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Huge Success for the Amateur Inline League

The Amateur Inline League hosted its first 2007 event on Saturday, March 10th. It was the largest event by far. Over 200 competitors competed and skated together in the amazing facilities of Woodward West, in Tehachapi, CA. This is the second year for the AIL event series and it has already doubled in size.

The Amateur Inline League is an amateur inline skating series presented by Rollerblade. It is a contest series that allows competitors of all ages and skill level to excel in the sport of aggressive inline skating. "Age does not matter in this series, we have competitors as young as 5 yrs old. Our oldest competitor at our last event was 39 yrs of age. Its ultimately about just wanting to have fun, so if your just learning or have the ability to skate with the best, our event series offers it all," said Pam Velasquez, AIL founder.

The event drew competitors from all areas of California and surrounding states such as Utah, Texas, & Nevada. As soon as Woodward West's doors opened at 8:00 a.m., People were filing in to register, get their Rollerblade goodie bags, AIL hat and a professional headshot taken.

Spectators lined the 54,000 sq ft building to watch the competitors skate Woodward West, one of the best skating facilities, in the world. "I have always dreamed of seeing and skating Woodward West, said a 12 year old competitor from San Francisco, CA.

The energy and excitement was outstanding. Smiles, laughter, and cheers filled the building as kids skated with their new friends and Professional athletes, such as Fabiola DaSilva. A very unique and positive aspect of this event series is having well-respected, professional athletes, mentoring different skill levels and age groups.

Professional athlete, Richie Velasquez, said that having mentors/professional athletes involved is very important to us. We want every competitor that participates to have a memorable experience. Whether you are just learning to roll around or you are the next world champion; there is always something to learn from someone else. Some competitors need help landing a certain trick, where others just need encouragement and help with how to roll in on a 2 ft ramp.

The competitors each took the spotlight for 2 – 60 second runs. They were each judged on creativity, difficulty, & style. AIL's announcer, Arlo Eisenberg, hyped up each run as he called out tricks and cool info about each competitor.

The award ceremony was the best. A large Olympic style podium was brought to the center of the building. All competitors & spectators gathered, as the participants took the podium to receive their medals and certificates. At this event everyone is recognized and made important.

Competitors were also a part of a huge free raffle. Tickets were pulled all day long until every participant won something such as: a t-shirt, hat, sweatshirt, wheels, frames, or even a new pair of skates. The organization is very thankful for the support from the Inline industry.

The next event, event will take place **Saturday, May 19th**, right here in California, at the premiere sports camp, Woodward West.

If your kids love to skate (any skill level), then this event is perfect for them. For more information please contact Pam Velasquez at 661-972-0794 or check for details on www.inlineleague.com