

**18th INTERNATIONAL
KARATE GRAND PRIX
BIELSKO-BIAŁA**

BULLETIN



POLISH OPEN

HALA POD
DĘBOWCEM



19-20.10.2024

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MR. **PAWEŁ
POŁTORZECKI**



CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
PRESIDENT OF POLISH KARATE UNION

Dear Karate Friends,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee I have the honor and great pleasure to invite you to the prestigious POLISH OPEN – 18th International Karate Grand Prix, which will take place on **October 19-20**, in Bielsko-Biała.

Over a dozen years, POLISH OPEN, from a small tournament for children and youth, has grown into one of the largest karate tournaments in Europe, which was entered into the calendar of the **European Karate Federation** since 2019.

The competition will take place as every year in the modern sports hall "Pod Dębowcem" providing comfortable conditions for both competitors and spectators – the same venue as for the **European Games 2023** and the upcoming EKF Cadets, Juniors and U21 Championships 2025.

This year's POLISH OPEN, held under the patronage of the Minister of Sport and Tourism, the President of the Polish Olympic Committee, and the Mayor of Bielsko-Biała, promises to be an extraordinary event in the sporting calendar. The tournament will gather the best karate athletes from Poland and around the world, offering not only top-level competition but also a platform for exchanging experiences, forging new friendships, and promoting the values and traditions of karate.

I warmly invite all athletes, coaches, referees, and karate enthusiasts to participate in this unique event. I believe that together we will create an unforgettable atmosphere of sporting rivalry and camaraderie.

See you in Bielsko-Biała!

Best regards,

Paweł Połtorzecki
President of the Polish Karate Union

POLISH OPEN

DATE: **19-20.10.2024**

VENUE: **THE SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT HALL „POD DĘBOWCEM“
IN 26 KARBOWA STREET, BIELSKO-BIAŁA, POLAND**

■ RULES:

All members of WKF are admitted to participate. Tournament will be conducted according to the current WKF Competition Rules and Polish Karate Union regulations described in the Bulletin. The date of birth determinate about the proper age category. Competitors can participate in two age categories (except Juniors in Seniors Kumite). Participation in two weight categories as part of one age group is forbidden

■ KATA:

- In Kata for children U8 and 8 years old – it is allowed to repeat one Kata;
- In Kata for children 9,10,11 years old – minimum two different Kata have to be done alternatively;
- In Kata U14 – minimum three different kata have to be done alternatively;
- In Kata Cadets – Masters – WKF Competition Rules;
- In Kata it is allowed to participate in two age categories.

■ Duration of the KUMITE bout is:

- Senior Male and Female categories: 3 minutes effective time
- Under 21 Male and Female categories: 2 minutes effective time
- Masters Male and Female categories: 2 minutes effective time
- Cadet and Junior Male and Female categories: 2 minutes effective time
- U12 and U14 Male and Female categories: 1.5 minutes effective time
- U10 Male and Female categories: 1 minute effective time

- It is allowed to participate in two age categories (except Juniors in Seniors).
- For competitors <14 years of age no contact to the head, face or neck is allowed with hand or leg techniques.

■ PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Please be informed that protective equipment used during the POLISH OPEN does not need to have WKF homologation. However, it should be designed for karate and conform to the WKF model standards. Kumite and Kata karategis with the brand name embroidered on the shoulders in RED or BLUE are NOT MANDATORY!

Category	Mandatory	Optional
U12, U10	gum shield, mitts red/blue, foot protection red/blue	body protector, groin guards for men, helmet, shin pads red/blue
U14	gum shield, mitts red/blue, foot protection red/blue, shin pads red/blue, body protector, groin guards for men	body protector (female design), external chest protector, helmet
Cadets, Juniors, U21, Seniors, Masters	gum shield, mitts red/blue, foot protection red/blue, shin pads red/blue, body protector (male and female design/old model plus breast protector), groin guards for men,	

■ ENTRY FEE:

40 EUR – one entry in category: U8, U10, U12, U14, Cadets, Juniors
50 EUR – one entry in category: U21, Seniors, Masters

Each entry goes into the waiting list and only after receiving online payment or by bank transfer it will be accepted. To speed up the process of online registration we ask to send the confirmation of the bank transfer by email: atemi.konrad@gmail.com – There is no refund policy on paid entries!

KSA Atemi
Widok 12
43-300 Bielsko-Biała
SWIFT CODE (BIC): PKOPPLPW
IBAN: PL 32 1240 6449 1111 0010 6169 8939

Payment in cash only after approval from the LOC.

■ CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION:

The competition is open for Polish (members of POLISH KARATE UNION) and foreign clubs. Each contestant should have: identity card with a photo, competitors license, a doctor's permission to take part in the competition and full insurance coverage for all eventualities. All of these documents should be prepared for possible control during the registration.



■ AWARDS:

Competitors who are first in the individual contests will receive memorial cups, medals and diplomas. For 2nd and 3rd places they will receive memorial medals and diplomas.

■ REGISTRATION:

All competitors, referees, coaches and officials must register online using the online system at www.sportdata.org/karate. No onsite registration will be accepted. In case of any questions concerning the online registration please directly contact the sportdata software team via the email address: atemi.konrad@gmail.com.



Clubs / teams / federations are responsible for the quality of the entered registration data. Deadline of making any changes in entries is **9.10.2024**. When the limit of entries is reached, the online registration will be closed. If changes are required during official registration session because of incorrect data, **a fee of 20 EUR** is charged for each change. Deleting the entry during the official registration session is charged 100% of the entry fee.

