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POLAND



# RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN MASS-GATHERING EVENTS

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## 1. General Provisions

- 1.1. These rules and regulations ("Rules and Regulations") contain the general terms and conditions of participation in events conducted by the Polish Basketball Federation – Polski Związek Koszykówki ("Organizer") and are part of the contract concluded between the Organizer and the participant of the event.
- 1.2. Entering the event venue means acceptance of the provisions of these Rules and Regulations, FIBA Venue Rules, generally applicable laws, and the venue's Rules and Regulations.
- 1.3. The Rules and Regulations of the event are made available on the organizer's website, during ticket sales and before entrances to the mass-gathering event area.

## 2. Detailed information

- 2.1. Adults and minors may be present in the area where the event takes place and participate in it.
- 2.2. Persons under the age of 13 must be under the direct supervision of an adult.
- 2.3. The event is a mass-gathering sports event, closed, ticketed and paid.
- 2.4. Participation in the event is based on the purchase and possession of a valid admission ticket or invitation.
- 2.5. The ticket or invitation entitles the holder to one-time entry to the event venue.
- 2.6. The Organizer shall provide Security and Information Services, cloakroom services, and catering facilities.
- 2.7. Should any conflicts arise between participants of the event, security or information staff must be notified immediately in order to prevent any incidents that may pose a threat to human life, health or property.
- 2.8. Participants are required to respect the property of others, all technical equipment and installations, and property owned by organizer.
- 2.9. Participants are required to immediately leave the venue after the end of the session (match) for which they purchased a ticket.

## 3. Responsibilities of the Organizer, cancellation and change of the event program

- 3.1. The Organizer is responsible for ensuring that the holder of a valid ticket is admitted to the event venue specified on the ticket in order to participate in the event, as well as for providing organizational support for the event and ensuring its uninterrupted course.
- 3.2. The Organizer reserves the right to cancel the event without prior notice for reasons beyond the Organizer's control. In such a case, the ticket holder is entitled to the rights provided for by law.
- 3.3. The Organizer reserves the right to change the date, venue, and program of the event due to valid reasons, such as the declaration of national mourning, unfavorable weather conditions preventing the event from taking place, illness, indisposition, or other objective reasons beyond the Organizer's control that prevent the event from being organized, as well as cases where the change is necessary to ensure the safety, health or life of people or property, or the need to ensure the uninterrupted course of the event and comfort for participants. If the date of the event is changed to a new date, the ticket holder has the right to return the ticket no later than 24 hours before the new date of the event.
- 3.4. Refund in case of event cancellation
  - 3.4.1. In the event of cancellation of the event, the ticket office will refund to the Customer the ticket price and all mandatory fees paid when purchasing the ticket.
  - 3.4.2. In the case of payment by bank transfer, the funds are returned to the bank account number from which the payment for the ticket was made, unless the Customer indicates a different account number by sending the ticket office an e-mail from the e-mail account assigned to the order.
  - 3.4.3. In the case of payment by credit card, the funds will be refunded to the card account used to pay for the ticket.
  - 3.4.4. Refunds for purchased tickets will be made within 14 days from the date of cancellation of the event.
  - 3.4.5. If purchased at a brick-and-mortar sales point, tickets must be returned at the point of purchase with proof of purchase.
- 3.5. Refund in case of change of date or venue
  - 3.5.1. If the date of the event is changed, the Organizer, through the ticket office, will offer the Customers seats for the selected event on another date (as available) with a value equivalent to the value of the originally purchased tickets. To return a ticket, send a message through the contact form available on the ticket office's website, providing information about the wish to return the ticket and the reservation number.

- 3.5.2. In the event that the date or venue of the event is changed and the Customer wishes to return the ticket, the ticket office will refund to the Customer the ticket price and all mandatory fees paid when purchasing the ticket.
- 3.5.3. In the case of payment by bank transfer, the funds are returned to the bank account number from which the payment for the ticket was made, unless the Customer indicates a different account number by sending the ticket office an e-mail from the e-mail account assigned to the order. In the case of payment by credit card, information about payment by card must be provided in the application. The funds will be refunded to the card used to pay for the ticket.
- 3.5.4. Refunds for purchased tickets will be made within 14 days of receipt by the ticket office of information about the desire to return the ticket.
- 3.5.5. If purchased at a brick-and-mortar sales point, tickets must be returned at the point of purchase with proof of purchase.
- 3.6. Other returns
  - 3.6.1. Return of tickets or their exchange, in cases other than those referred to in sections 2.4 and 2.5 above, are not possible.
- 3.7. If the ticket holder is entitled to a refund of the ticket price, the ticket holder should submit a refund request at the place where the ticket was purchased without undue delay after learning about the cancellation of the event. In any case, the ticket price will be refunded if the request for a refund of the ticket price is submitted no later than six months after the original date of the event.
- 3.8. If a participant is removed from the venue for violation of these Rules and Regulations or FIBA Venue Rules, there shall be no reimbursement of ticket price or other expenses incurred in connection with participation

