

# **Tournament Rules**

## General

#### Locations

Level A & B-: Com-Com Zone, 6 Ptaszyckiego St., Krakow, venue is open from 8:00 Level B & C: ZSOS nr 2, 35 Os. Teatralne St., Kraków, venue is open from 8:00

# Warm-up

The general warm-up in the sports hall is scheduled from 8:05 to 8:30. The warm-up between matches cannot last longer than 5 minutes.

### Schedule

The schedule shows the approximate start times of the matches. Teams should follow the schedule and be ready to play at the scheduled time. Matches are played one after another.

### Referees

Each match is conducted by a certified referee. Teams are required to appoint two people as scorekeepers. The referee duty schedule for teams is available along with the tournament schedule.

### Injury

In the case of a player's injury (only if the team does not have a substitute player), it is possible to play matches with a 5-player lineup. The captain may also select a player from another team at the same or lower level for the duration of the match. The temporary transfer of a player must be approved by the tournament organizer, and the change must be accepted by the captain of the team to which the player is assigned. The selected player cannot come from the team against which the team with an incomplete lineup is playing.

## Timeout and player substitution

Each team is entitled to one up to 30 sec. time-out during each set (only during Quarterfinals, Semi-finals & Finals) and one player substitution (except for player substitutions for medical reasons such as injury) during each set on all stages. This rule may be extended by separate regulations for a specific level.

### **MVP Players**

MVP players are selected by the main referees. One MVP will be selected at each level. The MVP is selected during the group stage (Level A) or the final stage (all other levels).

## Mikasa V200W

The organizer has determined that the official ball for matches is the Mikasa V200W.

Matches are played in accordance with the Official Volleyball Rules 2025-2028.



# **LEVEL A**

Number of teams	3
Split into groups	No
Group stage	Yes (2 rounds)
Medal Stage: Quarterfinals, Semi-finals, Finals	only Finals
Number of sets per one match	2 in Group Stage, up to 3 in Finals
Number of points required to win a set	21 points in Group Stage, 25 points in Finals
Two-point advantage (in set)	Yes, it's required (all stages)
Match results 2:0	3 points for winning team
Match results 1:1	1 point for each team
Match results 0:2	no points for the losing team

In the Group Stage, two sets will be played without a tie-break. In the Final Stage, in the event of a 1:1 score, a tie-break will be played to 15 points (with a two-point advantage).

After all matches are completed, the final classification of teams (in Group Stage) will be calculated according to this order:

- Number of matches won
- Number of points awarded
- Set balance
- Ratio of small points in sets
- Direct matches

In the event of a tie in the table (after all matches have been played), an additional golden set will be played. The set will be played between the teams that are tied in the table. The set will be played to 15 points with a two-point advantage.

After the Group Stage is over, the Final Stage (Medal Stage) will begin, which will be played according to the following scheme:

- Match A: the team in 3rd place in the group stage table will play against the team that took
  2nd place in the Group Stage (the losing team in this match will win the bronze medal of the tournament);
- Match B: the winner of Match A will play against the team that finished first in the Group Stage (the winner of this match will win the gold medal of the tournament, and the losing team will win the silver medal).



# **LEVEL B**

Number of teams	6
Split into groups	No
Group stage	Yes (round-robin)
Medal Stage: Quarterfinals, Semi-finals, Finals	Semi-finals, Finals (no quarterfinals)
Number of sets per one match	2
Number of points required to win a set	15 points in Group Stage and Semi-finals, 25 points in Finals
Two-point advantage (in set)	No, it is not required (all stages)
Match results 2:0	3 points for winning team
Match results 1:1	1 point for each team
Match results 0:2	no points for the losing team

After the group stage (round-robin, 1 round of matches), the 4 teams ranked 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in the group stage table (teams that have accumulated the highest number of points in the group stage) qualify for the semi-finals.

After all matches are completed (group stage), the final classification of teams in the table will be calculated according to this order:

- Number of matches won
- Number of points awarded
- Set balance
- Ratio of small points in sets
- Direct matches

The Semi-finals will be played according to the following scheme:

- Match A: 1st place in the table will play against 4th place in the table (after the Group Stage)
- Match B: 2nd place in the table will play against 3rd place in the table (after the Group Stage)

The Finals will be played according to the following scheme:

- Gold Medal match: the winner of Match A will play against the winner of Match B
- Bronze Medal match: the losing team of Match A will play against the losing team of Match B

In the event of a tie in the Semi-final Stage **and a situation where the ratio of small points is also tied**, the winner is determined by a tie-break played up to 10 points (no two-points advantage). The teams do not change sides of the court, and the serve is performed by the team that served first in the first set. [continued on the next page]



In the event of a 1:1 tie in sets in the Final Stage, a tie-break will be played (up to 15 points). Teams change sides according to the rotation order, a two-point advantage is not required, and teams do not change sides after scoring 8 points in the tie-break.