There will not be possibility of making any changes in the day of the contest except deleting the entry of the competitor. Deleting the entry of the competitor in the day of the competitions means that you are still obliged to pay the full entry fee.

The official registration session will take place at the competition office (Hala pod Dębowcem) on Friday, October 18, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Please note that weigh-in is mandatory for all kumite categories!

- Weigh-in for athletes competing on Saturday will take place on Friday at the venue (Hala pod Dębowcem) from 10:00 am to 6 pm.
- Weigh-in for athletes competing on Sunday will take place on Saturday at the venue (Hala pod Dębowcem) from 9 am to 8 pm.
- Additional weigh-in session will be held on Sunday at the venue (Hala pod Dębowcem) from 9 am to 11 am.

Accreditations for competitors and coaches will be issued also on the day of competition (for those who will not attend the official registration session on Friday) from 07:00 to 18:00.

At registration session, accreditation cards will be issued with the participants main data, a photograph and information about registered categories. The accreditation card must be worn at all times during the event. Fast line to pick up accreditations will be available for those who paid the entry fee by bank transfer.

■ OTHER:

All controversial matters will be solved by the Chief Referee of the competition in agreement with the organizer. The organizer isn't responsible for lost items. Heads of teams are responsible for competitors' behaviour or eventual damages made by them.

Only athletes and coaches can stay in the field of play during the tournament. Officials, heads of delegations and audience have to stay in the spectators area. Press accreditation can only be given to professional journalists working for a media and having proof of their credentials. If a Refereeing procedure appears to contravene the rules, the Competitor's Coach or its official representative are the only ones allowed to make a protest. The complainant must deposit a Protest Fee of 200 EUR.

The exhibition and sale of goods is allowed on the conditions of Organizer. The professional catering service will be provided in the competition area by the Restaurant Wirtuozeria. As regards that the specific items are not expressly foreseen in the present bulletin reference is to be made to the general rules and guidelines contained in WKF Regulations and the provisions of the Civil Code.

■ PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF POLISH OPEN:

(Organizer reserve the right to change the preliminary schedule. In this case all participants will be informed in advanced by email).

■ FRIDAY 18.10.2024

10:00 - 18:00 Official registration session and weigh-in (Hala pod Dębowcem)

■ SATURDAY 19.10.2024

08:00 - 13:00 Kata Cadets, Juniors, U21, Seniors, Masters
13:00 - 21:00 Kumite Juniors, U21, Seniors, Masters

■ SUNDAY 20.10.2024

09:00 - 12:00 Kata U8 - U14
12:00 - 18:00 Kumite U8 - U14, Kumite Cadets

■ CATEGORIES:

The detailed list of all categories is available at:

https://www.sportdata.org/karate/set-online/veranstaltung_info_main.php?active_menu=calendar&vern=7533&ver_info_action=catlist#a_eventheadend

OFFICIAL ACCOMMODATION:

To book accommodation please contact with the Organizers: info@polish-open.com

Deadline to make your booking expires at 3rd of Septmeber 2024.
More information at www.polish-open.com/en/official-hotels.

HQ HOTEL:

IBIS STYLES BIELSKO-BIAŁA
ŻYWIECKA 93, 43-300 BIELSKO-BIAŁA

The Ibis Styles Bielsko – Biala Hotel is located in the foothills of the Beskids, within 1.9 miles (3 km) the main train and bus station. This 3-star hotel has an ideal location close to the Katowice – Zywiec road and the nearby Bielsko – Biala ring road provides easy access and is convinient for both business and leisure travel within the region. For all those who booked the accommodation in this hotel, we provide free transport to the venue.



	By the 15.07.2024	By the 31.08.2024	By the 30.09.2024
Single room *	70,00 €	95,00 €	105,00 €
Twin room *	60,00 €	75,00 €	90,00 €
Triple room *	48,00 €	63,00 €	75,00 €

* price per person with breakfast

OFFICIAL HOTEL:

HOTEL DĘBOWIEC
ARMII KRAJOWEJ 220, 43-300 BIELSKO-BIALA

A 2-star Hotel Debowiec is located in a quiet and picturesque part of Bielsko – Biala, at the foot of Debowiec and Szyndzielnia mountains, 100m form the venue. It offers beautiful views and accomodation with free private parking. Featuring carpets and large windows, the rooms at Hotel Debowiec are equipped with a flat – screen TV and wardrobe. A private bathroom comes with each room and free Wi-Fi is provided. There is restaurant at the hotel where guests can enjoy their meals.



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PARKHOTEL VIENNA
 BYSTRZAŃSKA 48, 43-300 BIELSKO-BIAŁA

Parkhotel Vienna is one of the most modern hotels in the south of Poland. It is located in Bielsko – Biala, a city known as “Little Vienna” in the beginning of the 20th century. This luxurious, exquisite, elegant and cozy hotel warmly welcomes all guests offering them an exceptional combination of tradition and modernity. Staff offers the guests luxurious rooms and suits, Imperial Restaurant, Vienna Brasserie, Lobby Bar, Rabana Music Club and Highlander’s Cabin.



	By the 15.07.2024	By the 31.08.2024	By the 30.09.2024
Single room *	95,00 €	110,00 €	125,00 €
Twin room *	75,00 €	90,00 €	105,00 €
Triple room *	62,50 €	77,50 €	92,50 €

* price per person with breakfast



■ TRANSFERS:

We can organize transfer for your team from airport to hotel and from hotel to airport. For more information please visit the website: www.polish-open.com/en/transfers or contact with the Organizer via email: info@polish-open.com



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