# REGULATIONS



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#### CHAPTER I: THE COMPETITIONS OF FIBA EUROPE

#### 1. FILING OF CANDIDATURES

FIBA Europe has the authority to organise or to have organised, to sanction and to control basketball competitions within Europe.

The Board of FIBA Europe establishes the technical and financial Regulations.

In general, all competitions are organised by the national federation of the country where FIBA Europe is holding the competition.

For all competitions, FIBA Europe will issue a guide to candidates and/or specific guidelines for the respective competition. All conditions indicated in these documents shall be scrupulously observed. Candidatures that do not satisfy the conditions shall be disregarded.

Any candidature for the organisation of official competitions of FIBA Europe must be submitted to FIBA Europe through the national federation of the candidate within the time limits provided for in the Regulations of the competition concerned.

FIBA Europe must receive the candidature at least three months prior to the meeting which shall decide on the acceptance of the candidature.

#### 2. TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT

In presenting its candidature, the candidate must give the absolute guarantee that all teams and officials having the right to participate shall actually find it possible to enter the country organising the competition (granting of visas, travel documents, etc.).

The candidate shall ensure a national television signal for international broadcast and provide the necessary equipment for European-wide broadcast of the competition by television, radio and Internet according to the host broadcaster obligations. These are available from the Offices of FIBA Europe or from FIBA Europe's television partner.

If the Regulations of the competitions do not specify otherwise, the following details must be clearly indicated by the candidate:

- Date and place of the competition,
- Conditions of lodging,
- Financial conditions,
- Means of transportation and distances to be travelled within the country.

The candidate must give all guarantees concerning the technical equipment (see Art. 19) and the facilities in the hall(s) where the competition will take place.

Once the candidature has been accepted by the Board of FIBA Europe, any change to the terms of engagement must be accepted by FIBA Europe. Should these terms be violated, FIBA Europe shall have the right to revoke the assignment of the organisation while fully reserving the right to impose disciplinary and financial sanctions on the organisers and to assign the competition to another national federation who will undertake to respect these terms of engagement.



#### 3. RENUNCIATION OF MANDATE

Organisers who renounce their assignment shall be subject to disciplinary and financial sanctions by FIBA Europe.

#### 4. LEGAL PROVISIONS

#### 4.1. General principles

The agreement to organise a competition of FIBA Europe constitutes a contract between FIBA Europe and the organiser. All parties involved must scrupulously respect this "sports contract".

This principle shall apply to all international competitions, even when not of a strictly official nature.

#### 4.2. Duties of FIBA Europe

FIBA Europe must do all in its power to see that a competition organised under its auspices will be successfully carried out and that FIBA Europe is represented by competent persons, maintaining absolute impartiality. FIBA Europe is obliged to assist the organisers by every means at its disposal. However, FIBA Europe may demand of the organisers the reimbursement of expenses caused by its action.

#### 4.3. FIBA Europe Security Adviser

The organisers have the ultimate responsibility regarding security matters during official FIBA Europe events.

However, FIBA Europe retains the right to check the organiser's proposals for the security for the event and give the necessary input through the FIBA Security Adviser.

In particular, the organiser in collaboration with the FIBA Europe Security Adviser shall be responsible for assuring the security of the following people:

- 1. The participating teams
- 2. The participating officials
- 3. The fans, team supporters and VIP's

In general, the above shall be also responsible for assuring the security of the following:

- 1. The transport of teams, officials, etc.
- 2. The playing facilities,
- 3. The hotels hosting the teams, officials, etc.
- 4. All Offices
- 5. Others

#### 4.4. Duties of the organisers

The organisers are obliged to respect the general provisions of these Regulations, the Bye-Laws of FIBA Europe as well as the specific guidelines for the respective competition. In particular, they must ensure that all qualified teams that are to take part in the event can actually do so and that visas for entry into the country are issued in good time. These provisions are also valid for the invited teams for events that are not of an official nature.

In case of violation of these provisions, FIBA Europe shall withdraw its patronage and the title involved. It may also apply disciplinary penalties to the organisation(s) at fault and impose fines. The appropriate body of FIBA Europe shall make such decisions as required and its decisions shall have immediate effect. Nevertheless, these decisions must be brought to the attention of and submitted for approval to the Board of FIBA Europe at its next session.



#### 4.5. Duties of the participating teams (national federations)

Teams taking part in an official competition of FIBA Europe must respect the general provisions of these Regulations, the Bye-Laws of FIBA Europe as well as the specific guidelines and regulations for the respective competition. They must be present at the site of the competition in due time and must cooperate at all times with the organisers and representatives of FIBA Europe.

A team that has accepted an invitation to take part in an official competition of FIBA Europe shall be obliged to take part, otherwise the team will be subject to a financial and/or disciplinary sanction.

In case of any violation of these provisions, the appropriate body of FIBA Europe shall apply such penalties as are required. The decision shall be communicated to the national federation.

In particular, teams participating in an official competition of FIBA Europe may not under any circumstances:

- 1. Refuse to play a game or leave the playing area before the end of a game,
- 2. Refuse to participate in or leave before the end of the opening ceremony and/or the victory ceremony and the closing ceremony, and/or
- 3. Behave incorrectly (or make insulting remarks), thus disrupting the smooth running of the competition, official functions or ceremonies.

In case of any violation of these provisions, in addition to the provisions set out in the Official Basketball Rules, the appropriate body of FIBA Europe may apply the following additional penalties:

- 1. Immediate disqualification from the current competition and disqualification of the team in question from all FIBA Europe competitions for at least one year and
- 2. A fine of EUR 40,000 minimum and EUR 80,000 maximum.

Cases not provided for in these Regulations (such as provocative gestures, not attending the post-game press conference, etc.) shall be judged based on their own merits.

#### 4.6. Duties of the LOC

The Local Organising Committee has the duty to take all measures that it may deem necessary for the success of the event. However, such measures shall be subject to approval by the Board of FIBA Europe. Furthermore, the Local Organising Committee must work closely and efficiently with all official FIBA Europe bodies responsible for following the organisation of the event.

The Local Organising Committee shall ensure that all participating teams are treated in the same way and that all enjoy equal rights. Special requests by any of the participating teams shall be forwarded to FIBA Europe for approval.

The Local Organising Committee is entitled to rely on the closest cooperation from the official bodies of FIBA Europe and also from the participating teams and their national federations.

#### 4.7. Competence of FIBA Europe

FIBA Europe shall be competent to make any decision and to impose sanctions or levy fines whenever a conflict arises at the time of an official European competition. Any appeal against the decisions of FIBA Europe shall be addressed in accordance with the Regulations of FIBA Europe and the Bye-Laws of FIBA Europe.



#### 5. INSURANCE OF PARTICIPANTS IN OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS OF FIBA EUROPE

#### 5.1. Responsibilities of FIBA Europe.

FIBA Europe shall insure the following persons appointed by FIBA Europe against accidents and injuries during official competitions that are organised under its auspices:

- 1. The international referees,
- 2. The FIBA Europe commissioners and
- 3. The Referees Instructors
- 4. The official representatives of FIBA Europe present at the competition.

#### 5.2. Responsibilities of the organisers

The organisers are obliged to ensure medical care at the venue for all participants (players, coaches, referees and officials).

This medical care is at the expense of the organisers for all accidents that may occur during any local transportation arranged by them.

The organisers must carry civil responsibility (third party liability) for all accidents which are due to poor organisation, in particular faulty fittings, equipment and stands, security within the precincts of the game and, in general, all material organisations for which the organisers are responsible.

#### 5.3. Duties of clubs or national federations

The national federations and the clubs whose teams participate in an official competition must insure these teams against:

- 1. Accidents which may occur during travel to and from the venue and
- 2. Accidents which may occur to members of their team during the competition and for which the organisers are not responsible.
- 3. National federations who participate in any main official competition of FIBA Europe **must** insure the participating players' existing contracts for the duration of the period of involvement of the players with the national team, unless this is done by FIBA Europe.

#### 6. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

The organisers of an official competition of FIBA Europe shall be obliged to respect the financial provisions for the competition in question.

FIBA Europe is the owner of all television and marketing rights. It reserves the right to negotiate and sign television and marketing contracts for all international competitions designated by the Board of FIBA Europe. FIBA Europe, as a rule, will not exploit these rights itself but will assign them to an entity designated by FIBA Europe.

The terms of these contracts must be respected in their entirety by the national federation who is in charge of the competition.

**Note:** For the European Championship of the Small Countries Men and Women, the Youth Competitions and Division C, FIBA Europe subsidises the organising National Federation. Please refer to the appropriate section of these Regulations.



