



Official Application Form

This competition is open to Amateur, Professional & Champion pole dancers. The grand final will be held on **Sunday 23rd April 2017** at Viva Blackpool 3 Church Street Blackpool Lancashire FY1 1HJ United Kingdom. Any pole dance studio or pole dance school owner that would like to put forward any of their students or instructors to represent their pole studio or school please read on.

Application Form & Regulations

The aim for the competition is to promote pole dancing across the British Isles as a form of fitness, fun and to recognize individuals for their skills as sports people and performing artists. Pole studios and schools around the British Isles can enter their best pole dancers. Uniquely to help enable us to offer a prize fund monies will be generated by way of sponsorship, ticket sales and the **non-refundable £30 entry fee** from any contestant on application. The general Rules & Regulations are subject to development on the journey to the final and the basic application form may need you to specify more particulars at a later date.

Categories & Definitions

This competition is split into 3 categories, British Isles Pole Dance Amateur Champion, British Isles Pole Dance Professional Champion & British Isles Pole Dance Champion of Champions. Any amateur or professional title holders from previous British Isles Pole Dance Champion competitions are not allowed to defend their title and therefore automatically move up to the next level **i.e.** Amateur winners move up to Professional or Professional winners move up to Champion of Champions. All runner ups are allowed to re-enter as before and therefore do not need to move up a level.

We define 'Amateur' as a pole dancer who is an enthusiast who does not use pole dancing as a source of income **i.e.** if pole dancing is your profession as either a club/podium/exotic dancer or instructor even if you help to show moves or help to set up the poles or help out in any other way at any studio you attend you cannot enter.

We define 'Professional' as a pole dancer who uses pole dancing as a source of income or as their profession such as club/podium/exotic dancer or instructor. If you are only a student even if your skills are at a professional standard or you are a student under instructor training, you cannot enter.

We define 'Champion of Champions' as a pole dancer who uses pole dance as a source of income as their profession as a club/podium/exotic dancers or instructor and you have won a 1st place title at any major pole dancing competition around the world (professional category & upwards only) you may enter. If you have not been placed 1st you cannot enter this category. Proof of placement required **i.e.** photocopy of winner certificate, picture of trophy this will be checked so if the entrant is discovered to have entered falsely they may be disqualified.

Amateur

Will be marked on pole tricks, technical ability, pole skills, strength, grace, poise, balance, floor work, choreography, etc. as with any sporting athlete, facial/sensual expression and flowing movement also bodes well (See Definitions) it is pole dance after all! Sports attire is preferable, but not essential be sensible. Do not perform difficult tricks if you are unconfident just to impress. The entrant is also marked on dancing style, personality, presence, costume, individuality, impact, creativity, theme and decent use of sensuality powers'. Pole tricks bode well but are not the main focus of the category. The entrant must not caress, grab or jiggle your genitals, buttocks or chest area. The entrant may remove layers of costume but must not be topless or nude. Rogue nipples or wardrobe malfunctions will be marked down as a fault be sensible sensual is desirable, crude is not. **To enter the entrant will need permission from their pole studio or school owner to enter as you would be representing your studio or school therefore if the entrant does not have the permission from the pole studio or school owner they cannot enter.** This will be checked, if the entrant is discovered to have entered falsely in the above category they may be disqualified.

Professional

Marked the same as the amateur above but do not need permission of a pole studio or school owner to enter.

Champion of Champions

Marked the same as the amateur and professional above but do not need permission from the pole studio or school owner to enter.

Basic Rules

The entrant must be a British National who live & work in the British Isles **2. All doorway qualifying competition winners will automatically gain entry even if they are a different National.** A list of doorway qualifying competitions is available on Planet Pole Events website www.planetpoleevents.com **3.** Entrants must be 18 years of age or over upon application **4.** This competition is open to women & men who are a member of any pole dance studio or school (**amateur category only**) in the British Isles **5.** Entrants must be available for the final **6.** Information provided by the entrant or any other documentation regarding the British Isles Pole Dance Champion competition on this form is found to be false the entrant may be disqualified **7.** Any entrant found to have broken any rules may be disqualified **8.** The entrant must hold a British Passport unless they won their place from a doorway qualifying competition.

