



GENERAL REGULATIONS
for
SECOND INTERNATIONAL SPEED-BALL
DOUBLES TOURNAMENT
KRAKÓW OPEN 2025

The Second International Speed-ball Doubles Tournament – Kraków OPEN 2025 is an **Open Tournament** exclusively for doubles matches in three categories:

- **Mixed Doubles**
- **Women's Doubles**
- **Men's Doubles**

Special Conditions for Mixed Doubles:

In the Mixed Doubles category, each team must consist of **two players from different countries (nationalities)**. Example: An Egyptian woman paired with a Polish man.

Special Conditions for Men's Doubles:

A Men's Doubles team can be formed under one of the following conditions:

- **Players from two different countries**

OR

- **Players from the same country**, provided that **BOTH players have not participated** in World Championships in the last five years.

Special Conditions for Women's Doubles:

A Women's Doubles team can be formed under one of the following conditions:

- **Players from two different countries**

OR

- **Players from the same country**, provided that **both players have not participated** in World Championships in the last five years.

OR

- **Players from the same country**, provided that **one player has never participated** in World Championships.

Exception to the Above Rules: Due to the limited number of international participants and the organizers' commitment to support the development of Polish juniors, an exception will be made for junior players (up to 18 years old) from Poland. Polish juniors may form teams with



other Polish juniors, regardless of gender, to gain valuable experience by participating in an international event.

Registration and Fees:

The **registration fee** is **\$50 per team per event**(Men's, Women's, or Mixed Doubles).

Players can register using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/r3S5NSVkpMgTZpsm9>

Prizes:

Monetary prizes will be awarded to the top 4 teams in each category:

- 1st Place: \$300
- 2nd Place: \$200
- 3rd Place: \$150
- 4th Place: \$100

Important Note:

A minimum of **15 teams** is required for each event to qualify for the full prize amounts. If fewer than 15 teams participate in any event, the event will still take place, but the prize values will be reduced to **50%** of the above amounts.

Tournament Format:

The number of groups will be determined based on the total number of participating teams:

- 10 teams or fewer: 2 groups
- 11 to 15 teams: 3 groups
- 16 or more teams: 4 groups

Rules:

1. Every set in every match will be played up to 10 points, but the two points advantage is required to win the set. There is only one exception – if the score is 14:14 than the following point is the last one.
2. During the group stage, every group will be assigned to each stand, and will be requested to play there all the group matches. When two couples from a group play a match, the other pairs choose a match referee and a line referee from among themselves to referee the match.
3. The main referee of the Tournament is Nabil Adel Imam.
4. Organizers will request participating players to assist as the referees for the important matches.
5. During the matches only referees, players and one coach for the couple are allowed to stay by the court. All the others are requested to have their seats at the audience.



6. During the rally coaches are requested to stay silent. Coach can give one/two-word hint to his players after the rally. There is a possibility to have a time-out (one minute) break for each couple for each set.
7. There is a possibility to record the matches – but camera has to be left on the tripod stand.
8. If for any reason a couple can not play all the matches than they are withdrawn and all the skipped matches are considered as lost 2:0 (10:0,10:0).
9. Sunday matches will be live broadcasted on Speed-ball Polska Facebook page.
10. In the case of violation of the rules of fair-play and unsportsmanlike behavior (vulgar language of a player or coach, lack of silence by the coach during the rally, etc.), the match referee may first reprimand the player or coach. If the situation repeats, in the case of a coach, ask him to go to the audience, in the case of a player - reprimand again with the award of a point to the opponent, and if the situation repeats, then stop the match with a win for the opponents.
11. The draw of pairs for specific groups will take place on-line on Friday morning.
12. All the matches will be played with the FISB white/gray balls. There is a possibility to change the ball to black one but the decision has to be made by all the 4 players unanimously.

The organizers reserve the right to change the regulations

Additional Activities for Participants

Considering that many guests from Africa may experience a true winter for the first time, the tournament organizers are pleased to offer two exciting activities for those interested:

- **Wednesday, January 29:** A trip to the mountains for skiing.
Approximate cost: \$80 per person, including equipment rental, ski pass, transportation to and from Kraków, and instructor assistance on the slopes.

Important Notice:

For the skiing trip, the organizers kindly ask all interested participants to complete the registration form as soon as possible: <https://forms.gle/5SDnFi2ymKq9C7Gr5>

This is necessary to ensure we can reserve instructors and equipment in advance.

- **Thursday, January 30:** Ice skating in Kraków.
Approximate cost: \$12 per person, including skate rental.