#### 6.1. Obligations of the organisers

6.1.1 The organisers of an international competition shall be obliged to respect the financial provisions applying to each competition. All fees and dues owed to FIBA Europe must be paid in full, i.e. without <u>any deductions</u> (bank charges, etc.) in Euro (€) within the deadlines given to:

#### UniCredit Bank AG Munich

Account number: 658 505 238 Bank code: 700 202 70

IBAN: DE 79 7002 0270 0658 5052 38

Swift address: HY VE DE MM

- 6.1.2 For all other payments provided in these Regulations, the organisers shall be obliged to respect the following provisions:
- 6.1.3 To reimburse travel expenses and staying expenses for officials nominated by FIBA Europe (i.e. FIBA Europe representatives, judges, commissioners, referees, referees instructors and the supervisory doctor for doping control) the payment must be made in Euro (€).
- 6.1.4 Furthermore, the organisers shall pay all referees, referee instructors and commissioners the fees and allowances provided for in the Regulations governing Referees and Commissioners of FIBA Europe. The organisers shall also pay the supervisory doctors the allowances provided for in the FIBA Internal Regulations governing Doping Control.
- 6.1.5 To cover the expenses for the travel and staying expenses of FIBA Europe staff and official representatives appointed by FIBA Europe.
- 6.1.6 To cover the expenses for board and lodging for all official participants in the competition. Lodging must be provided under conditions ensuring comfort and modern sanitation. If meals are to be taken in a restaurant separate from the hotel, the distance between the two places must be as short as possible.
- 6.1.7 All events-related hotels (official FIBA Europe hotel, team hotels, press hotels, etc.) must be approved by FIBA Europe. It is strongly recommended that the referees, commissioners and the FIBA Europe Representatives be accommodated in a different hotel to that of the teams.
- 6.1.8 To cover all organising expenses (rental of arenas, taxes, provision of statistics and graphics for television, services provided for the press, etc.).
- 6.1.9 To cover the expenses for the transportation of teams to and from their quarters to the competition venues (see also 6.2.1. below). This provision shall apply to training sessions, official competitions and to any event to which the teams may be officially invited.
- 6.1.10 To cover the expenses for the local transportation of the FIBA Europe representatives, staff, judges, commissioners, referees, referee instructors and supervisory doctor for doping control.
- 6.1.11 To cover all costs related to the necessary ICT infrastructure (network, internet connection, etc.), the Event Information System (Statistics, TV Graphics, etc.) and the Accreditation System as defined in the respective "Event Manual" and "FIBA Europe Event IT Manual".
- 6.2. Duties of teams
- 6.2.1 The participating teams will cover their own travel expenses to and from the town (if by land) or to the closest international airport to the venue of the competition.
- 6.2.2 Those responsible for the participating teams are required to facilitate the task of the organisers by avoiding unnecessary expenses.



#### 7. PARTICIPATION

#### 7.1. Participation in official competitions

Only qualified teams may take part in FIBA Europe official competitions. In exceptional cases, FIBA Europe may invite non-qualified teams to participate.

#### 7.2. Deadlines for registration

The teams taking part in an official competition of FIBA Europe shall be obliged to respect the deadlines set for the preliminary and final entries provided in the Regulations applying to the competition.

#### 7.3. Forfeits

If, after having sent its final entry, a team should cancel its participation or should fail to appear on time at the competition, FIBA Europe shall have the right to impose penalties on the parties at fault. These penalties may be of a disciplinary and/or financial nature.

Part of the fine may be paid as compensation to the organisers in the event of any financial loss.

#### 7.4. Co-operation with the organisers and with FIBA Europe

Participating teams shall closely co-operate with the organisers and with FIBA Europe in order to assure the technical and financial success of the event. In particular, they should supply in advance the photographs and personal data of the players and all information as required by the organisers and/or FIBA Europe.

#### 8. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

The national federation is responsible <u>at all times</u> for the eligibility of its players registered to play in an official competition of FIBA Europe.

The eligibility of players for national or club teams <u>must</u> conform to the Regulations governing the Eligibility of Players and the National Status of Players.

All transfers of players <u>must</u> be made according to the Regulations of the competent national federation or, as the case may be, of the national federations involved and according to the Regulations governing the International Transfer of Players.

#### 9. FLAGS AND NATIONAL ANTHEMS

During the FIBA Europe official competitions, only the flags and anthems of the countries or affiliated national federations approved and recognised by FIBA may be used.

At the site of the competition and its surroundings, the flag of FIBA Europe and the flags of the countries or national federations whose teams take part in the competition shall be raised.

The Organiser shall ensure that the flags of the teams taking part in the competition are placed in a manner that will be equal for all. The flags shall be hung in alphabetical order according to the English language.

At the official opening of the event, only the anthem of the organising country shall be played. At the closing ceremony, only the anthem of the country of the winning team shall be played.



#### 10. TICKETS, ACCREDITATION AND VIP AREAS

The Organiser must provide FIBA Europe with complimentary first-class tickets for the best seats. The number of tickets shall be a subject to the contract foreseen in article 4.1 of these Regulations.

If not otherwise agreed, all complimentary tickets must arrive at the Offices of FIBA Europe at least eight weeks prior to the event, together with a seating plan of the stadium indicating the location of the corresponding seats, according to the agreement reached between FIBA Europe and the Organiser. The number of seats in the "Tribune of Honour" and the distribution thereof will be determined in this agreement. FIBA Europe will handle the distribution of complimentary tickets based on the criteria fixed for each competition. The number of tickets shall include the necessary amount for FIBA Europe's marketing and television partners.

**Note:** All complimentary tickets shall be located in a central position on the same side as the team benches and must be confirmed by FIBA Europe.

In addition, the Organiser shall make the corresponding number of accreditations available to FIBA Europe guests at the competition venue giving access to the VIP area.

If not provided by FIBA Europe, the system of accreditation as well as the list of those receiving accreditation <u>must</u> <u>be approved by FIBA Europe</u>. A participating national delegation is entitled to a <u>maximum of **26** official accreditations</u>. (See Article 16)

The VIP area(s) (hospitality) must be organised near to the VIP seats. The Organiser must provide the catering and the required installations according to the standards set by FIBA Europe.

**Note:** detailed information regarding tickets, accreditation and VIP areas are stated in the Manual of the respective Championship provided by FIBA Europe to each organiser.

#### 11. PARTICIPANTS' TRIBUNE

A sufficient number of seats must be reserved in a special tribune for the players, coaches and other officials of the participating teams.

#### 12. OPENING CEREMONY

At all main official competitions of FIBA Europe, an official opening ceremony shall be organised. The organisers shall arrange the ceremony in agreement with FIBA Europe.

The ceremony shall begin with a short programme of not more than fifteen (15) minutes. Following this, the national flag of each participating country shall be carried onto the court.

This part of the ceremony is followed by two short speeches lasting approximately 30 seconds each and the competition is declared open.

The anthem of the organising country is then played. The opening ceremony shall end with all flag bearers leaving the court.

#### 13. VICTORY AND CLOSING CEREMONY

The victory ceremony shall be linked with the closing ceremony and shall take place at the site of the competition immediately after the last game.

In the centre of the court in front of the tribune of honour there shall be three podiums, each long and wide enough for eighteen (18) persons in a row. The podium for the team placed first shall be the highest and positioned in the middle, the podium for the team placed second shall be lower and positioned to the left of the central podium, and that for the team placed third shall be the lowest and positioned to the right of the central podium.

The front of the podium **must** have the following: a. Event logo

b. Name of the Event

The layout (see example page 14) of the above **must** be approved by FIBA Europe.

Each team shall line up alongside its captain ready to step up onto the podium reserved for it. After the results of the competition have been announced, the team placed third shall mount the podium reserved for the team placed third. The representative of FIBA Europe shall present a maximum of eighteen (18) medals to the members of the team including coaches. The teams placed second and first shall be presented with their medals in the same way.

The presentation of the medals can be preceded by a maximum of three (3) short speeches with the highest representative of FIBA Europe speaking last. The anthem of the winning team shall then be played, following which the teams shall leave the court and the closing ceremony shall end.

At the victory and closing ceremony, only trophies approved by FIBA Europe may be awarded on the court. Other prizes approved by FIBA Europe may be awarded at the closing dinner.

FIBA Europe reserves the right to make changes to the ceremony as described in this article should circumstances require it.

#### 14. PRIZES

- 14.1. National Team Competitions
- 14.2. The organisers shall provide the following prizes:
  - 1. Gold medals for the players and coaches of the team placed first.
  - 2. Silver medals for the players and coaches of the team placed second.
  - 3. Bronze medals for the players and coaches of the team placed third.
  - 4. A diploma for each team, with indication of the place won in the final classification.
  - 5. A souvenir plaque or medal for each player, coach, referee and official participating in the competition.
  - 6. Two sets of all the above medals, diplomas, plaques, etc. for FIBA Europe.

The organisers may provide additional prizes either for the teams or for the players. The awarding of these prizes and the award procedure must be approved by the representative of FIBA Europe. Under no circumstances may additional prizes be awarded to referees.

The only prizes for the players shall be:

- 5 All Tournament Team
- 1 MVP
- **Note 1:** All prizes are subject to prior approval by FIBA Europe. FIBA Europe will provide the trophy for the champion.
- **Note 2:** For the U16, U18 and U20 European Championship Men and Women and the Division C please refer to the "Event Manual".
- 14.3. Club Competitions
- 14.4. Please refer to the respective Cup "Event Manual".



# PODIUM LAYOUT



(Approximate diagram - not to scale)



#### 15. PROVISIONS ON PROTOCOL

#### 15.1. Order of precedence

Whenever official FIBA Europe competitions are held, the representative of FIBA Europe shall rank immediately after the highest authority of the host country.

The order of precedence for members of FIBA Europe shall be as follows:

- 1. The President
- 2. The Secretary General
- 3. The three (3) Vice-Presidents
- 4. The Treasurer
- 5. The members of the Board of FIBA Europe
- 6. The Presidents and the Secretary Generals of the participating national federations
- 7. The honorary members of FIBA Europe and FIBA
- 8. The Presidents of the International Commissions of FIBA Europe and FIBA

#### 16. COMPOSITION OF NATIONAL DELEGATIONS

For the EuroBasket and EuroBasket Women a delegation (team) shall be made up of 19 persons, includes referee. (See also Articles 33.1 and 55.1)

Should a national federation wish to send a more numerous delegation, it must assume all additional expenses. Under these conditions, the delegation may be made up of <u>a maximum of **26** persons</u> including the President and the Secretary General of the National Federation.

#### 17. TECHNICAL PROVISIONS

#### 17.1. Draw

In principle, the draw for each tournament shall be held under the supervision of FIBA Europe and in the presence of the representatives of the participating teams.

In this case, the draw shall take place at least 48 hours before the beginning of the tournament.

However, if the preliminary round of a tournament is held in different towns, or if the final schedule of the tournament is required in order to conclude television contracts, the draw may be advanced to another date in accordance with the following provisions:

- In principle, the draw cannot take place until 72 hours after the closing date for final entries.
- The draw can be held on the occasion of a FIBA Europe event (e.g. official tournament, competition or cup, meeting of a commission of FIBA Europe).
- In certain cases, the draw may be held at the FIBA Europe headquarters.
- The draw may be held in the organising country. In this case, the travel and staying expenses of the representatives of FIBA Europe will be the responsibility of the Organising National Federation.
- In all cases, the parties involved must be advised of the date and the place of the draw at least fifteen days in advance.
- FIBA Europe shall decide the date, venue and procedure for the draw in question.
- Seeding method for the Draw for all national team competitions of FIBA Europe shall be based on the results of the most recent **FIBA Europe Official Competitions**, the last being the most important.



#### 17.2. Technical committee

A technical committee shall operate during each main official competition or tournament of FIBA Europe. This committee shall consist of three (3) persons, namely the Secretary General of FIBA Europe or his representative, a delegate of the organising federation, a third member selected by them and an alternate appointed by the Secretary General of FIBA Europe or his representative. If the games are played in different towns, there shall be an equivalent number of technical committees.

The functions of the technical committee are as follows:

- Supervision and approval of playing facilities and of the technical equipment provided for in the Basketball Equipment Appendix to the Official Basketball Rules.
- Particularly during the final phases of the competition, determining eventual changes to the playing schedule according to specific needs (TV, etc.).
- Appointment of referees (in consultation with the referee's instructor(s) if present) and approval of the personnel at the scorer's table (timekeeper, scorer and 24-second operator).
- Approval of the final score of each game.
- **Examination** and decision on protests in the first instance.
- The imposition of penalties against players, coaches, assistant coaches, team followers, international referees and table officials who have violated the spirit and the letter of the Bye-Laws and Regulations of FIBA Europe as well as the spirit of 'fair play' that must exist in basketball.
- Members of the technical committee shall base their decisions upon the reports submitted by the referees and commissioner.
- The severity of the sanction imposed depends on the nature of the violation. The sanction may be a warning, a reprimand, the repeal of a right, a suspension, a fine according to the Regulation (see Chapter XVI), other sanctions or a combination of the penalties listed above.
- The technical committee is also responsible for making rulings concerning any other unsportsmanlike behaviour, which may occur immediately before or after a game.
- Supervision of the implementation of the Regulations governing the Use of Advertising.

The functions of the technical committee shall terminate with the establishment of the final classification of the competition.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE!**

<u>During EuroBasket and EuroBasket Women only</u> and upon the common proposal of the President and Secretary General of FIBA Europe, a special disciplinary panel may be created with the function of taking disciplinary decisions.

This panel shall consist of a minimum of two (2) independent members enjoying the independency and legal practice.

If the games are played in different towns, the composition of the disciplinary body shall ensure the presence of one member in each town, acting as a single disciplinary judge.

<u>This disciplinary body and/or the single judge shall be authorized</u> to examine all cases regarding discipline during the competition and take decisions regarding the imposition of sanctions set forth in these Regulations (see Chapter XVI).

An Appeal shall only be accepted in the case of a <u>suspension for more than one (1) game</u>. The appeal must be made within 3 (three) hours following the delivery of the decision by the disciplinary body/Single Judge and must be accompanied by a fee of EUR 1,000.



#### 17.3. Jury of Appeal

A jury of appeal must be formed at the beginning of each tournament. There shall be four (4) appointed members and four (4) substitute members. It shall be appointed by the representative of FIBA Europe and composed of representatives of national federations. It shall be presided by the most senior member of the Board of FIBA Europe (5<sup>th</sup> member). If no member of the Board of FIBA Europe is present, there shall be five (5) appointed members and one of these five (5) shall be elected by his peers to preside over the jury of appeal.

In the case of tournaments involving a maximum of six (6) teams, the jury of appeal shall be composed of a president with two (2) appointed members and two (2) substitute members.

The function of the jury of appeal shall be to decide in the second instance appeals against decisions taken by the technical committee or the special disciplinary panel and/or the single judge concerning the approval of game results and/or penalties imposed. Its verdict is final and it cannot be appealed.

Members of the jury of appeal having a connection with teams involved in the dispute or a conflict of interest may not sit on the jury and must be replaced by alternate members. If necessary, the person appointed by the President of the jury of appeal to replace him (with the approval of the Representative of FIBA Europe) will be responsible for making the formal announcement.

#### 17.4. Protest - Tournament

If during a main official competition of FIBA Europe a team believes its interests have been adversely affected by a decision concerning the eligibility of a player(s) of the opposing team, by a decision of an official, or by any event that took place during a game, it must proceed in the following manner:

- 1. The captain of the team in question shall, immediately at the end of the game, inform the referee that his team is protesting against the result of the game by signing the scoresheet in the space marked "Captain's signature in case of protest".
- 2. In order to make this declaration valid, it is necessary for the official representative of the national federation to give confirmation of this protest in writing within the 20 minutes following the end of the game.
- 3. Detailed explanations are not necessary. It is sufficient to write: "The national federation X protests against the result of the game between the teams of X and Y". Then he shall deposit, as security, a sum equivalent to EUR 3,000 with the representative of FIBA Europe or the Technical Committee.
- 4. Should a protest be filed by one of the teams, the commissioner or the referee shall, within the hour following the end of the game, report the incident to the representative of FIBA Europe or to the President of the Technical Committee.
- 5. The national federation of the team in question must submit to the representative of FIBA Europe or to the President of the Technical Committee the text of its protest within the hour that follows the end of the game.
- 6. If the protest is accepted, the security shall be refunded.
- 7. Should the national federation of the team in question, or that of the opposing team, not be in agreement with the decision of the Technical Committee, it may then address an appeal to the Jury of Appeal.

To make this valid the appeal must be made within <u>twenty (20) minutes</u> following the delivery of the decision of the Technical Committee and accompanied by a deposit, as security, equivalent to EUR 3,000.



The Jury of Appeal shall judge the appeal in the last instance, and its decision shall be final.

8. Videos, film, pictures or any equipment, visual, electronic, digital, or otherwise, shall not be used to determine or to change the result of a game. The use of such equipment is valid only to determine responsibility in matters of discipline or for educational (training) purposes after the game has ended.

#### 17.5. Protest – Home and Away Games

#### 17.5.1 Eligibility of Players

- 1. The opposing team may submit a protest concerning the eligibility of players.
- 2. FIBA Europe must receive such protest within three (3) days from the end of the game.
- 3. A deposit of EUR 3,000 shall accompany the protest. If the deposit has not been received by FIBA Europe within three (3) days from the end of the game the protest shall be considered null and void.

#### 17.5.2 Result of the Game

A team may submit a protest if it believes its interests has been adversely affected by a decision of an official (referee or umpire) or by any event that took place during a game, and that this influenced the result of the game.

- 1. The process of submission (but not the deposit) shall be in accordance with the Official Basketball Rules and article 17.4 of these Regulations.
- 2. The protest shall be sent to FIBA Europe and to the opposing team within three (3) days from the end of the game.
- 3. A deposit of EUR 3,000 shall accompany the protest. If the deposit has not been received by FIBA Europe three (3) days from the end of the game the protest shall be considered null and void.

The judge (nominated by FIBA Europe) shall take all decisions concerning protests within three (3) days following receipt of the protest by FIBA Europe.

17.5.3 An appeal is possible in accordance with these Regulations.

#### 18. CLASSIFICATION OF TEAMS

The classification of teams shall be made according to the Official Game Procedures as provided for in the Official Basketball Rules currently valid.

**Note:** When necessary, the classification of the teams (clubs) from different groups will be determined as follows:

- 1. Win/loss percentage
- 2. Goal average as stated in Section D of the Official Basketball Rules.

#### 19. TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT AND PLAYING COURT

Before each official competition of FIBA Europe, the court as well as the technical equipment must be examined and approved by the appropriate body of FIBA Europe.

For main official competitions, FIBA Europe reserves the right to choose the make and type of ball to be used.

Only technical equipment whose make and model have been approved by FIBA may be used on the occasion of FIBA Europe official competitions.



#### 20. DOPING CONTROL

Doping control tests shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the FIBA Internal Regulations governing Doping Control.

#### 21. ORGANISATION OF INTERNATIONAL GAMES AND TOURNAMENTS

Participation in other international games and tournaments shall not be subject to the above provisions. The organisers may invite teams from any country, on condition that the invited country is an affiliated member of FIBA.

Associated members of FIBA Europe may under no circumstances take part in these competitions.

Teams from a national federation affiliated to FIBA Europe may not participate in any international competition (games and tournaments) in which an entity not affiliated to a member federation of FIBA Europe is participating, unless prior approval from both FIBA Europe and the respective national federation has been obtained.

International games and tournaments between teams representing national federations or clubs must be authorised by the national federation of the organisers. Furthermore, the respective national federations must authorise the participation of their teams in these competitions.

#### 22. SECURITY

- 1. The organisers shall provide sufficient security forces to ensure the complete safety of the visiting teams, spectators, all officials (commissioner, referees, referee instructors, supervisory doctor, FIBA Europe representative and table officials) and FIBA Europe guests/partners (if applicable). Please refer also to page 7, Article 4.3.
- 2. For security reasons it is strongly advised that a transparent protective shield be placed behind the scorer's table and team benches as well as provide a tunnel for the safe exit of players and officials to their dressing rooms.

#### 23. DATA PROCESSING

The organising federation must comply with the technical specifications regarding electronic data processing, to allow the transfer of data to the FIBA Europe IT System.

#### 24. SCORE AND STATISTICS

For all official Competitions of FIBA Europe, the Offices of FIBA Europe will provide its statistics software to the organiser, which has to be used for all games, <u>unless stated otherwise in the respective Event Manual</u>. With the FIBA Europe software the organiser shall provide live scores and statistics to the Offices of FIBA Europe in real time.

The organiser is responsible for providing all necessary hardware, infrastructure (in particular a fast and reliable Internet connection in the arena) and human resources (scouters).

If unable to transmit electronically, the organisers **must** send by fax or e-mail to the Offices of FIBA Europe within **thirty (30) minutes** of the end of the game(s) at the latest

- the final score
- the score at the end of each period and extra periods
- a copy of the duly completed FIBA Europe Official Statistics Sheet

Failure to provide live scores /statistics and/or the final score/statistics after the game shall be subject to a fine.



CHAPTER II: NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS

#### **EuroBasket**

**European Championship** of the Small Countries **Men** 

#### **EuroBasket Women 2011**

**European Championship** of the Small Countries **Women** 

U20 European Championship Men Division A and B U20 European Championship Women Division A and B

U18 European Championship Men Division A, B and C U18 European Championship Women Division A, B and C

U16 European Championship Men Division A, B and C U16 European Championship Women Division A, B and C



#### CHAPTER III: EUROBASKET 2011

In addition to these Regulations, all provisions in the FIBA Europe Bye- Laws as well as the Official Basketball Rules are valid in their entirety.

#### 25. CANDIDATURE

All European National Federations in Division A (see art. 31.1) are entitled to submit their candidature to organise the Final Round of the EuroBasket within the FIBA Europe deadline and according to the "Bid Dossier & Event Manual for the EuroBasket".

#### 26. MARKETING

The Marketing rights will be listed in a dedicated Manual.

Any "ambush marketing" on the part of the organising LOC, National Federation, participating National Federation or any entity which is associated with the event will be subject to a minimum fine of 75.000 EUR up to 250.000 EUR.

#### 27. ASSIGNMENT

The Final Round of the EuroBasket shall be held every two years (2011, 2013, etc.).

#### 28. PARTICIPANTS

All European national federations are entitled to participate.

#### 29. DATES

The EuroBasket shall be held during the months of August and/or September.

#### 30. SYSTEM OF COMPETITION

The teams participating in the Pre-Olympic Tournament, the Olympic Games and the World Championships will qualify directly for the subsequent Final Round of the EuroBasket (24 teams in total). The Organiser of the Final Round of the EuroBasket is also directly qualified.

The EuroBasket 2011 shall be played in 3 stages:

- A. Qualifying Round
- **B.** Additional Qualifying- (AQR) August 2011
  - Home and Away Games
- C. Final Round



#### **DIVISION A**

#### 31. QUALIFYING ROUND

#### 31.1. Participants

For the EuroBasket in 2011 the 25 participating teams (except for the teams listed in article 30.) will be established according to the Promotion/Relegation principle.

#### 31.2. System of Competition

The number of teams which will qualify for the Final Round

- depends on the number of teams qualified for the Pre-Olympic Tournaments, Olympic Games or the World Championship
- excludes the team which will qualify from the Additional Qualifying Round (AQR) and the organising National Federation.

The teams will be divided by Draw into groups. Each team will play all other teams in its group in home and away games.

#### 31.3. Dates

August/September 2010

#### 31.4. Formation of the groups

The formation of the groups will be made by Draw (see article 17.1)

#### 31.5. Composition of teams

The teams will be composed of a maximum of 18 persons: a maximum of 12 players, 1 head of delegation and 5 other persons.

#### 31.6. Players

The national federation is responsible at all times for the eligibility of its players registered to play in an official competition of FIBA Europe.

All players **must** be in possession of a FIBA Europe (FIBA) Identity Card.

In order to issue a FIBA Europe Identity Card for players not already in possession of one, the following documents, together with the list of players and <u>all documents necessary for the registration</u> of each player must reach the Offices of FIBA Europe by the given deadline:

- 1. Certified copy of the original of the birth certificate of each player
- 2. Two identical passport-size photographs of each player taken within the three months preceding the respective round of the EuroBasket,
- 3. Copy of the valid passport.

#### 31.7. Financial Provisions

#### 31.7.1 Teams

FIBA Europe must be advised of the venue where the game is to be held no later than <u>90 days</u> before the date of the game.

FIBA Europe has the authority not to approve the venue where the game is to be held.

The visiting team will cover their own travel expenses according to Article 6.2.1. of these Regulations.



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31.7.2 Organisers

Venue: it shall be no more than 100 km from the closest international airport.

Hotel: it shall be no more than 20 km from the arena.

Each organising (host) team will cover the following expenses:

General organising expenses.

Staying expenses of the visiting for a <u>maximum of three days</u> (2 nights) in a first class (high standard) hotel (6 double and 6 single rooms). This includes high quality and quantity of food and drinks.

Expenses of the referees, commissioner and supervisory doctor (if appointed) in accordance with the Regulations of FIBA Europe.

Local transportation for visiting teams (in a high quality, air-conditioned bus) and officials (including the organisation of such transport) to practice sessions, game(s) and other official events

- Provide a training session in the venue where the game will be played at least twice, during the 24 hours in the evening preceding and in the morning of the day of the game. At least one of those trainings must be in the sport hall where the game will be played. Twelve (12) balls of the same make and type as the one to be used for the game shall be made available to the visiting team for these trainings.
- The court shall be available for a warm-up period at least 45 minutes before starting time and the visiting team shall be provided with at least six (6) balls of the same make and type as the one to be used for the game.

The organisers of the Qualifying Round games (home and away) are free to conclude agreements with television companies, local media and advertising agencies or partners. They shall keep all revenue from gate receipts.

The organisers may require the guidelines for backdrops (mixed zone and press conference room) from the Offices of FIBA Europe.

The organising team **must** send a DVD of the complete game to the Offices of FIBA Europe within twenty-four (24) hours of completion of the game.

#### 32. ADDITIONAL QUALIFYING ROUND

#### 32.1. Participants

The teams not qualified from the Qualifying Round played in September (2010) are entitled to participate in the Additional Qualifying Round (AQR) in home and away games for the last two (2) places available in the Final Round.

#### **AOR -HOME AND AWAY GAMES**

#### 32.2. System of Competition

#### Additional Qualifying Round (AQR)

Three (3) teams will play all other teams in one (1) group in home and away games. The best-placed teams in each group will qualify for the Play-Off Games. The teams placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will qualify to EuroBasket 2011.

#### 32.3. Dates

August 2011



#### 32.4. Composition of teams

The teams will be composed of 18 persons: maximum of 12 players, 1 head of delegation and 5 other persons.

#### 32.5. Players

The provisions in 31.6. shall apply.

#### 32.6. Financial Provisions

The provisions in 31.7. shall apply.

#### 33. EUROBASKET

#### 33.1. Composition of teams

The teams will be composed of **19** persons:

12 players, 1 head of delegation, 1 accompanying referee and 5 other persons (see also Articles 16 and 88.3).

OR

The teams will be composed of a maximum of 21 persons:

14 players, 1 head of delegation, 1 accompanying referee and 5 other persons (see also Articles 16 and 88.3).

Note: If a team chooses to have 14 players,

- 1. They are responsible for all costs for the two (2) extra Players.
- 2. For each game of the tournament the coach can select any 12 players from the team of 14. The official list of players for each game must consist of 12 players and will be presented to the Commissioner 1 hour prior to the start of the game and no changes for that game are permitted once this list is submitted.
- 3. The players must retain the same number for the whole tournament.
  - Numbers 4 to 15 **must** be used and the remaining must be according to the regulations, that is: 20 to 25, 30 to 35, 40 to 45 and 50 to 55.
- 4. The principle of only one (1) naturalised player is maintained.

#### 33.2. System of Competition

#### **FIRST ROUND**

The 24 teams will be divided into 4 groups (A, B, C, D) of 6 teams each. Each team will play the other 5 teams in its own group.

The teams placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each group will qualify directly for the Second Round.

The teams placed 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in each group will go home.



#### **SECOND ROUND**

The 12 teams qualified from the First Round will be divided into 2 groups (E, F) of 6 teams each.