Performances

In all levels the entrants are expected to prepare a routine for the final that must be no more than 5 minutes long. **2.** Entrant must bring their own music **on CD only**, mixes are acceptable however the artists and the song title for the final must be declared to the organizers upon application. Music can be repeated between performers & performances there is no first declared or first served basis **3.** Strictly no nudity and as stated earlier rogue nipples or wardrobe malfunctions will be marked as a fault. **4.** Removal of layers of costume is acceptable as exotic and may be done in a tasteful sensual manner however crudeness is unacceptable **5.** The routines performed must not contain any gestures to the judges or audience e.g. Butt slapping, over caressing the pole or skin etc **6.** Props and accessories are allowed within reason e.g. an umbrella or marabou fan are fine an entire backdrop or scene setting is not. Props and accessories must not be used to do pole moves if touching the pole at the same time

and must never pose any Health & Safety Risk 7. Strictly no boots, shoes to the ankle, barefoot and gloves are acceptable but used at the entrant's own risk 8. The judges reserve the right to stop any performance at any time if there is a Health & Safety Risk or the entrant has disregarded the rules 9. Points for each category will be awarded as explained in the 'categories' section above 10. Outfits worn at any time must not promote any business or pole studio 11. The judges reserve the right to disqualify any entrant that disregards the rules at any time 12. **In the event of a tie the tying entrants must perform a routine which can be the same as before or different from the previous. The routine must be no longer than 2 minutes. The entrant may repeat their previous song or use any different song. This must be declared beforehand on this form.**

The Final

Candidates representing their pole studio or school (**amateur only**) progress directly to the final (**only one candidate is allowed to enter in the amateur category from the same pole studio or school unless agreed beforehand with the competition organizers**) 2. Entrants must not discuss the competition with the judges before or during the event 3. Entrants only allowed in the dressing room 4. All entrants are responsible for their own belongings. 5. Finalists must be available for photo shoots before & after the final and consent to use of those materials by the organizers 6. Winners must consent to pictures and stories written and to be featured in Pole2Pole Magazine if so required 7. The judge's decision is final 8. There will be 2 x 45mm fixed poles at the final, 1 x Static Pole & 1 x Spinning Pole the spinning pole will be to the right looking to the stage. Poles are around 4 meters high & 4 meters apart. Entrant may use whichever pole but extra points can be won by showing agile use of both poles.

Organizers Responsibilities

Greeting entrants on arrival 2. Provide beverages where necessary 3. Explain the rules and format prior to the event if need be or if asked to do 4. The organizers will not be held liable for any injury or damage caused by participating in this competition all entrants are participating at their own risk and free will 5. All decisions not addressed in the rules will be made by the organizers and are final 6. Organizers reserve the right to amend the application form at any time without notice to the entrant.

The Entrants

Entrant must bring suitable clothing for all occasions 2. Entrants must adhere to the rules at all times 3. The entrant must ensure the application form is filled in fully, honestly and include one passport photo plus pay the entry fee 4. The entrants will conduct themselves in their best manner at all times. 5. The entrant must allow the organizers to take and use photos or videos for publicity, promotional materials or wherever they deem fit 6. The entrant must not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol at any time during the event including strength enhancing products 7. The entrant must present photographic proof of identification on the day of their event such as driving license or passport 8. The entrant must not use the competition for personal gain, promotion of business, products or their pole studio/school.



Application Form

Please complete and return this part of the application form only (**PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM ONLY USING CAPITALS LETTERS OR THE FORM WILL BE SENT BACK TO YOU**). Please scan and return this part of application form only then **email it only with one headshot passport size photo** plus pay the £30 application enter fee (ways to pay are below). Questions regarding this application form email info@pole2polemagazine.com

Application Entry Fee How To Pay:

Online under be a competitor at www.planetpoleevents.com

Cheque payable to (Pole2Pole Magazine) sent to the address at the foot of this page
PayPal using this email address info@pole2polemagazine.com (please remember to add £1.50 to your £30 PayPal payment to cover the PayPal fee to use PayPal service.

I declare that I have read, understood and agree to abide by the Rules & Regulations set out set out by the organizers on the application form. I hereby apply as a candidate to take part at the British Isles Pole Dance Champion 2017 competition in accordance with the Terms & Conditions set out by the organizers on the application form. I confirm, I understand the organizers or any third party involved (such as sponsors, agents, venue owners, or staff etc.) will not be held responsible for any injuries incurred in participating or attending as a spectator or when travelling to or from the final. I am also aware photos or videos, negatives or stills of the competition shall remain the complete property of Pole2Pole Magazine and the organizers of the British Isles Pole Dance Champion competition and they may use the material when and where ever they deem fit to do so. I am over 18 years of age.

Name of Pole Studio/School:

You're Name:

Address:

Post Code:

Email:

Tel No:

Date of Birth:

Age:

Do You Hold a British Passport: Y/ N

Signature:

Date:

I wish to enter the following category: (Indicate with an X)

British Isles Pole Dance Amateur Champion Category ()

British Isles Pole Dance Professional Champion Category ()

British Isles Pole Dance Champion of Champions Category ()

The following music as my choice and chosen artist & song title for the final is:

The following music as my choice and chosen artist & song title in case of a tie is: