

Rules and conditions

Czech Aerial Hoop Open 2023



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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 February 25th and 26th 2023 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).
- **Payment details:**
 - bank account number for domestic payments: 2202181865/2010 (Fio banka)
 - for international payments: Account owner: Czech Pole Championships, z.s.
IBAN: CZ4920100000002202181865
SWIFT: FIOBCZPPXXX
 - variable symbol: date of birth of the contestant in the form DDMMYYYY
 - please indicate the name of the contestant and the category in the note
- **Entry fees:**
 - **until December 16th 2022** the entry fee is 1000 CZK/ singles, 1500 CZK/ doubles
 - **from December 16th 2022 until January 1st 2023** the entry fee is 1500 CZK/ singles, 2000 CZK/ doubles
- **Competition categories:**
 - **Children (6 - 9 years)**, mixed category

- **Juniors and Amateurs (10-13 years)**, mixed category - competitors who fall into this age category and have never placed in the top three places* in the Czech and Slovak Aerial Sports Championships in the Junior Amateur category and have not participated in domestic or foreign competitions in categories other than amateur
- **Juniors A Professionals (10 - 13 years)** - mixed category - winners (1st - 3rd place*) Czech and Slovak Aerial Sports Championships 2019 and 2021 in category Amateur; competitors who have ever competed in the Professional category, have never placed in the top three places in the Czech and Slovak Aerial Sports Championships in the Professional category, have never competed in the Elite (Junior Elite) 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 the Czech and Slovak Aerial Sports Championships 2019 and 2021 in category Professional, competitors who have already competed in the elite category or participated in the World Championships or European Championships in any category.
- **Juniors B Amateurs (14-17 years)**, mixed category (boys only up to 15,99 years) - competitors who belong to this age category and at the same time have never placed in the first three places* in the Czech and Slovak Aerial Sports Championships in the Amateur category and have not participated in domestic or foreign competitions in categories other than amateur
- **Juniors B Professionals (14-17 years)** - mixed category (boys only up to 15,99 years) - aerial hoop instructors, winners (1st-3rd place*) Czech and Slovak Aerial Sports Championships 2019 and 2021 in cat. amateur, competitors who have ever competed in the professional category, never placed in the first three places of the Czech and Slovak Aerial Sports Championships in the professional category, never competed in the Elite (Junior Elite) category except for the Doubles category and never competed at the World Championships in any category
- **Juniors B Elite (10 - 13 years)** - mixed category - winners (1st - 3rd place*) of the Czech and Slovak Aerial Sports Championships 2019 and 2021 in the professional category, competitors who have already

competed in the elite category or participated in the World Championships or European Championships in any category.

- **Women Amateurs (18-39 years old)** - competitors who are not instructors, have never placed in the first three places* in the Czech and Slovak Aerial Sports Championships in the Amateur category, have never participated in national and international competitions in the professional (semi-pro) category, and have not participated in international competitions in the doubles category, and have no paid performances
- **Women Professionals (18 - 39 years)** - aerial hoop dance instructors, winners (1st-3rd place*) of the Czech and Slovak Aerial Sports Championships 2019 and 2021 in cat. Amateur, competitors who have ever competed in the Professional category and have not placed in the first three places*, have never competed in the Elite category except for the Doubles category and have never competed at the World Championships or European Championships in any category.
- **Women Elite (18-39 years old)** - aerial hoop instructors, winners (1st-3rd place*) of the Czech and Slovak Aerial Sports Championships 2019 and 2021 in the professional category, competitors who have ever competed in the elite category or participated in the World Championships or European Championships in any category.
- **Women Masters (40+)** - competitors over 40 years old
- **Men (16+)** - all competitors except those who competed in the elite category and participated in the World Championships
- **Men Elite (18 - 39 years old)** - aerial hoop instructors, winners (1st - 3rd place*) of the Czech and Slovak Aerial Sports Championships 2019 and 2021 in the professional category, competitors who have competed in the elite category or participated in the World Championships or European Championships in any category.
- **Doubles Junior (10-17 let)**, smíšená kategorie.
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.

In the event that one of the pair has reached the age of 18 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.

- **Doubles (18+)**, mixed category

* It is only taken into account if the competitor has placed in the first three places in a category in which 6 or more competitors have competed. Places in categories with less than 6 competitors are not taken into account.

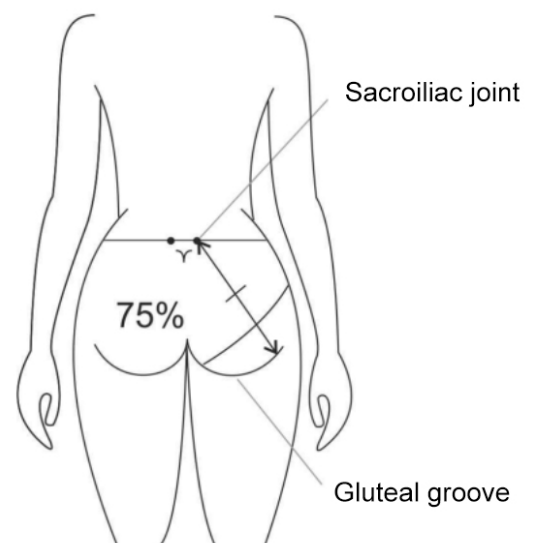
Advancement to a higher category for winners (1st-3rd place) in other national or international competitions is only valid if the closing date for the next competition has not yet occurred. I.e. if a competitor has won competition A and the entries for the next competition B are already closed, the promotion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

- 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. Not valid for Junior A and Junior A Amateur categories.
- The organizer reserves the right to announce a semi-final round for the largest groups in case it would not be possible to time the performances of all competitors during the two competition days. In this case, the semi-final round will be announced no later than one week after the closing date for entries - i.e. 23.1.2023. The advancing contestants from the semi-final round will pay the entry fee of 500,- CZK for the final round.
- 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 edition, the organizer undertakes to refund at least 50% of the basic entry fee.
- It is the condition of participation to meet all deadlines.
- All competitors should be in good health.
- The competition will be judged on technical difficulty, performance and artistic impression.
- The starting order will be determined by lot.
- A competitor may repeat a performance if:

- o there is a technical problem with the music (in case the music is not playing properly, the contestant is obliged to inform immediately and not to continue his/her performance, later complaints will not be taken into account)
 - o if there are circumstances endangering health and safety (wrongly anchored ring, liquid on the stage,...)
 - o the possibility of a repeat in these cases is decided by the head judge
- For the use of gloves during the performance, the competitor is required to present a medical certificate for excessive sweating of the hands.
- The winner in each category is the contestant with the highest score. In the event of a tie, the number of points for technical difficulty will be decisive.
- The evaluation of the competition is according to the rules of the Czech Aerial Hoop Open 2023.
- The judging panel 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.

IV. 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, costume with a skirt or in a skirt (dress). The top of the costume must completely cover the breasts 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.



- Footwear is forbidden.
- Props are not allowed.
- The costume includes hair and make-up.
 - hair must not cover the face
 - 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)
 - hair accessories are allowed but must not fall out
 - make-up should be adapted to the performance and must not obscure the expression and facial expressions of the contestant
 - glasses and small earrings that do not extend beyond the earlobe are allowed
 - necklaces, bracelets and belly button piercings are prohibited
 - rings are prohibited

V. Gripping

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

VI. 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.

VII. Music

- Music must be sent by the deadline to the email address given. The email should include information about the song - artist and title.
- 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.
- If a song matches music already registered by a contestant in the same category, the contestant must choose different music. You can book a song by sending an email to info@czechaerialhoop.cz . The booking is valid only after the entry fee has been paid.
- Contestants are required to send their song by February 3, 2023 (11:59 p.m. that day) to info@czechaerialhoop.cz in MP3 format..
- 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**

VI. 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 judges.
- All official video and audio materials are the 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.

VII. Aerial hoop and performance stage

The following hoops will be used for competition purposes:

A) For the categories Children (6-9 years), Juniors A (10-13 years), Juniors A Amateur (10-13 years), Juniors B (14-17 years), Juniors B Amateur (14-17 years), Women Amateur (18-39 years), Women Professional (18-39 years), Women Masters (40+), Men (16+), Doubles Junior (10-18 years), Doubles

an aerial hoop made of high quality seamless steel will be used.

- Grip diameter: 2,5 cm
- Surface: textile tape wrap
- Circle grip: without eyelet, single point on lark's head knot
- Suspension: static climbing rope, polyester sling 1.5m or 2m long and 4 cm wide, Twister swivel. Due to the length of the climbing rope, a slight sagging of the hoop can be expected.
- Dimensions of the hoop (outer/inner diameter of the hoop):
 - 80/75 cm
 - 85/80 cm
 - 90/85 cm
 - 95/90 cm
 - 100/95 cm
- Suspension height: individual with a minimum height at the level of the competitor's chest

B) For categories Juniors A Elite (10-13 years), Juniors B Elite (14-17 years), Women Elite (18-39 years)

an aerial hoop made of high quality seamless steel will be used.

- Grip diameter: 2,5 cm
- Surface: powder coated paint
- Grip of the ring: two points on two lark's head knots

- Suspension: static climbing rope, 2 polyester loops 1m long, Twister swivel. Due to the length of the climbing rope, slight sagging of the hoop can be expected.
- Dimensions of the hoops (outer/inner diameter of the ring):
 - 90/85 cm
 - 95/90cm
 - 100/95 cm
- Suspension height: individual with a minimum height at the level of the competitor's chest

STAGE

Stage dimensions: width 14 m, depth 6 m, without elevation

- High impact mattresses will be placed under the equipment
- Background color: black
- No food or drink is allowed on the stage.

VIII. Disqualification

- A competitor may be disqualified if he/she:
 - violates the rules and regulations
 - shows unsportsmanlike conduct
 - endangers the health and life of participants in the event
 - exposes of private parts
 - fails to appear on stage
 - in the event of withdrawal from the competition after 16.2.2023, the competitor has the option to withdraw only for medical reasons, which he/she confirms with a medical report or other serious reasons that he/she can document. Otherwise, he/she will be disqualified from the next edition of the competition.
 - irreversible contamination of the competition ring

IX. Rights and regulations 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 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:
- give the competitors the opportunity to try out the aerial hoop and the stage before the start of the competition
 - 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

X. Terms overview

- 16.12.2022** Deadline for the first round of entry fee crediting
(1000 CZK/ singles, 1500 CZK/ doubles)
- 16.1.2023** Entry Deadline
- 16.1.2023** Deadline for the second round of entry fee crediting
(1500 CZK/ singles , 2000 CZK/ doubles)
- 3.2.2023** Deadline for sending music
- 3.2.2023** Deadline for Score sheet - Partner moves
- 6.2.2023** Publication of the list of competitors in order
- 25.-26.2.2023** Competition days

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