

The Nineteenth International Fryderyk Chopin Piano Competition  
Warsaw, 2–23 October 2025  
Rules of Awarding Extra-Statutory Prizes

I

1. According to these Rules extra-statutory prizes are prizes, mentioned in the Rules of the Nineteenth International Fryderyk Chopin Piano Competition, § XIX, which are awarded to Competition participants by natural and legal persons, hereinafter called the 'Donors'.
2. Extra-statutory prizes may be awarded to Competition participants only. Candidates participating in the Preliminary Round, who failed to qualify for the Competition, are not eligible.

II

Extra-statutory prizes may include money, the minimum amount of which is EUR 5,000 and the maximum amount is EUR 20,000, or high-class grand pianos.

III

1. Extra-statutory prizes will be awarded on the basis of criteria explicitly resulting from the Competition Jury's assessments and from information about the participants, which the Competition Office has received in connection with their participation in the Competition, e.g. for the winner of a concrete statutory prize, for the best stage III participant who failed to qualify to the final, for the youngest or the oldest participant in a stage, for the highest-score winner representing a country of the Donor's choice.
2. There are also criteria, which leave the decision to award a prize to the Donor, providing there is no contradiction, or any connection, between them and the Competition Jury's verdict.

IV

1. The offer to provide a prize must explicitly indicate whether it falls into the category described in § III item 1 or in § III item 2. Offers which fit into the former category must explicitly show the Donor's objective criteria for awarding the prize.
2. The offer to donate a prize should not indicate the name of the competitor to be awarded.

V

1. Offers to donate a prize should be submitted to the Director of the Competition in writing no later than 30 September 2025. In justified cases, the Director may agree to extend the deadline, but no later than to 3 October 2025.
2. An offer to donate a prize will be tantamount to the acceptance of the provisions of the Rules of Awarding Extra-Statutory Prizes.

VI

1. The Competition Director will make the decision whether to accept the offered prize and will communicate his decision to the Donor. The Director may request an explanation or a change of the criteria for awarding the prize.
2. The Competition Director may refuse to accept a prize without giving any reason. In particular he may refuse to accept a cash prize whose amount is grossly disproportionate to the prizes provided for in the Competition Rules.
3. The Director's decisions to accept or not to accept a prize are final and not subject to appeal.

VII

1. The Donor is obliged to transfer the amount of promised money prize to the Fryderyk Chopin Institute immediately after accepting the prize by the Competition Director, however, no later than on 5 October, 2025. After receiving the prize, the Institute will inform about the award, with an indication of the Donor, in the media that are in his disposal, in particular on the Competition website.
2. The manner and conditions of handing over the prize in the form of a musical instrument will be specified in the individual arrangements of the Donor with the Director of the Competition.

#### VIII

1. As regards prizes described in § III item 1, the Competition Director will advise the Donor which Competition participant meets the criteria.
2. Regarding the prizes specified in § III item 2, the Donor will advise the Competition Director of the participant who meets the prize criteria.
3. The Competition organiser is authorised to inform the participant that he/she is entitled to the prize mentioned earlier in this paragraph.

#### IX

1. A public announcement about the awarding of the prizes with the maximum permissible value specified in § II of these regulations, granted by the Donators who are also sponsors of the Competition, will take place during the gala concert of the prize-winners on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
2. The presentation of the remaining extra-statutory prizes will take place during the second concert of the winners on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.
3. The list of awarded participants and the Donors will be made public also via the mass media available to the Competition organiser, especially on the Institute's website.

#### X

The Rules have been written in Polish and English. It is agreed that the Polish language version constitutes the original text, which will be used in clarifying any possible doubts arising out of or in connection with these Rules.