



# **BBSA/IFBB**

# **CRITERIA**

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### **Posing Attire for All Rounds**

The posing attire must meet the following guidelines: Competitors will wear a single colour, any colour, opaque posing pants, covering 100% glutes muscles but allowing the legs to show. The front area must be covered, and the side of the trunks should be 15cm in width at a minimum. The use of padding anywhere in the trunks is prohibited.

1. Except for a wedding ring, competitors will not wear footwear, glasses, watches, pendants, earrings, wigs, distracting ornamentation or artificial aids to the figure. Implants of fluid injections causing the change of the natural shape of any other part or muscles of the body are strictly prohibited and may result in disqualification of the competitor.
2. The use of props during the Prejudging or Finals presentation is strictly prohibited.

### **Presentation of Round 1 (Comparisons of Quarter Turns and Mandatory Poses)**

Round 1 may not be held if there are 6 or less competitors in a category. Decision will be made by the Chief Judge and will be announced after the Official Athlete Registration.

There are five categories in senior Men's Classic Physique, currently as follows:

1. Up to & incl. 168 cm Max Weight [kg] = (Height [cm] - 100) + 4[kg]
2. Up to & incl. 171 cm Max Weight [kg] = (Height [cm] - 100) + 6 [kg]
3. Up to & incl. 175 cm Max Weight [kg] = (Height [cm] - 100) + 8 [kg]
4. Up to & incl. 180 cm Max Weight [kg] = (Height [cm] - 100) + 11 [kg]
5. Over 180 cm
  - a) over 180cm up to & Incl. 188cm: Max Weight [kg] = (Height [cm] - 100) + 13 [kg]
  - b) over 188cm up to & Incl. 196cm: Max Weight [kg] = (Height [cm] - 100) + 15 [kg]
  - a) over 196cm: Max Weight [kg] = (Height [cm] - 100) + 17 [kg]

There is one open category in Junior Men's Classic Physique (age 16-23 years old), with the following bodyweight limitations:

- Up to & incl. 168 cm Max Weight [kg] = (Height [cm] - 100) + 2[kg]
- Up to & incl. 171 cm Max Weight [kg] = (Height [cm] - 100) + 3 [kg]
- Up to & incl. 175 cm Max Weight [kg] = (Height [cm] - 100) + 4 [kg]





- Up to & incl. 180 cm Max Weight [kg] = (Height [cm] - 100) + 6 [kg]

- Over 180 cm

a) over 180cm up to & Incl. 188cm: Max Weight [kg] = (Height [cm] - 100) + 7 [kg]

b) over 188cm up to & Incl. 196cm: Max Weight [kg] = (Height [cm] - 100) + 8 [kg]

a) over 196cm: Max Weight [kg] = (Height [cm] - 100) + 9 [kg]

There are three categories in masters Men's Classic Physique competition, currently as follows:

- 40 to 44 years of age inclusive: One open category
- 45 to 49 years of age inclusive: One open category
- 50 years and over: One open category

Bodyweight limits for master Men's Classic Physique competitors are the same as for senior classic bodybuilders.

**Crossovers:** Men's Classic Physique competitors may also participate in Games Classic Bodybuilding and Classic Bodybuilding and Bodybuilding at the same contest if they meet specific requirements and bodyweight / body height limits obligatory in each of those divisions.

## Rounds

Men's Classic Physique consists of the following four rounds:

1. Prejudging: Elimination Round (Four Mandatory Poses)
2. Prejudging Round 1: (Four Mandatory Poses, comparisons of Quarter Turns and Seven Mandatory Poses)
3. Finals: Round 2 (Quarter Turns, Seven Mandatory)
4. Finals: Round 3 (Free Posing Routine – 60 seconds)

### Round 1 will proceed as follows:

1. All 15 semi-finalists will be called onstage as a group in a single line and in numerical order. If time permits, each semi-finalist will be introduced by number, name and country. Decision will be made by the Chief Judge, who will inform the Master of Ceremony or the Announcer.
2. The line-up will be divided into two equal-size groups and will be positions 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 will be left open for comparison purposes.





