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### **USA BMX Stars and Stripes Nationals Rides into Waterford Township** *Three-day event to showcase riders from across the globe*

**TULSA, Okla. (July 1, 2024)**—Hundreds of professional and amateur BMX riders from around the world will descend on Waterford Township this weekend, July 5-7, for the [USA BMX Stars and Stripes Nationals](#).

With the track celebrating its 50-year anniversary, the three-day competition will be held at [Waterford Oaks BMX](#) at 1702 Scott Lake Road. Races begin at 1:30 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Sunday with competitors racing well into the evening. Parking is \$10 per day, and fans are welcome to watch and cheer on their favorite riders as they expertly navigate jumps, twists and turns along the track.

“As Waterford Oaks BMX celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are proud to bring this prestigious event to Metro Detroit and highlight a venue with so much history,” said Executive Director of the Detroit Sports Commission, Dave Beachnau. “BMX fans and competitors from across the globe come to our region to visit the second oldest BMX track in the world, and what better way to see it than during one of BMX’s biggest events, The USA BMX Stars and Stripes Nationals.”

Spectators who can’t get enough of the heart-pumping action of the event can give their own wheels a spin at an open house event hosted at the Waterford Oaks BMX on Saturday, July 13, where first-timers can borrow a loaner BMX bike and helmet for \$20 (or bring their own) and take a spin on the track to get a taste of what BMX riding is all about. The event is open to anyone who isn’t already a member of USA BMX.

**WHAT** USA BMX Stars and Stripes Nationals

**WHEN** Friday - Sunday, July 5-7, 2024

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- Sunday: Races begin at 8 a.m.

**WHERE** Waterford Oaks BMX  
1702 Scott Lake Road  
Waterford Twp, Michigan 48328

**WHAT** USA BMX Open House

**WHEN** Saturday, July 13  
2:00-3:00 p.m.

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According to Josh Long, the track operator of Waterford Oaks BMX, the raceway has been hosting this Fourth of July weekend biking competition since 2014. Waterford Oaks BMX is the second oldest BMX track in the world boasting a rich BMX history since 1974, in addition to having unique track features that can only be found at this BMX landmark.

“Waterford Oaks BMX has a 50-year legendary history in the thrilling sport of BMX, and we're just getting started! We can't wait to welcome riders from all corners of the country to soak up the unique vibes at Waterford Oaks BMX and catch the wave of excitement. It's been over a decade since we've hosted a national event, but we're ecstatic to bring this incredible experience back to Michigan,” said Long.

Local riders have been preparing for the nationals event by participating in numerous clinics, said Long, including a clinic led by Connor Fields, three-time BMX Team USA Olympian, who visited Waterford Oaks BMX at the beginning of June.

“I raced at Waterford Oaks BMX about 20 years ago as a young kid and have fond memories of this area. This is a really unique track that is a lot of fun, and I think it's going to make for a weekend of good racing,” said Fields.

Many notable local riders from Waterford Oaks BMX will be competing at the USA BMX Stars and Stripes Nationals this weekend, including 14-year-old Dorian Carrerio who is the sixth nationally ranked rider in his age group in addition to being the number one racer in his district area of Michigan.

**NOTE:** To schedule interviews with local riders participating in the USA BMX Stars and Stripes Nationals, or a USA BMX representative, please contact Ella Ho Ching at [ehoching@commitagency.com](mailto:ehoching@commitagency.com) or 602-625-9054.

#### **About USA BMX**

Established as the American Bicycle Association in 1977 and headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma, ABA is the nation's largest cycling organization with more than 70,000 members with combined racing and freestyle events at more than 300 sanctioned BMX tracks across the United States and Canada. ABA empowers and elevates the early stages of bicycle development by creating opportunities through facility development, programs, and national events. As a result, ABA has developed a structured blueprint. A cyclist can progress from humble beginnings on a balance bike to becoming a BMX Olympian by establishing these roots.

Through STEAM, scholarships, freestyle amateur events, the national series, the Olympics and new facilities built across the United States, these four pillars under the USA BMX organization will impact young riders and families: USA BMX Foundation, USA BMX Freestyle, USA BMX Racing and ABA Ethos.

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