Group E		Grou	ıp F
A1	B1	C1	D1
A2	B2	C2	D2
A3	В3	C3	D3

The order of the games will be as follows:

B2	VS. VS. VS.	A2	D2	VS. VS. VS.	C2
ВЗ	VS. VS. VS.	A3	D3	VS. VS. VS.	C3
A2	VS. VS. VS.	B3	C2	VS. VS. VS.	D3

The 4 best -placed teams of each group will qualify for the Quarter-Final Round.

The teams placed 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in each group will go home.

#### **QUARTER-FINAL ROUND**

The 8 teams qualified from the Second Round will play as follows:

Game 79:	E1	VS.	F4
Game 80 :	E2	VS.	F3
Game 81:	F1	VS.	E4
Game 82:	F2	VS.	E3

#### **SEMI-FINAL ROUND**

Game 83:	Loser 79	VS.	Loser 82
Game 84:	Loser 80	VS.	Loser 81
Game 85:	Winner 79	VS.	Winner 82
Game 86:	Winner 80	VS.	Winner 81

#### **FINAL ROUND**

Game 87: Game 88:	Loser 83 vs Winner 83 vs	-	 (7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> place) (5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> place)
Game 89: Game 90:	Loser 85 vs Winner 85 vs	-	 (3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> place) (1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> place)

**Note:** For all Rounds the order of the games for each day can be revised for TV reasons!



#### **DIVISION B**

#### 34. QUALIFYING ROUND

#### 34.1. Participants

For the EuroBasket 2011 (Division B), the participants are established according to the Promotion/Relegation principle.

#### 34.2. System of Competition

The system of competition will depend on the number of teams that register.

All participating teams will be divided into groups. Each team will play all other teams in its group in home and away games.

#### 34.3. Dates

August/September (2011)

The results will be used only for seeding purposes for the Qualifying Round of the EuroBasket 2013.

#### 34.4. Formation of the groups

The formation of the groups was made by Draw.

#### 34.5. Composition of teams

The teams will be composed of 16 persons: maximum of 12 players, 2 coaches, 1 head of delegation and 1 other person.

#### 34.6. Players

The national federation is responsible at all times for the eligibility of its players registered to play in an official competition of FIBA Europe.

All players must be in possession of a FIBA Europe (FIBA) Identity Card.

In order to issue a FIBA Europe Identity Card for players not already in possession of one, the following documents, together with the list of players and <u>all documents necessary for the registration</u> of each player must reach the Offices of FIBA Europe by the given deadline:

- 1. Certified copy of the original of the birth certificate of each player
- 2. Two identical passport-size photographs of each player taken within the three months preceding the respective round of the EuroBasket,
- 3. Copy of the valid passport.

#### 34.7. Financial provisions

#### 34.7.1 Teams

FIBA Europe must be advised of the venue where the game is to be held no later than <u>90 days</u> before the date of the game.

FIBA Europe has the authority not to approve the venue where the game is to be held.

The visiting team will cover their own travel expenses according to Article 6.2.1. of these Regulations.



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34.7.2 Organiser

Venue: it shall be no more than 100 km from the closest international airport.

Hotel: it shall be no more than 20 km from the arena.

Each organising (host) team will cover the following expenses:

General organising expenses.

Staying expenses of the visiting teams for a <u>maximum of three days</u> (2 nights) in a first class (high standard) hotel (6 double and 4 single rooms). This includes high quality and quantity of food and drinks.

Travel and staying expenses of the referees, commissioner and supervisory doctor (if appointed) in accordance with the Regulations of FIBA Europe.

Local transportation for visiting teams (in a high quality, air-conditioned bus) and officials (including the organisation of such transport) to practice sessions, game(s) and other official events

- Provide a training session in the venue where the game will be played at least twice, during the 24 hours in the evening preceding and in the morning of the day of the game. At least one of those trainings must be in the sport hall where the game will be played. Twelve (12) balls of the same make and type as the one to be used for the game shall be made available to the visiting club for these trainings.
- The court shall be available for a warm-up period at least 45 minutes before starting time and the visiting team shall be provided with at least six (6) balls of the same make and type as the one to be used for the game.

The organisers of the Qualifying Round games (home and away) are free to conclude agreements with television companies, local media and advertising agencies or partners. They shall keep all revenue from gate receipts.

The organising team **must** send a DVD of the complete game to the Offices of FIBA Europe within twenty-four (24) hours of completion of the game



### **EUROBASKET 2013 - NEW SYSTEM BEGINS**





First 2 teams of each group plus 4 best third teams will qualify for EuroBasket 2013

#### **EUROBASKET 2013** (24 teams participate) **ROUND 1** В Α C D DAY 1 12 GAMES В1 **A1** C1 D1 4 groups of 6 teams DAY 2 12 GAMES D2 B2 C2 A2 ■ 5 games DAY 3 **6 GAMES** (GROUP A & B) В3 C3 D3 **A3** • Rest day after 2nd /3rd game day DAY 4 **6 GAMES** (GROUP C & D) В4 C4 D4 • 6 days **A4** D5 DAY 5 12 GAMES **B**5 C5 Α5 Α6 B6 C6 D6 DAY 6 12 GAMES (rest day) DAY 7 **REST DAY** DAY8 **3 GAMES ROUND 2** DAY 9 **A**1 **C1 3 GAMES** 2 groups of 6 teams C2 A2 **DAY 10 3 GAMES** ■ 3 games C3 A3 6 days **DAY 11** 3 GAMES **B1** D1 **DAY 12 3 GAMES** B2 D2 **DAY 13 3 GAMES** B3 D3 (rest day) DAY 14 **REST DAY FINAL ROUND DAY 15 DAY 16 DAY 17 DAY 18 DAY 19** 3 GAMES 3 GAMES 2 GAMES 2 GAMES 2 GAMES 5 Loser 1 vs Loser 2 (5th - 8th) Loser 3 vs Loser 4 Loser 5 vs Loser 6 Bronze Winner 2 vs Winner 3 Winner 5 vs Winner 6 (5th/ 6th) 1 E1 vs F4 3 F1 vs E4 Winner 1 vs Winner 4 2 E2 vs F3 4 F2 vs E3

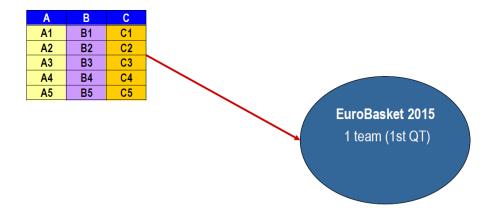
Total days of the EuroBasket: 19



## **EUROBASKET 2015 - 1ST QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT IN 2013**



- All teams not qualified for the EuroBasket 2013
- 15 teams (3 groups of 5)
- The winners of the groups will play Play-Off games or tournament to determine the winner
- ONLY 1 team qualifies for the EuroBasket 2015



# **EUROBASKET 2015 - 2ND QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT IN 2014**



#### **EXAMPLE:**

9 teams (WC) 1 team (organiser)

13 teams (2nd QT)

24 teams



Α2 B2 C2 D2 E2 F2 G2 C3 D3 **E3** F3 G3 Α3 D4 **E4** Α4

First teams of each group and 6 best second teams will qualify for EuroBasket 2015

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G1



# **EUROBASKET 2015** (24 teams participate)

#### **ROUND 1**

- 4 groups of 6 teams
- 5 games
- Rest day after 3rd game day
- 6 days

Α	В	С	D
A1	B1	C1	D1
A2	B2	C2	D2
A3	B3	C3	D3
A4	B4	C4	D4
A5	B5	C5	D5
A6	В6	C6	D6



(GROUP A & B)

(GROUP C & D)

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Е	F
A1	C1
A2	C2
A3	C3
B1	D1
B2	D2
B3	D3
(rest	day)

DAY 6 12 GAMES DAY 7 **REST DAY** DAY 8 **3 GAMES** DAY 9 **3 GAMES DAY 10** 3 GAMES **DAY 11** 3 GAMES **DAY 12 3 GAMES DAY 13 3 GAMES** 

**DAY 14** 

DAY 1

DAY 2

DAY 3

DAY 4

DAY 5

12 GAMES

12 GAMES

**6 GAMES** 

6 GAMES

12 GAMES

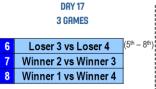
**REST DAY** 

# **ROUND 2**

- 2 groups of 6 teams
- 3 games
- 6 days

#### **FINAL ROUND**







**DAY 19** 2 GAMES

Gold

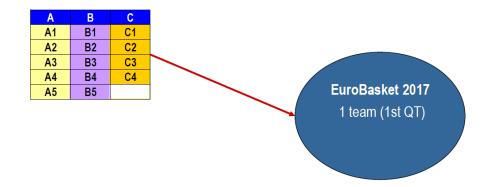
Total days of the EuroBasket: 19

# 1ST QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT FOR EUROBASKET 2017



#### **EXAMPLE:**

- All teams not qualified for the EuroBasket 2015
- 14 teams (2 groups of 5 and 1 group of 4 teams)
- The winners of the groups will play Play-Off games or tournament to determine the winner
- ONLY 1 team qualifies for the EuroBasket 2017





#### EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SMALL COUNTRIES MEN

#### 35. DATES

The European Championship of the Small Countries Men shall be held every two years (2012, 2014, etc.) during the <u>summer months</u>.

The President of the Small Countries Commission in consultation with the organisers shall propose the dates.

