

# **Rules and conditions**

## **Czech Aerial Hoop Open 2025**



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## I. The Organizer

Czech Pole Championships, z.s. , IČO: 14411237, sídlem Modrá 1980/8 , Praha 5 - Stodůlky, 155 00

## II. Terms and venue

The competition will be held on January 25th and 26th 2025 in KD MLEJN, Kovářova 1615, Prague 13, 155 00

## III. Conditions for participation and basic rules

- The competition is open to women, men and children of all nationalities
- The minimum age of the contestant is 6 years on the day of the competition.
- Persons under 18 years of age may compete with the written consent of their parents or other legal guardian. The legal guardian does not have to be physically present on the day of the competition.
- Participation in the competition is possible by completing the competition application form, paying the entry fee and sending written parental or legal guardian's consent (for competitors under 18 years of age).

### Entry fees:

- The basic entry fee is 600 CZK (25 EUR) per competition number and is payable by 15 September 2024 for all competitors. The entry fee is payable immediately after sending the entry form via the ComGate payment gateway.
- The entry fee for the finals is CZK 1,200 (EUR 50) per competitor in the singles category and CZK 1,800 (EUR 75) per competing pair in the doubles category and is payable by
  - 30 September 2024 in case no Semi-final round
  - 31 October 2024 in case of Semi-final round for those competitors who advance to the finals based on the qualifying video and those who advance to the finals automatically based on the number of competitors in the category. Instructions for payment of the entry fee will be emailed to those advancing, including their account number.

- The competitor is obliged to send the full amount of the entry fee. Any bank charges will be borne by the competitor.
- The entry fee is non-refundable.

By his/her participation, the competitor confirms that he/she has read the Competition Rules and the Evaluation and that he/she is aware of the possibility of penalty or disqualification in case of non-compliance with the Competition Rules.

#### **IV. Rights and obligations of the organizer**

- The organizer reserves the right to change the competition rules and evaluation. Any changes will be announced immediately on the competition website [www.czechaerialhoop.cz](http://www.czechaerialhoop.cz).
- The organizer reserves the right to change the date in case of any force majeure. In this case the entry fee is non-refundable. In case of cancellation of the whole event, the organizer undertakes to refund at least 50% of the basic entry fee.
- The organizer reserves the right to announce a qualifying video round for competition categories in which the number of competitors exceeds 10 competitors after the entry deadline. The qualifying round will be announced no later than 16 September 2024.
- The organizer will provide medical assistance in case of injury.
- The organizer is not responsible for damage to items and losses.
- The organizer is not responsible for any personal injury.
- The organizer grants the right to stop the competition performance in case of a fall of the competitor to the following persons: the competitor himself, the coach of the competitor, the legal representative of the competitor, the official medical officer of the competition. In case of an obvious head injury, the head judge has the right to stop the competition performance.
- The organizer is obliged to:
  - provide the competition aerial hoop, its installation and check its safe anchoring
  - provide facilities for changing and warming up of the competitors
  - give the competitors the opportunity to try out the aerial hoop and the stage before the start of the competition
  - provide the judges with the necessary information
  - ensure the correct suspension height before each contestant performs
- The organizer reserves the right to combine the Professional and Amateur categories in the event that less than 5 competitors participate in one of the categories. In this

case, both performance categories will compete together, but with the mandatory elements and length of the competition track of their original category.

## **V. Rights and obligations of the competitor**

- All competitors should be in good physical condition and not pregnant. The organizer accepts no responsibility if a competitor does not meet this point.
- For the use of gloves during the performance, the competitor is required to present a medical certificate for excessive sweating of the hands. The competitor shall inform the organizer of this fact by 30.10.2024 at the latest at [info@czechairhoop.cz](mailto:info@czechairhoop.cz).
- The competitor has the right to check the cleanliness of the hoop and the surface immediately after entering the competition stage (however, he/she must not apply grip on the hoop) and possibly request re-cleaning. If he fails to do this and starts his performance, no account can be taken of any later complaints.
- The music will start playing immediately after taking the starting position. If the starting position begins at the hoop, the competitor has the right to use a coach ("accompanist") who signals the start by waving from the edge of the competition stage and then immediately leaves the area.
- A competitor may repeat a performance if:
  - there is a technical problem with the music (in case the music is not playing properly, the competitor is obliged to inform immediately and not to continue his/her performance, later complaints will not be taken into account)
  - if there are circumstances endangering health and safety (improperly anchored ring, liquid on the stage,...)
  - the head judge decides on the possibility of a rerun in these cases

