

**\*Subject: Notice Regarding Recent Conduct and Request for Corrective Action and Official opinion \***

On behalf of the Ethics Committee of the Pole Sports & Arts World Federation (POSA), which met to evaluate the events that took place during the **2025 Israeli National Championships**.

**Context of Concern**

This Committee has received a dossier concerning certain infringements that occurred during the 2025 Israeli national competition, but the complaint also concerns alleged violations that have occurred over the years, from 2021 to the present.

It has been decided to launch an investigation to ascertain the validity of the complaint (submitted by several Israeli coaches), as well as the reasons that may have led the Federation to commit these violations.

In this case, the committee will only be able to deal with the last 2025 Israeli National Championship, as the other Championships are now too far in the past to be taken into consideration.

However, we cannot refrain from commenting on what has been reported regarding the alleged violations that have occurred over the years.

**Considerations**

We hereby wish to draw your attention to several critical issues observed in the organisation of recent competitions and to submit several requests for alignment with the international POSA regulations.

To remove any doubt regarding the time elapsed since the communication of the investigation by the Israeli Federation, we wish to clarify that we deliberately waited for the conclusion of the international competitions. The discrepancies identified go beyond the requirement to comply with the seven working day window (which, moreover, had not yet been publicly specified at the time of the original complaint, nor were the scores communicated immediately at the end of each routine, which we consider to be a serious improper conduct).

The members of this Committee held talks with some members of the jury of the 2025 Israeli Championship, in particular with the Head Judge, Lyudmyla Isaieva (Ukraine), who stated that she did not have access to the final total score, but only to the partial scores of each judge, and therefore had no way of knowing what might happen when the scores were entered into the computer by the computer operator.

In fact, the System Coordinator was not near the Head Judge, but far from the jury table, in a position not next to the Head Judge.

Furthermore, the awards ceremony would not be held at the same venue as the competition, but at a different location, making it even more difficult for the jury (especially the Head Judge) to determine whether there had been tampering or simply an error in counting the results.

## Corrective Measures

Given the situation, we consider it essential and mandatory that, for all future events, the judging panel be structured in accordance with the applicable standards, namely:

- **3 Artistic Judges**
- **3 Execution Judges**
- **2 Difficulty Judges**
- **1 Head Judge.**

The jury will be for Pole & Aerial Sport competitions.

The same jury members may be divided as follows for Aerial & Pole Art competitions:

- **5 Artistic Judges (Head Judge could be one of them also)**
- **2 Technical Judges (Head Judge could be one of them also)**
- **2 Execution Judges**

Furthermore:

1. The results must be displayed in real time through a computerized scoring system and a dedicated screen, so that athletes and coaches can immediately review scores and rankings, thereby ensuring full transparency and traceability of the judging process.
2. The System Coordinator (if necessary) must be seated at the same table as the jury, next to the Head Judge.
3. It is also mandatory that the competition schedule be organised over consecutive days, without suspensions or interruptions that are not strictly necessary (selecting competition days that are compatible with religious restrictions), and that only judges who have duly attended and passed the official POSA judges' course be appointed, expressly excluding individuals who do not possess adequate technical preparation.
4. We also request the immediate creation of an official social media profile (Instagram) for the Israeli Federation, as well as an official website (within two months) where all information regarding national competitions, federal documentation, and competition results can be posted.
5. The sharing of results and communications via the private social media profiles of the Israeli Federation President and his school will no longer be permitted.

In view of the issues identified, we further consider it appropriate to grant Special Wild Cards to compete in all 2026 POSA International Competitions to the following athletes who have suffered regulatory violations (errors or score revisions not communicated at the time) to their detriment, so as not to unfairly compromise their sporting careers:

- **Inna Sharifi – Pole Art Senior Women Competitive**
- **Julian Erlikh – Pole Art Senior Men Competitive.**

In light of the above, we hereby formally place the Federation in **default** and request the introduction of a mandatory supervision by a POSA International Committee Member to ensure the correct conduct of the competition and the proper drafting of the scores, as well as the implementation, prior to each event, of a technical preliminary review of the competition area layouts, in order to validate the distances between poles, the heights and the suitability of the structures with respect to the applicable regulations.

**Please note: the above requirements are not suggestions but are mandatory for the validation of the 2026 Israeli National Championship.**

**If the above points are not implemented, the Israeli competition 2026 will not be recognised and will be invalidated.**

We also suggest the establishment of national courses in English and Hebrew, to facilitate access for athletes, coaches and judges.

### **Closing Statement**

We invite the Israeli Federation, a breeding ground for champions, to observe all the basic rules of the International Federation with extreme precision, so as not to fall into easily avoidable errors, but rather to contact all the federal staff for any requests and/or clarifications regarding the organisation of competitions and the computerised judging system.

If requested by the Israeli federation, this international federation is available to organise an information course covering all the basic rules of sportsmanship contained in our Rules & Regulations, Code of Points, Code of Conduct, etc.

Relying on your effective cooperation in ensuring organisational and sporting standards that are fully aligned with POSA regulations, we remain,

Yours faithfully,

Sincerely,



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