#### 36. ORGANISERS

Within the deadline set by FIBA Europe, all national federations registered are entitled to submit their candidature to organise the tournament. The organisers shall abide by all the pre-requisites described in the "Event Manual European Championship of the Small Countries (Men and Women)".

#### 37. PARTICIPANTS

The countries entitled to participate will be proposed by the President of the Small Countries Commission from the countries which have registered, with the provisal that Andorra, Gibraltar, Malta, Principality of Monaco and San Marino will be chosen if registered.

#### 38. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

The teams may be composed of 16 persons: 12 players, 1 coach, 1 international referee, 1 head of delegation and 1 other person.

#### 39. SYSTEM OF COMPETITION

The European Championship of the Small Countries Men may be held in one or more groups, according to the number of teams that will register. The system of competition depends on the number of participating teams.

#### 40. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

#### 40.1. Teams

Each team must pay a contribution towards its staying expenses to the organising federations in the amount of <u>EUR 10</u> per person per day for the duration of the competition plus two (2) days. A maximum of two (2) additional days (overnights) may be reserved at the same rate.

**Example:** Tournament dates: 4<sup>th</sup> August to 14<sup>th</sup> August, 11 days (overnights) plus up to 2 possible extra days (overnights) = maximum of possible total of 13 days (overnights) at **EUR 10** per night

**Note:** If a team decides to arrive before and/or to stay longer than the time period as described above, this team is responsible for <u>all the additional expenses</u>.

The participating teams will cover their own travel expenses to and from the venue of the competition according to Article 6.2.1. of these Regulations.

#### 40.2. Organisers

The income from the use of television and advertising rights and income from gate receipts belong to the organising federation. The organising federation shall cover general organising expenses and the staying expenses of the teams (maximum of 16 persons as per composition of teams) for the duration of the competition plus two (2) days and the FIBA Europe representative/staff.



#### 41. FIBA EUROPE

FIBA Europe will cover the travel expenses and fees for the President of the Small Countries Commission, a second Commissioner if necessary, a Referee Instructor and one or two Neutral Referees depending on the number of participants as well as the fees for all accompanying referees. In addition, FIBA Europe will subsidise the organising federation in the form of:

- 1. A daily allowance of **EUR 35** (as per composition of teams to a maximum of 16 persons) for the duration of the competition plus two (2) days.
- 2. A daily allowance of **EUR 35** per person for 2 or 3 persons (1 commissioner and 1 or 2 neutral referees) for the duration of the competition plus two (2) days.

#### 42. PLAYERS

The national federation is responsible at all times for the eligibility of its players registered to play in an official competition of FIBA Europe.

All players **must** be in possession of a FIBA Europe (FIBA) Identity Card.

In order to issue a FIBA Europe Identity Card for players not already in possession of one, the following documents, together with the list of players and <u>all documents necessary for the registration</u> of each player must reach the Offices of FIBA Europe by the given deadline:

- 1. Certified copy of the original of the birth certificate of each player,
- 2. Two identical passport-size photographs of each player taken within the three months preceding the given deadline,
- 3. Copy of the valid passport.

A supplementary eligibility concept is to be applied for the "city-countries" Andorra, Gibraltar, Principality of Monaco and San Marino. Athletes from these four "city countries" who do not have the corresponding legal nationality **must** present the following documents:

- 4. Certificate of permanent residence for the <u>last 3 years</u> to be issued by the official authorities of the country;
- 5. Certificate to be issued by the respective national federation confirming the athlete's continuous sports activity for a local team for the last 3 years.

**IMPORTANT:** National Federations who fail to meet the deadline to send their eligibility documents <u>will be</u> fined at the rate of: **EUR 50** per working day (German) for each delayed day.



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In addition to these Regulations, all provisions in the FIBA Europe Bye-Laws as well as the Official Basketball Rules are valid in their entirety.

#### 43. CANDIDATURE

All European countries in Division A (see article 49.1) are entitled to submit their candidature to organise the Final Round of the EuroBasket Women within the FIBA Europe deadline and according to the "Bid Dossier & Event Manual for the EuroBasket Women".

#### 44. MARKETING

The Marketing rights will be listed in a dedicated Manual.

Any "ambush marketing" on the part of the organising LOC, National Federation, participating National Federation or any entity which is associated with the event will be subject to a minimum fine of 50.000 EUR up to 200.000 EUR.

#### 45. ASSIGNMENT

The Final Round of the EuroBasket Women shall be held every two years (2011, 2013, etc.).

#### 46. PARTICIPANTS

All European countries are entitled to participate.

#### 47. DATES

The EuroBasket Women shall be held during the month of June.

#### 48. SYSTEM OF COMPETITION

The teams participating in the Pre-Olympic Tournament, the Olympic Games and the World Championships will qualify directly for the subsequent Final Round of the EuroBasket Women (16 teams in total). The Organiser of the Final Round of the EuroBasket Women is also directly qualified.

The EuroBasket Women 2011 shall be played in 3 stages:

#### A. Qualifying Round

#### B. Additional Qualifying Tournament (AQT)

Play-Off Games

#### C. Final Round



#### **DIVISION A**

#### 49. QUALIFYING ROUND

#### 49.1. Participants

For the EuroBasket Women 2011 the participating teams (except for the teams listed in article 48) will be established according to the Promotion/Relegation principle.

#### 49.2. System of Competition

The number of teams which will qualify for the Final Round:

- depends on the number of teams qualified for the Pre-Olympic Tournaments, Olympic Games or the World Championship
- excludes the team which will qualify from the Additional Qualifying Round (AQR) and the organising National Federation.

The teams will be divided by Draw into groups. Each team will play all other teams in its group in home and away games.

#### 49.3. Dates

August/September (2010, 2012, etc.)

#### 49.4. Formation of the groups

The formation of the groups will be made by Draw (see article 17.1).

#### 49.5. Composition of teams

The teams will be composed of 18 persons: a maximum of 12 players, 1 head of delegation and 5 other persons.

#### 49.6. Players

The national federation is responsible at all times for the eligibility of its players registered to play in an official competition of FIBA Europe.

All players **must** be in possession of a FIBA Europe (FIBA) Identity Card.

In order to issue a FIBA Europe Identity Card for players not already in possession of one, the following documents, together with the list of players and <u>all documents necessary for the registration</u> of each player must reach the Offices of FIBA Europe by the given deadline:

- 1. Certified copy of the original of the birth certificate of each player
- 2. Two identical passport-size photographs of each player taken within the three months preceding the respective round of the European Championship,
- 3. Copy of the valid passport

#### 49.7. Financial Provisions

#### 49.7.1 Teams

FIBA Europe must be advised of the venue where the game is to be held no later than <u>60 days</u> before the date of the game.

FIBA Europe has the authority not to approve the venue where the game is to be held.

The visiting team will cover their own travel expenses according to Article 6.2.1. of these Regulations.



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49.7.2 Organiser

Venue: it shall be no more than 100 km from the closest international airport.

Hotel: it shall be no more than 20 km from the arena.

Each organising (host) team will cover the following expenses:

General organising expenses.

Staying expenses of the visiting teams for a <u>maximum of three days</u> (2 nights) in a first class (high standard) hotel (6 double and 6 single rooms). This includes high quality and quantity of food and drinks.

Travel and staying expenses of the referees, commissioner and supervisory doctor (if appointed) in accordance with the Regulations of FIBA Europe.

Local transportation for visiting teams (in a high quality, air-conditioned bus) and officials (including the organisation of such transport) to practice sessions, game(s) and other official events

- Provide a training session in the venue where the game will be played at least twice, during the 24 hours in the evening preceding and in the morning of the day of the game. At least one of those trainings must be in the sport hall where the game will be played. Twelve (12) balls of the same make and type as the one to be used for the game shall be made available to the visiting club for these trainings.
- The court shall be available for a warm-up period at least 45 minutes before starting time and the visiting team shall be provided with at least six (6) balls of the same make and type as the one to be used for the game.

The organisers of the Qualifying Round games (home and away) are free to conclude agreements with television companies, local media and advertising agencies or partners. They shall keep all revenue from gate receipts.

The organisers may require the guidelines for backdrops (mixed zone and press conference room) from the Offices of FIBA Europe.

The organising team **must** send a DVD of the complete game to the Offices of FIBA Europe within twenty-four (24) hours of completion of the game.

#### 50. ADDITIONAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

#### 50.1. Participants

The teams not qualified from the Qualifying Round played in May/June (2010) are entitled to participate in the Additional Qualifying Tournaments (AQT) plus Play-Off Games for the last place available in the Final Round.

#### 50.2. System of Competition

#### Additional Qualifying Tournaments (AQT)

The teams will be divided by Draw into two (2) groups. Each team will play all other teams in its own group. The 1<sup>st</sup> best-placed teams in each group will qualify for the Play-Off Games (home and away). The Winner will qualify for the EuroBasket Women 2011.

50.3. Dates May/June 2011



#### 50.4. Composition of teams

The teams will be composed of 18 persons: a maximum of 12 players, 1 head of delegation and 5 other persons.

50.5. Players

The provisions in 49.6 shall apply.

50.6 Financial Provisions

The provisions in 49.7 shall apply.

#### 51. EUROBASKET WOMEN

#### 51.1. Composition of teams

The teams will be composed of **19** persons:

12 players, 1 head of delegation, 1 accompanying referee and 5 other persons (see also Articles 16 and 88.3).