## **VI. Competition categories:**

- The decisive date of birth for inclusion in the competition category is the date of the competition - i.e. 25 January 2025.
- For the purposes of categorizing competitors, we refer to the following competitions as the "Progression Competition":
- Advancement competition means
  - 1) Czech Aerial Hoop Open 2023
  - 2) Czech Aerial Hoop Open 2024
  - 3) Czech Aerial Hoop Art 2024

It is taken into account only if a competitor placed in the first three places in a category in which 6 or more competitors competed. Placement in categories in which less than 6 competitors competed is not taken into account.

- **Children Amateurs (6 - 9 years)**, mixed category
- **Children Professional (6 - 9 years)**, mixed category, winners (1st-3rd place)\* of any amateur category of advancement competitions, competitors who have ever competed in the professional or elite category at a national or international competition
- **Juniors A Amateurs (10 - 13 years)**, mixed category - competitors who have never placed in the first 3 places in amateur categories, have not participated in national or foreign competitions in categories other than amateur
- **Junior A Professionals (10-13 years old)**, mixed category, aerial hoop instructors, winners (1st-3rd place)\* of any amateur category of advancement competitions, competitors who have ever competed in the professional category at a national or international competition, have never competed in the Elite (Junior Elite) category except in the Doubles category and have never competed at the World Championships in any category
- **Juniors A Elite (10 - 13 years)**, mixed category - winners (1st - 3rd place)\* of any professional category of advancement competitions, competitors who have ever competed in the elite category at a national or international competition.
- **Juniors B Amateurs (14 - 17 years)**, mixed category (boys only up to 15,99 years) - competitors who have never placed in the first 3 places in amateur categories, have not participated in national or foreign competitions in categories other than amateur.
- **Juniors B Professionals (14 - 17 years old)**, mixed category (boys only up to 15,99 years old), aerial hoop instructors, winners (1st - 3rd place)\* of any amateur category of advancement competitions, competitors who have ever competed in the professional category at a national or international competition, have never competed in the Elite (Junior Elite) category except for the Doubles category and have never competed at the World Championships in any category
- **Juniors B Elite (14 - 17 years old)**, mixed category (boys only up to 15,99 years old) - winners (1st - 3rd place)\* of any professional category of advancement competitions, competitors who have ever

competed in the elite category at a national or international competition.

- **Women Amateurs (18 - 39 years old)** - competitors who are not instructors, have not participated in national and international competitions in the professional (semi-pro) or elite (pro) category, and have not placed in the first three places in any amateur category at the advancement competitions.
- **Women Professionals (18-39 years old)** - aerial hoop instructors, winners (1st-3rd place)\* of any amateur category of advancement competitions, competitors who have ever competed in the professional category at a national or international competition and have never competed in the Elite category except for the Doubles category and have never competed at the World Championships in any category.
- **Women Elite (18-39 years old)** - aerial hoop instructors, winners (1st-3rd place)\* of any professional category of advancement competitions, competitors who have ever competed in the elite category at a national or international competition.
- **Women Masters (40+)** - amateur category, competitors aged 40 and over
- **Men (16+)** - amateur category
- **Doubles Junior (10-17 years)**, mixed category
- **Doubles (18 years and above)**, mixed category

If one of the pair is under 10 years of age on the day of the competition and is not under 8 years of age, the pair may compete in the Doubles Junior category, but only if the older of the pair is at least 10 years of age on the day of the competition.

