

# EATCIHT 2026

**23rd EUROPEAN  
AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS  
ICE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT**

**APRIL 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**POP RAD - SLOVAKIA**



# WELCOME

Dear ATCOs and friends,

Welcome to Poprad, the city that will be added to the map of the European Air Traffic Controllers Hockey Tournament for the first time. The city, which is a gateway to High Tatras, offers excellent conditions for such an event.

We hope that you will enjoy your stay at the four-star Aquacity Hotel. The hotel also includes an aquapark with thirteen pools and a wellness area with unlimited access for you.

The new training hockey arena offers modern facilities just five-minute walk from the hotel.

Least but not last, let us wish you good luck, enjoy the tournament and have fun!

Organizing team, ATC Falcons Bratislava



# GENERAL PARTNER



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# REGISTERED TEAMS



Bratislava Falcons



Prague Monkeys



HK Žolne



Košice Flyers



# EVENT SCHEDULE

## **Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

Arrival of team Žolne and part of team Prague, check in at the hotel available from 14:00.

## **Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Remaining teams Bratislava, Kosice and rest of the Prague team will meet at the ice rink before the games. Parking is available at the adjacent arena, see the map in bulletin.

After the games, teams will move to the Aquacity hotel, where lunch will be served divided into two groups, see the schedule, and then we will check in for the rooms. There is a free parking at the hotel available.

For teams arriving on 17th of April, we will provide you with a web-link 48 hours before the tournament, where it will be possible to complete the online check-in in order to speed up the accommodation process so that you have more time to relax.

See the timetable on the next page ...



# EVENT SCHEDULE

## Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

12:00 – 14:15	Games, Preliminary round	Ice Arena
13:45 – 14:30	Lunch ( Košice, Žolne )	Aquacity Hotel
15:00 – 15:45	Lunch (Bratislava, Prague )	Aquacity Hotel
17:00 – 19:15	Games, Preliminary round	Ice Arena
20:30 – 21:00	Teams leaders meeting	Aquacity Hotel, Lobby bar
18:00 – 21:00	Dinner	Aquacity Hotel

## Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

07:00 – 10:00	Breakfast	Aquacity Hotel
10:00 – 12:15	Games, Preliminary round	Ice Arena
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch (Bratislava, Košice )	Aquacity Hotel
13:00 – 13:45	Lunch (Žolne, Prague)	Aquacity Hotel
16:00 – 18:15	Games, Final round	Ice Arena
19:30 – 0:00	Farewell party	Aquacity Hotel, Conference Hall

## Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

07:00 – 10:00	Breakfast	Aquacity Hotel
Till 10:00	Check out and departure	



# GAME SCHEDULE

## Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

- 12:00 – 13:00 KOŠICE FLYERS – ŽOLNE  
13:15 – 14:15 FALCONS BRATISLAVA – PRAGUE MONKEYS  
17:00 – 18:00 ŽOLNE – FALCONS BRATISLAVA  
18:15 – 19:15 PRAGUE MONKEYS – KOŠICE FLYERS

## Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 – 11:00 FALCONS BRATISLAVA – KOŠICE FLYERS  
11:15 – 12:15 ŽOLNE – PRAGUE MONKEYS  
16:00 – 17:00 **BRONZE MEDAL GAME**  
17:15 – 18:15 **GOLD MEDAL GAME**



# RULES

## TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The four registered teams will be playing against each other in the Preliminary Round, followed by the bronze medal game between the fourth and third teams after the Preliminary round and the gold medal game between the second and first teams after the Preliminary round.

## MEDICAL SERVICE

Medical personnel will be available during all games at the arena.

## TEAM COMPOSITION

For a team to play a game, it must be able to put on the ice at least five skaters and one goaltender at the beginning of the game.

## MATCH DURATION

3x15 min, without time stopping

Time stopping in the last minute of the game (not applicable if one team is ahead by three or more goals).

There will be a 5-minute warm-up at the start of each game, and 2 minutes break between periods.

One time-out per team per game is allowed, which must not exceed 30 sec.

There is no overtime - There will be a penalty shootout in case of a tied game

(3-3, then 1-1 till decision).

## POINTS

Win - 3 points for the winning team.

Tie - invokes penalty shootout.

Penalty shootout win - 2 points

Penalty shootout loss - 1 point

Loss - 0 points

# RULES

## TIE-BREAKING FORMULA

In case of two or more teams ending up with the same number of points, the tie-breaking formula will determine the standings:

Step 1 – Head-to-head results.

Step 2 – Total score differential (Goals For : Goals Against).

Step 3 – The highest number of goals scored.

Step 4 – The least number of goals against.

Step 5 – The least penalty minutes.

Step 6 – Coin toss

## GAME RULES SPECIFICATIONS

**No center-red line** – Passes from the defending zone to any player in neutral zone are allowed.

**No Slap shots** – Stick raised above the knee on the back swing when shooting or passing the puck will result in a face-off in the offending teams' defensive zone face-off spot.

**No body checking** – Body checking will result in a minor or major penalty at the referee's discretion.

**Fighting** – Absolutely no fighting will be tolerated! Fighting will result in a major penalty. A major penalty caused by fighting will be tournament disqualification.

**High stick** – High stick: it may be called for carrying the stick above the normal height of the waist.

**Penalties** – Minor penalty = 2 straight-time minutes. Three minor penalties of the same player in one game will result in a game ejection.

**Major penalty** = 5 straight-time minutes. Referee's decision if the player is ejected from the game. Time of the penalty is starting to run at the face-off succeeding the penalty.

**Icing** – According to the IIHF rules ( red line ) .Defensive line changes will be allowed after icing call.

We are ATCO's, pilots, adults and professionals and therefore we must never forget that in the first place we are colleagues and only after that, we are hockey players in opposing teams. So do not get too emotional and serious while playing hockey. Please respect the basic rule: FAIR PLAY!

# ARENA & HOTEL

## ARENA INFORMATION

Every team will have a dressing room for whole tournament. Separate drying room at the arena will be available for everyone during the tournament. Parking is available next to main Ice Arena.

## ACCOMMODATION INFO

Hotel Aquacity is a 4-star hotel with famous aquapark, wellness and fitness and is located just five minute walk from the Arena.

### Hotel AquaCity Poprad

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# MAP



# ICE ARENA

