

IPSF Scoring and Appeals System



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This is information for athletes and coaches about the scoring system used for IPSF Pole Sports Championships and will explain how the scores will be given, when final results will be announced and extra information you need to know.

Personal scores

Your total scores will be announced within ten minutes of completing your routine. After you have competed you are required to wait with your coach/chaperone in your tracksuit to hear your scores. You will be given your scores for each section.

Finalists (In the case of preliminaries)

The finalists from each category in the preliminaries will be announced at the end of the category approximately 5 - 10 minutes after the last athlete has competed. All athletes for the category are expected to be waiting in the holding area in their tracksuits to immediately go to the stage when called. All athletes will then go on to the stage and each finalist will be asked to step forward, in no particular order. Athletes will then be asked to leave the stage, finalists will be asked to wait backstage for further instructions. A copy of all athletes' scores will be posted in the changing rooms.

Finals

The results for all categories on finals day will be announced at the end of the competition at the award ceremony. Athletes are expected to be dressed in their tracksuits ready to go to the stage when called approximately 15 minutes after the last athlete has competed. Each category will be invited to the stage and the winners will be announced with their total scores. All total scores will also be posted on the competition website and WPSC qualifying athletes on the IPSF world ranking.

Feedback

No feedback will be given regarding individual routines; all the videos will be online as soon as possible after the competition for athletes and coaches to self-assess their performances.



Guidance on your scores

Always read the Code of Points to ensure you have included the correct elements and avoid doing anything that may result in a deduction:

Compulsory – A low score indicates the minimum requirements of the elements were not met, an element was missing or elements were in the wrong order. Points will not be awarded for any element that is on the border. The elements need to be executed correctly in accordance with all of the minimum requirements.

Technical Bonus – A low score may indicate a lack of tricks executed in accordance with Code of Points requirements, a low level of difficulty of all the moves chosen in the routine, or both.

Technical Deduction – A low score mostly indicates poor execution of moves and lines plus specific requirements either not being met or occurring as stated in the Code of Points.

Artistic and Choreography – A low score indicates lower scores in sections such as flow, confidence, costume etc.

Your scores

Should you have a complaint about your score in a specific section, you are entitled to contest the score you were awarded provided you register your complaint within 30 minutes of receiving your scores. Only complaints regarding specific sections will be permitted within 30 minutes. Please follow the correct procedure on the Scoring Complaints document if you wish to contest your scores.

In line with all international sporting federations, there is a fee for registering a complaint about scores, should any scores be amended, the fee will be immediately returned to the athlete.

Fees - £350

The fee is payable upon registration of the complaint by cash or credit/debit card only to the IPSF – the national competition organiser will organise payment facilities.

The fee is per complaint.



Scoring Complaints Procedure

Within 30 minutes of your score being announced:

1. Athletes personal scores are announced.
2. Athlete wishes to contest a specific section of their scores.
3. Go to the designated person to request a Scoring Complaints form.
4. Your name and the time will be registered. Any time over 30 minutes will not be eligible for this procedure.
5. Complete the form and make your payment of £350 to the designated person.
6. Return your form with proof of payment.
7. After your category has finished, the Head Judge will discuss with you the specific issue you have and review your score sheets. This may clarify why the scores were awarded for the specific section. The case will then be closed and no further action taken.
8. If it is necessary for the Head Judge to review the video footage for further information this will either take place as soon as possible or within 48 hours if footage is not available on the day.
9. If video footage is available on the day, athletes and coaches may be invited to view the evidence. If this is not possible, an online meeting will be organised to explain the outcome of the review.
10. If the scores need to be amended the athlete will have their fee returned and the new scores will be announced.