



# World's Longest Running Point-to-Point Skate Event

## 38 miles • 49 miles • 87 miles

### Open to Quad Skaters



37th Annual

# Athens-to-Atlanta Road Skate

Date: Sunday, October 14, 2018

Start Location: The Classic Center • Athens, GA

## What is the Athens to Atlanta Event?

Athens-to-Atlanta is the oldest and most famous road skate in America. Starting in Athens, Georgia, participants skate through beautiful country roads and quiet suburbia before navigating city streets and triumphantly crossing the 87 mile finish line in Atlanta's Old Fourth Ward Skate Park.

The course is challenging and requires experienced skating ability, courage, and stamina. Skaters who may not be ready for the whole 87 miles may opt for the 38 mile event, which also starts in Athens, or the 49 mile event, which starts in Dacula and ends in Atlanta. Both four and five wheeled skates are welcome and anyone from 8 to 80 years old may enter.

## What's it Like?

A famous American tradition, Athens-to-Atlanta combines the beauty of northern Georgia, the friendliness of the skating community, and the rigors of distance skating. It is more than a road skate; it's the defining outdoor skating event in America.

Whether you elect the 38, 49, or 87 mile and skate on four or five wheels, the Event allows you to skate for time, for the challenge of finishing, or for the friendship of spending the day with people from all over the world.

The 49 mile skaters will watch the 87 and 38 mile skaters start in Athens at 7:00 AM, and then board a bus to their starting line in Dacula, GA. Start time for the 49 mile event is 9:30 AM. The course starts at the 38 finish and rolls along with the 87 mile route.

The A2A course is highlighted by the transition from rural Georgia to quiet suburbs. The famous downhill at Silver Hill, where skaters can hit speeds above 45 mph, precedes checkpoint 5 at approximately 70 miles. Urban skating dominates the rest of the way as skaters pass through Atlanta's in-town neighborhoods on their way to the finish line at Old Fourth Ward's Skate Park.

## Open to Quad Skaters

Athens-to-Atlanta started as an all-quad event. Quad skaters have always been welcome and always will be. We recommend that you set up your quad skates for road skating with a rear brake for the down hills and softer road wheels. Any good skate shop should be able to help.

## Three Distance Options Available: 87, 49, or 38 miles

With Athens-to-Atlanta, you have three distance options. The 38 mile event starts in Athens and ends in the rural town of Dacula, GA, or you can choose to skate the full 87 mile route, which ends in Old Fourth Ward's Skate Park in Atlanta. The 49 mile event starts in Dacula, GA and ends in Old Fourth Ward's Skate Park.

## For More Information

An information packet detailing the Event, the course, activities, etc. will be made available to each registrant in Athens at the packet pickup. E-mail us with any remaining questions at [webmaster@a2a.net](mailto:webmaster@a2a.net). Alternatively, pick up the phone and call us at +1 (404) 806-7251 or visit us on the internet at [www.a2a.net](http://www.a2a.net).

## 2018 Athens-to-Atlanta Schedule

**Friday, October 12:** Baggage Truck will be parked at Skate Escape (12th and Piedmont Road) from Noon until 9 PM.

**Friday Night Skate:** Meet at Skate Escape (12th and Piedmont Road) at 6:30 PM for a recreational skate. Helmets and wrist protection required. Return to Skate Escape at 9 PM.

**Friday Night Bus to Athens:** Leaves Skate Escape (12th and Piedmont Road) after the Friday Night Skate. Reservations are required. Cost: \$30.00

**Saturday, October 13:** Packet Pick Up for events starting in Athens/ Dacula and Late Registration. At the Classic Center in Athens, Cypress Room, (in the back building on Foundry Street) from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Mandatory Skaters & Drivers meeting for events starting in Athens/ Dacula:** Meet at the Classic Center (Cypress Room) at 6:00 p.m. Last minute route changes may be announced.

**Sunday, October 14:** The 87 and 38 mile skates start at 7:00 AM SHARP at the Classic Center (N. Thomas and E. Hancock). Do NOT arrive at 7:01 – we are already gone! The 49 mile skaters will board a bus to the start line in Dacula where they will start at 9:30 AM.

**The Baggage Truck** will be at the Classic Center from 6:00 to 7:00 AM. Bags will be taken to the 38 mile finish area. Any bag not marked for the 38 mile finish will be taken to Old Fourth Ward Skate Park. Bags not claimed in Dacula will be taken to Old Fourth Ward Skate Park. Any bags still not claimed by 4:30 PM will be at the Awards area from 4:30 to 6:30 PM.

