

IPSF COMPETITIONS NO-SHOW POLICY

Purpose:

This policy outlines the International Pole Sports Federation's (IPSF) approach to athletes who apply for competitions both nationally and internationally and don't attend the events.

Context:

This policy has been introduced as a result of the frequency of occasions where competitors do not attend and compete at competitions they have entered without informing the competition organisers. This policy will help to eliminate the following problems:

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

Expectations for Informing Competition Organisers:

Athletes who are unable to attend competitions they have entered need to adhere to at least **one** of the following expectations according to the reason for non attendance and how long before the competition athletes wish to cancel their attendance:

1. Athletes are expected to inform national and international competition organisers that they will not be attending. The time limit for this is **three weeks** before the date of competition. It is the athlete's responsibility to know the cut-off date
2. Athletes who have to cancel their attendance after the cut- off date **must** inform the competition organisers as soon as possible (it is acceptable for someone to do this on their behalf). A medical certificate (with a copy translated into English if the original certificate isn't in English) must be submitted to info@polesports.org
3. Athletes who do not have a medical reason for not attending at short notice will need to submit their reasons to info@polesports.org to 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:

1. Athletes have up to **seven days** after the competition date to submit the appropriate as stated above.
2. 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**.
3. If there is no response the IPSF will register the athlete as a no-show with the current sanctions (detailed below).
4. To register an appeal, the athlete must do so within **seven days** from receipt of being registered as a no show. An appeal will be assessed by the IPSF Executive Committee.

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 regional, 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.