If one of the pair is 18 years of age on the day of the competition, the pair may compete in the Adult Doubles category, but only if the younger of the pair is at least 16 years of age on the day of the competition.

\* It is taken into account only if the contestant placed in the first three places in a category in which 6 or more contestants competed. Placing in categories with less than 6 competitors is not taken into account.

**NOTE:**

Advancement to a higher category for winners (1st-3rd place) in other national or international competitions is only valid if the closing date for entries for the next competition has not yet occurred. I.e. if a competitor has won Competition A and the entries for the next Competition B are already closed, the promotion to the next higher category is not valid. However, if the entries for Competition B are not yet closed, the competitor is obliged to enter the higher category.

- Participation is subject to meeting all deadlines.
- The competition will be judged on technical difficulty, execution and artistic impression.
- The starting order will be determined by drawing lots.
- The winner in each category will be the contestant with the highest number of points. In case of a tie, the number of points for technical difficulty will be decisive.
- The competition is judged according to the rules of the Czech Aerial Hoop Open 2025.
- The jury will select and announce the three competitors with the highest number of points in each competition category - 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place. The best performance in each competition category will also be awarded in each criterion - technical difficulty, artistic impression and performance.

## **VII. Competition System**

The competition is divided into two (2) rounds:

1. Semi-final round - video qualification: the categories for which the qualifying semi-final video round will be announced will be announced no later than 16.9.2024; on the basis of the video entries submitted by the contestants, the jury will announce the contestants who will advance to the final round of the competition.
2. round Finals: live performances of the advancing finalists at the KD MLEJN.

In the category where 10 or less contestants are entered, the advancement to the final is automatic and no video recording is required.

## **VIII. Semi-Final Round**

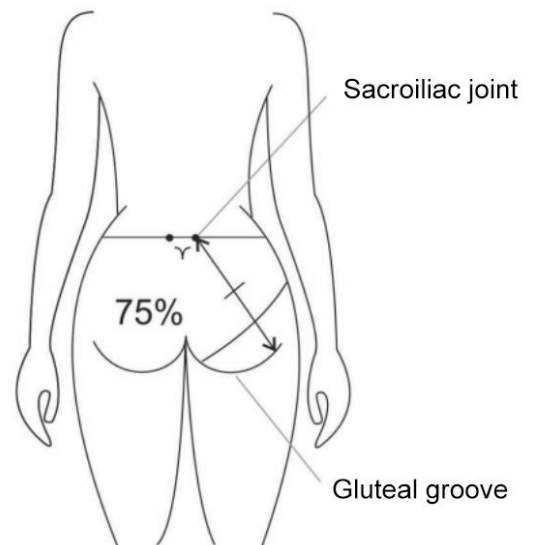
- The contestant participating in the qualifying semi-final video round is required to submit a link to the YouTube video.
- The title of the video must be "Name + category + Czech Aerial Hoop Open 2025".

- The link to the qualifying video must be sent by the deadline to [info@czechaerialhoop.cz](mailto:info@czechaerialhoop.cz)
- The deadline for submitting the link to the video is 14.10.2024 23:59.
- The video must be shot from a frontal landscape view with good and legible luminosity, in a minimum quality of 720p. Videos shot in portrait mode will not be accepted.
- The video must not be edited, an audio track with the original recording may be added to the video for better sound quality, but the original track must not be drowned out.
- Video must be 1 min 40 sec - 2 min 00 sec.
- A video that does not meet the requirements will be automatically eliminated from the competition or a penalty will be imposed (depending on the severity of the non-compliance).
- No preamble, introduction of the contestant by name, surname, etc. is required for the video. The video recording is used for the purpose of evaluating the contestant's dance performance.
- The video does not have to be made specifically for the purpose of the Czech Aerial Hoop Open 2025, but it must not be older than 1 year.
- The theme of the competition choreography in the youth categories (Children, Juniors A + B Amateur, Juniors A + B, Doubles Junior) must not be controversial, i.e. it must not incite violence, promote drugs and other narcotic substances, promote racial intolerance, be sexually provocative.
- There must be no distracting elements in the footage, e.g. other people's conversations, the cameraman's figure, etc.
- Camera movement is allowed, but the whole figure - including limbs - must be visible on the hoop.
- The use of the "fisheye" technique is allowed, but must not distort the image.
- On the basis of the video application, the jury will select at least 10 finalists in each category for the qualifying round according to the highest score. All these contestants who will advance to the final round, including alternates, will be published on the organizer's website by 28.10.2024 at the latest.
- The organizer reserves the right to place alternates from other qualifying places in the final round no later than 15.12.2024.