### 3. Event security

- 3.9. The organizer reserves the right to do the following:
  - 3.9.1. Deny admission to the ticket holder in cases justified by security reasons.
  - 3.9.2. In cases justified by security reasons, demand that the ticket holder vacate the event venue and take appropriate steps to ensure that the order is carried out. This applies in particular to situations in which a participant of the event disrupts public order, behaves aggressively or in violation of these Rules and Regulations. Deny entry to the event venue to ticket holders found to be in possession of weapons, wearing shoes with metal toe caps, or any other items that may pose a threat.
  - 3.9.3. Participants are prohibited from publicly disseminating any data, statistics, results, match descriptions or other information related to the event, including in the form of photos, recordings or text comments, via the Internet, social media, mobile applications, radio or television broadcasts without the prior written consent of FIBA and the Organizer. Only private use of materials is allowed.
- 3.10. Bringing cameras, camcorders, tablets, laptops, selfie sticks or other audio-video devices into the event area and using them during the event is prohibited. The Organizer provides the possibility of depositing the above-mentioned equipment for a fee of PLN 20.
- 3.11. Any activity related to sports betting or gambling, including the promotion, offering or placing of bets, without prior written permission from FIBA, is prohibited on the event venue. Violation of this prohibition may result in immediate removal from the event venue.
- 3.12. Each participant in the event should behave in accordance with the law so as not to endanger himself, others or property. Each participant shall be obliged to comply with the instructions of Security Personnel, Information Service Personnel or Police Officers called to the venue.
- 3.13. Participants during the mass-gathering event may stay only in areas designated for spectators.
  - 3.13.1. Participants of the event are required to stay only in the sector for which their ticket or accreditation is valid. Moving to other sectors, including occupying seats not indicated on the ticket, is prohibited and may result in the removal from the venue without the right to a refund.
  - 3.13.2. In cases justified by safety considerations, a change of seat/standing place is possible. The ticket holder will then be refunded the difference in the price of the ticket. The participant shall also have the right to cancel their participation in the event for a refund of all or part of the ticket price, respectively.
- 3.14. It is also forbidden to bring backpacks, handbags and any kind of luggage regardless of their size, laser pointers, any alcoholic beverages and intoxicants, as well as beverage bottles regardless of their size and the material from which they are made.

### 3.15. Prohibited Items:

- Weapons, including but not limited to: firearms, knives, combat weapons (e.g. air and gas, melee weapons), heavy chains, knuckles, machetes, clubs, pepper gas, aerosols, nitrous oxide, ammunition and training cartridges, explosives and explosive components, fireworks, CBR (chemical-biological-radiological) substances, bullets of any kind and any replica of such objects that can be misidentified as a weapon under these Rules and Regulations or any weapon under the law.
- Illegal drugs and substances, including unlabeled medicine and pill bottles. Legally prescribed medications may be allowed if they are in a prescription bottle/container with a pharmacy-generated label containing the name of the holder – subject to verification with a valid ID. Possible other drugs are considered individually on site.
- Alcohol, cans and bottles
- Food or drink (unless required due to a pre-existing condition, i.e., supported by medical evidence in accordance with section 2.11.2.)
- Liquids in packages of more than 100 ml, regardless of the type of beverage. The ban also covers bottled water, energy drinks and other commercial beverages. The Organizer reserves the right to remove caps from drinks allowed to be brought in.
- Laser pointers, strobe lights.
- Flags and banners hung on poles, spars, PVC or other tubes made of hard material or whose length exceeds 1 m.
- Flags and banners and other materials containing content of a racist, xenophobic, vulgar, provocative and demonstrating views of an ideological and political nature, depicting club bars, or other content unrelated to cheering or the representative colors of the teams participating in the tournament.
- Bringing in flags larger than 2 m<sup>2</sup> or drums requires permission from the Organizer and undergoing a verification procedure.
- Professional cameras, including professional camera equipment (such as a camera stand, lenses and selfie sticks).
- Rolls of paper including toilet paper rolls, cash register paper rolls, confetti.
- Fireworks, firelighters and open flame sources.
- Sound recording equipment, noise-producing devices including all kinds of mechanical and automatic and air horns, klaxons, vuvuzelas, megaphones, loudspeakers, microphones and others that the organizer, through its actions or the actions of information and policing services, deems in violation of the rules.
- Signal jammers, private Internet access points, radio scanners and long-distance communication equipment.
- Roller skates and roller blades, skateboards, scooters, bicycles and other personal motorized and non-motorized vehicles, motorcycle and bicycle helmets, and other sports equipment of any kind.
- Non-service animals/animals not used by persons with disabilities.
- Unauthorized promotional or marketing materials (e.g., flyers, leaflets, stickers).
- Tents, carts.
- Any items deemed dangerous.
- All unapproved unmanned aerial systems or drones

