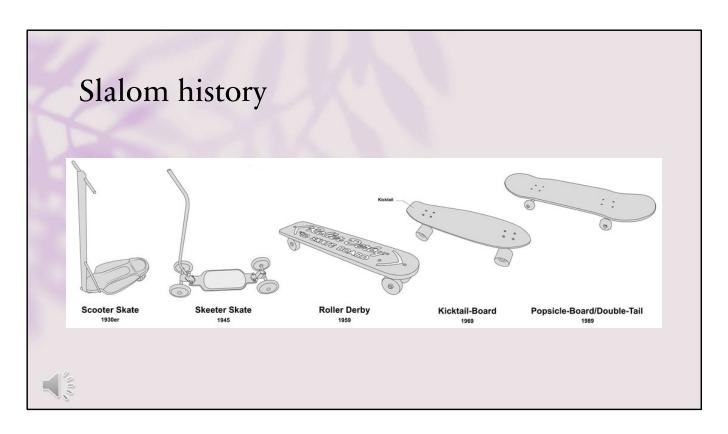
Let us have a look at a clip, trying to give a quick overview of slalom in 2 minutes.



[Video] Slalom skateboard in 2 minutes

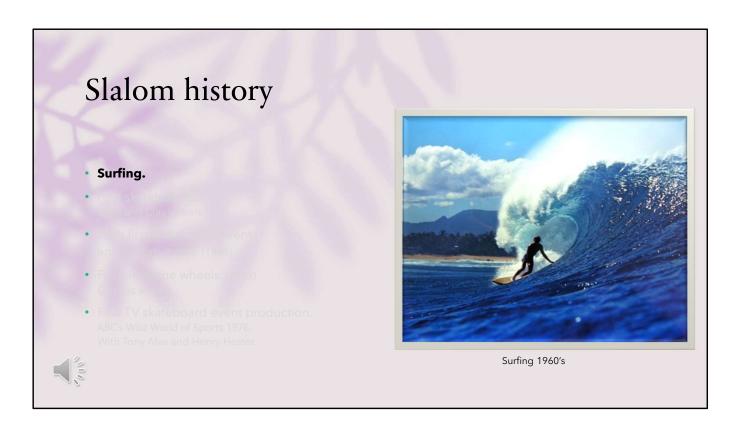


Let's have a view on our slalom history.



With slalom being such a basic skateboard discipline, it really equals to the early skateboarding history itself.

But the true modern skateboarding really started with the dream of smooth turning...



Like you have when surfing the waves.

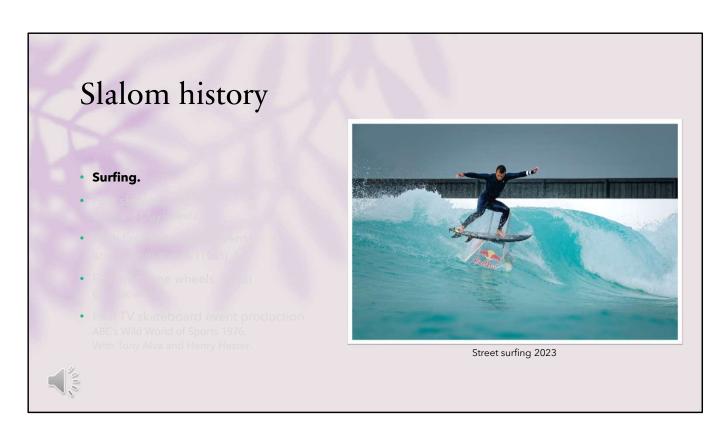
There was a big surfing hype during the 1960s.

It was often not just a hobby but a way of life. Sounds familiar for skateboarding as well?

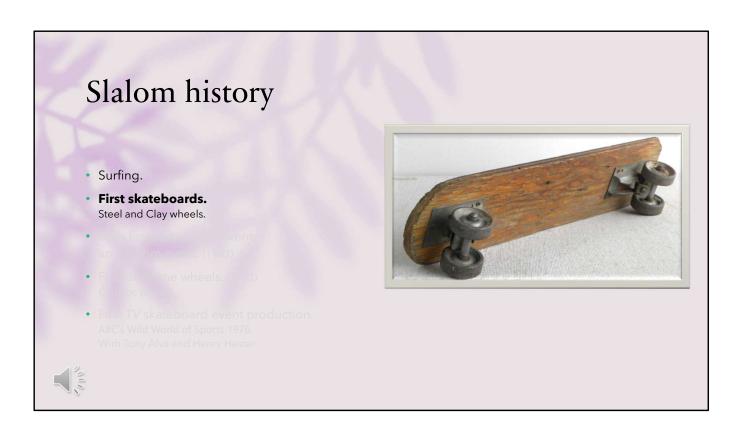
Modern skateboarding was to be born through surfing and with the the same ideas.

The surfing had evolved a bit and surfers could handle those waves better then ever before.

And that nice turning on the waves with a surfboard, was what the surfers would try and achieve on land as well.



Historically it's been a give and take. Surfing inspired the start of skateboarding. Skateboarding later evolved tremendously and in return gave surfing the evolution to what it is today.



Let us get back to the skateboard history. Skateboards with steel and clay wheels was the thing. Yes! There was a big hype for skateboarding in the 1960s.

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First skateboard events was organized.

The first one in 1963 in Hermosa Beach, California.

And slalom being one of the disciplines, made it the first competition discipline in skateboarding, at the same time.

But! The skateboard hype was not going to last. And it was much due to those steel and clay wheels.

So, even if it was a bit of initial fun, it did not give that turning experience that surfing had.

But things was going to change. A solution of the wheel problem was what really would mark the start of modern skateboarding.

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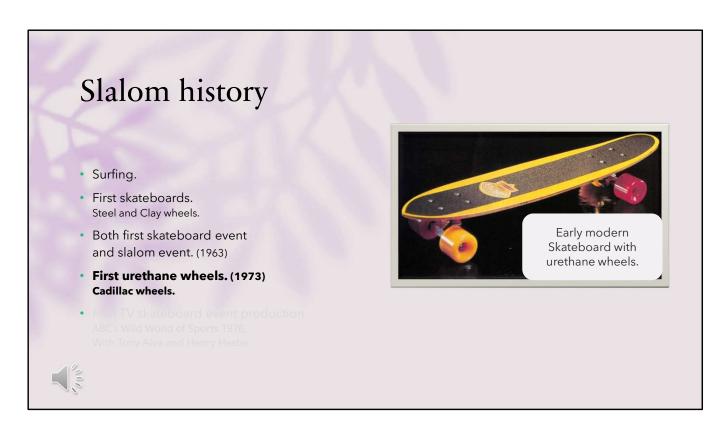


Steel, clay and Urethane wheels.



#### The urethane wheels!

The solution, and the savior of skateboarding!
This would once and for all, give the skateboards that smooth turning feel, like in surfing.



The skateboards, with urethane wheels, would become the big reason, for the biggest ever skateboarding boom, in the 1970s.