## IX. Costume

- The costume should be of a sporty nature, women can wear a one-piece or two-piece costume. Men are allowed to wear a two-piece costume - the top part can be a tank top or a short-sleeved shirt, the top part must not be too loose (the body line must be clearly visible) and it must not be of bra cut (bra, bolero,...). It is forbidden to expose the private parts. If exposed, the contestant will be disqualified.
- It is forbidden to dance in underwear, swimwear, erotic underwear (Brazilian g-strings) even if there are opaque leggings underneath. It is forbidden to dance in a costume with a skirt or in a skirt (dress). The top of the costume must completely cover the breast area with a completely opaque fabric and not unnecessarily expose the cleavage (for women). All protruding appliqués (ruffles, fringes, and other decorations), including ties, may be no more than 5 cm long.
- The lower part of the costume must cover the buttocks at least 75% (counted from the sacroiliac joint to the gluteal groove - see picture), the front does not reveal the folds of the crotch. Leggings may be transparent only if the buttock covering condition is complied with.
- Footwear is forbidden.
- Props are not allowed. In the case of the use of props, a deduction of 2 points in the criterion "Costume not meeting the rules" will be awarded by the head judge.
- The costume includes hair and make-up.
  - o hair must not cover the face
  - o hair and make-up must not interfere with movement during the performance, hair must not touch the face at any time (except bangs and edges of the face)
  - o hair accessories are allowed but must not fall out
  - o make-up should be adapted to the performance and must not obscure the expression and facial expressions of the contestant
  - o glasses and small earrings that do not extend beyond the earlobe are allowed
  - o necklaces, bracelets and belly button piercings are prohibited
  - o rings are prohibited



## X. Gripping

Body gripping is allowed. Grip must not leave any mark on the ring. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification.

## XI. Judging panel

The judging panel is composed of 9 jurors,

- The criterion "Technical difficulty" is evaluated by 2 jurors.
- The criterion "Technical difficulty - mandatory elements" is evaluated by 2 jurors,
- The criterion "Execution" is evaluated by 2 jurors,
- Criterion "Artistic impression" by 2 jurors.
- "Head Juror" 1 juror

The scoring of each criterion will be averaged. The head judge is part of the jury, who awards deductions for violation of the rules of the competition and decides on any disqualification. The judging panel will have a professional panel leader who will check the accuracy of the entry and the deviations between the judges.

## XII. Music

- Contestants are required to submit their music by January 6, 2025 (11:59 p.m. that day) using the form sent to all contestants in the email.
- The music must be correctly named - name of the contestant, category.
- Music can be mixed.
- Text content of the music is allowed. Lyrics should be free of racist, vulgar and sexually oriented language.
- The allotted music time for each category must not be exceeded.
- Length of the performance:
  - for the Children's category the performance length is **3min 15s - 3min 30s**
  - for the categories Junior A Amateur, Junior B Amateur, Women Amateur, Women Masters 40+ the performance length is **3min 30s - 3min 45s**
  - for the categories Junior A Professionals, Junior B Professionals, Women Professionals, Men 16+ the performance length is **3min 45s - 4min 00s**
  - for the categories Doubles Junior and Doubles the performance length is **4min 00s - 4min 15s**
  - for the categories Junior A Elite, Junior B Elite, Women Elite, Men Elite the performance length is **3min 50s - 4min 00s**

### **XIII. Photo, video**

- By entering the competition, the competitor grants the organizer permission to use photographs and video recordings for promotional purposes during and after the competition. They also agree to the publication of a video recording of the competition performance, including the name and category. Consents to the use of the video recordings for the purpose of any training of jurors.
- All official video and audio materials are property of the competition organizer.
- Taking photos and videos for personal use is only allowed on a phone and not on professional cameras or camcorders. The use of flash or any other illumination is prohibited. In case of violation of this rule, the visitor may be excluded.

