

WSF

BANKED SLALOM TOUR



Why Banked Slalom is important for the development of snowboarding and the WSF

Banked slalom combines the roots of snowboarding: surfing and skateboarding. The original sensation of that surf / skate banked turn on water and on land. We all experienced that feeling and we all share that moment.

Use our Roots to Launch again the Banked Slalom. Looking back at all the different events from the Olympic, TTR, and invitational based contests, snowboarding has separated itself into many disciplines and riding styles. Banked slalom brings every snowboarder together in the original contest format.

The Wish list for the ideal contest for most of snowboarders combines these aspects

- To have fun**
- Must be playful as when we were younger in playgrounds with our buddies.**
- Compare myself and compete in a friendly way**
- Be able to progress my technical level and sensations all in a friendly atmosphere. That's what we have been doing years ago with the first snowboard events**
- Low risk level**
- Be able to share the same contest environment with top level snowboarders**



legendary mt baker banked slalom

PROPOSAL FOR SEASON ONE OF THE WSF BANKED SLALOM WORLD TOUR

THE WSF Would like to invite organizers of banked slalom events around the world and National Snowboard Associations to join the first WSF Banked Slalom World Tour, a network of organizers and a communication platform to make it happen.

GOALS

- To expose the true spirit of snowboarding to everyone
- To offer National Snowboard Associations a new competitive format for their national tour and self promotion
- To develop a WSF event that allows everyone to participate
- To develop a low risk event
- To develop Banked slalom courses that allow all levels of snowboarder to develop their skills

TOOLS

- WSF website www.worldsnowboardfederation.org
- WSF Press Office services
- Network of 35 National Snowboard Associations

WSF SHORT TERM GOAL

The first step could be to networking national events or series with a common communication platform, starting with few countries where Banked Slaloms events exists already, and where we could get good support :

FRANCE – AUSTRIA – SWITZERLAND – CANADA – USA – AUSTRALIA – ITALY

From these event series we can create a banked slalom ranking system for the next season (2015/2016).

Every WSF Member Nation can apply their banked slalom events for the tour for this season.

WSF will follow the organizers and set up for the future some more specific definitions about technical requirements to organize Banked Slaloms (guidelines for organizers)

There will be no cost for organizers in been part of the BS World Tour.

WSF LONG TERM GOAL

The WSF long term goal is to increase rider participation and resort development of BSL events worldwide. To develop a ranking system specific to banked slalom and offer all level of riders fun events, not only focusing on the athletic aspect..

To award the WSF BSL World Champions, male and female, based on overall year long WSF ranking and accumulated points, always maintaining and respecting the fun spirit and roots of snowboarding and specially Banked Slalom.



banked slalom start gate and first turn

Tour Structure 2014/15

The vision is to create events which allow riders of all levels to participate. In order to bring more people into the sport, we decided to start with a very easy concept, combining athletic performance with fun.

There are many existing banked slalom events world wide. The WSF tour concept is to offer a platform and network within currently existing events, bringing more attention to banked slalom, as well as the individual events.

The podium winners (female and male) from all tour stops will participate in a lottery. The lottery will be conducted through online video at the end of the season. Through the lottery, grand prize will be an invitation to the Legendary Mount Baker Banked Slalom. Additional prizes will be given to lottery participants, such as t shirts and accessories.

2014/15 will serve as an evaluation period, allowing organizers to maintain the spirit of their events, as well as potentially guiding the future of banked slalom.

Longer term goals include a point system for each event, resulting in overall tour champions and a world champion.

Event organizers can fill out the attached application form to participate. The WSF banked slalom committee will approve the application within two weeks of submission.

Our goal is to include a minimum of 10 banked slalom events into the 2014/15 tour.

Benefits And Requirements For Event Organizers

Benefits:

- Event profiled on WSF home page
- PR communication for individual events, prior to and after the event
- PR communication about the tour, including all events
- Assistance in developing all aspects of each event and banked slalom in general
- Networking platform for organizers to communicate regarding banked slalom events
- Prizes through the lottery system

Requirements:

- Use WSF Banked Slalom logo in all print and digital media communications
- PR package including 2 photos, event logo, PR text, video link (if available), home page link (if available) and event information in a timely manner
- Full result list divided by category
- Post event PR communication, including 2 photos and video link (if available) in a timely manner
- Participate in evaluation and dialogue for future events' benefit



another example of banked slalom

GUIDELINES FOR ORGANIZERS

- At a banked slalom each rider will start individually
- Natural valley, gulley or banked run are preferred. Flat runs/ turns are not recommended. A minimum of 10 banked curves is required – a curve counts as banked curve if it has a minimum of 10 degrees. All banked turns have to be as wide as needed to control speed.
- Medium pitched slope not flat / not steep ideally between 14 – 18 degrees in average. Vertical drop between 100 and 240 meters are recommended
- Running time of approx. 30 – 90 seconds are recommended
- Course should flow and should be designed in a way to keep riders on the ground.
- The Course should not favor regular or goofy rider
- It's recommended to use dye to improve visibility
- Gate keepers are recommended
- The Course should be closed to the public
- The start area needs to be big enough for the participants, safe and closed to the public.
- The finish line should be clearly marked. The finish area must be large enough to stop safely and be closed off to the public.
- The use of Certified Snow Sports Helmet is mandatory. For example CE or CEE1077, ...
- Obstacles outside of the course, that could pose a serious threat to competitors accidentally exiting the course, must be protected.
- All safety and security measures must be in place before the event can start
- WSF Logo (or "WSF Banked Slalom" logo) to be included in the communication (Flyer, Poster, Webside – online and print communication).

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