

Communiqué to 2021 Nationals Athletes

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A. General information

The International Pole Sports Federation (IPSF), after consulting all the national pole sports federations, has opted for a **virtual (on video) and public-free national and World Championships for the 2021 season**.

The current sanitary world situation does not allow the federations to set up a fair national championship worthy of the minimum regulations.

Moreover, the World Championships in Lausanne, initially planned for 2020, have been postponed to 2022! As a result, the 2021 Worlds will also be held online, inspired by the "Virtual Youth Festival" competition organized last year by the IOC and GAISF.

IPSF announcement on the 2021 World Championships: <http://www.polesports.org/news/02-03-21-worlds/>

B. Swiss Championship 2021 for ELITE only

The SPSF announces that the Swiss Championship 2021, which was supposed to take place in Biel on May 7th and 8th, has been postponed to **June 12th for the Elite categories only** and for the following disciplines: **Pole Sport, Artistic Pole, Aerial Hoop Sport, Artistic Aerial Hoop and Para Pole**.

The athletes' performances will be recorded by the federation and sent to be judged by IPSF judges.

The recording of the videos will be done with a limited number of people (parents, chaperones or coaches).

The place of the video recording is the pole room in Neuchâtel (Rue des Fahys 123, 2000 Neuchâtel). The premises will be set up in such a way as to correspond to the regulations of a standard competition stage (SUNPole bar, stage and official back drop).

The venue has been selected to meet the needs of economy and geographical location. In the event that the number of registrations exceeds the estimated 30 applications, a larger room may be considered. More information will be provided at a later stage, if necessary.

<https://www.swisspolesportsfederation.com/championnats/competitions-2/championnats-suisses-ipsf-2020/>

For interested athletes, please proceed with your registration via the link on the website before May 10th. The registration fees collected in 2020 by the federation remain valid for your registration in 2021.

Regarding the participation videos, they will allow you to qualify to participate in the 2021 virtual worlds. In case of qualification, you will have the choice to use the same video or to propose a new one for your participation in the virtual worlds (submission date: September 1, 2021).

C. Two Swiss competitions 2021 for AMATEURS and SEMI-PRO

The Swiss Pole Sports Federation plans to organize a competition at the end of the year to allow amateur and semi-professional competitors to present their performance in 2021.

The tentative date for the competition is planned for October 2021. The scheduling at the end of the year is done in the hope that the event can have an audience!

As soon as a date and place have been confirmed, you will be informed about the registration. The registration fees collected in 2020 by the Federation remain valid for your registration in 2021.

In collaboration with the organization of PACA - Fribourg, the competition "PACA Fribourg" will probably take place during the month of September for the amateurs (further information directly from the organization concerned).

While waiting for new information, the SPSF wishes a good resumption of the sports activities and your trainings.

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