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Bahne-Cadillac Nationals/Skateboard Championships. April 1975. The Slalom Ramp at Del Mar Fairgrounds

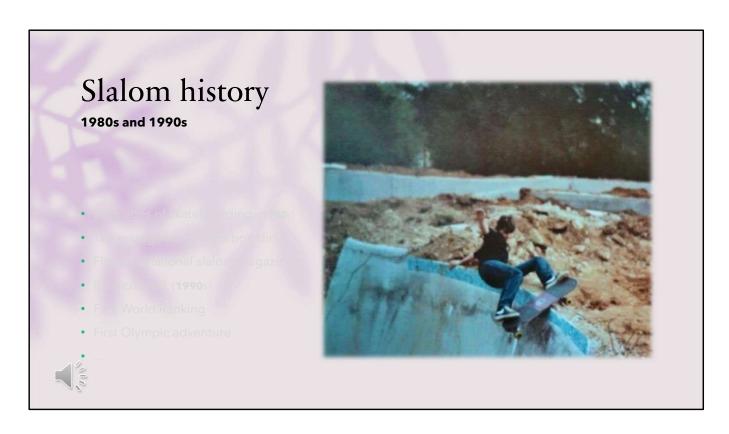


Stacy Peralta Skateboard Magazine 1975 Handbook

With the new big boom came the big events. Slalom events was the big thing. Suddenly everybody wanted to be a part of it. And the first TV productions was a fact.

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[Video] ABC Wild World of Sports 1976 (1 min)



But! Good times never last forever.

The 1980s became the after shock of 1970's skateboard boom. As big as the 1970's skateboard boom was, as low it was in the early 1980s.

Skateboard had been over-consumed by the world, and they suddenly had enough of it.



This, combined with skateboarding having legal issues in USA, with skateparks assurances.

Skateparks were closed down.

And with that, much of the skateboard industry, took a beating.

A big part left the skateboard scene.

And skateboard was marked as, a dangerous and unhealthy amusement, by society. It were the years, when the skateboarders themselves, had to take over.

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- ISSA crested (1990s)
- Fig. World Ranking
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European Championships 1982 José De Matos (FRA)

But, at the same time, the core skaters, could not stop skating.

And, there was a fantastic evolution of skateboarding, going on in the background, during these times.

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Soon, skateboard would be popular on the world scene again.

And with that, a new skateboard discipline, Street, had evolved. From the fact of society, closing skateparks.

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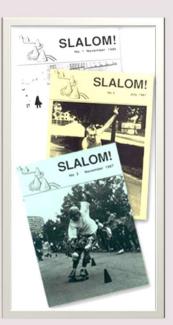
Also, the different skateboard disciplines, started to be separated, from the big mainstream skateboard events.

Slalom would start going its own way, needing more space, and time, that could not be given anymore at these events.

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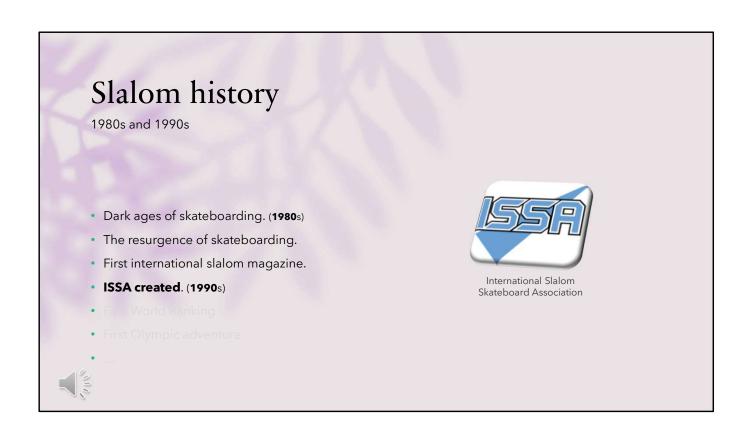




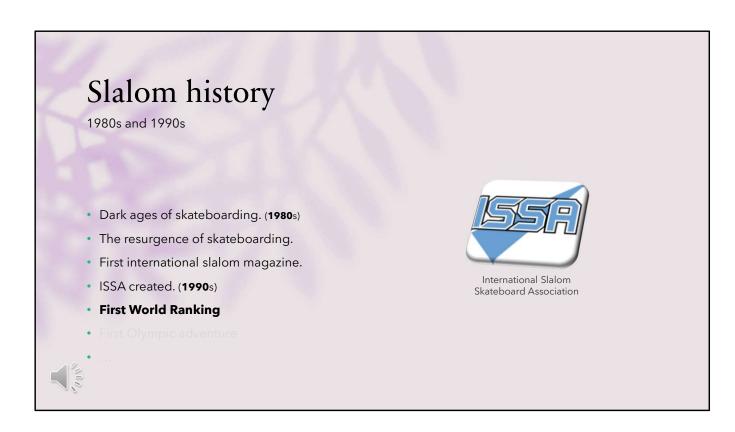
First international, slalom, skateboarding magazine was created in 1986. [sPause sec=0.6 ePause]

Important at the time, to gather the slalom skateboarders around the world. [sPause sec=0.4 ePause]

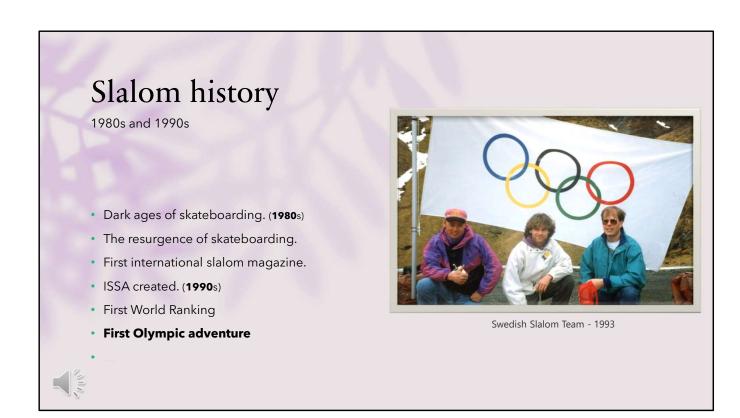
With no internet, skateboard magazines, were an important part of the scene.



ISSA (International Slalom Skateboarding Association) was created, in the beginning of the 1990s.



A first World Ranking, for slalom skateboarding, was started in 1992.



The Spanish and French Olympic committees made a joint venture in 1993: Jeux Pyrénéens de l'Aventure. The Pyrenean Adventure games.

There was a strong slalom scene at this time, but mainly in Europe.

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Snowboard slalom in the Olympics 1998, Nagano, Japan.



And talking about slalom in the Olympics, maybe we should mention also Snowboarding, that also became very popular in the 1980s, with a lot of influence from skateboarding.

