



Season 2024/25

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BANKED SLALOM AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF SNOWBOARDING WITHIN 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.

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

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 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 competitive format for their national tour and self promotion
- A WSF event format 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

BENEFITS FOR EVENT ORGANIZERS

- Event profiled on WSF homepage
- Right to use BSL Tour Logo
- Included in WSF BSL Calendar
- PR & Social Media communication for individual events, prior to and after the event
- PR & Social Media communication about the tour, including all events
- Assistance in developing all aspects of each event and banked slalom in general after request
- Networking platform for organizers to communicate regarding banked slalom events
- Prizes through the raffle system

REQUIREMENTS FOR EVENT ORGANIZERS

- Every NSA and every event organizer can join the WSF Banked Slalom Tour with their events. WSF membership is not mandatory. If you want to become a member, please have a look at the [membership application now](#).
- Use WSF Banked Slalom logo in all print and digital media communications. [Download the logo here](#).
- Send PR package including 5 photos, event logo, PR text, video link (if available), home page link (if available) and event information in a timely manner to communication@worldsnowboardfederation.org.
- Full result list divided by MEN & WOMEN (overall): send to Meinhard Trojer meinhardtrojer@powdern.com immediately after event.
- Share post event PR communication, including 5 photos and video link (if available), short report (3-5 sentences) in a timely manner with communication@worldsnowboardfederation.org.
- Participate in evaluation and dialogue for future event benefits, etc. – through GA and online Meetings. Feel free send your input to Meinhard Trojer at meinhardtrojer@powdern.com
- Event Fee:
 - € 25 per Banked Slalom Event for WSF members
 - € 50 per Banked Slalom Event for Non-WSF members

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ORGANIZERS

- At a banked Slalom each rider should start individually
- Natural valley, gulley or banked run are preferred. Flat runs/turns are not recommended. A minimum of 10 banked curves is recommended – a curve counts as banked curve if it has a minimum of 10 degrees. All banked turns should 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

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ORGANIZERS

- 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 recommended.
- Obstacles outside of the course, that could pose a serious threat to competitors accidentally exiting the course, must be secured.
- 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).

Conclusion & additional Informations

- 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 ruffle. The ruffle will be conducted through online video at the end of the season (beginning of next season). Through the ruffle, grand prize will be an invitation to the Legendary Mount Baker Banked Slalom. Additional prizes will be given to ruffle participants, such as t-shirts and accessories.
- 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

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