

"A Modern Sports Playground"  
**SKATEPARK**

- *What are skateparks?*
- *Why do we need them?*
- *Who can use them?*
- *Modern sports in Slovenia.*
- *Object placement in an urban environment.*



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# SKATEPARK?

“Skateparks build and maintain healthy and strong communities. For many youngsters a skatepark becomes their second home.”

A skatepark is a venue for recreational or professional engagement in sports activities, suitable for users of all ages. A quality skatepark brings together the local community and attracts people from all over the country, not to mention people from abroad! In this way new local as well as international acquaintances are made and friendships are formed. The individuality of the sport allows both youngsters and older population to engage in recreational activities on the same spot. A common interest found in multiple generations leads to intergenerational bonding that is particularly necessary for a healthy society.

SA skatepark is a sports playground that in contrast to other sports has no predetermined shape. A unique design is what makes a skatepark attractive to people from all around, providing them with a variety of options for recreation and enjoyment. This is one of the most appealing attributes and benefits of a skatepark, although its complexity requires precise planning that is only attainable by an experienced designer as well as an experienced skatepark user. Same applies to construction works. A properly executed skatepark covers all the needs of the user, blends well with the surrounding area and is in itself an exquisite and convenient architectural product for sports and events. In addition, vast options allow for inclusion of distinctive architectural elements for which a certain city or town is famous for, thus providing a boost to the recognisability and visibility. To summarize the above, a skatepark nowadays is an investment in sports and arts.







# MODERN SKATEPARKS



As it was not so many years ago, when there was a necessity for providing the society with basketball and football fields, today we can come across the need for smaller as well as larger skate parks in every town and city's districts. Considering the adaptability of these parks they, along with smaller single units, can be actualized basically anywhere, in any size and with limitless design variations, while providing the surroundings with a special touch. Skateboarding and Bmx have been on the scene for some time now and have grown greatly in popularity. The events and competitions have become more frequent and bring about more and more enthusiastic spectators.

The Olympic committee thus decided to include skateboarding and bmx as Olympic worthy sports. These two disciplines appeared for the first time on the Olympic games in Tokyo, 2020. This is just another confirmation that there is more to skating than just street sports and that modern skateparks are needed more than ever before.









# SKATEPARK VARIETIES

There are several types of skateparks. A skatepark may focus on one type of object or be a combination of different types. In all types, the most important thing is the design of the skatepark, because a poorly planned park quickly breaks the possibility of "skate lines" in the park.

**Street plaza** – this type of skatepark is inspired by the city streets and blends nicely with the city and the surrounding area. "Snake runs" or transitions in the shape of a snake are often present in this type of skateparks, allowing for fun and easy speed boosts.

**Bowl** – a type of skatepark containing various concrete pools, each of them differing by size and shape. "Bowls" are suitable as individual objects as well, because they allow the user to ride continuously, without interruption.

**A combination of all types** – a skatepark containing combined elements is the hardest to design, though at the same time it offers the most freedom in expressing and creating a unique skatepark design.



# URBAN PLACEMENT

Skateparks are a wonderful solution for enriching existing or newly planned city parks, town squares, sports facilities and other unused city or village areas. Many playgrounds for children or sports activities that are obsolete and worn out can be refreshed by placing an object that instantly offers modern recreation possibilities. This is just an example of how many city areas with potential can be freshened up.

Objects can be adjusted by size, intended purpose and placed in accordance to neighbouring infrastructure. A quality skatepark or object can be planned and constructed for any area or space. The smallest object can take only a few square meters of space, while a large skatepark can take up to several thousands.









# SPORTS VERSATILITY

A skatepark is a playground for many sports. It can be used for skating, roller skating, bmx and scooter riding;.. It is also disabled friendly and accessible for wheelchair users.



# POPULARITY

The number of youngsters who engage in these sports is growing rapidly every day, however a growing interest for modern activities is emerging among the older population. Anywhere a quality specialized infrastructure is built, the feedback is positive and plenty of users emerge. The Olympic games are certainly going to add to the popularity and the demand in the upcoming period.

# SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Modern sports help with development of body coordination, physical capability, the ability to overcome fears, calculable risk taking and many more helpful skills. As well as with other sports, modern sports aid in battling many mental disorders that are present among the population nowadays, especially among the youngsters.









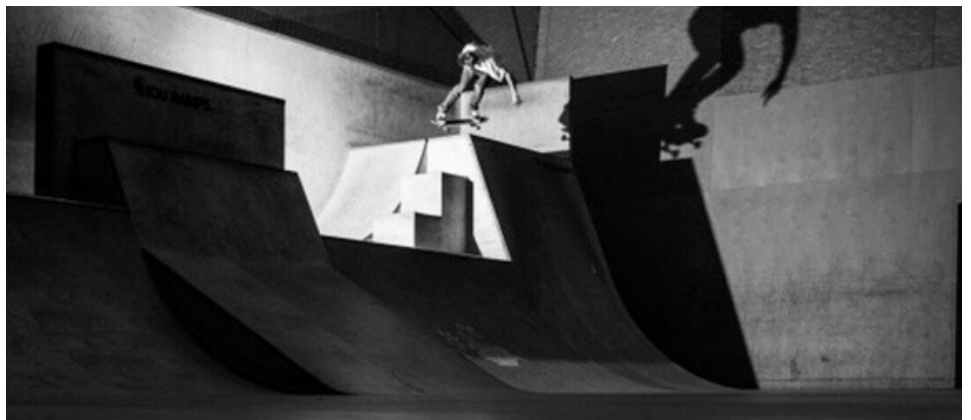


## EVENTS

A skatepark can serve as a spot for organizing numerous events. As the users differ greatly in age the events can be intended for younger or older population or rather a mix of both. Modern sports are greatly connected to music and art such as painting, graffiti art, magazine printing, wood and concrete work, etc. Concerts and art events are superb for bringing in the crowds as these types of events are very popular. The options are endless and provide entertainment throughout the year.

