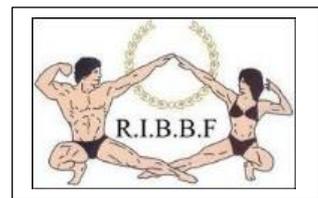


WOMEN'S PHYSIQUE CATEGORY



The Women's Physique category is aimed at women who are more developed than the physiques in the Body-Fitness category.

Categories

In Women's Physique, there will be one category for the time being.

Attire:

The attire for all rounds is a two-piece bikini, which must conform to the following criteria:

1. Colour and material at the discretion of the athlete.
2. Discreet ornamentation and or crystals are allowed.
3. At least 2 cm high on the sides and covering a minimum of one-half of the gluteus maximus and all of the frontal area.
4. No footwear.
5. No jewellery or other accessories, except for a wedding ring.

Rounds

Women's Physique consists of the following three rounds:

1. Pre-judging: Round 1 - Quarter Turns and Compulsory Poses.
2. Finals: Round 2 - Compulsory Poses and Pose-down
3. Finals: Round 3 – 30 seconds Posing Routine

Note: At RIBBF contests all athletes may do their posing routine.

Round 1: Quarter Turns and Compulsory Poses – Pre-Judging

Presentation of Round 1 (Quarter Turns and Compulsory Poses):

Under the direction of the Head-Judge or Stage Director, Round 1 is carried out as follows:

1. The entire line-up is called onstage, in a single line and in numerical order.
2. The line-up is divided into two equal-size groups and is positioned onstage so that one group is to the left of the stage; the other group is to the right of the stage. The centre portion of the stage is left open for comparison purposes.
3. In numerical order, and in groups of no more than five competitors at a time, each group is directed to the centre-stage area to perform the following four Compulsory Poses:
 - a. Front biceps pose (open handed)
 - b. Side Chest pose, hands together stretched forward
 - c. Back biceps pose (open handed)
 - d. Triceps pose with one leg stretch forward
4. All individual comparisons are to be carried out centre-stage and in the order, from left to right, as directed by the Head-Judge.
5. All competitors undergo at least one comparison.
6. On completion of the last comparison, the entire line-up is reformed into a single line, in numerical order, before exiting the stage.

Scoring of Round 1 (Compulsory Poses):

The scoring of Round 1 is carried out as follows:

1. Each judge awards each competitor an individual placing, ensuring that no two or more competitors receive the same placing.
2. With nine (9) judges, two high and two low scores are discarded. With seven (7) or five (5) judges, 1 high and 1 low score will be discarded. The remaining scores are summed to produce a "Round 1 Subscore" and a "Round 1 Placing".

3. Ties in the “Round 1 Sub-score” are broken using the Relative Placement method.
4. The top 3 competitors in a Qualifying contest advance to the Finals. The top 6 competitors in the British Championships advance to the Finals (Round 2 and Round 3).

Assessing Round 1 (Quarter Turns and Compulsory Poses):

Round 1 is assessed using the following criteria:

1. The judge should first assess the overall female athletic appearance of the physique. This assessment should begin at the head and extend downwards, taking the whole physique into account. The assessment, beginning with the general impression of the physique, should take into consideration the hair and facial features; the overall athletic development of the musculature; the presentation of a balanced, symmetrically developed physique; the condition of the skin and the skin tone; and the athlete’s ability to present onstage with confidence.
2. During the comparisons of the Compulsory Poses, the judge should first look at the primary muscle group being displayed. The judge should then survey the whole physique, starting from the head, and looking at every part of the physique in a downward sequence, beginning with general impressions, and looking for a symmetrical balanced development of all the muscle groups and definition. The downward survey should take in the head, neck, shoulders, chest, all of the arm muscles, front of the trunk for pectorals, pec-delt tie-in, abdominals, waist, thighs, legs, calves and feet. The same procedure for back poses will also take in the upper and lower trapezius, teres and infraspinatus, erector spinae, the gluteus group, the leg biceps group at the back of the thighs, calves, and feet. A detailed assessment of the various muscle groups should be made during the comparisons, at which time the judge has to compare muscle shape, density, and definition while still bearing in mind the competitor’s overall balanced development and femininity.
3. The physique should be assessed as to the level of overall muscle tone, achieved through athletic endeavours. The muscle groups should have a round and firm appearance with a small amount of body fat.
4. The assessment should also take into consideration the tightness and tone of the skin. The skin tone should be smooth and healthy in appearance.
5. The judge’s assessment of the athlete’s physique should include the athlete’s entire presentation, from the moment she walks onstage until the moment she walks offstage. At all times the competitor must be viewed with the emphasis on a “healthy, fit, athletic-looking muscular physique, in an attractively presented total package”.