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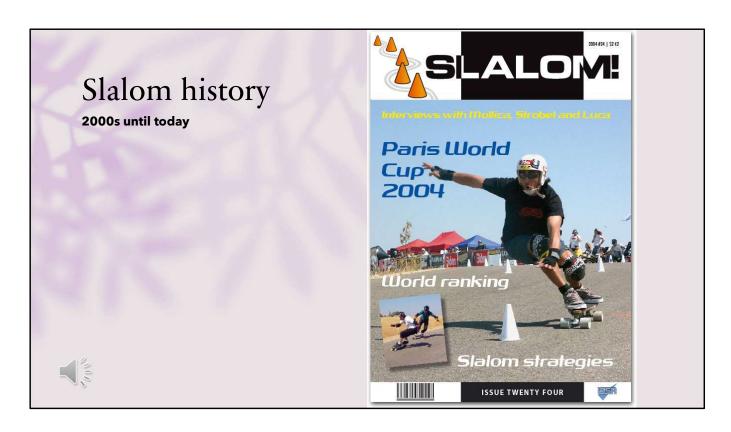
First World Championships in St Moritz and Livigno, 1986. With lot of skateboarders attending.

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Then things accelerated quickly, with the help of the already organized structure, of the skiing organizations and business.

It was not long, before snowboarding, was included in the Olympics. Accepted 1994, and first appearance 1998, in Nagano, Japan.

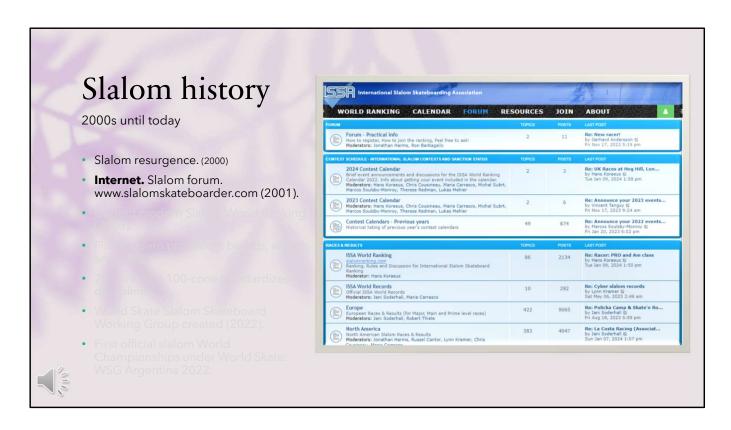
Where slalom of course was a natural snowboarding discipline from the start.



Then we have the latest, now ongoing, period of slalom skateboarding. From 2000 up until today.

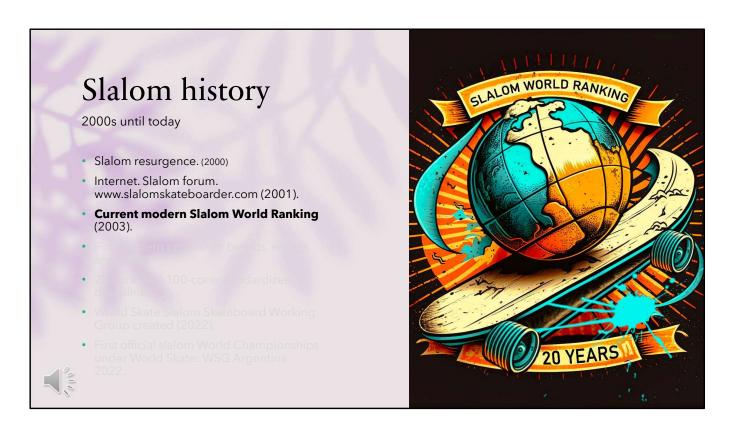


It started in California, with the revival of slalom racing again. And very soon Europe jumped on the band wagon.



And it was helped also by the internet and social media growing. An international slalom forum was created.

It became easier to communicate with people around the world.



A new structure for the World Ranking was created.

With a more stable platform for the future growth of the international slalom scene. To motivate people to travel and compete.

It's still running today, and just had its 20 years anniversary.



Since the beginning of the 2000, until today, there has been a big evolution made in slalom equipment.

Slalom boards, wheels, and trucks, have been perfected.



There were rules setup, to administer World Records for 25, 50, and 100 cone courses. And some of them are also registered, with the Guinness Book of World Records.

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In 2022, slalom skateboarding was officially joined with World Skate. And the board of directors for ISSA, also became the first official Working group, for slalom skateboarding, under World Skate.

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And together, during the World Skate Games in Argentina 2022. We helped organizing the first official World Championships for slalom skateboarding, under the umbrella of World Skate.



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There are many slalom disciplines, but most slalom events are running 2-3 different disciplines over 1 or 2 days.

The disciplines most often used are Straight, Hybrid and Giant slalom.

There are some disciplines where we keep track of World Records.

That is for 25, 50 and 100 cone straight courses.

There are special rules around this and some of them are recorded in the Guinness Book of Records.

There are other slalom disciplines as well like Banked slalom, Park slalom, Cross slalom and others.

Let's have a quick look at some of them...

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Straight slalom



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Hybrid / Special slalom



Hybrid or Special slalom. [sPause sec=0.8 ePause]

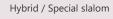
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Giant slalom / Super-G



Giant slalom.

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Cones are put in an irregular order. Distance between the cones are longer. And the hill is steeper.

Actually, in the run we will see, the slalom course is a Giant in the beginning and then ends in a Super-G.

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25-cone slalom



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25 cones are put on a straight line, according to very specific measurements. On a flat surface.

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**Banked Slalom** 



Banked slalom.

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Cones are set up on a course with banked walls on the side.

There are some few skate parks where you can set up this kind of slalom courses. So, most often you will have to find concrete spots with drains or ditches out in the nature.

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Park Slalom



Park slalom.

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This discipline is also sometimes named as, death race, or bowl challenge.

You make a timed run through a course that are set up inside a skatepark with bowls.

The course is marked with cones attached to the walls.

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Park Slalom





Here is an overview of the current slalom skateboarding rules.

But don't worry, we will not go through them here.

There are also special rules for the World Records.

You can find the slalom rules at the World Skate Regulations page. Where you have the rules for all other skateboard disciplines as well.

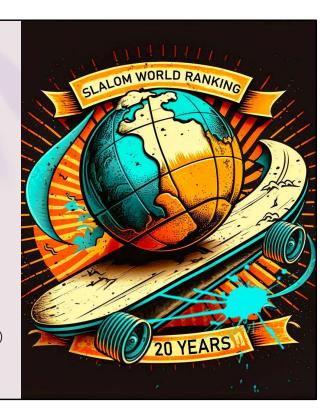
This is mostly interesting for those who want to set up a big slalom event. But, if you have any questions around the rules, you will get all the support you need, from the World Skate Slalom Working group.



# World Ranking History

- 1970's: No world rankings existed
- 1980's: Better rules and regulations started to come in place to get slalom more structured.
- 1990's: First official slalom world ranking.
- 2000's: Current modern world ranking started.
- 2020's: World Skate Slalom Working Group (2022)





**World Rankings** 

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When it comes to skateboarding, slalom was the first discipline to start using a World Ranking.

And why is this? It's probably because of many things.

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One.

