

# AWARDS CEREMONY PROTOCOL

The Awards Ceremony is a very important moment in IFBB competitions, where the athletes who have been training so hard should enjoy to the most their well-deserved victories.

The ceremony must be performed with all care, great focus in the momentum and with efficiency thus saving time and providing the best institutional image.

## PROCEDURE

1. Ideally a podium should be set up. The podium should have the name of the championships, the IFBB logo and the numbers 1, 2 and 3 written on it. Athletes shall be called on stage in numerical order and be placed behind the podium.
2. Only the winning athletes with 2 officials (maximum) will be on the stage during the awards presentation.
3. The Master of Ceremonies shall call the athletes one by one, starting from the 6th to the 1st position while making a brief pause before announcing the 2nd and 1st places.

## Podium is going to be displayed for the top 3.

4. Once the 6 athletes are in line and in the proper order, one official will present the awards with an assistant that will carry the awards. This will save time and increase the relevance of this moment of the ceremony. As soon as all the awards are presented, the officials will be stand at the side of the athletes.
5. In the official events, the champion's country flag will be displayed on the screen (if it is available) while the national anthem or the IFBB anthem is played for 15 seconds.
6. Certificates will be given once the athlete has left the stage, this will improve the stetic of the athletes on their pictures giving them the opportunity

to pose without anything on their hands.

7. Photos of the top 6 athletes followed by the top 3 will then be taken. Then, the winner will be remain standing alone on the podium, while photos are taken.
- 8 A photocall shall be displayed nearby the stage for additional pictures with friends, family, and officials once the awards ceremony is over. This will give the opportunity to athletes to enjoy their success with family and friends.