## **LEVEL B-**

Number of teams	12
Split into groups	2 groups, with 6 teams each group (Group A & Group B)
Group stage	Yes (round-robin)
Medal Stage: Quarterfinals, Semi-finals, Finals	Quarterfinals, Semi-finals, Finals
Number of sets per one match	2
Number of points required to win a set	15 points in Group Stage, Quarterfinals and Semi-finals, 25 points in Finals
Two-point advantage (in set)	No, it is not required (all stages)
Match results 2:0	3 points for winning team
Match results 1:1	1 point for each team
Match results 0:2	no points for the losing team

After all matches are completed (Group Stage), the final classification of teams in the table will be calculated according to this order:

- Number of matches won
- Number of points awarded
- Set balance
- Ratio of small points in sets
- Direct matches

After the group stage (round-robin, 1 round of matches), the 4 teams from each group (A & B) ranked 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in the Group Stage table (teams that have accumulated the highest number of points in the group stage) qualify for the Quarterfinals.

The Quarterfinals will be played according to the following scheme:

- Match A: 1st place (Group A) in the table will play against 4th place (Group B) in the table (after the group stage)
- Match B: 2nd place (Group A) in the table will play against 3rd place (Group B) in the table (after the group stage)
- Match C: 1st place (Group B) in the table will play against 4th place (Group A) in the table (after the group stage)
- Match D: 2nd place (Group B) in the table will play against 3rd place (Group A) in the table (after the group stage)

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The Semi-finals will be played according to the following scheme:

- Match A: the winner of Match A (Quarterfinals) will play against the winner of Match B (Quarterfinals)
- Match B: the winner of Match C (Quarterfinals) will play against the winner of Match D (Quarterfinals)

The Finals will be played according to the following scheme:

- Gold Medal Match: the winner of Match A (Semi-finals) will play against the winner of Match B (Semi-finals)
- Bronze Medal Match: the losing team of Match A (Semi-finals) will play against the losing team of Match B (Semi-finals)

In the event of a tie in the Quarterfinals and Semi-finals Stage and a situation where **the ratio of small points is also tied**, the winner is determined by a tie-break played up to 10 points (no two-points advantage). The teams do not change sides of the court, and the serve is performed by the team that served first in the first set.

In the event of a 1:1 tie in sets in the Final Stage, a tie-break will be played (up to 15 points). Teams change sides according to the rotation order, a two-point advantage is not required, and teams do not change sides after scoring 8 points in the tie-break.

# **LEVEL C**

Number of teams	11
Split into groups	2 groups, Group A: 6 teams, Group B: 5 teams
Group stage	Yes (round-robin)
Medal Stage: Quarterfinals, Semi-finals, Finals	Quarterfinals, Semi-finals, Finals
Number of sets per one match	2
Number of points required to win a set	15 points in Group Stage, Quarterfinals and Semi-finals, 25 points in Finals
Two-point advantage (in set)	No, it is not required (all stages)
Match results 2:0	3 points for winning team
Match results 1:1	1 point for each team
Match results 0:2	no points for the losing team

After all matches are completed (Group Stage), the final classification of teams in the table will be calculated according to this order:

- Number of matches won
- Number of points awarded
- Set balance
- Ratio of small points in sets



#### Direct matches

After the group stage (round-robin, 1 round of matches), the 4 teams from each group (A & B) ranked 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in the Group Stage table (teams that have accumulated the highest number of points in the group stage) qualify for the Quarterfinals.

The Quarterfinals will be played according to the following scheme:

- Match A: 1st place (Group A) in the table will play against 4th place (Group B) in the table (after the Group Stage)
- Match B: 2nd place (Group A) in the table will play against 3rd place (Group B) in the table (after the Group Stage)
- Match C: 1st place (Group B) in the table will play against 4th place (Group A) in the table (after the Group Stage)
- Match D: 2nd place (Group B) in the table will play against 3rd place (Group A) in the table (after the Group Stage)

The Semi-finals will be played according to the following scheme:

- Match A: the winner of Match A (Quarterfinals) will play against the winner of Match B (Quarterfinals)
- Match B: the winner of Match C (Quarterfinals) will play against the winner of Match D (Quarterfinals)

The Finals will be played according to the following scheme:

- Gold Medal Match: the winner of Match A (Semi-finals) will play against the winner of Match B (Semi-finals)
- Bronze Medal Match: the losing team of Match A (Semi-finals) will play against the losing team of Match B (Semi-finals)

In the event of a tie in the Quarterfinals and Semi-finals Stage and a situation where **the ratio of small points is also tied**, the winner is determined by a tie-break played up to 10 points (no two-points advantage). The teams do not change sides of the court, and the serve is performed by the team that served first in the first set.

In the event of a 1:1 tie in sets in the Final Stage, a tie-break will be played (up to 15 points). Teams change sides according to the rotation order, a two-point advantage is not required, and teams do not change sides after scoring 8 points in the tie-break.