

Latvian downhill longboarding series 2013

Official rules

1. OBJECTIVE

1.1. The objective for Latvian downhill longboarding series 2013 is to popularize active leisure to Latvian citizens and skateboarding as one of the ways for active leisure, also popularize skateboarding in Latvia and determine the skilled Latvian downhill longboarders.

1.2. Latvian downhill longboarding series is organized by Latvian skateboarding federation.

2. EVENT OFFICIALS

2.1. Riders have a chance to familiarize with event officials before the race.

Event official list consist of following people:

- Chief steward;
- Start marshal;
- Finish marshal;
- Course marshals.

3. RACE CALENDAR

3.1. Latvian downhill longboarding series 2013 consist of 4 races:

1st race – 1-2 June – Priekuļi, Cēsis Olympic center

2nd race – 29-30 June – “Rakši” Ozolkalns – Latvian championships

3rd race – 24-25 August – Priekuļi, Cēsis Olympic center

4th race – 14 September – “Smeceres Sils”, Madona

3.2. First 3 races of Latvian downhill longboarding series will happen in 2 days – on Saturday the track examination, practice runs and qualifying runs happen, but on Sunday more practice runs and head-to-head races happen and the race winners are determined. The 4th race of Latvian downhill longboarding series will all happen in one day, with finals at night with artificial lighting.

4. RANKING

4.1. All races of Latvian downhill longboarding series will be included in season ranking. Every rider that participates will get points depending on his final position at a race:

Ranking point system for Latvian downhill longboarding series 2013:

Position:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Points:	60	54	48	43	40	38	36	34	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

4.2. If at the end of the season riders are tied in points, the rider who has got a higher position at Latvian championships gets the highest position in ranking. If the riders have not participated at Latvian championships then the rider with most wins gets higher position, if none of the riders have won a race, then the rider with most second places gets higher position etc.

4.3. At the end of the season the top ranked riders will be rewarded as the Latvian downhill longboarding series champions.

4.4. As the Latvian downhill longboarding series is a open competition, riders from other countries are also included in Latvian ranking.

5. GROUPS

5.1. All the riders will compete in open group. Also finals for 3 other groups are planned to happen at every race:

Women – girls and women participate without age limit;

Juniors – riders who will not be 18 years old at the end of the year compete in juniors;

Masters – riders who will be 35 years old at the end of the year compete in masters.

5.2. First 3 riders in every group are rewarded with cups or medals and sponsor prizes.

6. GENERAL RULES

- 6.1. Every rider takes responsibility for his health before and during the race.
- 6.2. Every rider should consider his skill level before participating at a longboard competition, it is own rider responsibility to learn the track and its difficulty before entering a longboard competition.
- 6.3. Every rider should be familiar with FAIR PLAY principles and observe them.
- 6.4. Riders who are offensive and rude at the race place and disrespectful towards organizers and other riders can be disqualified from the race.
- 6.5. Riders are forbidden to be on a use of drugs and alcohol during the race days and to smoke at the start and finish area of the course.
- 6.6. All riders at the race place must sign the waiver that they have read the rules and undertake these rules to compete in a Latvian skateboarding federation's race.

7. EQUIPMENT

- 7.1. All riders' equipment must be in a good, usable condition. Every rider takes the responsibility that his equipment is in good condition.
- 7.2. Riders equipment – skateboard and safety equipment, which include obligatory use of a helmet that is safe for the user and others (fullface helmet is recommended; otherwise typical skateboard helmet is usable too). Knee, elbow and wrist pads are obligatory (wrist pads can be replaced by slide gloves), or rider can use leather pants (instead of knee pads) or leather suit (instead of knee, elbow, wrist pads). Other safety equipment like back and ankle protectors is recommended.
- 7.3. All riders' equipment must conform to certain criteria (visual and safety), also it is recommended to have an insurance against trauma caused by extreme sports action.

8. SKATEBOARD

- 8.1. Rider can use a skateboard that fits the safety rules for downhill longboarding (its shape and construction doesn't threat to the rider or other riders).
- 8.2. Specific measurements:

Length of a board – 122cm

Max weight – 7kg

Width – 30,5cm

Wheel diameter – 11cm

Wheel number – 4, truck number – 2

9. RACE FORMAT

9.1. Riders must make a track inspection before entering the race.

9.2. Rider cannot have assistance from others during the race.

9.3. At the beginning of a competition practice runs are made, after that qualifying runs and head-to-head runs to determine the winner. Riders ride in upright position. Rider cannot delay practice, qualifying and head-to-head runs.

