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Pole Art UK is an international competition of Pole Dance.

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Pole Art UK is a competition supported independently by sponsors and independent supporters who's goal is to support the promotion and development of pole dance.

The competition will take place in Chesterfield, on Saturday 26th October 2019.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

APPRECIATED ELEMENTS

- «Routines» in which participants will show the good balance between strength and flexibility.
- Clean figures as well as flow movements.
- Originality in telling the story on stage, a way of being or an artistic expression. We don't ask you to send us your story, your challenge is to express it on the stage. Your story must be clear and easy to understand. This is a part of the SCORING CARDS.

STRICTLY FORBIDDEN

- To show, touch, and/or caress the private parts of the body, breasts and thighs.
- To have an especially erotic or vulgar expression, to make sexual references during the choreography
- To express racist behaviours, obvious signs of intolerance or harmful expressions to the spirit of the competition or the jury.
- To stop the performance except in case of technical problems with the structure and/or the poles.

SCORING

- Each judge will have an evaluation table (SCORE CARDS) that he/she will fill out at the end of each performance;
- Judges will grade participants from 1 to 10 for each scoring category (the sum of the grades will be then calculated to determine the final ranking)
- Participants with the higher score will win in order 1st, 2nd and 3rd place;

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- Judges can stop the performance at any moment if a health risk for the participant occurs or if the rules are not respected;
- It is in no way mandatory for the judges to comment or explain grades awarded to the candidates: judges give the final result.
- Before and during the finale, participants and their trainers MUST NOT try to contact or talk with the members of the jury;
- Outfit: all private parts have to be covered up (breasts, nipples, male and female private parts). The choice of costume is free. Heels are allowed. Boots, ankle boots, or other shoes facilitating the grip and the climb on the pole are strictly forbidden. Nipples, other nipple covers or breasts' jewels are also forbidden. Piercing or rings must be removed before using the poles (earrings authorized);
- Judges and organizers can disqualify a candidate if there is a violation of the dress code of the competition;
- Pole will be clean by our pole cleaner. Candidates can choose to clean the pole themselves.
- Before and during the competition, the participants are not authorized to drink alcohol or take/use illegal substances that can change their physical conditions: to take or use forbidden substances such as steroids, etc., constitutes a breach of the competition regulation and a criminal offense under UK law. Every violation of this rule will be followed by the immediate disqualification of the athlete;

CATEGORIES

This competition will take place in only one final round in Chesterfield on 26th October 2019 and is open to national and international athletes.

You must compete in this category if you meet one or more of these conditions:

Junior category - If you are not under 10 years and not more than 15 years.

Amateur category - Open to national or international participants/competitors, not under 16 years)

You must compete in the categories above if you meet one or more of these conditions:

- If you do NOT teach pole dance
- If you have never taught pole dance before
- If you have never won a podium in the amateur, semi pro, pro, elite or other category (1st, 2nd place)
- if you have never competed in non-amateur category (semi pro, pro, elite...)

Semi-Professional & Instructors category: Open to national or international participants/competitors

You must compete in this category if you meet one or more of these conditions:

- If you already have several experiences of the stage (in pole dance)
 - If you have already participated in semi-pro category but never won (1st or 2nd place), you can apply here
 - If you teach pole dance you can apply here. Teachers are not allowed in amateur category
 - If you won a podium in the amateur category (1st or 2nd place)
 - If you have NOT won a podium in the semi pro category (1st or 2nd place). (If you you won or placed 2nd in Semi pro category, you must apply in Pro category.)
 - If you have entered a national competition at Professional level, you must enter the Pro category.
- If you meet one or more of these criteria, you must choose this category

Professional - Male & Female category

Open to national or international participants/competitors

You may / must compete in this category if you meet one or more of these conditions:

- If you have already participated in a professional, elite or equivalent level
- If you already have a several & important experience of the stage (in pole dance) in a professional way
- If you have won a podium in pro, elite or equivalent level (1st or 2nd place), you must apply in Elite category
- If you have won (1st or 2nd place) at Semi Pro or Amateur level you may apply in the Pro category.

If you meet one or more of these criteria, you must choose this category.

Levels equivalence: advanced, elite, extreme, nationals and/or internationals competitors, performer...

