



## ISSA 2013 Contest Sanction Application

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| <b>Name, phone, email of contest organizer:</b>  |  |   |
| St. Louis Dagers – <a href="mailto:stldaggers@gmail.com">stldaggers@gmail.com</a> , (314) 497-4366 or (618) 401-2011   |  |   |
| <b>Date of Contest:</b>  | <b>Title of Contest:</b>   |   |
| May 25-26, 2013  | Slalom St. Louis – This One Goes to 11                                 |   |
| <b>Location of Contest:</b>  | <b>Number and type of events at this contest (hybrid, tight, etc):</b> |   |
| Tower Grove Park, St. Louis, MO  | Single-lane hybrid slalom, Dual-lane tight(ish) slalom                 |   |
| <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   | Pro, Open, Women (if ≥ 4 attend), Junior (if ≥ 4 attend)               | Single: ≥3 runs; winner determined by fastest combined time of each racer's two fastest runs. Dual: 2 qual/brackets |
| <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 (overall): ≥\$300, 2 <sup>nd</sup> place: ≥\$150, 3 <sup>rd</sup> place: ≥\$75 – Custom trophies for 1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> ; various sponsor goodies  |  |   |
| <b>Venue description (surface, pitch, length, cone distance, etc). Please describe the hill and course as completely as possible:</b>  |  |   |
| Both Sat. and Sun. races will be in Tower Grove Park near the Turkish Pavilion. Slight slope, good asphalt (7/10), S-curve. Loose/varied single-lane course on Saturday. Tight(ish) dual-lane course on Sunday. Dual-lane course will consist of various 11-cone groupings (straight, curved, offset, etc.). |  |   |
| <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   |  |   |
| <b>Competitor amenities (lodging, meals, gifts, etc):</b>  |  |   |
| Free BBQ Saturday evening after race, free attendance gift(s) for all racers. Free water and sports drinks for all racers. Arrangements are also being made for free food on the hill on one or both days.   |  |   |
| <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. 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> . Eleventh year in a row for race. Paid, non-racing timekeeper 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>   |  |   |
| Random start beeps to encourage fair racing.   |  |   |

## **Contest Description:**

Eleventh straight year for race, making Slalom St. Louis the longest-running slalom race in the world. 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.

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

### **Single-lane (loose/varied) Slalom**

Single-lane course set by STL Dagers (Jeff Goad, Paul Graf, Jonathan Harms, Steven Lewis, Jeff McCullar) and/or other willing volunteers – approx. 600 feet long, somewhere between 50-70 cones, with at least some cones set in groups of 11 with similar spacing and/or offset. 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, if not more. Up to four runs will be recorded on Excel spreadsheet developed and provided by Dan Gesmer. **Combined** time of **two** fastest runs wins.

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

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

Dual-lane course set by STL Dagers (Jeff Goad, Paul Graf, Jonathan Harms, Steven Lewis, Jeff McCullar) and/or other willing volunteers – approx. 600 feet long, with 50-70 cones set at intervals beginning at around 6' (edge of one cone to edge of next) at start, gradually widening out to 6.5' and then 7' as the course gets faster and follows the S-curve of the road (first straight, then right, then left). Once again, it's gonna be a pumpfest.

Dual-lane qualifying followed by bracketed head-to-head racing. Each racer gets two qualifying runs – one in each lane. Each racer's single faster time of the two will be used to seed racers into brackets. Pro division will have separate bracket from Amateur division. Amateur riders will be seeded from #1 to #16 (A Group), #17 to #??? (B Group). Women and Juniors may have separate brackets if there are enough competitors. Bracketed racing within groups will continue until all placings have been determined.

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

- If racing is canceled, qualifying results will be used as final results.
- If racing is postponed, race organizers will decide whether to continue on site or whether to conduct remaining races at an indoor/covered location. (Racers' input will be asked for and considered in making such a decision.)
- If racing is 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.

## **Notes:**

Custom trophies for top three overall placings in each division. Top three overall placings in Pro division – as calculated by ISSA method – will receive cash payouts.