



## **USPSF COMPETITIONS NO-SHOW POLICY**

### **Purpose:**

This policy outlines the US Pole Sports Federation's (USPSF) approach to athletes who apply for competitions nationally and don't attend the events due to non-medical reasons.

### **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 organizers. This policy will help to eliminate the following problems:

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

### **Expectations for Informing Competition Organizers:**

Athletes who are unable to attend competitions they have registered for need to adhere to the following expectations according to the reason for non-attendance:

1. Athletes are expected to inform national competition organizers that they will not be competing as soon as they can.
2. Athletes who do not have a medical reason for not attending will be required to pay the USPSF sanctioned fine. If the athlete fails to compete at the Event they will be fined per their athlete agreement. If an athlete does not pay the fine from the signed Athlete Contract (within 10 days), they can be released from the competition along with be banned from all future USPSF Competitions.

3. If an athlete is ill on the day of the Event and cannot reasonably compete, and such injury and/or illness are verified by a physician appointed by the USPSF, the fee maybe waived. This will be reviewed by the committee and decision provided to the athlete within 10 days.

**USPSF Notification Procedures:**

1. If there is no response the USPSF will register the athlete as a no-show with the current sanctions (detailed below).
2. To register an appeal, the athlete must do so within **seven (7) days** from receipt of being registered as a no show. The USPSF Executive Committee will assess any athlete appeals.

**Sanctions:**

Athletes who do not satisfy the criteria for non-attendance at an USPSF national or 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 or more (decision made by executive committee) from the date of the competition. If you are a no show for non-medical reasons, you will automatically receive a two (2) year competition sanction. All details (names and competition) will be published on USPSF national and international websites.