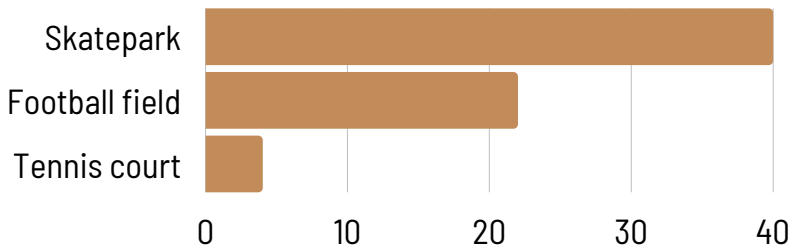
## SPORT SCHOOLS

A skatepark offers an opportunity for after-school courses of the aforementioned sports, however the interest among the children and adults is rapidly increasing, so fast that there are not enough skateparks to meet the demand. A safe and quick progress is possible only with quality skateparks that provide a challenge for all skill levels.



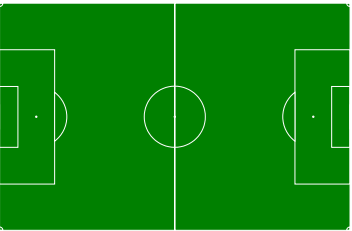
# SPORTS GROUNDS COMPARISON

A skatepark can hold a large number of users on the playground. On the other hand its functionality depends on the design and construction quality.



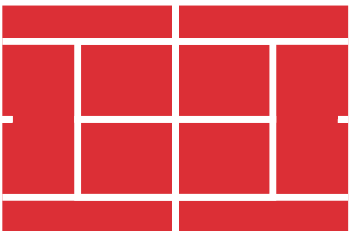
## Skatepark

Size: 1000 m<sup>2</sup>  
Number of users: 40



## Football field

Size: 7000 m<sup>2</sup>  
Number of users: 22



## Tennis court

Size: 195.65 m<sup>2</sup>  
Number of users: 2-4

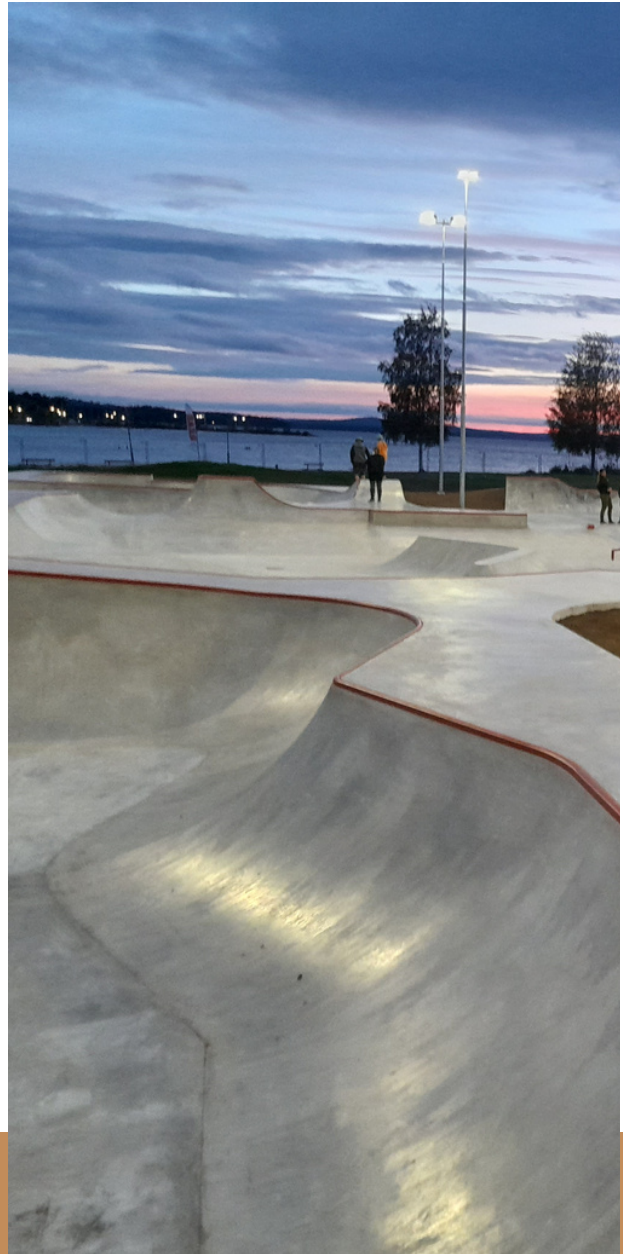
The sufficient number of skateparks should be taken into consideration as well as their quality, which should be on par with European standards. In this way the progress of the users is greater, safer and long lasting.











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## We offer::

- **Skatepark design and planning;**
- **Construction works;**
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- **Pool copings pouring;**

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