3.16. Participants may deposit items prohibited by these Rules and Regulations at the deposit point. The basis for the acceptance of items and storage is the storage contract.

3.17. The storage fee is PLN 20 gross and is non-refundable. The fee is paid at the time of deposit.

3.18. Collection of deposited items is possible after the event upon presentation of an identification mark (deposit number).

3.19. If the submitted items are not collected after the event, they will be stored at the Organizer's office for 14 calendar days. After this period, unclaimed items become the property of the Organizer, who may destroy, dispose of, or take any other action at their discretion, and all claims for non-collected items shall expire.

3.20. The Organizer shall have the right to refuse to accept items for deposit.

### 3.21. Information and Security Services

- 3.21.1. Employees of the Information and Security Services are authorized (including by using technical means) to:
- verify that participants have valid tickets or invitations entitling them to participate in the event and remain at the venue, and, if they do not, request that they leave the venue
  - check the participants IDs in order to establish their identity
  - inspect the contents of the participants' bags and clothing if there are reasonable grounds to suspect that they are carrying or in possession of firearms or other dangerous items, such as explosives, pyrotechnics, flammable materials, alcoholic beverages, narcotics, or psychotropic substances
  - issue orders for lawful behavior to persons disrupting public order or behaving contrary to the provisions of these Rules and Regulations, and in the event of failure to comply with these orders, request that they leave the venue

- in accordance with the powers to use force under the rules laid down in Article 20 of the Act of 20 March 2009 on mass-gathering event safety
  - apprehend persons posing a direct threat to human life or health, as well as protected property, in order to immediately hand them over to the police
- 3.22. A person who fails to comply with an order issued by the employees of the Security Services or the Information Services on the basis of applicable regulations, the rules and regulations of the venue or the event shall be removed from the venue.
- 3.23. During the event, it is prohibited to:
- remain during a match in an area other than that designated on the Ticket or Accreditation held by the Person, including in passageways or areas along the basketball court
  - throw any objects at the event venue
  - start a fire, use pyrotechnics, etc.
  - smoke tobacco or e-cigarettes in places not intended for that purpose
  - trespass or assault security personnel, information service personnel, other personnel, or other participants in the event
  - use of items of clothing or objects to cover the face in order to prevent or hinder identification when committing a criminal act (except for protective masks required in connection with the ongoing epidemic period)
  - use of vocabulary commonly regarded as vulgar and abusive, singing obscene songs or sports' chants and insulting anyone
  - enter areas that are not accessible to event participants
  - film and photograph for commercial use
  - Persons on whom narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, legal highs, weapons or other prohibited items are discovered will be apprehended and immediately handed over to the police.
  - Persons violating the rules of security and public order during the event shall be subject to liability under the provisions of the Criminal Code, the Code of Offenses and other laws and regulations applicable and in force during the commission of the act.
  - Persons who have caused damage to property are obliged to bear the costs of restoring the damaged property to its original condition or purchasing it.
- 3.24. In the event of an evacuation order, all participants are required to immediately follow the instructions given via the Voice Alarm System (VAS) and the instructions of the Security Services and the Organizer. Failure to comply with instructions may result in legal consequences in accordance with applicable law.

