

OFF FESTIVAL KATOWICE 2025 – RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. General Provisions

1. The following Rules and Regulations (hereinafter called “the Rules”) are published in accordance with the Law on the Safety of Mass Events of March 20, 2009 (Journal of Laws 2019, item 2171) and apply to all persons present at the location at which the “OFF Festival Katowice” (hereinafter called “the Event”) is held, throughout the duration of the Event.
2. The Rules are issued by the Independent Foundation, located at 3/5 Alfonsa Górnika St. 40-133 Katowice, entered into the register of associations, other types of voluntary and professional organizations, foundations and public institutions of social service under KRS number 0000299949 (hereinafter called “the Organizer”).
3. The purpose of the Rules is to ensure the safety of the Event by specifying rules of behavior for those participating in the Event and rules for using the Festival Grounds and the devices found therein, as well as to regulate the rights and responsibilities of participants resulting from their purchase of tickets for the Event.
4. Security and Information Personnel, including private security staff, are designated to attend to the safety of the Attendees and verify the Attendees’ authorization to attend the Event. Security and Information Personnel bear prominently-displayed identification badges containing: the name of the issuing body, an identification number and photograph, the validity period, and the signature and stamp of the issuing body.
5. The Festival Grounds are the designated area at Dolina Trzech Stawów in Katowice where the artistic events of the Festival will take place.

II. Admission

1. Permission to enter the Festival Grounds is granted to individuals bearing a document verifying their identity, and a Ticket, which will be exchanged for a wristband (hereinafter the “Identifier”), subject to the stipulations of Section 3 below.
2. The Attendee may be an adult or a minor aged 15 or over. A minor under the age of 15 may attend the Event only if accompanied by a legal guardian or other authorized adult, and at the exclusive liability of said adult, after the adult has signed a liability (including financial liability) waiver for the minor upon first admission the Event. Minors are not permitted to participate in events that the organizers of the Event have designated as adult-only.

Download the festival liability waiver [here](#).

3. Only original Tickets purchased in accordance with the above Rules and Regulations may be exchanged for Identifiers. Tickets purchased in violation of the above Rules and Regulations may be nullified by the Organizer (or their representatives) without reimbursement.
4. Due to the large number of Attendees, the need to exchange Tickets for Identifiers, and the need to conduct necessary inspection and security procedures at the entrance to the Event, Attendees are required to arrive at the Festival Grounds in advance.
5. The design of the Identifier is chosen by the Organizer.
6. The Attendee is required to fasten the wristband around their wrist before entering the Festival Grounds. Repeated admission to the Festival Grounds is granted exclusively to Attendees bearing an Identifier that has been permanently fastened around their wrist.
7. The Identifier may only be used by one person. It is forbidden to transfer or lend the Identifier to others. The Attendee is required to prevent damage to their Identifier.

A damaged, torn, lost, or stolen Identifier is the liability of the Attendee and shall be considered invalid.

