



COMPETITIONS NO-SHOW POLICY

The International Pole Sports Federation has introduced a policy to manage the frequent situation of athletes who apply for competitions both nationally and internationally and don't show up to the events. The policy is for the benefit to those who want to participate in fair and well organised sporting events.

Athletes who do not inform competition organisers they will not be participating in due time may cause a number of problems:

-  Preventing other athletes from participating
-  Causing delays to the organisers
-  Disappointing sporting fans and spectators
-  Disrupting competition schedules
-  Creating difficulties with sponsors

Expectations for informing competition organisers

- i. Athletes are expected to inform national and international competition organisers if they will not be attending. The time limit for this is three weeks before the date of the competition. It is the athlete's responsibility to know the cut-off date.
- ii. Athletes who have to cancel their attendance after the cut-off date **MUST** inform the competition organisers as soon as is possible (or have someone do this on their behalf). A medical certificate (with a copy translated into English) must be submitted using the form (NSA) available on www.polesports.org.
- iii. Athletes who do not have a medical reason for not attending at short notice will need to submit form NSB with any relevant documentation. This will then be assessed by the IPSF Executive Committee to decide if the reason is acceptable. If not, the sanctions below will be registered to the athlete.

IPSF notification procedures

- i. Athletes have until seven days after the competition date to submit No-show forms.
- ii. If a form is not submitted after seven days, the IPSF will write to the athlete explaining they are now being registered as a no-show.
- iii. The athlete has fourteen days from the competition date to respond and register an appeal.
- iv. To register an appeal, the athlete must submit form NSC within seven days from receipt of being registered as a no show.
- v. If there is no response the IPSF will register the athlete as a no-show with the current sanctions.

Sanctions

Athletes who do not satisfy the criteria for non-attendance at an IPSF national or international competition will be registered as a no-show athlete and will be banned from all national and international competitions for a period of one year from the date of the competition. All details (names and competition) will be published on IPSF national and international websites.