#### **4. Additional provisions**

- 4.1. Participants may be exposed to continuous noise levels that could cause hearing damage.
- 4.2. Participants of the event are fully responsible for all material and immaterial damages caused at the event venue, both to the Organizer and third parties. In the event of damage, the participant shall compensate for the damage under the rules of civil law.
- 4.3. Official programs and gadgets will be sold exclusively at the event venue.
- 4.4. Every participant of the event, regardless of age, must have a valid admission ticket.
- 4.5. The purchased ticket should be considered as an individual permission of the Organizer to enter the venue, which can be revoked at any time for security reasons. This entitles the participant to a full or partial refund of the ticket price, depending on whether consent was withdrawn before or during the event.
- 4.6. The ticket may not be used in advertising and promotional actions (including contests or sweepstakes) or for any other commercial purposes.
- 4.7. The ticket entitles the holder to one-time entry to the event venue.
- 4.8. Participants are not entitled to record or distribute audio, video, results or statistics of the event except for private use. Recording and publication of materials are possible only after obtaining the appropriate accreditation from the Organizer or FIBA.
- 4.9. Participants are not allowed to carry out any promotional, marketing or commercial activities on the event venue without prior written consent of the Organizer and FIBA. This applies in particular to the distribution of leaflets, the sale of gadgets, the use of logos or materials containing advertising or commercial messages.
- 4.10. In matters not covered by these Rules and Regulations, the provisions of the Act of 20 March 2009 on safety of mass-



-gathering events (Journal of Laws 2009 No. 62 item 504) shall apply in the case of mass-gathering events.

4.11. The Organizer shall have the right to amend these Rules and Regulations:

- due to the need to ensure the proper conduct of the Event and ensure the safety of Participants;
- in order to remove errors or mistakes in the content of the Rules and Regulations;
- in order to bring the Rules and Regulations into compliance with applicable laws;
- should the need to amend the Rules and Regulations arise from circumstances beyond the control of the Organizer.

## 5. Criminal provisions of the Act on safety of mass-gathering events

Article 54. Failure to comply with an order to act orderly

1. Whoever disobeys an order or summons issued under this Act by law enforcement or information services at the time and place of a mass-gathering event shall be punishable by restriction of liberty or a fine of not less than PLN 2,000.

2. The same punishment shall be imposed on anyone who, during:

- 1) a mass-gathering event is in a place not intended for spectators;
- 2) a mass-gathering sports event is in a sector other than the one indicated on the admission ticket or other document authorizing attendance at the mass-gathering event and does not leave the sector despite the order of an authorized person.

Article 56. Bringing or being in possession of alcoholic beverages

Whoever, contrary to the provisions of the Act, brings or is in the possession of alcoholic beverages at a mass-gathering event shall be punishable by restriction of liberty or a fine of not less than PLN 2,000.

Article 57a. Anonymization of participants of mass-gathering events

Whoever, at the place and during a mass-gathering sports event, uses an item of clothing or an object to prevent or significantly impede the identification of a person, shall be punished by restriction of liberty or a fine of not less than PLN 2,000.

Article 59. Bringing in or being in possession of weapons and other items

1. Whoever brings or is in possession of weapons at a mass-gathering event, as defined in the Act of 21 May 1999 on arms and ammunition (Journal of Laws of 2022, item 2516), pyrotechnics, fire hazardous materials or other dangerous objects or explosives, shall be punishable by a fine of not less than 180 daily wages, restriction of liberty or imprisonment for a term of 3 months to 5 years.

2. The court may declare forfeiture of objects referred to in paragraph 1, even if they are not the property of the offender.

Article 60. Trespassing on the venue where a sporting event is taking place

1. Whoever, during the duration of a mass-gathering sports event, including a soccer match, enters an area where a sports competition is taking place, or, against the order of an authorized person, does not vacate such a place, shall be punishable by a fine of not less than 180 daily wages, penalty of restriction of liberty or imprisonment for up to 3 years.

1a. Whoever, during the duration of a mass-gathering event, enters the venue or area where the mass-gathering event is held or, against the order of an authorized person, does not vacate such place, shall be punishable by a fine, penalty of restriction of liberty or imprisonment of up to one year.

2. Whoever, during a mass-gathering event, throws an object that may pose a threat to the life, health or safety of persons on the premises or in the venue where the mass-gathering event is held, or disrupts the course of the event in another, equally dangerous manner,

shall be punishable by a fine of not less than 120 daily wages, restriction of liberty or imprisonment for up to 2 years.

3. The punishment referred to in paragraph 2 shall be imposed on anyone who trespasses or assaults a member of the security services or information services during and at the mass-gathering event.

4. If the offender, while committing the acts specified in paragraphs 1 through 3, uses an item of clothing or an object to cover their face in order to prevent or significantly impede their identification, they shall be punishable by a fine of not less than 240 daily wages, restriction of liberty or imprisonment from 3 months to 5 years.