Elite

Open to national or international participants/competitors (men & women)

You must compete in this category if you meet one or more of these conditions:

- If you have already participated in a semi-professional, professional, elite or equivalent level
- If you already have a several & important experience of the stage (in pole dance) in a professional way
- If you have won a podium in the pro category, elite or equivalent level (1st or 2nd place), you must apply in Elite category

If you meet one or more of these criteria, you must choose this category

Levels equivalence: advanced, elite, extreme, nationals and/or internationals competitors, performer...

ATTENTION:

The jury and the organizers reserve the right to change the category of a participant, according to an objective evaluation, if they consider that the participant did not choose the appropriate category. If you are not agree with their decision, you will be disqualified and there is no refund.

MUSIC

The selected candidates, after the video submissions qualifications, have to provide the organizers with his/her music (MP3 format) : "NAME SURNAME – CATEGORY – POLE ART UK 2019". And please, send us the author and title of your music! The participants also have to bring a USB key .

- Length of the music for the video entry:

Junior, Amateur and Semi Pro: between 2'50 min and 3'30 Maximum

Pro and Elite: between 3'30 min and 4'30 MAXIMUM

Length of routine for final:

Junior and Amateur: Maximum of 4 minutes

Semi Pro, Professional and Elite: Maximum of 5 minutes

APPLICATION

The participant is a person who satisfies the following conditions:

- Be at least 16 years old on the day of the deadline of the selections and 10 years old for Junior category;
- If you are under 18, you can participate in the competition but you must include with your submission a parental discharge and a parental consent for participation of their child.
- The participant must be able to present a health certificate valid for the period of the competition;
- Every participant has to know and accept the rules and conditions of the competition;
- The competition is open to every contestant of any nationality and to all studios, schools or pole dance federations, as well as to private contestants.
- Every candidate must send the completed form on the website. Participants must also include the youtube or vimeo link of their video submissions (be sure that your video is not in "private").
- Participants must send their application and video submissions BEFORE 5th August 2019 for. All applications received after this date will be rejected.
- Finalists will be judged according to the following evaluation table by judges.
- The participation fee are: £35/participant after submitting your application form made via paypal to poleartuk@gmail.com

Rules and requirements for the video submission:

- The video must be clear, of good quality, and the candidate must be perfectly visible.
- Candidates must use TWO poles (one in static mode and one in spinning mode. The video must demonstrate your capacity to present tricks, spins, strength and flexibility movements, and your capacity to execute combos (succession of figures). However, the video must, above all, show your artistic sense and your personality.
- No one except the candidate can appear in the video.
- The video submissions cannot be modified/alterd or edited in any way. The choreography must be filmed without breaks or interruptions (shading or other types of effects are strictly forbidden)
- Your video submission does not have to show the choreography that you wish to present for the finale.

DEADLINE AND IMPORTANT DATES

- Complete your application (application form, submitted video and payment of the participation fees): before 5th August 2019
- Finale of the Pole Art UK competition: 26th October 2019

HOW TO PROCEED

- To register complete the application form on the website
- Each participant must also send in the online registration a Youtube or Vimeo link for his or her video submission entitled "SUBMISSION POLE ART UK 2019 – NAME - CATEGORY". Don't forget to change your privacy settings to "public" to enable the organizers to watch your videos.
- In case of mistake during your application there is NO refund of the application fees. If you are not selected, there is no refund too.

ATTENTION:

Pole Art UK will not be held liable of any infringement regarding copyrights (video and music). For all of these issues the candidate only will be liable.

- If the candidate is selected for the finale, she/he will have to send his music track (MP3 format) directly to poleartuk@gmail.com before the deadline given. Candidates have to follow the instructions that they will receive after the application form is sent.

- The names of the candidates selected for the finale of Pole Art UK will be published on the facebook page of the event.

Four additional candidates will be placed on a waiting list. If one of the candidates selected for the finale declares forfeit because of a health issue or an injury, the first candidate on the waiting list will be called to participate in the finale held

By filling out the application form candidates give their consent on the conditions and terms defined by the organizers as well as on the rules and regulations in its entirety.

TECHNICAL CRITERIA OF THE STAGE:

- 2 poles: 1 static & 1 spinning.
- Diameter 45mm / Height 4m
- X pole
- Distance between the two poles: around 2,8m .

• When you look at the stage from the audience, the left pole is in static mode and the right one is in spinning mode.

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GOOD LUCK !