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Slalom is all about numbers. And very exact times. Hundreds of a second matters.

You have Raw times, cones, cone penalty times and total times for a run.

And you have multiple runs to compare. Two qualification runs, and then often final runs on top of that.

It's a lot of administration to handle.

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Two.

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Then you have all the events. Both national and international.

There is a lot of event data, and you want to have some structure of it all.

You want to collect and archive all your results.

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Three.

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You need somebody who likes numbers, results and listings. Somebody who are not afraid of taking on the challenge to make sense of all this data.

Trying to make something bigger of it all.

It's not just an event kick, one after the other.

There is something that links them all together.

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A World Ranking.

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And those who have tried knows. It's not a simple task.

And not something you will just put together over a night.

There are many steps to take. And we learned a lot from our first World Ranking, made in the 1990's.

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So, when a new revival of slalom started in the beginning of the 2000s, we were ready to take on the World Ranking Challenge, 100%.

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We wanted to motivate all slalom skaters, on all levels. Both small and big.

We wanted a complete archive of slalom events, from back in the 70s until today.

And with a flexible structure, and a system, to handle it not only for the moment, but also for the future.

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And, so far so good. The World Ranking system we started in, 2023, just had its 20 year anniversary.

So, when joining World Skate, with skateboard slalom in 2022, we were more than ready for that.



Let's give you an introduction of our World Ranking.

It's found on our website slalomranking dot com.

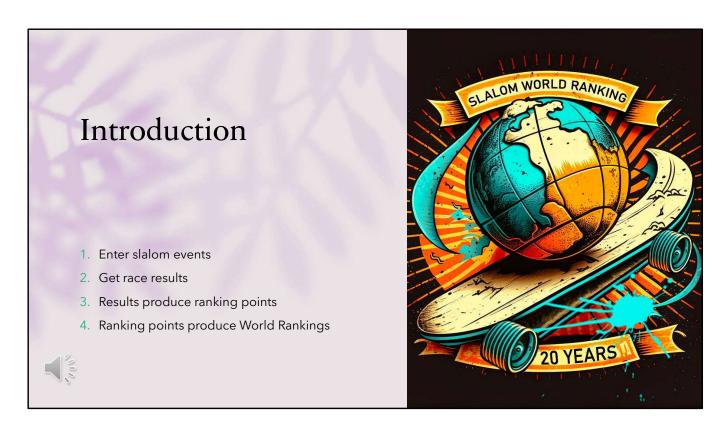
Our ranking year is from, January 1, to December 31.

There are updates every month.

A final World Ranking year have a deadline in February.

So, January is to make sure all events and results are in place, and checked, before the deadline.

After the deadline, the world ranking goes into the archive, and results stands as they are.



So, what do you need to do, to get into the slalom World Ranking?

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Well, it's easy. It is all automated with these four points.

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One. You need to enter an official slalom event.

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Two. Run a discipline to get a race result.

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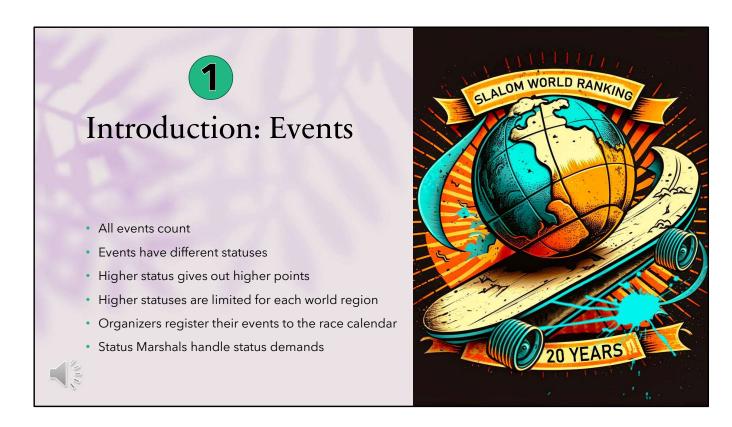
Three. Your race result will produce a ranking point.

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Four. The ranking points will produce the World Rankings.

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Let's make a quick introduction, of these four points.



One. Introduction of events.

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All slalom events count.

But. Events will get different statuses depending on how important they will be, towards the World Ranking.

Higher status gives higher result points.

The higher statuses are limited. And may differ between World Regions.

Organizers register their events, into the International Slalom Race Calendar.

There are Status Marshals, that handle the higher limited, status demands.

And the higher the status demand, the earlier you need to officially register, and announce them, to the racers.



Two. Introduction of results.

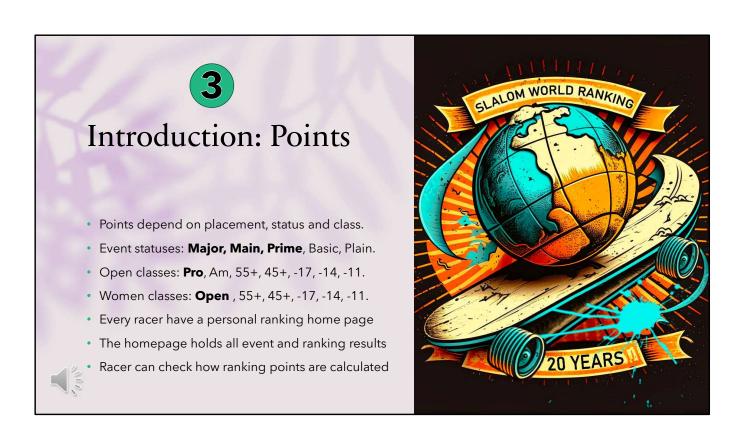
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Six best discipline results per year, will count.

Only the two best, discipline results per event, will count.

Event results, will be registered to the World Ranking database, by the event organizer. [sPause sec=0.4 ePause]

So, only the best results will count, but, with more event results produced, you increase the chance, to better your total ranking point.



Three. Introduction to points.

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A ranking point depends on race placement, event status, and racer class.

There are five event classes, where Major is the highest, and most important race class. Major, Main, and Prime statuses, are limited.

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Open race classes are, Pro, Am, Grand Master, Master, Junior, Teen and Kids.

Women race classes are, Open, Grand Master, Master, Junior, Teen and Kids.

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Every racer have a personal, ranking home page.

The personal homepage holds all event and ranking results. Both current and historical.

Racer can check in detail, exactly, how their ranking points have been calculated.

What event results that are included, and what point it holds.



Four. Introduction of World Rankings.

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6 best event results, equal, a yearly, World Ranking point total.

All possible classes for a racer, are calculated automatically.

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There is a season ranking, for each ranking year.