5. Whoever, acting jointly and in coordination with another person or using a dangerous object or incapacitating means, commits an act of assault against a member of the security or information services during and at the venue of a mass-gathering event, shall be punishable by imprisonment for one to five years.

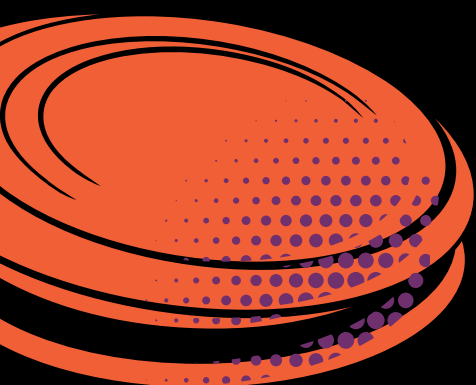
Article 61. Provoking spectators to act in a dangerous manner

Anyone who, during and at the venue of a mass-gathering sports event, provokes spectators to engage in behavior that threatens the safety of the event shall be punishable by a fine of not less than 180 daily wages or by restriction of liberty.

## **6. Recording the event**

6.1. The Organizer shall be obliged to record the course of the mass-gathering event, and in particular to record the behavior of persons participating in it, using video and audio recording equipment in order to maintain safety and compliance with the Rules and Regulations and applicable laws during the event, as well as for the proper collection of evidence for the purposes of proceedings, in the event of a violation of applicable laws.

6.2. By participating in the event, participants consent to the free-of-charge recording and dissemination of their image by the Organizer and FIBA for promotional, informational, or documentary purposes, in any form and media. The consent is granted for an indefinite period and without territorial restrictions. The consent also covers the dissemination of the image by third parties in the context of broadcasting and public reproduction of marketing materials, reports, and information about the event.



# PROHIBITED ITEMS



**Liquids, aerosols and gels** in quantities greater than 100ml  
**Drinks**, including alcohol, beer, soft drinks, water  
**Flasks, thermos**  
**Glass bottles** (excluding medication contained in glass bottles up to 100ml)



**Working tools**



**Noisemakers** such as hunting horns, air horns, klaxons, megaphones, vuvuzelas and whistles



**Motorcycle helmets**



**Baby carriage**



**More than one soft-sided bag of 25 litre capacity** (you must be able to fit your bag under your seat)



**Walkie-talkies, phone jammers and radio scanners**  
**Personal/private wireless access points and 3G hubs** (smart devices such as Android phones, iPhone and tablets are permitted inside venues, but must not be used as wireless access points to connect multiple devices)  
**Laser pointers and strobe lights**



**Items too large to be electronically screened**



**Bicycles, folding bikes, roller-skates and skateboards**



**Pets or animals** (excluding service animals)



**All types of knives and bladed items**, including pocket knives and knives carried as part of cultural dress  
**Offensive weapons or implements** such as bayonets, flick knives, extendable batons, sharpened combs, modified belt buckles and loose blades modified into weapons  
**Items that resemble prohibited items** such as replica guns or hoax explosive devices  
**Personal protection sprays** such as CS or pepper sprays  
**Firearms and ammunition** (including replicas, component parts or any device suspected to be a firearm)



**Explosives, flares and smoke canisters**  
**Any kind of flammable/explosive substances, liquids or gases or other flammable substances** including but not limited to fireworks



**Hazardous and toxic materials**



**Controlled drugs**, including substances which look like controlled drugs



**Tents, placards, spray paint** or any other item which could be used to demonstrate within the venue or sabotage property



**Excessive amount of food** - people should be allowed to bring a sandwich or some snacks



**Video cameras**, regardless of size, model, range and selfie sticks  
**Any telephoto lens above 150mm aperture including tripods and monopods**. You cannot use photographic or broadcast equipment for commercial purposes unless you hold media accreditation



**Poles** (i.e. flag poles) of hard material and/or longer than 1 meter



**Balls, rackets, frisbees or similar objects or projectiles**



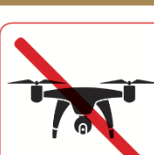
**All other objects and substances** that might endanger security, public health, public order and/or reputation of FIBA, Local Organising Committee and venue



**Paper rolls** (including toilet paper, cash register rolls, confetti)



**Any flags except the official country flags of the teams participating in a FIBA competition**



**Drones**

The following items are prohibited (not allowed) in the venues of a FIBA competition. Persons carrying any of the items above will not be allowed into the venues and may be transferred to the local law enforcement representatives.