

# 2025 Taiwan International Diabolo & Kaohsiung City Cup Tournament General Contest Rules

- **Date:** 15/Nov/2025 (Sat.) & 16/Nov/2025 (Sun.)/ 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
- **Venue: Guoguang High School**  
(512 Houchang Rd., Nanzi District, Kaohsiung City, TAIWAN)
- **Age:** All ages are welcome and shall be fitted into suitable age groups.
- **Registration Fee:** It varies from NT\$300 ~ \$1,200 depending on different categories. The registration fee is NOT refundable (insurance included).
- **Registration will be open from now on till 5:00 pm, 31/July/2025**  
Overseas contestants shall register by sending applications via E-mail to:  
peggy07103@yahoo.com.tw
- **Awards:** The top 3 winners will be conferred trophies and certificates on the Tournament Court the same day. The Association reserves the rights for displaying the videos of winners on the Association website.

## Individual Freestyle Category

1. The 2002 R.O.C. Folk Sports Competition Rules (issued in December 2002) are adopted in the Tournament.
2. All makes of diabolos are permitted to use whilst the unidirectional top diabolo is banned in the Tournament.
3. **Time Limits:** 3.5 minutes ~ 4 minutes. Timer starts and stops with the music accordingly. Points shall be deducted if the presenting time is less than 3.5 minutes or over 4 minutes. If contestant plays with no music, timer starts and stops with the spinning of diabolo accordingly.
4. **Criteria for Scoring (10 points):**

Techniques	5 points - fluencies and proficiencies of tricks
Artistry	3 points - overall presentations of flow, smoothness as well as stage performance
Creativity	2 points - creativeness and originalities

1 point shall be deducted for minor faults (such as string tangled but without drop off the diabolo) while 1.5 points shall be deducted for major faults each time. No point shall be deducted for contestant who drops off the diabolo but retrieves and carries on instantly. Any tricks presented out-of-bounds shall not be counted as valid tricks.

## 5. Trick & Device Restrictions:

It's NOT mandatory for contestants to demonstrate the single-sided/top diabolo tricks. However, if contestants wish to do so, the traditional single-sided diabolo is permitted while the unidirectional one with bearing is banned. **In addition, tricks or devices with any extra additions attached to diabolos or involving FIRE in any way are NOT permitted.** A contestant should wear a suitable sporting suit.

## **6. Music:**

All music shall be the G-rated (appropriate for general audiences). The music shall not contain offensive lyrics including but not limited to: obscenities, violence advocacy, racial or sexual discriminations, etc. Please note: use of inappropriate music by contestants shall result in their disqualification.

## **Speed Racing Category**

1. Time Limit: 1 minute.
2. Contestant who makes less faulty points will be the winner when the total scores occurring the same.
3. Referees shall call a time-out while tricks are demonstrated inaccurately.
4. The first place winner in each sub-category shall not join the same sub-category in the next coming year.
5. No restrictions on the makes of diabolos or limit of string length in this category.
6. Timber starts from the spinning of the diablo.

## **● Please Note:**

Any malicious behaviour by contestants attempting to influence the fairness of competition or violate the Rules, the awarded prize, qualification and earned title will be withdrawn and disqualified by the Association. The Association reserves the rights for taking legal actions against the malicious behaviour caused by contestants.

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