**Checkpoints** will have water and fruit. If you have a special food you want at the different checkpoints, CP boxes will be in front of the Classic Center until 7:00 AM. Place your food items in a bag with your name and place it in the box marked with the checkpoint number where you want your bag to be. Checkpoints 1 and 2 are on the first half, checkpoint 3 is at the half distance, and checkpoints 4, 5 and 6 are on the second half. It is your responsibility to retrieve your own items at these checkpoints.

**Finish Line in Dacula:** Skaters begin to arrive at 9 AM. No bus transportation provided; plan your own arrangements.

**Finish Line in Atlanta:** Skaters begin to arrive at 11:15 AM. Finish mugs are available at this point.

**Awards Ceremony in Atlanta:** 5:30 to 7:00 PM - in Fourth Ward Skate Park. There will be special awards for the 1st place men and women in the 87, 49, and 38-mile distances. Awards will be available by age division, men and women, for each distance.

## Very Important Information

**All skaters** must wear the number assigned to them. If your number is not displayed, you may be asked to leave the course. Support vehicles must follow the driving directions in your packet and not drive on the course.

- All skaters must carry personal identification with them during all skate events.
- Helmets and wrist protection are required.
- **No** poles, roller-skis, motor-assistance, or pets.
- Back brakes are strongly recommended. You must be able to stop at stop signs and red lights.
- Police monitor most major intersections the entire route – this **does not mean** that they will stop traffic for you.
- Event is rain or shine.

**Private Vehicles** are not allowed on the Athens-to-Atlanta route, so please do not ask. Maps and directions for alternate routes, which intersect the skate route at frequent intervals, will be available so drivers may meet their skaters along the route. Drivers must obey all laws. Authorities will ticket drivers for traffic violations.

**Temperatures** are usually in the low 50s at the start and rise to the lower 70s. Extremes have ranged from the mid 20s to the upper 80s. We skate RAIN or SHINE. The [www.a2a.net](http://www.a2a.net) web site has a link to the National Weather Service forecast for our area.

**Volunteers** are greatly appreciated! Families and friends - we can use your help on Sunday at our checkpoints. To volunteer, please call (404) 806-7251, e-mail us at: [volunteers@a2a.net](mailto:volunteers@a2a.net) or check in with us on Saturday.

## Travel and Accommodations

**Getting to the Friday Night Skate:** FNS leaves from Skate Escape: 1086 Piedmont Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30309. Take MARTA to Midtown Station. The North/South line runs from the Airport to Midtown. Skate Escape is 4 blocks east and 3 blocks north (corner of 12th and Piedmont Road).

### Getting to Athens

Ridesharing can be arranged via our Facebook page or group, or the mailing lists. Links to these are available at [www.a2a.net](http://www.a2a.net).

**Friday Night Bus** after the Social Skate, from Skate Escape (12th St. and Piedmont Road) - Cost: \$30.00

**Mega Bus:** 435 W Peachtree Street NW (Civic Center MARTA station). Megabus.com reservations suggested.

**Greyhound Bus:** 232 Forsyth St. or at the Garnett MARTA Rail Stop North/South Line. Reservations suggested - (800) 231-2222.

**Groome Transportation:** Airport to Athens and back. Schedules can be found at: <http://athens.groometransportation.com/> Reservations required – (800) 896-9928.

**Sunday Morning A2A Bus to Athens:** Meet at Old 4th Ward Skate Park - departs at 4:45 AM. Reservations required. Cost: \$30.00

**Taxis:** Atlanta: Checker Cab: (404) 351-1111  
Athens: Your Cab Co: (706) 546-5844

**Getting to the Finish Line:** The Old Fourth Ward Skate Park is centrally located at 830 Willoughby Way NE, Atlanta, GA 30312. Park is approx. 1.5 miles southwest of The Highland Inn and 2 miles northeast from Inman Park/ Reynoldstown MARTA station

### Closest Hotels

**Athens Downtown** Special rates apply, mention "Athens to Atlanta".

Holiday Inn Express	513 W. Broad St.	(706) 546-8122
Holiday Inn	Broad and Hull St.	(706) 549-4433
Hilton Garden Inn	390 E. Washington	(706) 353-6800

For more information on Athens, visit [www.visitathensga.com](http://www.visitathensga.com) or call (800) 653-0603.

### Atlanta

Highland Inn	644 N. Highland Ave.	(404)874-5756
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For more information on Atlanta, visit: [www.atlanta.net](http://www.atlanta.net)



# OFFICIAL 2018 ATHENS-TO-ATLANTA ENTRY FORM

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018

(Quad Skaters Welcome)

(Official Use Only)

Entry fee in the form of a check or money order should be made payable to GIRSA, Inc. Please mail completed form and fee to:

Athens-to-Atlanta  
GIRSA, Inc.  
P.O. Box 8155  
Atlanta, GA 31106 (U.S.A.)