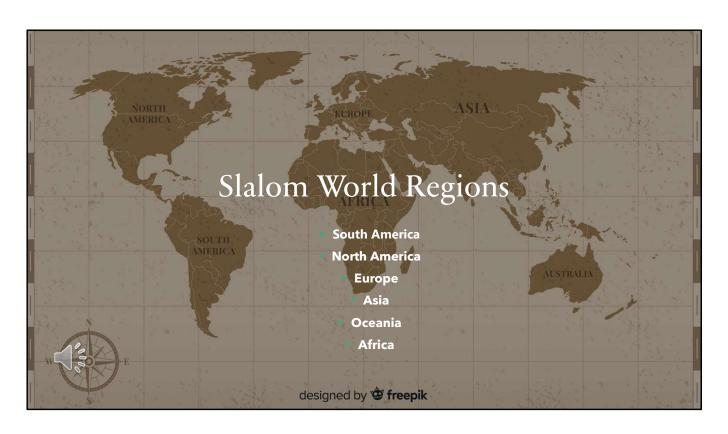
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There is also a 4 year ranking. Where the 2 best years count, from the last 4 years.

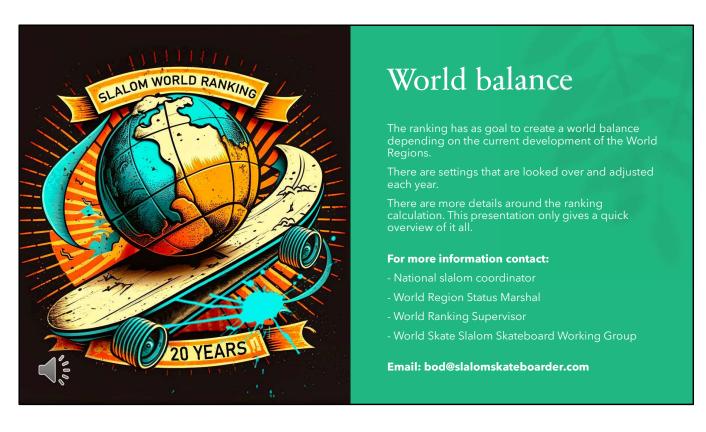
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World Ranking for Open Pro, and Women, are the 4 year ranking.

All other classes, use the 1 year ranking, for their World Ranking.



For the World Ranking, we are using 5 World Regions. It's the same as the Olympic World Regions, except that the Americas, have been divided in North, and South.

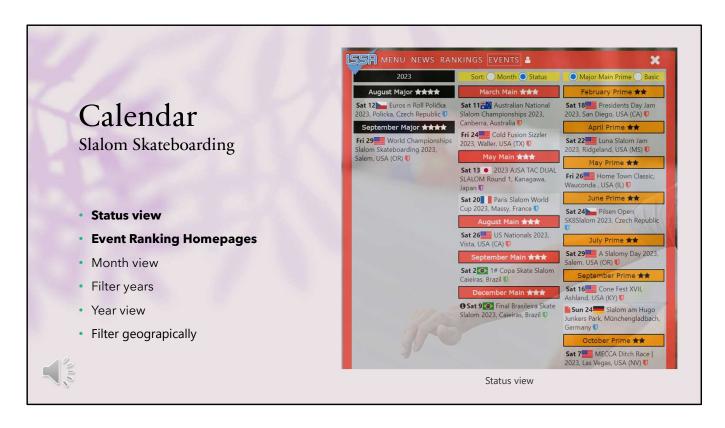


The main objective, for the World Ranking, is to create a world balance, depending on the current slalom development, of the different World Regions. [sPause sec=0.6 ePause]

The ranking have settings to be flexible, and can be adjusted, year on year. [sPause sec=0.6 ePause]

There are of course more details around the World Ranking. But this has given you a good first introduction.





Our current race calendar, may need a short introduction.

Because, it is probably a calendar, that you have never seen before.

We handle many events, for all World Regions, with different needs.

There are many event statuses.

It's a full event result archive, from slalom events from 2003, and forward.

And the goal, is to also update our archive, with all historical slalom events, from the decades in the past.

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This is the initial "status view".

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Here you see all the events for a year, sorted on statuses.

Major status in black, Main status in Red and Prime status in Orange.

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Then you have also a page, for all the smaller events are listed. See selection in the upper right corner. "Basic".

Clicking on an event, brings up the standard ranking event homepage, that exists for all events by default.

Where you will find basic info, about the event. Showing both event results, and overalls, and ranking point results.

You can attach pictures and so on if wanted.

Many events build their own homepages, but by experience, a big part of them will be

gone in a couple of years.

So, for us thinking about the long term history of events, we need to have our own basic event homepages, that stands the passing of time.

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The calendar, has two different sort orders. So, this is the Status view, as you can see on the top in the middle. Now, Let's click the Month view instead.



Now, you get a view of all events, during a year.

Presented, month by month, with a rectangle, showing the number of events, of each status, in that month.

By clicking a rectangle, all events for that month, will be shown.

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But, we will instead have a look, at the filter options, in the lower left side.

Let us show events for another year.

There are some options already, where to select years, close by.

But, to make it a bit more complicated, we want to go back to, 2015.

We then click the decade rectangle, for the 2010s.



We get a decade view, of all events for the decade. Year by year. 2010 to 2019. [sPause sec=0.8 ePause]

As you see in the filter section we have decade selections going back to the 1970s.

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But, back to the table.

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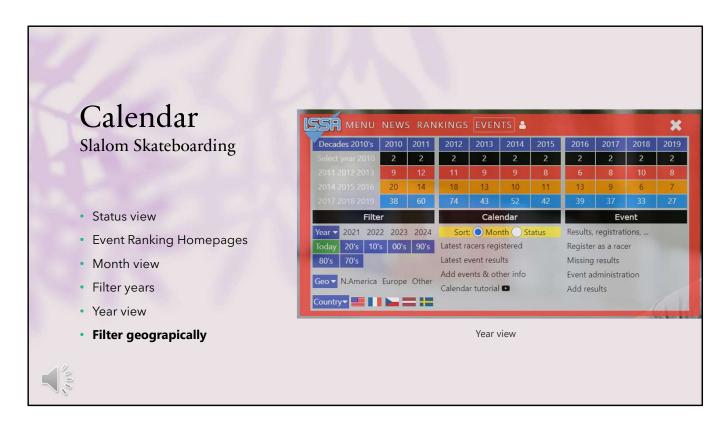
All events for 2015 are listed, in status order.

The list of events is too long to see. You need to scroll to se them all.

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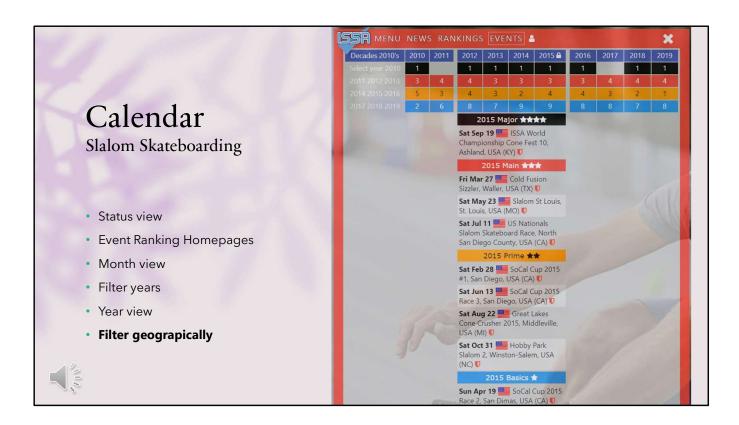
But we can also filter geographically.