OR

The teams will be composed of a maximum of 21 persons:

14 players, 1 head of delegation, 1 accompanying referee and 5 other persons (see also Articles 16 and 88.3).

Note: If a team chooses to have 14 players,

- 1. they are responsible for all costs for the two (2) extra Players.
- 2. for each game of the tournament the coach can select any 12 players from the team of 14. The official list of players for each game must consist of 12 players and will be presented to the Commissioner 1 hour prior to the start of the game and no changes for that game are permitted once this list is submitted.
- 3. the players must retain the same number for the whole tournament.
  - Numbers 4 to 15 **must** be used and the remaining must be according to the regulations, that is: 20 to 25, 30 to 35, 40 to 45 and 50 to 55.
- 4. the principle of only one (1) naturalised player is maintained.

#### 51.2. System of Competition

#### **FIRST ROUND**

The 16 teams will be divided into 4 groups (A, B, C, D) of 4 teams each. Each team will play the other 3 teams in its own group.

The teams placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each group will qualify directly for the Second Round.

The teams placed 4<sup>th</sup> in each group will go home.



# **SECOND ROUND**

The 12 teams qualified from the First Round will be divided into 2 groups (E, F) of 6 teams each.

Grou	<b>ір Е</b>	Group F			
A1	B1	C1	D1		
A2	B2	C2	D2		
А3	В3	C3	D3		

The order of the games will be as follows:

В3	VS.	A1	D3	VS.	C1
B2	VS.	A2	D2	VS.	C2
А3	VS.	B1	C3	VS.	D1
A1	VS.	B2	C1	VS.	D2
ВЗ	VS.	A3	D3	VS.	C3
A2	VS.	B1	C2	VS.	D1
B1	VS.	A1	D1	VS.	C1
A2	VS.	B3	C2	VS.	D3
B2	VS.	A3	D2	VS.	C3

The 4 best -placed teams of each group will qualify for the Quarter-Final Round.

The teams placed 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in each group will go home.

# **QUARTER-FINAL ROUND**

The 8 teams qualified from the Second Round will play as follows:

Game Game	_		VS. VS.	
Game	_	F1	VS.	E4
Game	<b>46</b> ⋅	F2	VC	Ε3

# **SEMI-FINAL ROUND**

# **FINAL ROUND**

Game 51:	Loser 47 vs.	 (7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> place)
Game 52:	Winner 47 vs.	(5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> place)
Game 53:	Loser 49 vs.	 (3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> place)
Game 54:	Winner 49 vs.	(1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> place)

**Note:** For all Rounds the order of the games for each day can be revised for TV reasons!



# **DIVISION B**

# 52. QUALIFYING ROUND

# 52.1. Participants

For the EuroBasket Women 2011 (Division B), the participants are established according to the Promotion/Relegation principle.

# 52.2. System of Competition

The system of competition will depend on the number of registered teams.

All participating teams are divided into groups. Each team will play all other teams in its group in home and away games.

# 52.3. Dates

May/June (2011)

The results will be used only for seeding purposes for the Qualifying Round of the EuroBasket Women 2013.

# 52.4. Formation of the groups

The formation of the groups was made by Draw.

## 52.5. Composition of teams

The teams will be composed of 16 persons: maximum of 12 players, 2 coaches, 1 head of delegation and 1 other person.

#### 52.6. Players

The national federation is responsible at all times for the eligibility of its players registered to play in an official competition of FIBA Europe.

All players **must** be in possession of a FIBA Europe (FIBA) Identity Card.

In order to issue a FIBA Europe Identity Card for players not already in possession of one, the following documents, together with the list of players and <u>all documents necessary for the registration</u> of each player must reach the Offices of FIBA Europe by the given deadline:

- 1. Certified copy of the original of the birth certificate of each player
- 2. Two identical passport-size photographs of each player taken within the three months preceding the respective round of the European Championship,
- 3. Copy of the valid passport.

#### 52.7. Financial Provisions

#### 52.7.1 Teams

FIBA Europe must be advised of the venue where the game is to be held no later than **90 days** before the date of the game.

FIBA Europe has the authority not to approve the venue where the game is to be held.

The visiting team will cover their own travel expenses according to Article 6.2.1. of these Regulations.



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52.7. 2 Organisers

Venue: it shall be no more than 100 km from the closest international airport.

Hotel: it shall be no more than 20 km from the arena.

Each organising (host) team will cover the following expenses:

General organising expenses.

Staying expenses of the visiting teams for a <u>maximum of three days</u> (2 nights) in a first class (high standard) hotel (6 double and 4 single rooms). This includes high quality and quantity of food and drinks.

Travel and staying expenses of the referees, commissioner and supervisory doctor (if appointed) in accordance with the Regulations of FIBA Europe.

Local transportation for visiting teams (in a high quality, air-conditioned bus) and officials (including the organisation of such transport) to practice sessions, game(s) and other official events

- Provide a training session in the venue where the game will be played at least twice, during the 24 hours in the evening preceding and in the morning of the day of the game. At least one of those trainings must be in the sport hall where the game will be played. Twelve (12) balls of the same make and type as the one to be used for the game shall be made available to the visiting club for these trainings.
- The court shall be available for a warm-up period at least 45 minutes before starting time and the visiting team shall be provided with at least six (6) balls of the same make and type as the one to be used for the game.

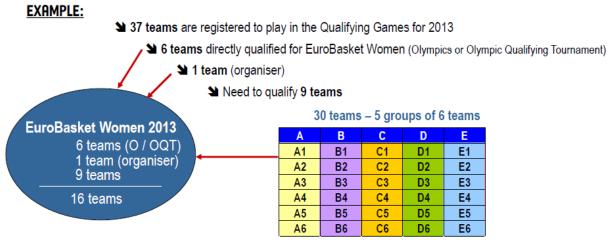
The organisers of the Qualifying Round games (home and away) are free to conclude agreements with television companies, local media and advertising agencies or partners. They shall keep all revenue from gate receipts.

The organising team **must** send a DVD of the complete game to the Offices of FIBA Europe within twenty-four (24) hours of completion of the game



# **EUROBASKET WOMEN 2013 - NEW SYSTEM BEGINS IN 2012**

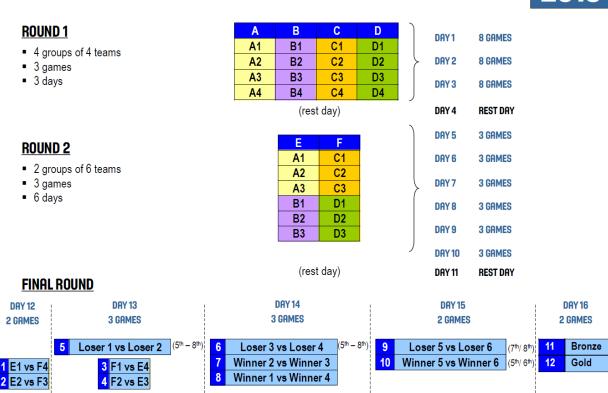




First teams of each group plus 4 best second teams will qualify for EuroBasket Women 2013

# **EUROBASKET WOMEN 2013** (16 teams participate)

2013



Total days of the EuroBasket Women: 16

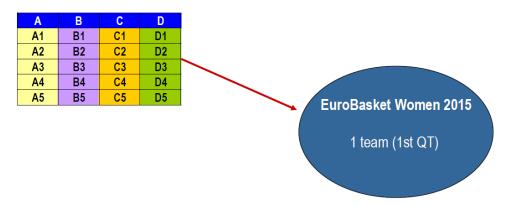


# **EUROBASKET WOMEN 2015 - 1ST QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT IN 2013**

2013

#### **EXAMPLE:**

- All teams not qualified for the EuroBasket Women 2013
- 20 teams (4 groups of 5)
- The winners of the groups will play Play-Off games or tournament to determine the winner
- ONLY 1 team qualifies for the EuroBasket Women 2015



# EUROBASKET WOMEN 2015 - 2ND QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT IN 2014





**36 teams** are registered to play in the Qualifying Games for 2015

■ 1 team is already qualified in 1st Qualifying Tournament in 2013

→ 6 teams directly qualified for EuroBasket Women (Olympics or Olympic Qualifying Tournament)

1 team (organiser)

■ Need to qualify 8 teams

28 teams play Qualifying Round in 7 groups of 4 teams

# **EuroBasket Women 2015**

1 team (1st QT) 6 teams (WC)

1 team (organiser)

8 teams (2nd QT)

16 teams

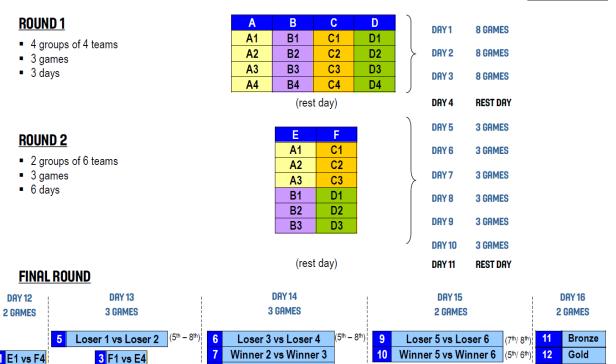
Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G
<b>A</b> 1	B1	C1	D1	E1	F1	G1
A2	B2	C2	D2	E2	F2	G2
A3	B3	C3	D3	E3	F3	G3
A4	B4	C4	D4	E4	F4	G4

First teams of each group and the best second team will qualify for EuroBasket Women 2015



# **EUROBASKET WOMEN 2015** (16 teams participate)





Total days of the EuroBasket Women: 16

4 F2 vs E3

# **EUROBASKET WOMEN 2017 - 1ST QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT IN 2015**

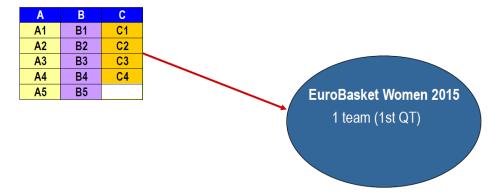
Winner 1 vs Winner 4



# **EXAMPLE:**

2 E2 vs F3

- All teams not qualified for the EuroBasket Women 2015
- 14 teams (2 groups of 5 and 1 group of 4 teams)
- The winners of the groups will play Play-Off games or tournament to determine the winner
- ONLY 1 team qualifies for the EuroBasket Women 2017





# **EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SMALL COUNTRIES WOMEN**

#### 53. DATES

The European Championship of the Small Countries Women shall be held every two years (2012, 2014, etc.) during the <u>summer months</u>.