You can also register online at: [www.active.com](http://www.active.com), search for "A2A".  
For more information, please visit [www.a2a.net](http://www.a2a.net) or call:  
+1 (404) 806-7251

Mail in applications must be postmarked by Friday, September 28, 2018. Late registration will be held at the Classic Center (Athens, GA) on Saturday, October 13th, 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

No refunds after Friday, August 17, 2018.

Place 'X' in the correct box for all 3 boxes:

38 mile	49 mile	87 mile

male	female

Rec/Fit Inlines	Racing Inlines	Quad Skates

Entry fee	38 Mile	49 Mile	87 Mile
Early Bird (2017 Event wknd)	\$90	\$90	\$90
Oct 10, 2017 - Aug. 8, 2018	\$100	\$120	\$120
Aug. 9 - Oct. 13, 2018	\$120	\$140	\$140

Entry Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to A2A: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Bus Service to Athens (USD \$30)

Fri. PM bus after FNS \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday 4:45 a.m. bus \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: (USD \$) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

USD \$20 fee for returned checks. USD \$10 fee for refunds.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size (S/M/L/XL/XXL): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age on Oct. 14, 2018: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Category: [ ] 12 & Under [ ] 13-17 [ ] 18-29 [ ] 30-39 [ ] 40-49 [ ] 50-59 [ ] 60-69 [ ] 70+

Referred by or Club/Team Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] I need free bus transportation from Athens to the 49 mile start in Dacula, GA.

In case of emergency contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### WAIVER and RELEASE

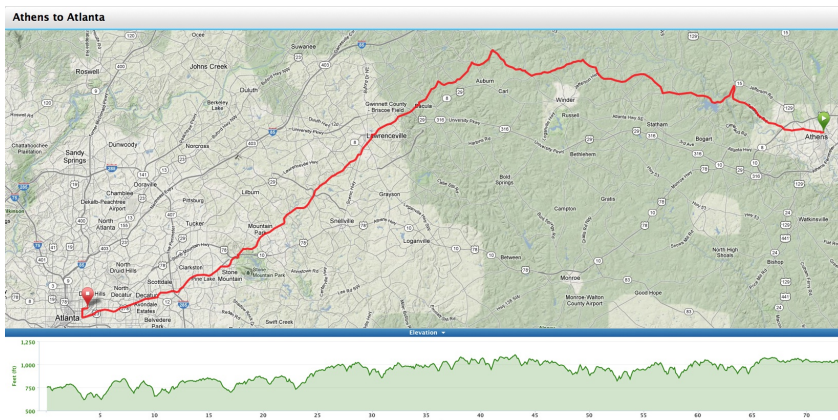
I know that skating on open roads is a potentially hazardous activity. I know there will be traffic on the course route. I assume the risk of skating in traffic. I should not enter unless I am medically able and properly trained. I assume any and all risks associated with skating in this event including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, contact with vehicles, the effects of weather, including high heat and/or humidity, and the conditions or the roads, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Knowing these facts, and in consideration of your acceptance of my entry fee, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue, waive, release and discharge the "Athens-to-Atlanta Road Skating Marathon", the "Atlanta Peachtree Road Rollers", the "Georgia International Road Skating Associations", organizers, and any organization associated with the event, and the local government and police, volunteers, and any and all sponsors including their agents, employees, assigns, or anyone acting on their behalf, from any and all claims or liability for death, personal injury or property damage of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of, or, in the course of my participation in this real event. This Waiver and Release extends to all claims of every kind or nature whatsoever, foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown. I understand that I must complete the 87 mile event within a 9 hour period, or the 49 mile event within a 7 hour period, or the 38 mile event within a 5 hour period, in order to receive support. I understand that I am required to wear a properly fastened helmet that meets all US CPSC bicycle or recreational roller skating helmet standards, to carry personal identification, and to obey the State of Georgia bicycle laws while skating in this event. I understand that I may be filmed or taped as part of the event and that my image, likeness, and voice may be broadcast, displayed, shown, projected, reproduced, or otherwise used by third parties. I authorize this filming, taping, and other use and understand that I have no right or interest in the resulting footage or in any program or other display utilizing such footage in any media whatsoever.

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if participant is under 18)

Date



## 37th Annual Athens-to-Atlanta Road Skate

**Sunday, October 14, 2018**

Be there for the fun-filled Friday Night Skate, the Saturday Expo in Athens, and the main event – our world famous distance skate on Sunday! Our 87, 49, & 37 mile distance options are available.

Skate for time, skate to beat your old time, or skate for the challenge of completing the event with people from all over the world.



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