



**POLE SPORT**

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# **Guidelines, Rules & Regulations**



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## Athlete Requirements

### All athletes must meet the following conditions:

1. Minimum age of all athletes is 10 years old in Elite. Varsity will be from 5-9.
2. Athletes must have a valid ID document for their country. (Passport, ID card etc...) All Athletes that will compete from outside of the USA will compete in the International Open category.
3. Minors will have to show a legal guardian's ID for authorization and parent consent form.
4. US Athletes must prove that they have health insurance valid through the competition date.
5. All competitors **MUST** know the rules and regulations of this competition and sign that they have read and understand all rules.
6. Athletes are responsible for printing out the Rules and Regulations. USPSF will not provide hard copies.
7. Before and during the entire competition contestants are not allowed to do any of the following: drink alcohol, take or use any substance that alters mind consciousness, take/use any forbidden stimulants such as steroids etc. (any violation of these rules will immediately disqualify the contestant).
8. **ALL registration and video fees are non-refundable**, regardless of ANY medical issues or otherwise that may arise after the decision to apply has been made. Athletes will sign that they understand this rule regarding the fees.
9. Athletes may not train with or talk to judges about the competition after the judges have been selected. Failure to abide by this rule will result in disqualification.



## Rules and Regulations

### Conduct:

- Athletes must fully read the POSA POLE SPORT CODE OF POINTS
- Athletes must engage in proper conduct, at all times, while involved in the competition.
- No bullying, disrespect or defamation of any other contestant will not be tolerated.
- Athletes may not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol at any time during the filming of their videos.
- Athletes agree to submit required documents, music, costumes and payments on time. Failure to do so will result in point deducted from the overall score or disqualification. The point deduction will be based on USPSF Executive Committee vote and then relayed to athlete.
- Athletes agree that all private correspondence will be by email. Each athlete is responsible for checking his/her email in a timely manner and for providing USPSF his/her correct email address. Submit all inquiries to [athletechair@usapolesports.org](mailto:athletechair@usapolesports.org)
- Group announcements will be made via email and the private Facebook group page. Group page link will be provided once you are confirmed as a finalist.
- Failure to check email or the private Facebook group is not an excuse for missing deadlines or announcements.
- Athletes who display unprofessional behavior via social media will also be disqualified from competing with the USPSF.
- Violation of any of these is grounds for either disqualification or deduction of points.
- Any athlete found to be in possession of alcohol, or under the influence of any controlled substance while filming will be immediately disqualified. They athlete will also be sanctioned and possibly banned from future USPSF Competitions.
- Defamation, whether public, private or On-line of fellow competitors, judges, the USPSF, or the POSA World Federation will not be tolerated. This behavior is grounds for immediately disqualification and future sanctions by the USPSF.

### Music

- Refer to the code of points for music specifics
- Lyrics are allowed



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- Contestants are responsible for the correct settings on their video. USPSF cannot edit audio files, adjust volume or background noise from file. Music can be a mixture of different songs and may contain lyrics.
- Original mixes or combination of several songs is allowed.

## Photography & Video

- The contestants explicitly agree that all footage and photos can be used by USPSF for promotional, advertising and commercial purposes indefinitely.
- All photo/video material will remain the property of Pole Art America and the USPSF indefinitely.

## Fees

Registration is when you submit to be part of Pole Sport Championships

- Registration fee: \$75 per routine
- All fees must be paid in full at time of registration.
- **Fees must be paid and are NON-REFUNDABLE. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## Judging

***The decision of the judges is final.***

The competitor with the highest number of points will win 1<sup>st</sup> place, with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awarded in descending order.

The USPSF reserves the right to not broadcast or share any routine if they feel the competitor is showing a health or safety concern or has violated any rules or regulations listed above.



## Video Requirements

### Video Submission

Videos must be submitted through the portal by 11:59 EST on September 1. Any videos after that date will be disqualified and no refunds will be given.

### Poles

Athletes must perform on two poles, one static and spin. Chrome, stainless steel, or brass finishes are accepted. Use of “stage poles” is accepted if they meet the other requirements.

If possible it would be preferred for athletes to use the correct set-up of two 12 foot poles that are approximately 9 feet apart with static on stage right and spin on stage left. However, with limited travel capabilities, we realize this may not be possible for everyone. Athlete will not be deducted if correct height of poles or distance between poles is not able to be used.

### Lighting

The performance should be well lit to allow for proper judging of the video. Lighting changes are not allowed during the video.

### View

The athlete and their entire body must be visible for the entire judged performance. The camera must be placed so as to give as “straight on” view of the performance area. Athlete may lose points if the camera is put at the side of the room or at an angle and the judges cannot accurately judge presentation angles of moves.

### Additional Video Requirements

All videos must be from June 1-September 1 2020

Athletes are allowed to record as many times as they would like to get the run-through that is the best. However, you cannot edit or splice videos together. Submissions must be of one continuous video.

### Failure to Comply

At the sole discretion of the head judge, a 3 point penalty may be incurred if the video requirements are not met. In addition, at the sole discretion of the head judge, the head judge may deem a video disqualified if failure to comply with video guidelines make it so the video is not able to be judged



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fairly. In this case the head judge may also make the decision to not have the video aired in the online competition stream.

## Deadlines & Important Dates

### Application, Video & Fees Submission:

**August 1- Registration and \$75 registration fee due**

**September 1- Videos and all other paperwork due**

**Mid September- Videos will be judged by USPSF judging panel**

**September 23-27- Videos will be aired and scores will be announced.**

## Contact Info

Any questions, comments, concerns, and all required athlete submission materials/info must be sent

to: **AthleteChair@usapolesports.org**