

# Athlete Newsletter

**SPORTS & COMPETITION**



Event Date

30 April – 3 May 2009

Venue

KIC Jiangwan Stadium,  
Shanghai, China

Athlete Field

Regional and International

Thirty (30) In-Line Street  
Athletes

Twenty (20) In-Line Vert  
Athletes

Sport Organizer

Mix Ride Media  
Productions

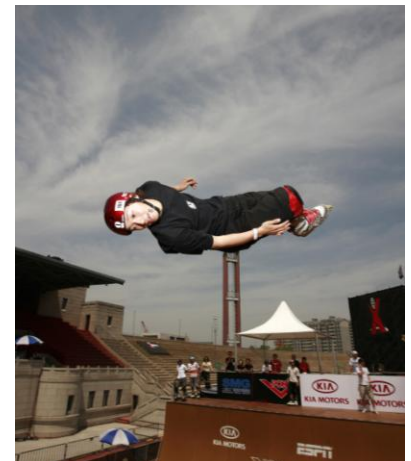
## Athlete Selection Criteria

In-Line Street

- ❖ KXGA 2008 Top 5 Leading Athletes
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – Rian Arnold (AUS)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Nicolas Schopfer (AUS)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> – Soichiro Kanashima (JPN)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – Gavin Drumm (AUS)
  - 5<sup>th</sup> – Brian Shima (USA)
- ❖ Top Three (3) Athletes from China
- ❖ Top Two (2) Athletes from Malaysia
- ❖ Top Two (2) Athletes from Thailand
- ❖ Top Two (2) Athletes from Philippines
- ❖ Top Two (2) Athletes from Singapore
- ❖ Top Two (2) Athletes from Chinese Taipei
- ❖ Seven (7) “Wildcard” Regional Athletes
- ❖ Five (5) “Wildcard” International Athletes

In-Line Vert

- ❖ KXGA 2008 Top 5 Leading Athletes
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – Takeshi Yasutoko (JPN)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Eito Yasutoko (JPN)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> – Shane Yost (AUS)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – Sven Boekhorst (NED)
  - 5<sup>th</sup> – Nel Martin (ESP)
- ❖ Ten (10) “Wildcard” Regional Athletes
- ❖ Five (5) “Wildcard” International Athletes



Takeshi Yasutoko

All “Wildcard” athletes are invited at the discretion of the Sport Organizer based on prior contest results and nominations from the In-Line Industry.

Eligible Regional Countries

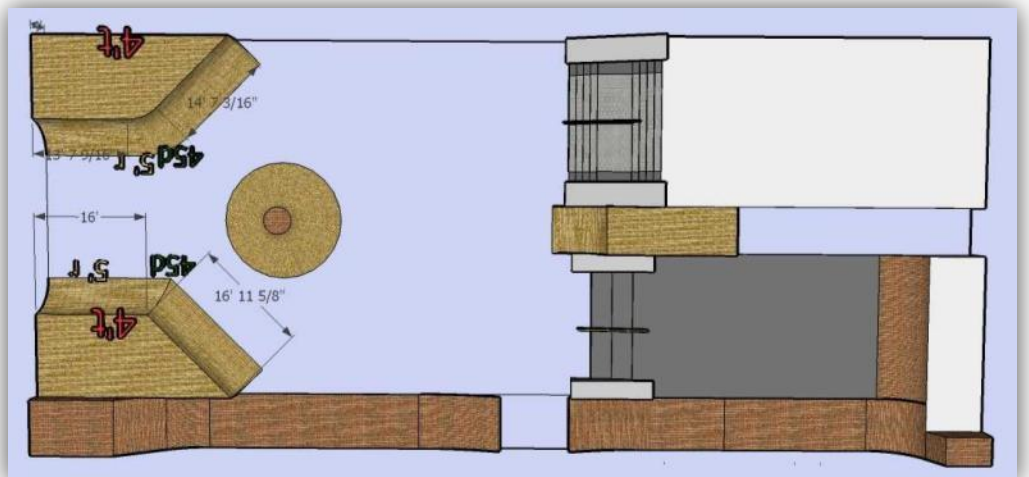
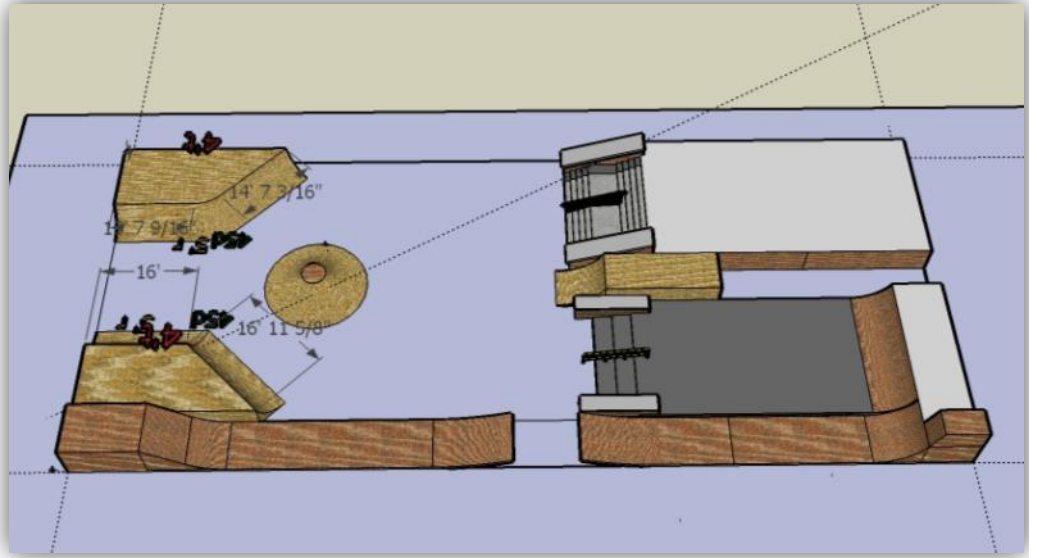
China, Thailand, Chinese Taipei, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Indonesia, Korea, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, India, Laos, Cambodia, Brunei.