9.4. During the practice, qualifying and head-to-head runs rider can push or pump his skateboard as much as desired, but he must be aware of other riders around him. During the qualifying riders push leg must be in a start box, but in the head-to-head runs, riders must be closer than 25cm to start rubber.

9.5. There is certain time for practice runs and riders are recommended to do at least 2 practice runs.

9.6. Every rider has at least one qualifying run (two runs are planned for every race). Start is given by start marshal and after his signal rider can start his qualifying run. During qualifying and head-to-head racing rider starts from zero position.

10. HEAD-TO-HEAD

10.1. Head-to-head racing includes best 32 riders from qualifying (if the organizers doesn't decide differently).

10.2. During the head-to-head finals there are 4-man heats and from each heat 2 fastest riders advance to the next round. The final positions are given after all the riders cross the finish line and there is no rule violation or incident.

10.3. Start procedure – riders chose their start position depending on their qualifying results – rider with highest qualifying position from the heat chooses start line first. When all riders are on the start line, start marshal checks if everybody are ready and gives the command: "Riders ready!", "Riders set!" and after 1-3 seconds the start rubber is released and run starts. If the rider makes 2 false-starts in a heat, he gets disqualified from the heat.

10.4. If the rider during head-to-head run rides into other person line at the start he can be penalized with disqualification from the heat by start marshal or course marshals.

10.5. Riders compete till the finish line. Rider has finished the course when front wheels of the board cross the finish line.

10.6. If the riders finish at the same time, the decision is made by finish marshal with the help of photos, videos and eye-witnesses.

10.7. Riders who on purpose are in contact with others and try to ‘steal’ speed will be penalized.

11. OVERTAKING

11.1. Overtaking riders assume the responsibility of avoiding the lead rider. However, during a pass, the lead rider may not take defensive measures such a moving in on the line of the passing rider to prevent them from taking the lead. Meanwhile, the overtaking rider is responsible for completely clearing the other rider before moving into their line. A rider who violates the passing protocol will be issued a conduct penalty.

11.2. Some contact in close racing is natural. Riders who purposely spin, block, or cause another rider to crash will be penalized. A rider is responsible for their own breaking and must avoid transferring speed to another rider by touching or bumping the back of a ride on the approach to turns. Deliberate, aggressive or repeated contact is not allowed and will not be tolerated.

11.3. Protective position rule – in the case of a protest that is upheld a rider’s position in the heat is considered protected from the approach to the last corner or within 400 meters of the end of the track, whichever distance is shortest to the finish line. The area must be marked by event officials. A penalty is any other area of the track will not in any circumstance improve the rider’s position and will be determined solely by the course marshals and other event officials.

12. CRASH START

12.1. After a crash the rider should return to the track at a point reasonably close to where the crash occurred. Using another rider’s equipment after a crash is not permitted.

12.2. No assistance from anyone is permitted.

13. PENALTIES

13.1. The decision about penalizing a rider can be taken by a event official, based eye-witnesses, involved riders and other useful information.

13.2. Penalties for rule offending:

- Warning;
- Reduction of riders final position;
- Disqualification from the run;
- Disqualification from the race;
- Ban from Latvian skateboarding federation events in future.

14. OTHER RULES

14.1. Rider is prohibited to ride the course when it is closed (time before the race at the race day, between practice and qualifying and between race heats). Rider can be disqualified if he doesn't follow this rule.

14.2. If the weather is bad or there is any other objective reason to not to continue the race, race can be considered finished if at least one qualifying run has been made.

14.3. The event officials can make a decision to race in wet conditions even if it rains, but if the weather is really bad, race can be interrupted after a consultation with the riders.

14.4. Riders can file a protest to the organizers in written form with a 20 lats caution money which will be given back if the protest is valid. Rider must inform finish marshal if he wants to file a protest after the run.

14.5. The event officials can make changes in the rules if they inform the riders before the race. Also riders can give ideas about improving rules in future.

14.6. It is allowed to record videos and make pictures at the race place only with the organizers permission. Any kind of commerce and promotional material placement is strictly prohibited.°

15. REGISTRATION

15.1. Registration before the race is organized on the internet on longboarding.lv website. On the race place at the race day rider must re-register to make sure he is present.

15.2. Also rider fills rider's waiver, confirming that he has read rules, knows the risk of longboard racing and that he is not on drugs or alcohol use during the race. With his signature rider confirms that he allows making pictures and videos with him for promotional reasons. Riders

who are not 18 years old at the day of the race must have waiver signed by their parent or legal representative.