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Competition Application FAQ's

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What is the difference between a recognised category/competition and an accredited one?

There are two major differences. The first being, a recognised elite category only qualifies the top two athletes to take part in the WPSC, whereas an accredited one qualifies the top three athletes. The second, although a recognised category does uphold a high standard in ethos, an accredited one uses full IPSF criteria, scoring system and IPSF trained and certified judges.

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

No, your entire competition or showcase does not have to be recognised. You may apply to have only one specific category or class recognised or accredited by the IPSF within your competition. Please note in this case it must be an elite category. The IPSF may, however, decide not to award recognition to a category within a competition which does not promote a clean aspect of pole.

Must all the categories be elite for my competition to be fully recognised?

No, as long as there is one elite category in your competition you may apply to have your full competition recognised by the IPSF as well. In this case all categories must meet the necessary criteria requirements.

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

No, but they must be approved by the IPSF to be knowledgeable and capable of adhering to the IPSF Code of Ethics and IPSF fair judging expectations.

Can I have only one category accredited?

Yes you can. You may choose to only endorse your elite category and apply to have the rest of your competition recognised, if you choose.

What must I do to have my competition fully accredited?

Simply use full IPSF criteria for the entire competition; all competitive categories. This includes the IPSF scoring system with IPSF certified judges, as well as following and strictly adhering to the IPSF Rules and Regulations, Code of Ethics and Safeguarding Policies where youth are concerned.

How long does the recognition process take?

Once a correctly filled in and legible application has been submitted along with copies of all required documentation and payment of the application fee, the awarding process should take no longer than seven days.

What documentation must I submit?

Scoring system (if not IPSF), Method of Judging (if not IPSF), Rules and Regulations (if not IPSF), List of judges as well as additional information on judges (if not IPSF), Information on poles, Insurance, Athlete selection process.

How is the decision made?

The IPSF President, Executive Vice-President and Chair of the Technical Committee vote on recognition or endorsement of an event.

Can I expect an IPSF representative to attend my competition?

Yes, this is good possibility. An IPSF representative may attend your competition in order to certify correct IPSF requirements are being met on site at the time of your competition.

What must I do once the competition has ended?

You will have seven days to submit copies of the judges' scoring sheets to the IPSF as proof that judging was applied as described in your application.

How much is the application fee and what is it for?

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 waiving the above fee until March 1st 2014