*This is a partial list, athletes from other countries in the region will also be considered for eligibility.*

## Prize Purse Distribution

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Street</b>	6,000	4,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	600	600	500	500
<b>Vert</b>	6,000	4,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	600	600	500	500

The KIA X Games Asia is the region's most prestigious multi-event competition for action sports organised by Asia's No. 1 sports broadcaster ESPN STAR Sports, and will showcase over 180 of the best action sport athletes from over 20 countries and five continents as they compete in BMX freestyle, aggressive in-line skating, skateboarding and sport climbing competition by some of the world's best riders. The X Games Asia was first held in 1998 in Phuket, Thailand and continued to draw enthusiastic crowds until 2001. From 2002-2004, the capital city of Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur was home to the Asian X Games. In 2005, the event was hosted in Seoul, Korea before returning to Kuala Lumpur again in 2006. The KIA X Games Asia was held for the first time in Shanghai, China two years ago. ESPN first developed its X Games franchise in 1995. As part of ESPN Content Development, the X Games, Winter X Games and All Access are just some of the original action sports programming currently shown on ESPN. In addition to the two U.S.-based events, ESPN has held X Games competitions and demonstration events around the world, including Dubai, Thailand, Brazil, Mexico, Korea, Malaysia, China and Spain. The global franchise has also expanded its reach to EXPN.com, the definitive site for action sports fans, and to consumer products such as X Games bikes, protective gear, skateboards and DVDs. The KIA X Games Asia 2009 will be televised live from May 1-3, 2009 from the KIC Jiangwan Sports Center, Yang Pu District.



# Competition

## Competition Schedule (Subject to Change)

### Athlete Registration

April 29, 09:00-17:00

April 30, 09:00-15:00

May 1, 09:00-12:00

### April 29, Wednesday

11:00-13:00 AIL Vert Practice

13:00-15:00 AIL Street Practice

### April 30, Thursday

11:00-12:30 AIL Vert Practice

16:00-17:30 AIL Street Practice

### May 1, Friday

09:00-11:00 AIL Street Practice

10:30-12:30 AIL Vert Practice

12:30-14:00 AIL Vert Prelims

### May 2, Saturday

09:30-11:30 AIL Street Practice

11:30-13:30 AIL Street Prelims

13:00-14:00 AIL Vert Practice

14:00-15:00 AIL Vert Prelims (Live TV)

### May 3, Sunday

15:00-15:30 AIL Street Practice

15:30-16:30 AIL Street Finals



Nicolas Schopfer

## Street Competition Format

- Thirty (30) Competitors
- Three (3) Judges
- 60 Seconds Run X 2

### Preliminary Round

Competitors are placed in heats through a random order. (Any women will also be placed in the heats with the men). Each competitor, running first through last, will complete one (1) run and will be ranked on the leader board according to his *first run score*. After all skaters have completed a first run, each competitor will then complete his second run and will receive a *second run score*. The better of the two (2) scores determines the competitor's *better score*. The competitors are ranked on the leader board according to

their *better score*. The top ten (10) leader board positions advance to the Final Round.

### Final Round

All ten (10) competitors will take two (2) runs, in reverse order of the Preliminary Round leader board. The competitors will complete their first run and are assigned a *first run score*.

The competitors will complete their second run, in the same order, and are assigned a *second run score*. The better of the two (2) scores determines the competitor's *better score*.

The competitors are ranked on the leader board according to their *better score*.

### Judging

Three (3) judges, including one (1) head judge who oversees the competition.

Judges score each run based on four (4) criteria: Style, Difficulty, Consistency and Line (each worth 25 points)

Scores range from 1-100. All four (4) scores are averaged to determine a composite score for each run.

### Scoring

Preliminary and Final Round  
All skaters scored on a scale of 1-100. Better score out of the final two (2) runs counts. In the Final Round the highest score determines the winner.



