

Dr. Chao attends to Travis Pastrana at ESPNs Summer X Games



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Debut of Travis Pastrana postponed

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LONG POND, Pa. -- [Travis Pastrana](#) will delay his debut in NASCAR's second-tier Nationwide Series because of injuries he suffered last week at the X Games.

The 11-time X Games gold medalist was scheduled to make his debut last weekend in Indianapolis. But he broke his right ankle and foot in the Moto X Best Trick competition in Los Angeles.

Pastrana had surgery Wednesday, and his doctor says the driver must be immobilized in traction for at least one month. Pastrana will be unable to put weight on his right leg for a month.

This also puts his participation in the IndyCar Series' \$5 million bounty in doubt. Pastrana had expressed interest in racing for the money in the season-finale at Las Vegas.

"I probably could have been ready for the final couple of races in 2011, but it just makes more sense to start fresh in 2012," Pastrana said. "We are already starting to talk about testing and what I need to do to prepare for next season. My sincere apologies go out to my NASCAR team, fans and sponsors for this delay. Thanks for all of the support."

He was hurt attempting a trick called the 'TP Roll' -- a 720 on a dirt bike. The 27-year-old missed on his first attempt and was hurt on the second try.

Pastrana made his NASCAR debut on Jan. 29 when he finished sixth in the Toyota All-Star Showdown at Irwindale Speedway. Pastrana was scheduled to run a total of seven Nationwide Series races this season with his debut July 30 at Lucas Oil Raceway in Indianapolis.

He's won 16 medals at the X Games, multiple supercross, motocross and rally championships and has become a fan favorite with his motorcycle and automobile jumps. He was the first to do a double backflip on a motorcycle and has won four Rally America championships.