

BMX Amateurs to Tackle Tucson

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While I am not a BMX-er, I must admit my inner adrenaline junkie would jump at the opportunity to watch the pros perform their most challenging tricks. In a few weeks time, those in the Tucson area will have the chance to watch some amazing amateurs show off their BMX skills—some as young as five years old.



When I think BMX, I think of professional riders like Dave Mirra, guys who have made their mark on the sport by insane trick after trick and commercially been provided celebrity status. However, authentic BMX-er's can be found all over Arizona and their skills make them some stand out amateurs.

The American Bicycle Association is bringing the talent to Tucson and showing off locals who can ride like the best of them. Beginning August 6 through the 8th, BMX riders will hit the Tucson Convention Center for a national competition. Having the competition indoors means spectators can enjoy the air-conditioned atmosphere sans the 100-plus degree temps outside.

Spectators of the event can expect to see more than 1000 amateur bicycle motocross riders performing jumps, flips and tricks on a massive ABA-regulation dirt track.



Riders ages 5 to 60 will compete in pre-race events on Friday, Aug. 6; the National Race will occur on Saturday, Aug. 7; and the final race happens Sunday, Aug. 8. The entire ABA-BMX 2010 Southwest Nationals race event is free and open to spectators.

BMX racing is a sport created by kids for kids in the 1970s and will be showcased in Tucson at the ABA-BMX Southwest Nationals. What most people don't know is that the ABA, which is considered the governing body of BMX is headquartered locally out of Chandler, Ariz. The ABA lists itself as one of the largest promoters of action sports, boasting more than 60,000 active members, 274 racing facilities and presenting 27 national events each year.

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