8. The Attendee may fully remove the Identifier after leaving the Festival Grounds and receive a new Identifier before reentering the Festival Grounds, provided that they receive prior permission to do so from the Organizer. The Attendee should make this request at the information booth located at the entrance to the Festival Grounds, upon leaving the Festival Grounds at the latest. The fulfillment of this request is conditioned upon the Attendee presenting an undamaged Identifier fastened around their wrist, and a personal ID. The new Identifier will be issued to the Attendee at the location at which he or she made the request, subject to a fee of 5 PLN.
9. Regardless of the fulfillment of the above conditions, admission onto the Festival Grounds will be refused to any persons:
 - a. against whom a legally binding court order has been issued, barring said person from attending mass events,
 - b. against whom a legally binding court order has been issued, requiring said person to refrain from attending mass events, issued to the convict as part of a probation agreement, or issued to a minor on the basis of art. 6 item 2 of the Act of October 26, 1982 on procedures regarding cases involving minors.
 - c. who refuse to submit to a check of their authorization to attend the mass event.
 - d. who are under the visible influence of alcohol, drugs, psychoactive substances, or other substances with similar effects (including pharmaceuticals),
 - e. who are carrying weapons or other dangerous objects, materials, products, beverages or substances,
 - f. whose behavior is aggressive, provocative, or otherwise constitutes a safety or security hazard to the Event,
 - g. who cannot be identified due to their appearance,
 - h. who are carrying plastic or glass or metal containers or cans, etc., excluding Attendees entering the Festival Grounds with a child, provided the containers or cans, etc. carried onto the are required and intended to be used to serve the child their meals, and excluding packages or parcels that are permanently sealed,
 - i. who are carrying any food, excluding Attendees entering the Festival Grounds accompanied by a child, provided the food is required to serve the child their meal,
 - j. who are carrying other dangerous objects mentioned in §IV of these Rules and Regulations,
 - k. who cannot present valid identification,
 - l. who are carrying selfie sticks (a type of hand-held monopod used to take “selfies”) or other tripods,
 - m. who are carrying drones (remote-controlled or autonomous devices used mainly for the purpose of observation or recording) or other airborne objects,
 - n. who are attempting to enter the Festival Grounds with vehicles of any type (including bicycles, motorbikes, scooters, skateboards, etc.), roller skates or inline skates,
 - o. who cannot present an Identifier, including individuals who have not exchanged their Ticket for an Identifier, or who have been refused admission for reasons listed above.

10. Purchased Tickets may not be exchanged or refunded. The Organizer reserves the right to cancel the event without prior announcement. The Organizer shall not be liable for any compensation or damages by the owner of the Ticket, beyond refunding the price printed on the Ticket for the canceled Event.
11. The Organizer reserves the right to amend the scheduling and contents of the program without compensating the owner of the Ticket.
12. Objects shall be deemed dangerous at the discretion of the Security And Information Personnel.

III. Free admission to the event

1. Caregivers accompanying persons with impaired mobility or vision are entitled to free entrance. Only one caregiver is entitled to free entrance on each individual date of the Event and may not be substituted by another caregiver on that date.
2. The Organizer reserves the right to verify a person's disability by requesting the presentation of a certification of disability, disabled ID or parking permit as well as a photo ID (personal ID, passport).
3. Children aged 10 and younger receive free admission to the Event, but only if accompanied by a legal guardian or other authorized adult, and at the exclusive liability of said adult, after the adult has signed a liability (including financial liability) waiver for the minor upon first admission to the Event.
4. The Organizer reserves the right to verify the age and personal data of the child and the personal data of the legal guardian by requesting documents confirming their identity and bearing a photograph of their face (e.g. personal ID card, passport, school ID).

IV. Safety regulations at the festival grounds

1. The Organizer shall ensure the security of those attending the Event and provide security during the Event by, inter alia, appointing a director of security, tasked with directing and organizing the work of Security and Information Personnel, and by providing medical assistance and sanitary facilities.
2. Event Attendees and all those present at the Festival Grounds are required to behave in a manner that does not endanger the safety of others present at the Event, and are especially required to obey the provisions of these Rules and Regulations and instructions issued by the Security and Information Personnel and the director of security. Attendees may only refuse to obey said instructions if the instructions are in contradiction to generally binding laws.
3. Security and Information Personnel, identified by prominently-displayed identification badges, are permitted, in accordance with the Law on the Safety of Mass Events, to:
 - a. verify Attendees' authorization to attend the Event,
 - b. ask Attendees to present ID,
 - c. examine the clothing and luggage of Attendees and to open containers or cans in case of suspicion that said Attendees are carrying objects mentioned in item 9 of this article,
 - d. determine a person's authorization to attend the Event, and, in the case of the lack of such authorization, to ask said person to leave the Event, particularly in the event that the person lacks an Identifier, or their Identifier is torn or damaged, or is not fastened around their wrist,
 - e. issue security instructions to persons disturbing public order or behaving in a manner that violates the rules and regulation of mass events, and in case of refusal to cooperate, ask said person to leave the Event, f) apply physical force in the form of transport and self-defense techniques, handcuffs, or hand-held incapacitating agent dispensers in cases defined in article 11,

points 1 and 2 of the Act of May 24, 2013, on means of physical coercion and firearms (Journal of Laws 2013, item 682,

