

REGULATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL AERIAL ACROBATICS FESTIVAL “Šypsenos ore 2026”

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

These Regulations of the International Aerial Acrobatics Festival “**Smiles in the Air 2026**” (hereinafter referred to as the *Festival*) define the Festival’s objectives, organizational procedures, participant categories, performance duration, evaluation system, awards, and general participation conditions.

Festival objectives:

- to provide young and adult aerial acrobats with the opportunity to perform in an international arena;
- to encourage creativity, self-expression, and artistic thinking through aerial acrobatics;
- to improve stage movement and performance skills;
- to promote community spirit, mutual communication, and cooperation.

The Festival is oriented toward **circus arts**; during circus festivals, there is no division by apparatus, therefore, the performances will be evaluated according to **age and skill level categories only**.

Festival date and venue:

The Festival will take place on **June 6, 2026**,
Menų spaustuvė,
Šiltadaržio str. 6, Vilnius, Lithuania.

Festival organizer:

Public Institution “**Šypsenos ore**”.

II. PARTICIPANT CATEGORIES

1. Age categories

- **Babies** – 4–6 years old
- **Kids** – 7–10 years old
- **Children** – 11–14 years old
- **Juniors** – 15–18 years old
- **Adults** – 18+
- The average age is calculated in the **duet category**.

Duets must be performed on one fixation point, meaning one hoop or just singular silks.

2. Skill level categories

- **Debutants** – first stage performance
- **Beginners**
- **Advanced**
- **Professionals**

The Organizer reserves the right, after assessing the participant's skill level, to transfer the participant to another skill level category in order to ensure fair evaluation.

III. PERFORMANCE DURATION

The maximum allowed performance duration is as follows:

- **Debutants** – up to 2:20 min
- **Beginners** – up to 2:40 min
- **Advanced** – up to 3:10 min
- **Professionals** – up to 3:30 min

If the established time limit is exceeded, the judges have the right to deduct points.

The performance music must be cut according to the duration requirements. The end of the music must coincide with the end of the participant's performance.

By **May 23rd**, the participant's music file, named after the participant's first and last name, must be sent to the event organizers email at sypsenosore@gmail.com.

IV. EVALUATION SYSTEM

Participants are evaluated by **three judges**, each of whom assesses all components of the performance.

The evaluation is conducted using a **five-point scoring system**, with **decimal scores permitted**.

Evaluation criteria:

- **Technical difficulty of the performance** – up to **5 points**;
- **Theme interpretation** (emotion, character, overall image) – up to **5 points**;
- **Stage presence and culture** (entrance and exit, interaction with the audience, use of music) – up to **5 points**.

Maximum total score: 15 points.

Points may be deducted for:

- Falling from the apparatus (-0.5 points)
- Inappropriate or incorrect music (-0.5 points)
- Improper or unsafe costume (-0.5 points)
- Violations of ethics or respect toward the audience or other participants (-0.5 points)
- Exceeding performance time (-0.5 points)

V. GRAND PRIX AWARD

Throughout the Festival, one performance will be selected as the **Grand Prix winner**.

The **Grand Prix** may be awarded only to one participant competing in either advanced or professional category.

The Grand Prix winner will be selected from all performances in these categories, regardless of age group.

Prize:

The winner will receive **one aerial acrobatics apparatus of their choice**:

- aerial hoop;
- aerial silks;
- aerial hammock.

The prize is sponsored by **Delarijashop**.

VI. PARTICIPATION FEE AND PAYMENT PROCEDURE

Registration closes on May 2nd. Registration is confirmed upon receipt of the participant fee.

The participant fee/support for the festival is 70Eur per participant in one category.

In the duet category, both participants are subject to a joint performance fee of 80Eur.

The participation fee must be paid by **bank transfer**.

The participation fee is non-refundable under any circumstances.

The payment reference must include:

- participant's full name;
- „Festival fee”.

Bank details:

Recipient: Public Institution “Šypsėnos ore”

Account No.: LT197300010175972167

Bank: SWEDBANK

VII. AWARDS AND PARTICIPANT GIFTS

- All Festival participants will receive **gifts and participation diplomas**.
- Participants who win **1st, 2nd or 3rd place** in their age category will be awarded **personalized festival trophies**.
- The **Grand Prix winner** will receive a separate special prize.
- Coaches and teachers of each participating group will be awarded **organizers diplomas, certificates of appreciation, and commemorative gifts**.