Let us go back to the filter section again.



As you can see, you can select World Regions, and countries, as well. We will select country, USA.

And that will make the event listing, for year 2015, now look like this.



All slalom events for USA, in 2015, are shown.

And by clicking on any of the events, you will come directly to the event home page, showing all the discipline results for that event.

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Sure,

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this calendar is a bit advanced.

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So, expect to see also a standard, timeline calendar, soon.





Getting started with slalom skateboarding!
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Well!
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If you are, one of those people.
Who likes cruising on a skateboard.
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Likes turning and pumping speed.
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Or just get thrilled by a smooth hill.



And, want to feel the speed.

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Well, then you are already a long way, towards being a slalom skateboarder.

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But, to fully get there. You also need another ingredient. An obstacle, to challenge yourself.



For a slalom skater, that means a cone. And plenty of them, resulting in a, slalom course.



Throw in, a start ramp, for the perfect start experience.



Set up a timer. So that you can measure the exact times. And you are ready to get going. Ready for racing.



Racing head-to-head with your friends, is fun for both skaters, and audience. [sPause sec=0.6 ePause]
And with a specialized slalom skateboard, you will get full appreciation of the challenge. [sPause sec=0.6 ePause]
Which leads us to...

# Getting started

- Slalom skateboard
- Getting equipment
- Setting up the skateboard
- Slalom courses (course setting, cones, start ramp, timing)
- 25-cone World Series





The slalom skateboard.

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Do you really need a slalom skateboard?

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Yes and no!

Of course, you can run slalom with a normal skateboard.

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If you don't go too fast. And don't turn too sharply.

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But, very quickly, that is exactly what you will do.

Because the aim is, getting through the courses, as quickly as possible.

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And by not having a slalom skateboard, you will!

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One. Get wheelbites. The wheels touch your board, which results in a full stop. For your skateboard. Unfortunately, not for yourself.

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Two. Have your back wheels slip. Resulting in the board, disappearing from under your feet. And you will fall! Hard!

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And, if you have a cruise board, with a setup that can handle, both wheelbites, and back

wheels not slipping.

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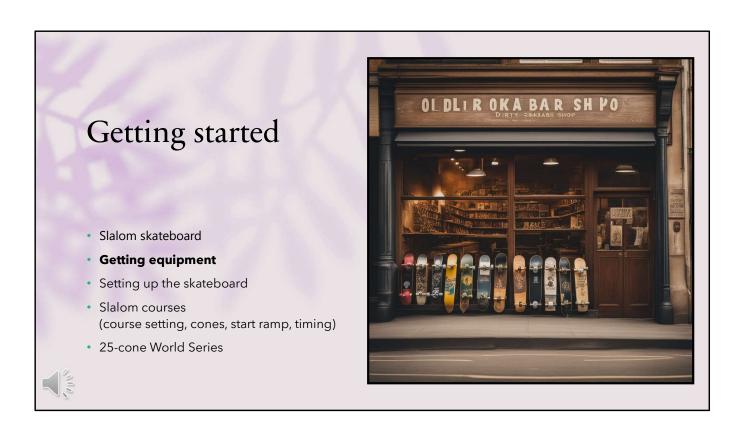
It's not going fast enough!

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So, to fully succeed with slalom skateboarding, and getting the maximum, out of your potential.

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Then! You need a slalom skateboard.



Getting equipment

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This is not as easy, as you might think.

You will not be able to find it, in normal sportshops.

You will most likely, not even find it, in your normal skateshops.

You need, very specialized, skateshops.

And not even there, you might not get it all, because some of the "must-haves", for the perfect, pro, slalom skateboard, might need very special gear.

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Setting up the skateboard.

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When finally, you have managed getting all the things, you need, for your perfect slalom skateboard.

Now, on top of that, you need special, setup skills, to put it all together correctly.

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Luckily, these days, we have the internet, to help you on the way.

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Frankly, this is a big problem, for getting started, with slalom skateboarding.

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Another thing may be the price. If wanting the best equipment.

It's more expensive, than a normal skateboard.

At least, initially.

But long term, it's maybe not that expensive, since slalom skateboards, rarely gets broken.

And, once you have managed, setting up your own perfect, personalized, slalom skateboard.

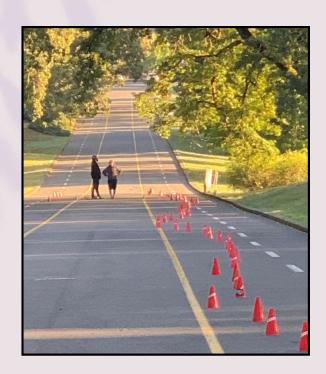
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It might be, the only slalomboard, you will ever need.

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Then we have the Slalom courses!

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It's not, that you can just show up at a skatepark, and think you will have a slalom course ready to run.

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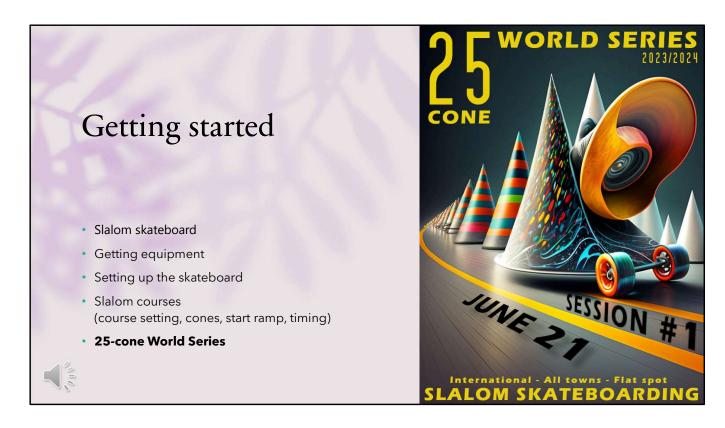
And there is a lot to learn, about setting up slalom courses.

Not only, are there the many different slalom disciplines.

You also need, to find a suitable place, for setting up your course.

Then you have the timing equipment to deal with.

If lucky, you will have people around you, who knows about all these things. And you will learn it all, step by step.



25-cone World Series!

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It sounds serious. Ha! But, actually, it may be the easiest way to get started, running slalom courses more seriously.

You only need to find a flat, 70 to 80 meter long, spot. With a good surface.

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There is a template, of a standard 25-cone slalom course, with exact measurements, to set up.

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You can locally join with slalom skaters all over the world, that are doing the exact same thing.

