

Bulletin

PRAGUE'S BARREL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

4-7 September 2025

Dear Barrelers,

Summer is ending but most importantly ice hockey season is starting! 😊

We are looking forward to meet all the teams in sunny Prague for the first tournament of season 2025/2026.

Cool beer is ready and waiting for you to get in Prague soon! 🍺

In this edition we are going to **welcome 12 teams from 8 countries!**

If you have any questions feel free to contact us anytime. For latest news visit <https://hockey.praguesbarrel.eu/board>.

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Programme



Thursday

- **Arrival, accommodation, and welcoming dinner**
- **From 19:30**, we'll meet in the heart of the city at the **Municipal House (Obecní dům)** for a delicious dinner featuring pork knee with bread, the classic Czech dessert Míša, and Pilsner Urquell beer. During this dinner, we will **draw the lots** for the tournament, so you'll find out your team's game schedule for Friday.
- **Please check with your teammates if there are any dietary restrictions (like avoiding pork OR MEAT AT ALL) and let us know in advance so we can prepare an alternative meal.**

Friday

- **Ice hockey matches and dinner cruise**
- After breakfast, you'll be transported to the ice hockey rink. We are a **beer-friendly tournament**, so don't hesitate to enjoy a beer in the morning—it's part of the tradition!
- After your games, we'll arrange transport back to the hotel, where you can rest or explore the city. In the evening, we'll meet **on the boat "EUROPÉ" at 20:00** for dinner and drinks during a scenic two-hour cruise along the river. You'll then have free time to **enjoy Prague's nightlife**.

Saturday

- **More ice hockey and final ceremony**
- The schedule will mirror Friday's, with breakfast in the morning followed by hockey matches throughout the day. In the evening, we'll gather for the **final ceremony at P.M. Club starting at 20:00**. Enjoy dinner, drinks, music, and the awards ceremony where every team will receive a prize. The club will be reserved exclusively for us, so **feel free to party all night with our DJ** or head out to experience the city's other clubs and bars.

Sunday

- **Check-out and departure**
- After breakfast, most teams will check out by noon. Departure schedules will be available in WA group, ice rinks, and restaurants, and your hostess will be ready to assist.



Timetable of the tournament



Thursday

- All day: Arrival and accommodation
- 19:30–22:00: Dinner at Municipal House, drawing lots
- 22:00: Free programme

Friday

- 7:00–9:00: Breakfast at the hotel
- 9:00–17:00: Hockey matches (lunch at the rink)
- 20:00–22:00 Dinner on the boat "EUROPÉ" (berth 15)
- 22:00: Free programme

Saturday

- 7:00–9:00: Breakfast at the hotel
- 9:00–17:00: Hockey matches (lunch at the rink)
- 20:00: Final ceremony and dinner at P.M. Club
- Free party!

Sunday

- 7:00–9:00: Breakfast at the hotel
- By 12:00: Check-out and departure

Please keep in mind that you are not alone in the hotel and it is not a place for a party. 😊
A smooth check-out is a condition of the refund for your deposit.



Rules



We are a fun tournament but it's essential to have some rules:
Basic rules of IIHF apply except several adjustments

- Players who have played any professional league or have had a contract during current hockey season are ineligible. (The exception allows a maximum of 3 players per team with any type of professional contract in the current ice hockey season, but only from the lowest professional level. We kindly ask team captains to inform us in advance about this fact, so that the exception can be considered by the tournament's sports manager.)
- No timeout during the game.
- Every match is played 3x15 minutes straight time. If there remain 2 minutes till the end of the match and the score difference is one goal or tie, we switch in the netto time.
- We use hybrid icing.
- In group stage can be a tie, during play-off matches in case of a tie there will be a shoot out (3 shooters), in case of a tie after 3 shoot out will be 1 extra shoot out (can be the same player) etc.
- The slap shot is not allowed, the contact is allowed in limited extent within the rules of the women's hockey, both these rules can be cancelled by agreement of both captains prior to the game.
- Penalties: Minor – 2 minutes, Major – 5 minutes, Misconduct – 10 minutes, Game Misconduct – out of that game only.
- No body checking allowed – a player making body contact shall be assessed a minimum of a minor penalty. A checking from behind penalty is a 5 minute major, plus a game misconduct and the next game. 10 minute misconduct – will be given to player/coach who verbally abuse the referees. If a player continuous, he will be given a game misconduct.
- Only the captain can discuss a controversial situation with the referee during the game. Captain must be clearly identified.
- Every participant plays at his own risk, the organizer provides the first aid, **NOT the health insurance. Please have your insurance card all the time with you.**
- If a team does not show up on the ice within five minutes after the official start of match - match is loss by default in favor of the other team 3-0.
- Organizer claims the right to shorten the match for the time lag reason.
- A player can play for only one team in the tournament, all players who play in the tournament have to be written in the roster and the roster have to be handover before the tournament to organizers (when player is not written in the roster, organizers can exclude the player or the whole team), "borrowing" players is not allowed, unless with permission of the referee and the captain of opposite team prior to the match.
- It is not allowed to damage the ice rink and cloakrooms in any way.
- **Please respect the basic rule: FAIR PLAY.**



System



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There are 4 pools (A,B,C,D) of 3 teams (we'll draw lots during Thursday's dinner).

On Friday all teams are playing 2 matches in the pool (3x15 minutes).

On Saturday there is playoff of teams from 1st places (1th place position), 2nd places (5th place position) and 3rd places (9th place position).

Teams are seeded according to Friday's results - the best of teams from the 1 places vs the worst team from the first positions, etc.

Winner of the match in the group gets 3 points, for a draw 1 point awarded for each side, there is no extra time.

Criteria for groups:

- o Number of points
- o Mutual match
- o Difference between goals
- o Higher number of goals
- o Shootout (if possible)
- o longer history at Prague's Barrel
- o drawing lots
- o decision of Sport Manager

In case of equality of more than 2 teams, a table will be prepared and final results will be made according to the above-mentioned criteria.

Other details

Please note it's not possible to enter the ice with pucks during the maintenance - there is the risk of damaging the groomer.

It is not possible to leave items in the cloakrooms overnight, we will try to arrange a drying room for you. Due to the renovation of the arena, it is not guaranteed that a separate changing room will be available.



Contacts

We have a useful [map \(just click here\)](#) with all the main places for you. During the tournament your hostess will always help you to move around the city. :)

- Thursday dinner: Obecní dům, náměstí Republiky 1090/ 5, Prague 1
- Ice hockey centre: Tupolevova 669, Prague 9
- Friday dinner: Boat EUROPE, Na Františku, berth 15, Prague
- Saturday final ceremony: P.M. Club, Trojická 12, Prague

You can use public transportation (really wide system) to move around the city or taxi services apps like **Uber, Liftago or Bolt**. Do not take the taxi on the street without contracting the price first!

Please keep in mind: if you will come with fewer players than was announced we have to charge you the cancelation fee 100 % for missing players. We will do our best to decrease that, but hotels are strict in that case. Please feel free to contact us anytime with future updates, sooner = better.

Have a beerful day!

The Barrel crew

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