3. In numerical order, and in groups of no more than eight competitors at a time, each group will be directed to centre-stage area to perform the following initial four Mandatory Poses: a. Front double biceps b. Side chest c. Back double biceps d. Abdominals and thighs
4. All individual comparisons are to be carried out centre-stage.
5. In Round 1 individual comparisons, formulated by the IFBB Chief Judge, competitors are directed to perform the following four Quarter Turns and seven Mandatory Poses:
  - a) Quarter Turn Right
  - b) Quarter Turn Back
  - c) Quarter Turn Right
  - d) Quarter Turn Front
  - 1) Front double biceps
  - 2) Side chest
  - 3) Back double biceps
  - 4) Side triceps
  - 5) Vacuum pose
  - 6) Abdominals and thighs in two times at the same mandatory pose
  - 7) Classic pose: athlete's own choice

#### APPENDIX 1:

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE SIX MANDATORY POSES 1

##### MEN'S MANDATORY POSES:

1. **Front Double Biceps:** Standing face front to the judges, with one leg slightly moved forward and to the side, the competitor will raise both arms to shoulder level and bend them at the elbows. The hands should be clenched and turned down so as to cause a contraction of the biceps and forearm muscles, which are the main muscle groups that are to be assessed in this pose. In addition, the competitor should attempt to contract as many other muscles as possible as the judges will be surveying the whole physique, from head to toe. The judge will first survey the bicep muscles looking for a full, peaked development of the muscle, noting whether or not there is a defined split between the anterior and posterior sections of the biceps, and will continue the head-to-toe survey by observing the development of the forearms, deltoids, pectorals, pec-delt tie-ins, abdominals, thighs, and calves. The judge will also look for muscle density, definition, and overall balance.
2. **Side Chest:** The competitor may choose either side for this pose, in order to display the "better" arm. He will stand with his left or right side towards the judges and will bend the arm nearest the judges to a right-angle position, with the fist clenched and, with the other hand, will grasp the wrist. The leg nearest the judges will be bent at the knee and will rest on the toes. The competitor will then expand the chest and by upward pressure of the front bent arm and contract the biceps as much as possible. He will also contract the thigh muscles, in particular,





the biceps femoris group, and by downward pressure on his toes, will display the contracted calf muscles. The judge will pay particular attention to the pectoral muscles and the arch of the rib cage, the biceps, the leg biceps and the calves, and will conclude with the head-to-foot examination. In this pose the judge will be able to survey the thigh and calf muscles in profile, which will help in grading their comparative development more accurately. 4. Back Double Biceps (see Figure)

3. Back Double Biceps: Standing with his back to the judges, the competitor will bend the arms and wrists as in the Front Double Biceps pose, and will place one foot back, resting on the toes. He will then contract the arm muscles as well as the muscles of the shoulders, upper and lower back, thigh and calf muscles. The judge will first survey the arm muscles and then do a head-to-foot survey, during which there are more muscle groups to look at than in all of the other pose. This includes the neck, deltoids, biceps, triceps, forearm, trapezius, teres, infraspinatus, erector spinae, external obliques, latissimus dorsi, gluteus, thigh biceps, and calves. This pose, probably more than the others, will help the judge to determine the quality of the competitor's muscle density, definition, and overall balance.
4. Side Triceps: The competitor may choose either side for this pose so as to show the "better" arm. He will stand with his left or right side towards the judges and will place both arms behind his back, either linking his fingers or grasping the front arm by the wrist with his rear hand. The leg nearest the judges will be bent at the knee and the foot will rest flat on the floor. The leg farthest the judges moved back and the foot resting on the toes. The competitor will exert pressure against his front arm, thereby causing the triceps muscle to contract. He will also raise the chest and contract the abdominal muscles as well as the thigh and calf muscles. The judge will first survey the triceps muscles and conclude with the head-to-foot examination. In this pose, the judge will be able to survey the thigh and calf muscles in profile, which will help in grading their comparative development more accurately.
5. Vacuum Pose Abdominals and Thighs: This is a mandatory pose in two times. Standing face front to the judges, the competitor will place both arms behind the head and will place the feet together. Then he will pose at the first voice ("Front position, Vacuum Pose") this way: In the abdominal area the athlete must do the vacuum pose at the same time flexing the transverse inner muscles, flexing legs, torso and arms also.
6. Abdominals and Thigh: The athlete will contract the abdominal muscles by "crunching" the trunk slightly forward and showing a leg forward. At the same time, he will contract the thigh muscles of the leg(s). The judge will survey the abdominal and thigh muscles, and then conclude with the head-to-foot examination.
7. Classic pose of athlete choice.





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