### **XIV. Aerial hoop and performance stage**

Categories Children Amateurs (6-9 years), Children Professionals (6-9 years), Junior A Professionals (10-13 years), Junior A Amateurs (10-13 years), Junior B Professionals (14-17 years), Junior B Amateurs (14-17 years), Women Amateurs (18-39 years), Women Professionals (18-39 years), Women Masters (40+), Men (16+), Doubles Junior (10-18 years), Doubles are assigned a **single point aerial hoop**.

Categories Junior A Elite (10-13 years), Junior B Elite (14-17 years), Women Elite (18-39 years) **can choose to compete on a one or two point aerial hoop:**

The following rings will be used for competition purposes:

#### **1) SINGLE POINT HOOP**

- Grip diameter: 2.5 cm
- Surface: textile tape wrap
- Hoop grip: without eyelet, single point on fox loop
- Suspension: TO BE SPECIFIED
- Circle dimensions (outer/inner diameter of circle):  
80/75 cm

85/80 cm

90/85 cm

95/90 cm

100/95 cm

- Suspension height: individual with minimum height at the level of the competitor's chest

## **2) TWO-POINT HOOP**

- Grip diameter: 2,5 cm
- Surface: powder coated paint
- Hoop grip: two-point on two eyelets and carabiners
- Hanging: TO BE SPECIFIED
- Circle dimensions (outer/inner diameter of circle):
  - 90/85 cm
  - 95/90cm
  - 100/95 cm
- Suspension height: individual with minimum height at the level of the competitor's chest

## **STAGE**

- Stage dimensions: width 8 m, depth 5 m, without elevation, bordered by white tape
- Background colour: black
- Approaching the stage from the left from the audience's point of view
- No food or drink is allowed on the stage.

## **MATTRESS**

- For all amateur categories there will be impact mattresses (approx. 30 - 40 cm high) under the equipment.
- Doubles, doubles juniors and all professional and elite individual categories can choose from the options of a high mattress (30 - 40 cm) or a low hard mattress of approx. 7 cm.

## **XIII. Disqualification**

- A competitor may be disqualified if he/she:
  - violates the rules and regulations

- any attempt to consult the results with the jurors (including legal representatives)
- knowingly registering in the wrong category
- shows unsportsmanlike conduct
- endangers the health and life of participants in the event
- exposes of private parts
- fails to appear on stage
- irreversible contamination of the competition hoop
- leaving the dance stage before the end of the competition song
- failure to appear at the announcement of the results (in exceptional cases it is possible to apologize to the organizer in person for serious reasons, e.g. health reasons)

## **XV. Terms and Dates Overview**

<b>15.9.2024</b>	Deadline for entries and crediting the basic entry fee to the account
<b>16.9.2024</b>	Announcement of the categories that will send a qualifying video
<b>30.9.2024</b>	Deadline for the Finals entry fee payment (in case no Semi-final round)
<b>14.10.2024</b>	Deadline for submitting qualification video
<b>28.10.2024</b>	Announcement of the contestants advancing to the finals
<b>31.10.2024</b>	Deadline for the Finals entry fee payment
<b>6.1.2025</b>	Deadline for submitting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) music in required format</li> <li>b) Score sheets - Partner moves in Doubles categories</li> </ul>
<b>13.1.2025</b>	Announcement of the list of competitors in order
<b>25.- 26.1.2025</b>	<b>Competition days</b>

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