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## IPSC JOINS TO UNITED THROUGH SPORTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL YOUTH FESTIVAL

The COVID-19 pandemic has given life to the United Through Sports (UTS) Virtual Youth Festival 2020, that goes far beyond a temporary solution to the cancellation of sport events. The unique Virtual Youth Festival launched by the UTS alliance will be held and broadcast online, bringing Olympic and non-Olympic sports together.

*IPSC President Mr Vitaly Kryuchin said: "IPSC is pleased to join this global sports initiative and support the international Virtual Youth Festival with its participation during this challenging time of the global COVID-19 pandemic".*

**The Festival's qualification events will take place between August to the end of October 2020. The finals will be hosted in Thailand and held as a hybrid event around the world in celebration of the United Nations' World Children's day, on November 20-22.**

The UTS Virtual Youth Festival is a celebration of our youth who will carry the torch of life for the next generations, and on this platform everybody is equal. Over 60 organisations and over 100 youth ambassadors, together with the leaders of sport and all participating entities have joined forces to unite on the digital platform of the UTS Virtual Festival and will make a unified call to action towards a better tomorrow.

The festival will include youths not only from participating International Federations, but also those with different abilities mental and physical, youths from migrant and refugee backgrounds, youth from the indigenous community and those from vulnerable backgrounds who are often marginalised by society.

The festival will include virtual medal ceremonies, inspirational opening and closing ceremonies and will incorporate a vital platform of education by including; webinars, an opening conference, panel discussions and workshops. Topics of focus will include: Peace through sport, Inclusion and non-discrimination, Athletes' roles and responsibilities, Safeguarding and child protection among others.

In 2017 the United Through Sports initiative was born to create and contribute towards a better world, with and for our youth.

The festival is under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, Special Olympics, SportAccord and the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF).

**For more information, please see [www.unitedthroughsports.com](http://www.unitedthroughsports.com)**



## TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES

[Link to the Rules & Regulations: HERE](#)

[Link to Festival's Materials: UTS VIRTUAL 2020](#)

### INTRODUCTION

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The festival aims to engage young people (10-18 years) from around the world in a virtual online sport and talent competition which will end in November.

**6 Festival Competition Categories** (Max Fit, Aero Fit, Talent, IPC, All Abilities and Special Olympic)

The idea is that youngsters, in the comfort of their own home, will take part in sporting challenges in five age categories (U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18). UTS already has two challenges set for persons without a disability Max Fit and Aero Fit. IPC is developing a Para challenge for youngsters with a different physical ability and SO a challenge competition for youth with different mental abilities. A talent competition allows youth to get creative and a unique "All Abilities" category will see youth compete on the same platform regardless to ability.

**Participants will need to record a video of themselves doing the challenges and submit it to IPSC either via email or social media.**

#### Schedule

- August 19<sup>th</sup> – October 30<sup>th</sup> , Qualification events
- November 20-22, Finals, Bangkok, Thailand

### Step 1. IPSC ATHLETES AMBASSADORS

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#### Requirements:

- Name
- Age: youth between 10-18, one male and one female to represent the IPSC throughout the festival)
- Country (IPSC Region)
- Contact info

These athletes are to be a part of the UTS Youth Ambassadors united call to action towards: inclusion, equality, non- discrimination and peace- promotion

These ambassadors can pre-record a video media clip of 30 seconds introducing themselves, sharing what their dream or goals are and giving a short introduction about the IPSC sport. At the end of the clip they are recommended to say "We stand united through sports"

Any clips not in English will need English subtitles included.



## How to participate?

Dear Friends,

If you are under 18 y.o. and you are an active IPSC athlete, who would like to present the IPSC sports on the international level during the UTS Virtual Youth Festival 2020, please record a short 30 sec. presentation video about yourself, your sports achievements and life goals and send to the [info@ipsc.org](mailto:info@ipsc.org) by **August 25**.

**On August 26-28, IPSC community will vote for the best two IPSC Juniors Athletes Ambassadors to present IPSC sports at the UTS Virtual Festival 2020.**

We will showcase their stories, provide opportunities of contribution towards all the festival activities and encourage a sense of leadership and community. Throughout the festival competitions, athletes will be invited to volunteer their support and contribute to empowering youth to keep active, healthy, to focus on their mental health as well as physical.

Athlete role models will represent the Olympic and Paralympic values and encourage participation through their own social media as well as having an opportunity to participate in conferences, workshops and seminars.

Sincerely,

Vitaly Kryuchin,

IPSC President

## Step 2. TWO IPSC JUDGES

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- Two judges selected from each sport to participate in a webinar to learn how to judge the competitions
- Participate also as judges for the finals in November
- **If any IROA would like to participate, please send your profile and contact information to the [info@ipsc.org](mailto:info@ipsc.org) by August 25.**

## Step 3. 1-25 SEPTEMBER – IPSC COMPETITION PERIOD

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### How to participate in IPSC Qualifications?

- The festival invites youth between ages 10-18 to compete in any of the 6 Festival Competition Categories (Max Fit, Aero Fit, Talent, IPC, All Abilities and Special Olympic)
- To participate chose the category, record a short video, and by September 25, 2020, send it to the [info@ipsc.org](mailto:info@ipsc.org) and post on your social media account in Facebook and/or Instagram with: @unitedthroughsports, and using the official hashtags #thisisuts and #thisisIPSC



- For the Talent Competition all entries should be submitted on social media tagging @unitedthroughsports and using the official hashtags #thisisuts **and** #thisisIPSC

#### **Step 4. 1-14 OCTOBER – IPSC JUDGING PERIOD & IPSC FINALS**

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- The best videos and participants will be among the finalists to participate in the UTS Virtual Festival Finals.

#### **Step 5. UTS FINALS**

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- The finalists will be registered to the platform Rsportz by October 30<sup>th</sup> towards November finals (20-22<sup>nd</sup> )
- All participating youths will receive an official certificate signed by the IOC, IPC, GAISF, UTS and SO
- Virtual medals will be presented to winners (Gold, Silver, Bronze). Physical Medals will be sent out to the winners after the festival closes

#### **About AIMS & UTS Festival**

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- The Alliance of Independent recognised Members of Sport (AIMS) was found in 2009 by the non- IOC recognised members of GAISF and is the fourth group in GAISF alongside ASOIF, AIOWF and ARISF. Currently, AIMS has 18 sporting international federations as full members. The AIMS President is the General Secretary of IFMA, Stephan Fox.
- United Through Sports (UTS) is an alliance of many organisations working together through sports to bring unity and peace to an often-divided world.