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**JÁN CELLER MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT**

# J. CELLER MEMORIAL

The **Ján Celler Memorial** has been a traditional part of the preparation period before the start of each basketball season since 2021.

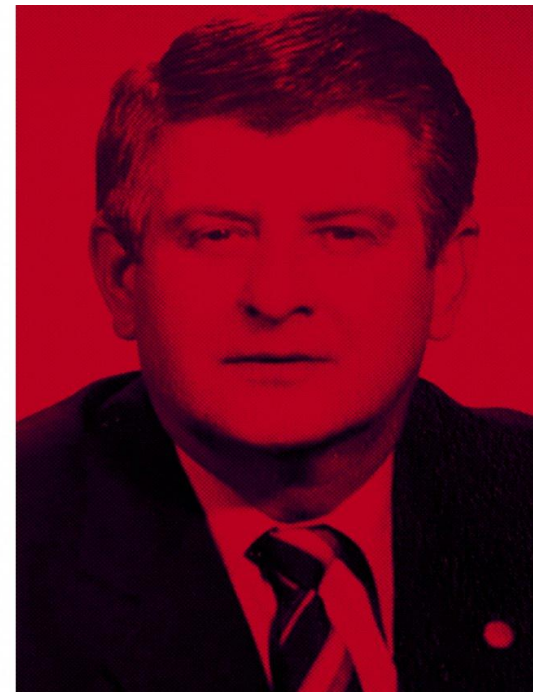
It is a tribute to Ján Celler, **a coach and sports developer** who dedicated over 40 years to basketball under the hoops.

Over the past years, the Memorial has brought more than twenty basketball clubs and hundreds of young basketball players to Trenčín.

Our city has welcomed several traditional basketball powerhouses such as Iskra Svit, Baník Handlová, Young Angels Košice, BK Slovan Bratislava, Piešťanské Čajky, and MBK Ružomberok, as well as Czech teams SBK Zlín, BCM Sokolov, and the Polish team Zaglebie Sosnowiec.

We look forward to **another great edition of this tournament** and more young **basketball talents**.

## MEMORIÁL JÁNA CELLERA



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# WHO WAS JÁN CELLER

**Ján Celler became one of the most prominent coaching figures in the history of basketball in Trenčín during his lifetime. He dedicated his entire life to the development of our sport in the region.**

He began his coaching career as a student at the Mechanical Engineering High School in Nové Mesto nad Váhom. Within just a few months, he taught a group of volleyball players how to play basketball and immediately became the Czechoslovak champion with them.

After finishing high school, he played for the Physical Education Unit TTS Trenčín. **He was repeatedly included in the extended roster of the Czechoslovak national team.** He completed his military service with the basketball club Tankista Prague.

After completing his military duty, he returned home to Trenčín, where he coached all age categories without exception. Since the 1970s, his main base had been the gym and asphalt court at Hodžova Elementary School. He often wouldn't take no for an answer and would even approach parents directly to persuade them to let their sons attend training.

**He coached for 40 years.** During that time, many basketball players passed through his hands, and some went on to succeed in the top Czechoslovak and later Slovak leagues.

He was a coach who knew how to praise, encourage, and win the hearts of boys for basketball.



# TOURNAMENT RULES

**Tournament Date** – September 5-7, 2025 (5th edition)

**Tournament Venue** – City Sports Hall, Mládežnícka 1, Trenčín

**Categories** – Boys U16 (2010), Girls U15 (2011)

**Tournament Start** – September 5 at 8:00 a.m.

**Entry Fee** – €150

**Awards** – The top three teams will receive trophies and medals; others will receive a certificate

**Accommodation and Catering** – Arranged by the organizer based on mutual agreement after submitting a binding application



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# TOURNAMENT RULES

**Game Duration** - 4 x 8 minutes of actual playing time, 3-minute overtime, breaks (2 minutes between quarters, 5 minutes at halftime)

**Rules** - The tournament is played according to FIBA rules and this schedule, using size 7 ball (boys) and size 6 ball (girls). Each team will have 3 balls available for warm-up.

**Number of Teams per Category** - 6

**Referees** - Delegated by ZR SBA

**Roster Size** - Maximum 12 players, 2 coaches, 1 team manager

**Game Format** - Round-robin, each team plays against every other team



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# SPORTS HALLS

**City Sports Hall, Trenčín**

**Address** – Mládežnícka 1, Trenčín

**Parking** – Parking spaces are located directly in front of the hall (free parking on weekends), near the football stadium (paid parking), and by the indoor swimming pool (free parking)

**Hall 1** – Main hall, vinyl surface (the hall was recently renovated)

**Hall 2** – Small hall, parquet surface



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# TOURNAMENT IN NUMBERS

During the previous four editions, **BK AS Trenčín** welcomed nearly **600 male and female basketball players** from Slovakia, the Czech Republic, and Poland to the Ján Celler Memorial Tournament. Since 2021, 23 boys' teams and 24 girls' teams have started their season with us.

## GIRLS

**Slovakia** – BK AS Trenčín, MBK Ružomberok, BA Čaňa, Young Angels Košice, Piešťanské Čajochy, BKM Bardejov, MBK Stará Turá, MIBA Slovakia, Slávia ŠKP Banská Bystrica, BK Slovan Bratislava, IBAS Bratislava

**Czech Republic** – SBK Zlín, BCM Sokolov

**Poland** – Zagłębie Sosnowiec

## BOYS

**Slovakia** – BK AS Trenčín, BBK Bánovce nad Bebravou, ŠBK Handlová, BKM Iskra Svit, MŠK Kežmarok, IMC Slovakia Považská Bystrica, MIBA Slovakia, Victoria Žilina

**Czech Republic** – SBK Zlín, Basket Valmez,



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