

Rules and conditions

Czech Aerial Hoop Open 2027



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I. The Organizer

Czech Aerial Hoop, z.s., Generála Šišky 2080/22, Modřany, IČO: 22282505

II. Terms and venue

The competition will be held on February 6th and 7th 2027 in Divadle U22, [K Sokolovně 201/8, 104 00 Praha 22-Uhřetěves](#)

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:

First application round

Until 2/11/2026, 11:59 PM: 1,800 CZK / SINGLES

Until 2/11/2026, 11:59 PM: 2,400 CZK / DOUBLES

Second application round

From 3/11/2026 to 12/14/2026: 2,200 CZK / SINGLES

From 3/11/2026 to 12/14/2026: 2,800 CZK / DOUBLES

The competitor is required to pay the full entry fee. Any bank charges are the responsibility of the competitor.

Entry fees are non-refundable; the competitor has no right to request a refund of any part of the fee, including in case of cancellation of participation for medical reasons.

- 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.
- 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 31.12.2026 at the latest at info@czechaerialhoop.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. 6 February 2027.

Age categories:

- o **Children (6–9 years)**, mixed category
- o **Juniors A (10–13 years)**, mixed category
- o **Juniors B (14–17 years)**, mixed category
- o **Women 18+**
- o **Men 18+**
- o **Women 40+**
- o **Doubles Junior (10–17 years)**

*If one partner in a doubles pair has not yet turned 10 on the day of the competition but is not younger than 8, the pair may compete in the Doubles Junior category only if the older partner is at least 10 years old on the day of the competition.

If one partner has turned 18 by the day of the competition, the pair may compete in the Adult Doubles category only if the younger partner is at least 16 years old on the day of the competition.

o Doubles 18+

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* 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:

The decisive date for placement into a performance category is the final application deadline. After this date a competitor cannot be moved to a different performance category. If a competitor provides false information in the application for the decisive date, they may be reclassified after the application period has ended or disqualified for violating the Competition Rules (section XV of the Competition Rules).

	HOBBY	AMATÉŘI	PROFESIONÁLOVÉ	ELITE
6-9 let		CHILDREN	CHILDREN	
10-13 let	JUNIORS A	JUNIORS A	JUNIORS A	JUNIORS A
14-17 let	JUNIORS B	JUNIORS B	JUNIORS B	JUNIORS B
10-17 let	DOUBLES JUNIOR			
18+	DOUBLES			
18+	WOMEN	WOMEN	WOMEN	WOMEN
18+	MEN			
40+		WOMEN	WOMEN	

Hobby category

In hobby categories may compete competitors who:

- have never competed in the amateur category or higher (other names for amateur categories such as “sparkles” etc. count)
- have not competed in the Hobby category at Czech Aerial Hoop Art or Czech Aerial Hoop Open
- are not aerial hoop instructors
- are not competitors in professional or higher categories in any other aerial discipline or pole dance

Amateur category

In amateur categories may compete competitors who:

- have never competed in the professional category or higher
- have never placed 1st–3rd at qualifying competitions* in the amateur category
- are not instructors of aerial disciplines
- are not competitors in elite categories in any other aerial discipline (silks, hoops, etc.)

Professional category

In professional categories may compete competitors who:

- have never competed in the elite category
- have competed at the World Championship in the amateur category
- have never placed 1st–3rd at qualifying competitions* in the professional category
- competitors who have competed at Worlds in doubles and who have never competed in elite in singles may compete in professional categories at Czech Aerial Hoop Open
- are aerial hoop instructors or earn any income from aerial hoop (paid performances, etc.)

Elite category

In elite categories may compete competitors who:

- have previously competed in the elite category (or have competed at the World Championship in the elite/competitive category)
- have placed 1st–3rd at qualifying competitions* in the professional category

*Qualifying competitions are understood to be:

- Czech Aerial Hoop Open 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
- Czech Aerial Hoop Art 2024, 2025, 2026

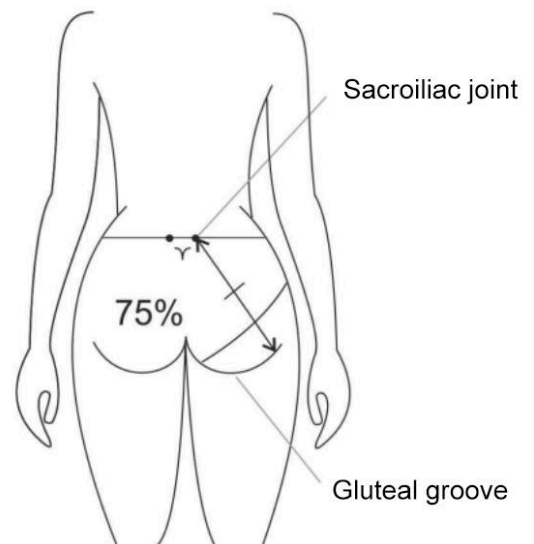
VIII. Semi-Final Round

- 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 2027".
- The link to the qualifying video must be sent by the deadline to info@czechaerialhoop.cz
- 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 2027, 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.

- The organizer reserves the right to place alternates from other qualifying places in the final round.

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 11, 2027 (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:
 - o for the Children's category the performance length is **3min 15s - 3min 30s**
 - o for the categories Junior A Amateur, Junior B Amateur, Women Amateur, Women Masters 40+, Men the performance length is **3min 30s - 3min 45s**
 - o 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: on a pulley with slack

- 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 Clavicle (at the point where the clavicle meets the sternum)

2) TWO-POINT HOOP

- Grip diameter: 2,5 cm
- Surface: powder coated paint
- Hoop grip: two-point on two eyelets and carabiners
- Suspension: on a pulley with slack
- 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 Clavicle (at the point where the clavicle meets the sternum)

STAGE

- Stage dimensions: will be specified
- 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 (180x180 cm, 20cm high) under the equipment.
- Doubles, doubles juniors and all professional and elite individual categories can choose from the options of a high mattress (20 cm) or a low hard mattress of approx. 5 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

11/02/2026 – Deadline for entry fee (1st round) – discounted price

12/14/2026 – Deadline for entry fee (2nd round) – full price

01/11/2027 – Deadline for submitting:

- music in the required format
- Score Sheets for DOUBLES category

01/18/2027 – Publication of competitors in order

02/06–02/07/2027 – Competition days