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International Pole Sports Federation FAQ's

IPSF recognition is a simple process, below are answers to some of the questions we've come across:

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Does my entire competition have to be cleared by the IPSF, even the half time entertainment?

No, your entire competition or showcase does not have to be registered. You can have a particular category (referred to by IPSF as an "event") within your competition you want to have included in the IPSF recognition scheme.

Is there one category in your competition line-up that you want to attract the top local, regional or national pole athletes to enter, then IPSF recognition could help you to do that. This must be the elite division only.

If you are already attracting the top performers, why not promote their talent and reward them by registering the event they are entered in with IPSF recognition of their skills and efforts.

Why would I register part of my event to be recognised by IPSF?

There are lots of pole competitions for pole athletes to choose from, athletes who place 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an IPSF recognised event earn IPSF ranking points. This is a great way to attract some of the best pole athletes to take part in your competition, which guarantees that your audience will see some amazing entertainment and your sponsors will know that they are supporting a high quality event.

Do the judges for the recognised category have to be from the IPSF?

No, not necessarily, but they do need to be recognised by the IPSF. We can supply you with a list of judges in your area/nearest to you. Alternative have a look at www.polesports.org for an up to date list.

How long does the recognition process take?

We recommend that you send in your application at least one month before your event. However we will list you on the website as soon as your application is approved so in the interest of publicity get your application in as soon as you can.



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What will I need to give IPSF in order to gain recognition?

The IPSF panel deciding on the recognition of events base their decision after assessing the following details:

- How you selected your participants
- How you will judge the competition
- A list of the judges
- Details of event policies, refunds and relevant insurances
- Completed application form

How is the decision made?

A panel of 3 IPSF members assess the information you supply.

Does anything happen during the competition?

Nothing will disrupt you or your competition. Sometimes an IPSF representative might attend your event. If they do they will be certifying that the IPSF requirements have been met. Think of this as another way of promoting the fairness and transparency of your competition to your pole athletes.

What happens after the competition?

There isn't much to do, just send in copies of the judges scoring sheet to the IPSF to verify. Having an independent body to confirm the way the scores were allocated gives your pole athletes the security of knowing that their marks were awarded fairly and based on a set of rules to which they have free access.

Does the style of dancing matter?

IPSF promotes the sport aspect of pole, so recognition will not be awarded to events that do not follow our ethos.

How much will it cost?

The cost of the application covers administrations cost. The fee will be used to fund the IPSF which is a Not-For-Profit organization.

Cost - £75

The IPSF is waving the above fee until 2014



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