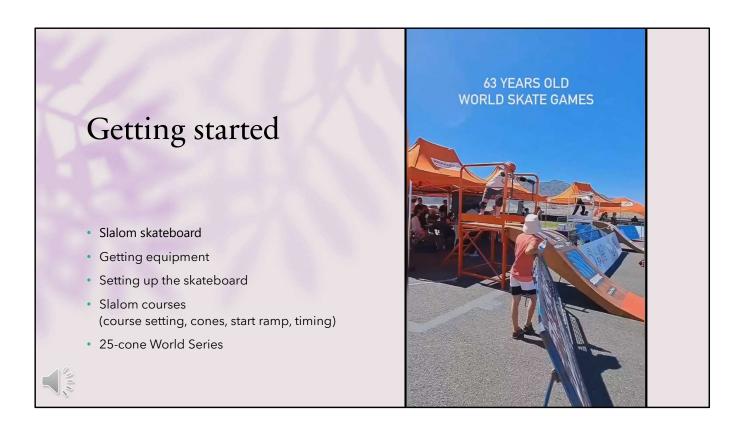
And all race together, the same weekend, all over the world.

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In the next section, we will dive into the 25-cone World Series.

See more how it works, and how all can join in. Beginners and advanced skaters.

Wherever you are, out there in the world.



OK. To end this section.

Getting started with slalom skateboarding, can be a bit overwhelming.

But, the slalom community is there, to help out.

And, that is why we have, our Slalom Skateboard Working Group, set up inside World Skate.

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We are here, to help national associations, who are interested, in taking their first steps, knowing more about, slalom skateboarding.

Get the basic knowledge, and contacts where to find more information.

And to be ready when needed, once interest may show up at home.





A 25-cone course, Cyber challenge, had already existed since many years.

Where we documented, new fastest times, that racers could run at home.

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With the Covid pandemic started in 2020, we could no longer travel, and the whole international competition scene, was at a halt.

The idea came up, to make use of the 25-cone cyber idea, where people could race at home.

To make it more interesting, for all racers to join, we made a complete world series around it.

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We are now in the middle of the fourth series, since the start.

The series runs from, June 21, to May 15 the year after.

Why June 21? It became the perfect day to start it up, being the official, "Go Skateboarding Day", of the year.

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We soon realized that this series, was the perfect introduction, to slalom skateboarding. And also a perfect way, of keeping contact, with racers around the world.



The 25-cone World Series, is an international event. But, with Local event organizers at home.

Running the exact same slalom course.

With the same rules.

During the same weekend.

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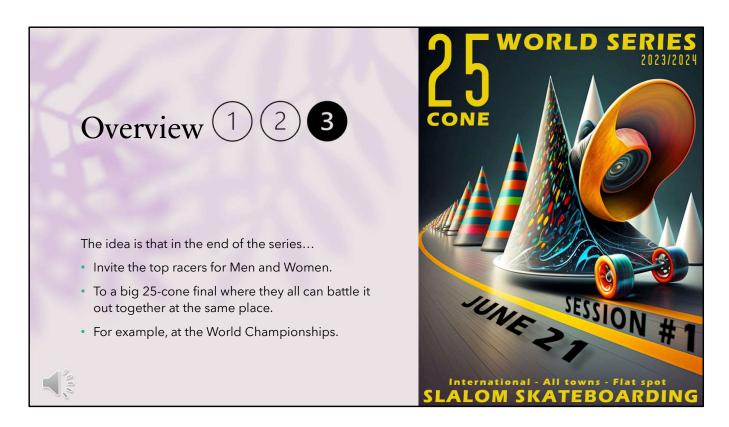
All the local sub spot event results, around the world, are gathered in the same result list.



During the yearly season, there are 5 weekend sessions.

They are spread out approximately, every second month.

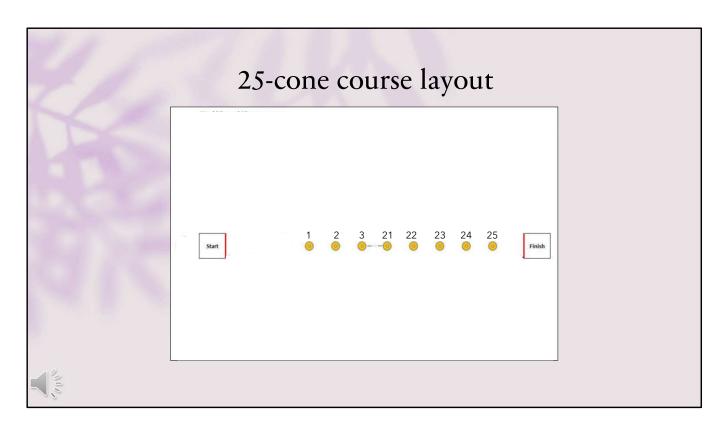
All the session results, are saved and included, in a 25-cone World Series ranking. From the 5 sessions, the average of the 2 best session results, from each racer, are counted.



After the end, of the 5 sessions, we have a total yearly winner.

The idea, has also been to invite the top racers, for a big 25-cone final, where they all can battle it out together, at the same place.

For example each year, during the World Championships.



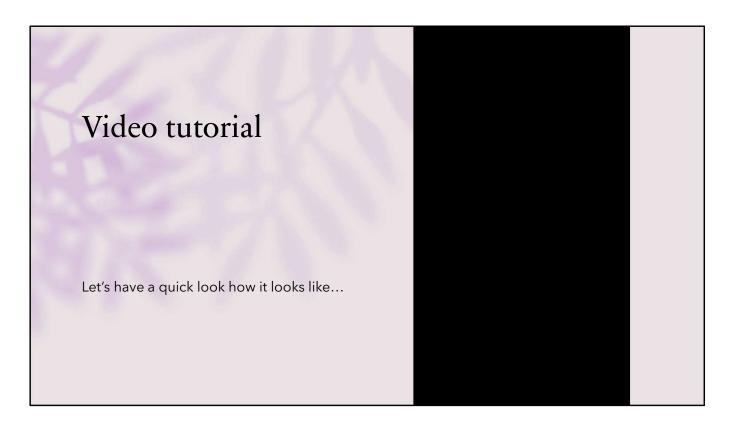
The 25-cone course used, are specified in great detail, so that all racers can set it up exactly the same way, at home.

The course is also run in both directions. To balance out possible slopes at the spot. You then make four runs in each direction.

The average, of the best runtime, in each direction, gives the total time.

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We will not go into the rules in details here, but this is how the course looks like.



[25-cone video]



Here we have gathered some links around this event, and where you can get more information.





### History WSG

- 2019: Started talks with World Skate for skateboard slalom at WSG in Spain (Barcelona)
- 2022: World Skate Slalom Working Group created
- 2022: First WSG for slalom skateboarding in Argentina (San Juan)
- 2023: Preparing for WSG in Italy 2024



Most of you, probably already knows, about the World Skate Games.

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But, for us in the international slalom skateboarding world, it is a new thing.

We actually had discussions, with World Skate, already in 2019, just before the games in Barcelona.

But we never managed to get things ready in time.

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But in 2022, we finally created the Slalom Working Group for skateboarding, together with World Skate.

And we entered the World Skate Games, for the first time, in Argentina the same year. [sPause sec=0.6 ePause]

We are now preparing for the World Skate Games in Italy, later this year.