- f. apprehend persons posing a direct threat to the life and health of others and protected property, with the purpose of immediate transfer of said persons to the Police.
4. Depending on the potential risks and needs, Security and Information Personnel may be equipped with hand-held metal detectors, sample tickets, sample identifiers, and sample invitations, as well as any other necessary and legally permissible self-defense measures.
5. Security and Information Personnel determine a person's authorization to be present at the Event by: checking whether the person has a valid Ticket, or an Identifier that has been issued in exchange for a Ticket, as well as by comparing the presented document with a sample.
6. It is forbidden to bring in and carry at the Event: explosives, fireworks, materials that may cause a fire hazard, alcoholic beverages, drugs or psychoactive substances.
7. Should a person's inspected luggage or clothing be found to contain objects that are forbidden to be brought into or carried at the Event, Security and Information Personnel may refuse entry to the person with whom the said items have been found, or remove the person from the Festival Grounds.
8. Persons who have been refused entry into the Event or removed from the Festival Grounds for reasons specified in the Rules and Regulations shall not be reimbursed for their Ticket.
9. The Organizer shall provide fire safety by ensuring the staff and Security and Information Personnel are familiar with the location of hydrants and extinguishers, as well as protocol in case of fire. The Organizer shall also provide the following training to Security Personnel: evacuation protocol, notifying the fire department, use of hand-held fire extinguishers, and first-aid training.
10. Attendees are not permitted to enter the for use by Security Personnel.
11. It is forbidden to enter the Festival Grounds with animals, with the exception of seeing-eye dogs, who may accompany visually-impaired Attendees on the Festival Grounds.
12. It is forbidden to provide services, trade, or conduct any other commercial activity at the Festival Grounds without the consent of the Organizer.
13. It is forbidden to bring in to the Event and use telephoto lenses over 200 mm and television and video cameras. Only accredited journalists and photographers are permitted to take pictures using cameras and telephoto lenses over 200 mm during the festival. It is forbidden to record video or other formats (DV, DV Cam, Beta, etc.), with the exception of persons who have been granted permission and have proper authorization (accreditation).
14. Event Attendees and others present at the Festival Grounds may be subject to prolonged exposure to sound levels that may cause hearing damage. It is recommended that noise-blocking earmuffs be worn in order to prevent the negative effects of exposure to high-volume sounds. Strobe lighting will be used at the Event, posing a potential risk to individuals with epilepsy.

V. Recording of the event

1. Organizer and Sponsors are permitted to record and publish the Event in audiovisual format (for use in news journalism, interviews, documentary, artistic films, or music videos) and visual format (for use in documentary and artistic photography), for the purpose of documenting, promoting, or advertising the Event and the Organizer's other events, as well as for the purpose of promoting or advertising the Organizer

and Sponsors themselves. The likenesses of those present on the Festival Grounds may be recorded free of charge and subsequently disseminated indefinitely in the manners and for the purposes mentioned above, which the Attendee consents to by entering the Festival Grounds.

2. The organizer states that the Event will be filmed, photographed, broadcast, and recorded on media as part of television, radio, internet broadcasts, and other public broadcasts using any available technical means.

VI. Final provisions

1. The Organizer reserves all rights to the name and logo of the Event. Official programs and items associated with the Event shall be sold exclusively at the Festival Grounds or at points of sale authorized by the Organizer.
2. The status of a sponsor of the Event may be granted exclusively by the Organizer.
3. The Organizer reserves the right to amend these Rules and Regulations.
4. The Organizer shall not be held liable for circumstances resulting from Force Majeure.
5. The above Rules and Regulations are available at: www.off-festival.pl as well as festival information booths.
6. All matters not settled herein are regulated by the appropriate laws, particularly the Law on the Safety of Mass Events.
7. Security and Information Personnel may issue their own security and fire safety instructions, in accordance with binding laws.

The above Rules and Regulations are effective as of 23.09.2024