



Together We Rise, Together We Shine

ASPIRANT POLE COMPETITION

2024 JUDGING PROTOCOL

JUDGE SELECTION

- Aspirant's judging panel for all non-pro events will consist of three individuals who have previous competition experience but may not necessarily have competed at the Pro level, and will judge events virtually.
- Aspirant's judging panel for the Pro event will consist of three individuals who are considered experts (i.e. Pro-level title-holders, extensive experience judging pole competitions, established in the pole industry with relevant experience), and will judge the Pro event in person.
- Aspirant will request that each finalist certify that s/he does not have a conflict of interest with any of the judges selected. Group trainings and workshops are acceptable so long as there is no guidance, training, or coaching of any kind in regards to the competition. No private lessons, coaching, or any other competition-focused training is allowed with the judges. These stipulations go into effect when judges are announced. Violation of these rules from that point forward will result in disqualification.
- Judges will be announced prior to the event and as early as possible.

SCORING

- A scoring system will be used to determine the scores for each individual competitor in each event.
- The competitors with the top 3 overall scores will be given 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place

titles.

- Scoring will also provide each competitor the information needed to determine in what elements s/he scored high/low.
- Deductions may be taken for performance violations and/or deficiencies. Penalties will be deducted from the total score for the respective event.
- In the event that there is a penalty and point deduction, judges are required to provide comments in regards to what the deduction was for.
- In the event that there is any conflict in regards to a penalty, the judges will deliberate.
- Judges are asked to provide both positive and constructive feedback, especially for those elements scored below or above average. Aspirant believes that competitions should be a learning process and therefore, receiving feedback is imperative to learning and progressing. Aspirant will follow up with Judges post-competition to resolve any feedback deficiencies.
- Scores will be calculated by an appointed official and calculations will be verified by a secondary official.
- In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken by comparing penalties. If one competitor has fewer penalties than the other, the tie will be broken in his/her favor. If after evaluating penalties a tie still exists, it will be broken using the higher score in the following order:
 1. Difficulty of moves/transitions/combos
 2. Stage Presence
 3. Control
 4. Flow
 5. Balance/Variety
 6. Interpretation/Musicality
 7. Form
 8. Momentum
- Final rankings in all events will not be published with the exception of overall first, second, and third place winners. Competitors will only receive their own final ranking and not that of their peers.
- Individual score sheets will be distributed via email within 30 days of the competition.