And, we were remembered at the same time, about not having done our presentation of slalom skateboarding, for World Skate, and their member nations.

And the reason why we finally put this presentation together.

## WSG 2022 - Argentina

- · Most world regions of slalom ever gathered
- Qualification World Rank and Country quota
- Feedback (WSK, Slalom community, ...)





Looking back at World Skate Games in Argentina, it was a big success.

In general, but especially for us slalom skateboarders.

We had two wonderful spots, to show up our skateboarding slalom discipline.

And we had racers, from all the corners of the world, gathered.

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In the end, the feedback from all racers, were very positive.

And all now wanted, to do all in their power, to come back to the next games.

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And here we are today. Ready to prepare, for yet another World Skate Games, in Rome, Italy, later this year, right after the Olympics in Paris.

#### **Pre-qualified through World Ranking 2023**

- Top 20 World Ranking 2023 (4-year ranking, counting 2 best years).
- Top 20 Season ranking 2023 (1-year ranking).
- Minimum 2 racers from each World Region (S. America, N. America, Europe, Asia, Oceania, Africa)

### **National qualification**

- Same rules for Men and Women.
- Three (3) additional racers per country.



Contact your National Association for information.



Here are the qualification rules, for slalom skateboarding, at World Skate Games 2024. [sPause sec=0.6 ePause]

Some racers are pre-qualified, through the World Rankings.

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And others may qualify, through national qualifications.

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Top 20, for Men and Women, from the World Rankings. Wich are including the 4 latest ranking seasons.



And for the Top 20, from the season rankings, of 2023.

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Pre-qualified are also, the 2 best racers in the World Regions, if not already having them qualified, among the Top 20.

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The 2023 World Rankings are 99% finished.

Now we have a 1-month checkup period, where all can make sure all events, and results, are in order.

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And, on top of the World Ranking pre-qualifications, we then also have, the national qualifications.

Where 3 racers, 3 men and 3 women, also can be qualified for the games. [sPause sec=0.6 ePause]

These national qualifications, are handled by each national association.

### **Pre-qualified through World Ranking 2023**

• 31 men and 26 women.

### **National qualification (guess)**

• 28 men and 13 women.

#### Total

• 59 men and 39 women.

#### **Total all racers**

• 98 (Expected to come 80)



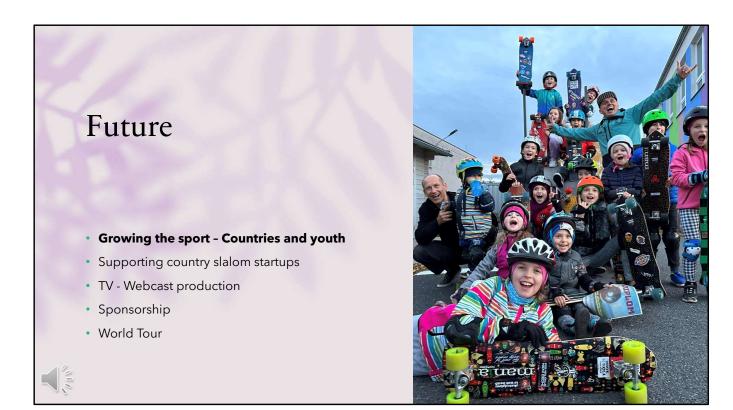


Prognostics of number of racers, to attend the slalom skateboarding events, at the World Skate Games in Italy.

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We will not know the total for sure, until after the registration deadline. There are always some, that will not be able to make it. But, by the looks of it, we think we will be around, 80 racers, from 15 countries. All, who will show up to battle for their countries, and get a feel of that special, World Championship spirit.





So, what about the future of slalom skateboarding?

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Skateboarding itself has come a long way today, having two of its disciplines in the Olympics.

Even though many skaters out there, still may be in doubt of, if this is positive or not.

Which is a bit crazy. When this is the wet dream for most sports.

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The success and praise of the skateboarders from the masses after the Tokyo Olympics, came from skateboarding, with its different mindset, and camaraderie, of making a great show, being more important than the winning itself.

We, as slalom skaters, of course have hopes that this success for skateboarding, will spread out into all legs of the different skateboarding disciplines.

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What we see as positive aspects, with our slalom discipline is, that it is measurable. The timing is the judge, and it is very exact.

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And also, that it is something that normal people, actually understand.

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We hope that, we.

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Together with World Skate.

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Can make the whole skateboarding family grow stronger.

### **Future**

- Growing the sport Countries and youth
- Supporting country slalom startups
- TV Webcast production
- Sponsorship
- World Tour





And, it often starts with what sports are presented, and pushed for, towards all the young ones out there.

We hope that more countries will see all the possibilities that skateboarding can offer. [sPause sec=0.4 ePause]

Slalom is probably the easiest of the skateboard disciplines you can start doing.

The hard thing, is more the trainers and knowledge needed, to get it going. [sPause sec=0.2 ePause]

We hope that, our Slalom Working Group for skateboarding, can at least help spread the interest to more countries. And better showcase our slalom discipline on high level events, like the World Skate Games for example.

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This leads us, into the world of TV and Webcast production, for slalom events. [sPause sec=0.4 ePause]

This is where we want to go, to better showcase our slalom events.



But this is not an easy task. It's a very big effort from many different branches, that needs to come together as one.

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Here we will show you one very successful, such event idea, from Sweden. Something that more countries could consider.

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A different city each year, the National TV, and the National sports organization, together with their networks of sponsors.

They all come together, and create a two week long multisport event, holding national championships, for all those smaller and medium sized sports, that have a hard time doing this by themselves.

And especially doing it in a way to break through the large media noise, and to be shown on national TV. Even, if just for a week or two.

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It's a really great idea, and here we will take a look at the last final event run for slalom skateboarding, shown live on Swedish National TV.



[TV- production video]

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To make this possible alone, for slalom events, on the international stage, one important piece is missing.

We have everything to create an interesting event production, but we have been too small, for attracting larger sponsors to our events.

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Our hope is that together with World Skate, we will better be able to showcase our wonderful world of slalom skateboarding, and to be able to build a better network of sponsors.

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We think we have an interesting package, that have all the potential needed, for all parties involved to make it work.

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To be able to start building up a future World Tour,

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to take slalom skateboarding to the next level.



To finish up.

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Slalom racing has long been very popular in certain countries.

Apparently, in many cases, linked to the Alpine slalom racing history.

But, with slalom skateboarding, we hope being able to bring the slalom racing, to all countries.

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Slalom racing is a winter Olympic highlight.

And with World Skate, we will work for our dream, to one day, bring this slalom spirit, also to the summer Olympics.



# Contact Slalom Skateboarding

- World Skate
- World Skate Slalom Working Group
- World Region Status Marshals
- National slalom coordinators
- E-mail: bod@slalomskateboarder.com





Here is a list of groups you could use, to get more information around slalom skateboarding.

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And to make it easy for you, use this one email address above. B O D at slalomskateboarder dot com.

And we will make sure to assist, and help you out.

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Thanks for listening!