The scores for Round 1 are used only to place the competitors from 1st to 15th and to determine the top 3 (Qualifier) or top 6 finalists (British) who then advance to the Finals in Round 2 and Round 3. The top 6 finalists start the finals with zero points.

Round 2: Finals: Compulsory and Pose-down

Presentation of Round 2 (Compulsory Poses and Pose-down):

Round 2 is carried out as follows, under the direction of the Head Judge:

1. The top 3 or top 6 finalists are brought onstage, in a single line and in numerical order, and are directed to perform the four Compulsory Poses, as a group and at the same time, in the middle, left and right stage areas.
2. The finalists then perform a 60-second Pose-down to music of the Organizer’s own choice.
3. After the Pose-down, the finalists are reformed into a single line, in numerical order, before exiting the stage.

Scoring of Round 2 (Compulsory Poses and Pose-down):

The scoring of Round 2 is carried out as follows:

1. Only the Compulsory Poses are scored; the Pose-down is not scored.
2. Each judge awards each competitor an individual placing, ensuring that no two or more competitors receive the same placing.
3. With nine (9) judges, two high and two low scores are discarded. The remaining scores are summed to produce a “Round 2 Sub-score”. With seven (7) or five (5) judges, 1 high and 1 low score will be discarded.

*Note: there is no need to immediately resolve ties in the “Round 2 Sub-core” as this must be added to the “Round 3 Sub-score” to produce a “Final Score”.

Assessing Round 2 (Compulsory Poses and Pose-down):

Round 2 is assessed using the same criteria as detailed in “Assessing Round 1”.

Round 3: Finals: Posing Routine

Attire for Round 3 (Posing Routines):

The attire for Round 3 is the same as Round 2.

Presentation of Round 3 (Posing Routines):

Round 3 is carried out as follows, under the direction of the Head-Judge:

1. Each competitor is called onstage and is introduced by number, name and country, individually and in numerical order, to perform a posing routine to music of her own choice. The maximum length of the routine is 30 seconds.

Scoring of Round 3 (Posing Routines):

1. Each judge awards each competitor an individual placing, ensuring that no two or more competitors receive the same placing.

2. With nine judges, two high and two low scores are discarded. With seven (7) or five (5) judges, 1 high and 1 low score will be discarded. The remaining scores are summed to produce the “Round 3 Sub-score”.

3. Round 3 shall have a weight of one-third of the final score, or 33%.

4. The “Round 3 Sub-score” is added to the “Round 2 Sub-score” to produce a “Final Score” and “Final Placing”.

5. Should a tie occur in the “FINAL SCORE”, the tie shall be broken in favour of the competitor with the better “RD2 SUBSCORE”. If the “RD2 SUBSCORE” is tied, the tie shall be broken using the “Relative Placement” method and using the athlete’s Round 2 scores.

Assessing Round 3 (Posing Routines):

Round 3 is assessed using the following criteria:

1. Each judge assesses the posing routine with a view towards the display of muscularity, definition, style and grace, personality, athletic coordination and overall performance.

2. Judges look for a smooth, artistic, and well-choreographed routine. The use of props is prohibited. The judges are reminded that, during this round, they are judging the routine **and** the physique

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