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## Vert Competition Format

- Ten (10) Competitors
- Three (3) Judges
- 50 Seconds Run X 2

Preliminary Round: competitors are placed in heats through a random order. (Any women will also be placed in the heats with the men). Each competitor running first through last, will complete one (1) run and will be ranked on the leader board according to his *first run score*. After all skaters have completed a first run, each competitor will then complete his second run and will receive a *second run score*. The better of the two (2) scores determines the competitor's *better score*. The

competitors are ranked on the leader board according to their *better score*. The top ten (10) leader board positions advance to the Final Round.

Final Round: All ten (10) competitors will take two (2) runs, in reverse order of the Preliminary Round leader board. The competitors will complete their first run and are assigned a *first run score*. The competitors will complete their second run, in the same order, and are assigned a *second run score*. The better of the two (2) scores determines the competitor's *better score*. The competitors are ranked on the

leader board according to their *better score*.

Judging: Three (3) judges, including one (1) head judge who oversees the competition. Judges score each run based on four (4) criteria: Style, Difficulty, Consistency and Line (each worth 25 points). Scores range from 1-100. All four (4) scores are averaged to determine a composite score for each run. All skaters scored on a scale of 1-100. Better score out of the final two (2) runs counts. Final Round: Final (10) skaters scored on a scale of 1-100. Better score out of the final two (2) runs counts. Highest score determines the winner.

Shanghai is a fairly safe city, and violent crimes are very rare even in the poorest neighborhoods. However, the ever-increasing divide between the haves and have-nots has created its fair share of problems and petty crimes like pickpocketing are on the rise, and sexual harassment is common on crowded subway trains and buses.

Various tourist-oriented scams, long practiced in Beijing, are unfortunately spreading to Shanghai as well. Be cautious if you meet a group of overly friendly students or attractive women who insist on dragging you along to an art gallery, tea shop or karaoke parlor - you're unlikely to be physically harmed, but the bill may well be more than you bargained for. Police can help to recover some part of your money. "Students" claiming to be from Beijing are also common as they will try to get you to buy art. These people are especially present around People's Square near the entrances/exits of the museums and art galleries.

Foreign males often attract unsolicited attention from female sex workers at many nightspots.

Be careful of people who approach and offer to polish your shoes, even if they are obviously a type which don't need polishing. Often when you refuse they'll squirt some hard-to-remove substance on them.

Hawkers are a nuisance, particularly in areas such as the Old Town and the Science Museum in Pudong where there are shops in the subway selling fake designer goods. The most effective way to deal with them is to ignore them: don't reply to them or even look at them. Otherwise they will continue to bark an ever-increasing list of goods at you.

## Chinese Tourist Visa

Visa Type: Tourist Visa (L-Visa)

Passport must have at least six (6) months of remaining validity with at least one blank visa page in it. One completed Visa Application Form with one standard passport photo.

You must apply for the visa in the visa office of the Embassy or Consulate General in the consular jurisdiction in which you live to submit the application. You must either come to the Embassy or Consulate personally or you may entrust someone else or an agent for the application process.

Please check with your country's Chinese Embassy for more details.

## Hotel

### Official Athlete/Staff Hotel (5 Star)

CROWNE PLAZA FUDAN SHANGHAI  
上海复旦皇冠假日酒店

Address: 199 Handan Road, Shanghai China  
邯郸路199号, 上海, 中国  
☎ (86) 21 5552 9999  
☎ (86) 21 5552 9994

Website: [www.CrownePlaza.com](http://www.CrownePlaza.com)

### Room Rate:

- RMB 420 nett (US\$61)  
Standard King with one breakfast
- RMB 470 nett (US\$68)  
Standard Twin with two breakfasts
- RMB 1250 nett (US\$181)  
King Suite with one breakfast
- RMB 1550 nett (US\$225)  
Club Suite with one breakfast

### Booking Procedure:

Email [Ms Lavender Zhu](mailto:lavender.zhu@crowneplazafudan.com) with your booking and credit card details or contact hotel reservations.

Contact Details:  
[lavender.zhu@crowneplazafudan.com](mailto:lavender.zhu@crowneplazafudan.com)  
☎ (86) 1391 7689 844  
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ESPN STAR Sports has acquired a limited quantity of discounted rooms for the following hotels, bookings are accepted on first come first served basis with credit card guaranteed. Cancellation charges will apply for 'no show'.

### Alternative Hotel (3 Star)

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS  
上海五角场快捷假日酒店

Address: 1729 Huang Xing Road,  
Shanghai,  
China 上海市黄兴路1729号  
☎ (86)21 6095 1818  
☎ (86) 21 6095 1828

### Room Rate:

- RMB 220 nett (US\$32)  
Single Queen Bedroom with two breakfasts
- RMB 220 nett (US\$32)  
Standard Twin Bedroom with two breakfasts

### Booking Procedure:

Call Front Desk  
☎ (86)21 6095 1818 ext. 5706  
☎ (86) 21 6095 1828

Booking Code: XGA09

## Notable

### Airport Transfer Advisory

Please stick to regular taxi or arrange for hotel limo service and stay away from strangers offering rides.

### Shuttle Bus Service (Crowne Plaza Only)

Shuttle service between Crowne Plaza Hotel and Jiangwan Stadium will run from 7am-6pm every hourly from Apr 29-May 3. Check with hotel front desk for daily updates.

