

JOINT COMMUNICATION FROM

APS WORLD LEAGUE (APSWL)

AND

POLE SPORTS & ARTS WORLD FEDERATION (POSA)

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TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
INTERNATIONAL POLE AND AERIAL SPORTS FOUNDATION (IPSF)

Subject: Formal Request to Cease and Correct Misleading Communications Regarding Olympic Status

Dear Members of the IPSF Governing Body,

APS World League (APSWL) and the Pole Sports & Arts World Federation (POSA) jointly address the International Pole and Aerial Sports Foundation (IPSF) concerning repeated public statements by IPSF and its affiliated organisations suggesting that IPSF and/or Pole Sports are “on the road to the Olympic Games,” “on the Olympic pathway,” or otherwise engaged in an official process toward Olympic inclusion.

These representations are misleading, and they risk creating a false impression of IPSF’s institutional standing. Athletes, national organisations, sponsors, and public authorities are entitled to accurate information regarding IPSF’s actual status within the Olympic Movement.

Olympic aspiration is not Olympic status

Aspiring to Olympic recognition is legitimate.

Presenting aspiration as an existing pathway is **not**.

Recognition within the Olympic Movement is determined exclusively by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). APSWL and POSA are not aware of:

- any IOC recognition of IPSF,
- any IOC-established pathway for IPSF or Pole Sports,
- any official IOC documentation supporting IPSF’s claims.

If such documentation exists, IPSF should provide it.

If it does not exist, IPSF must immediately cease presenting aspiration as an established Olympic process.

IPSF's legal status as a Foundation

According to the Polish National Court Register (Krajowy Rejestr Sądowy – KRS), the entity currently operating under the acronym IPSF is registered as:

INTERNATIONAL POLE AND AERIAL SPORTS FOUNDATION

KRS 0001139048 (registered 2024)

This raises essential questions:

- What is the legal and institutional relationship between the former “International Pole Sports Federation” and the Foundation registered in 2024?
- On what legal basis are national organisations currently described as “members” of this Foundation?
- What continuity—if any—exists between the former federation and the present Foundation?

A foundation and an international federation composed of national member organisations are not interchangeable. IPSF must clearly inform its national organisations of the legal entity to which they are affiliated and the basis of that affiliation.

This is particularly relevant when Olympic claims are being made.

We would also like to point out that any change of direction by IPSF now, i.e. a change of status, would now be something superfluous, and would demonstrate even more, the total lack of credibility on their part, and furthermore it would do nothing but start IPSF from scratch any action.

Outdated and misleading references to GAISF

IPSF -affiliated organisations continue to present IPSF's former GAISF Observer status as evidence of current international recognition.

This is inaccurate.

GAISF no longer exists as an active organisation.

Any reference to GAISF must therefore be clearly identified as historical. Presenting it as a current status is materially misleading and must be corrected.

IPSF has a responsibility to ensure that its national organisations do not continue to publish outdated or deceptive information.

Misrepresentation and responsibility toward athletes and national organisations.

Statements implying Olympic participation or an official IOC pathway may materially influence:

- athlete career decisions,
- parental financial investment,
- sponsor engagement,
- governmental support.

Misrepresenting Olympic status may constitute a material misrepresentation to athletes, parents, sponsors, and public authorities.



APSWL and POSA have a responsibility to protect the integrity of the sport and ensure that the international Pole & Aerial Sports community is not misled.

International cooperation and credible development

APSWL and POSA share the long-term objective of achieving greater international and Olympic recognition for Pole Sports and Aerial Sports.

We pursue this through credible governance, alignment, and cooperation.

We do not, however, tell athletes that we are already “going to the Olympic Games.”

No organisation can guarantee that outcome.

Olympic recognition is an objective — not a marketing claim.

FORMAL REQUEST

APSWL and POSA jointly request that IPSF undertake the following corrective actions:

A) Olympic Claims

1. Immediately cease stating or implying that IPSF or Pole Sports is currently “on the road to the Olympic Games,” “on an Olympic pathway,” or participating in an official IOC process unless supported by current IOC documentation.
2. Formally instruct all IPSF-affiliated national organisations to cease making such claims and to correct any existing communications.

B) International Recognition Claims

1. Correct all references to GAISF, ensuring they are clearly identified as historical and not presented as evidence of current international recognition.
2. Require national organisations to remove or appropriately contextualise outdated GAISF references.

C) Legal Identity and Membership

1. Disclose to national organisations that the current IPSF entity is the International Pole and Aerial Sports Foundation registered in Poland in 2024.
2. Explain the legal and institutional relationship between this Foundation and the former International Pole Sports Federation.
3. Clarify the legal basis upon which national organisations are currently described as members of the Foundation.

If IPSF maintains that it holds an official status or is participating in an official process toward Olympic recognition or inclusion, we invite IPSF to provide the corresponding documentary evidence.

Otherwise, IPSF must ensure that its communications — and those of its affiliated organisations — accurately reflect the present situation.

Conclusion

An aspiration is not recognition.

A historical status is not a current status.

An Olympic objective is not an Olympic pathway.

We request written confirmation of the corrective actions taken and of the communication issued to IPSF-affiliated organisations within ten (10) business days.

Sincerely,

APS WORLD LEAGUE (APSWL)

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