

IGSA NorAms '08: Nov. 15 & 16

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IGSA North American Championships November 15-16th, 2008 Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park San Dimas, Calif.

The IGSA North American Championships will be raced this weekend at Frank G. Bonelli Park in San Dimas, California. Come to the Los Angeles foothills to race and spectate with competitors from across the globe, each out to grab some glory under what we hope will be sunny Southern California skies. Downhill skateboard racers from Europe and Canada are registered to race alongside the "Colorado Contingent" and SoCal speedboarders. If you've got leathers, a proper helmet and have checked them against IGSA's rules, you can bang elbows with them! If you just want to watch speedboarders (and every other gravity racing class) rip it for the weekend, get on over there!! This race includes "Continental Level" points for race winners and will be on the Via Verde, "Corner of Death Course". This is the gently winding, half-mile course that leads directly into a 45mph, descending, 90-degree right turn that's off-camber, bumpy and the perfect place to test your leathers out! IGSA lines the corner with enough mobile straw bales that the only thing dying there will be speed and podium standings, but the action is guaranteed to be hot. Spectators will be able to see the racers descend the road as you see it in the photo above, then -- maybe-- toss down serious, strategic braking and a lot of technical skill to carry the inside line virtually owned by Noah Sakamoto. That's Sakamoto leading in this compilation photo.

The two-day event was originally planned for three, but has been reduced to accommodate budgets and concerns by the County Parks authorities. Bonelli is a County Park, so they'll charge you about \$7 bucks/car to get in, but spectating and attendance is free. Enter on Via Verde, from the 57 freeway and just drive straight along the road after the entry shack... you'll dead-end at the race location.

Entry Fees: \$120.00 US fee will be in effect for the first class, and \$25 for second class and \$15 for each additional class. All entries need to be mailed to the race organizer and post marked by November 10th or paid in cash on the day of the event.

Directions: From Los Angeles, take 10 East to 57 North and Exit Via Verde / Raging Waters Drive. From Orange County take 57 North and Exit Via Verde / Raging Waters Drive.

From San Bernardino and the Ontario International Airport take 10 West to 57 North and Exit Via Verde / Raging Waters Drive.

From San Diego, take 15 North to 10 West to 57 North and take the first exit "Via Verde / Raging Waters".

From Via Verde / Raging Waters Drive Turn East (right) and enter Frank G. Bonelli Park. Go through the park entrance gate and pay the daily park usage fee of \$8.00. Proceed down Via Verde until you reach the pit area.

Park Information: Obey all traffic laws and signs. No Alcoholic Beverages are allowed inside the Bonelli Park! The rule sucks, but they enforce it.

Complete details along with registration and entry forms are available at IGSA, [click here for them](#). PROBABLE SCHEDULE of EVENTS:

Sat 11/15 Registration and Tech Inspection (Pit Area) 8:00am-10:00am
 Practice Session 9:00am-12:45pm
 Qualifying (Single Run) 1:00pm- 4:00pm
 (Order: DH Skateboarding, Street Luge, G-Bike, DH Inline, Classic Luge, Fairing G-Bike)
 Athlete Party (Location TBA) 8:00pm- 2:00am
 Sun 11/16

Riders Meeting (Pit Area)
 8:00am- 8:30am
 Morning Warm Up 9:00am-10:30am (Hangover dependent)

Gravity Bike, Classic Luge, DH Inline Races 11:00am-12:00pm
 DH Skateboard Race 12:00pm- 1:30pm

Street Luge Race 1:30pm- 3:00pm
Fairing Gravity Bike Race 3:00pm- 3:30pm
Awards Ceremony 4:00pm- 4:30pm