The President of the Small Countries Commission in consultation with the organisers shall propose the dates.

#### 54. ORGANISERS

Within the deadline set by FIBA Europe, all national federations registered are entitled to submit their candidature to organise the tournament. The organisers shall abide by all the pre-requisites described in the "Event Manual European Championships (Men and Women) of the Small Countries".

#### 55. PARTICIPANTS

The countries entitled to participate will be proposed by the President of the Small Countries Commission from the countries which have registered, with the provisal that Andorra, Gibraltar, Malta, Principality of Monaco and San Marino will be chosen if registered.

# 56. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

The teams may be composed of 16 persons: 12 players, 1 coach, 1 international referee, 1 head of delegation and 1 other person.

# 57. SYSTEM OF COMPETITION

The European Championship of the Small Countries Women may be held in one or more groups, according to the number of teams that will register. The system of competition depends on the number of participating teams.

#### 58. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

#### 58.1. Teams

Each team must pay a contribution towards its staying expenses to the organising federations in the amount of **EUR 10** per person per day for the duration of the competition plus two (2) days. A maximum of two (2) additional days (overnights) may be reserved at the same rate.

**Example:** Tournament dates: 4<sup>th</sup> August to 14<sup>th</sup> August, 11 days (overnights) plus up to 2 possible extra days (overnights) = maximum of possible total of 13 days (overnights) at **EUR 10** per night

**Note 1:** If a team decides to arrive before and/or to stay longer than the time period as described above, this team is responsible for all the additional expenses.

The participating teams will cover their own travel expenses to and from the venue of the competition according to Article 6.2.1. of these Regulations.

#### 58.2. Organisers

The income from the use of television and advertising rights and income from gate receipts belong to the organising federation. The organising federation shall cover general organising expenses and the staying expenses of the teams (maximum of 16 persons as per composition of teams) for the duration of the competition plus two (2) days and the FIBA Europe representative/staff.



#### 59. FIBA EUROPE

FIBA Europe will cover the travel expenses and fees for the President of the Small Countries Commission, a second Commissioner if necessary, a Referee Instructor and one or two Neutral Referees depending on the number of participants as well as the fees for all accompanying referees. In addition, FIBA Europe will subsidise the organising federation in the form of:

- 1. A daily allowance of **EUR 35** (as per composition of teams to a maximum of 16 persons) for the duration of the competition plus two (2) days.
- 2. A daily allowance of **EUR 35** per person for 2 or 3 persons (1 commissioner and 1 or 2 neutral referees) for the duration of the competition plus two (2) days.

# 60. PLAYERS

The national federation is responsible at all times for the eligibility of its players registered to play in an official competition of FIBA Europe.

All players must be in possession of a FIBA Europe (FIBA) Identity Card.

In order to issue a FIBA Europe Identity Card for players not already in possession of one, the following documents, together with the list of players and <u>all documents necessary for the registration</u> of each player must reach the Offices of FIBA Europe by the given deadline:

- 1. Certified copy of the original of the birth certificate of each player,
- 2. Two identical passport-size photographs of each player taken within the three months preceding the given deadline,
- 3. Copy of the valid passport.

A supplementary eligibility concept is to be applied for the "city-countries" Andorra, Gibraltar, Principality of Monaco and San Marino. The athletes from these four countries who do not hold its nationality have to present the following documents:

- 4. Certificate of permanent residence for the <u>last 3 years</u> to be issued by the official authorities of the country;
- 5. Certificate to be issued by the respective national federation confirming the athlete's continuous sports activity for a local team for the last 3 years.

**IMPORTANT:** National Federations who fail to meet the deadline to send their eligibility documents <u>will be</u> fined at the rate of: **EUR 50** per working day (German) for each delayed day.



# CHAPTER V U16, U18, U20 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEN AND WOMEN

In addition to these Regulations, all provisions in the FIBA Europe Bye-Laws as well as the Official Basketball Rules are valid in their entirety.

#### 61. ASSIGNMENT

The U20 European Championships (Men and Women) shall be held every year in 2 Divisions, A and B.

The U16 and U18 European Championships (Men and Women) shall be held every year in Divisions A and B and every two years in Division C.

**Division A** will be composed of 16 teams.

**Division B** will be composed of all the teams wishing to participate.

**Division C** will be composed of all the remaining teams who are eligible according to Article 72, wishing to participate with the proviso that Andorra, Gibraltar, Malta, Principality of Monaco and San Marino will be chosen if registered.

# **DIVISION A AND B**

#### 62. DATES

The U16, U18 and U20 European Championships (Men and Women) Division A and B shall be played every year during the months of July – August.

# 63. ORGANISERS

Within the deadline set by FIBA Europe, all national federations are entitled to submit their candidature to organise the Competition of the Division to which they belong.

The Competition of the Division shall be played in preferably two (2) but never more than three (3) venues.

The organisers shall abide by all the pre-requisites described in the "Event Manual U16, U18 and U20 European Championships Men and Women".

All media (including TV & internet), marketing and merchandising rights belong to FIBA Europe and may be exploited by an entity designated by FIBA Europe.

## 63.1. Marketing and Merchandising

The entity designated by FIBA Europe reserves the right to sign a contract with a "title sponsor" As a consequence; the sponsor category of the "title sponsor" cannot be used.

The entity designated by FIBA Europe reserves the right to sign a contract with sponsors.

The organisers are obliged to fulfil all the obligations related to the FIBA Europe sponsors contract.

#### 63.2. Television

If the LOC is able to provide television production, the LOC may keep the national television rights. All international television and internet rights belong to FIBA Europe.

If the LOC is unable to provide television production, but FIBA Europe requires certain games to be produced, the LOC will provide production at cost price.

The LOC is obliged to provide television production, international signal and satellite uplink for both semifinals, final and bronze medal game. The international signal will be provided to FIBA Europe free of charge.



For all TV productions the official FIBA Europe Graphics (score, statistics, etc.) must be used. FIBA Europe may provide the full service through a contractor at the LOC's cost.

The organisers shall keep the revenue from:

- Contribution from FIBA Europe as per Article 64.
- All gate receipts
- National television rights
- All marketing rights, except for FIBA Europe sponsors (see above)

Subject to negotiations and the directives stipulated by an entity designated by FIBA Europe, part of the merchandising rights.

**Note:** Any and all LOC contracts (television, marketing or merchandising) are subject to approval by the entity designated by FIBA Europe.

The organisers shall cover the following expenses:

- General organising expenses (rental, taxes, provision of statistics and graphics for television, press agency, DVD of every game for use by the instructor and meeting room for referees with appropriate audio-visual equipment, TV signal).
- The difference between the actual cost of the staying expenses and the contribution paid by the teams.
- The travel and staying expenses of the neutral referees, commissioners, representatives of FIBA Europe and referee instructors in accordance with the Regulations of FIBA Europe.
- The fees of all referees, commissioners, instructors and supervisory doctor (if appointed) in accordance with the Regulations of FIBA Europe.
- The travel, staying expenses and fees of the supervisory doctor present at the doping control in accordance with the Internal Regulations of FIBA.
- The doping control expenses in accordance with the Internal Regulations of FIBA.

#### 64. CONTRIBUTION FROM FIBA EUROPE

The Board of FIBA Europe will decide upon the amount of the contribution from FIBA Europe. This includes an adequate amount for the travel expenses, staying expenses, and fees of the referee instructors.

#### 65. PARTICIPATING TEAMS

Each team must pay a contribution towards its staying expenses to the organising federations in the amount of **EUR 35** per person per day for the duration of the competition plus 2 (two) days. A maximum of 2 (two) additional days (overnights) may be reserved at the same rate.

Example: Tournament dates: 4<sup>th</sup> August to 14<sup>th</sup> August, 11 days (overnights) plus up to 2 possible extra days (overnights) = maximum of possible total of 13 days (overnights) at EUR 35 per night

**Note 1:** If a team decides to arrive before and/or to stay longer than the time period as described above, this team is responsible for all the additional expenses.

The participating teams will cover their own travel expenses to and from the venue of the competition according to Article 6.2.1. of these Regulations.

**Note 2:** All participating teams **must** attend the <u>Opening and the Closing Ceremony of the tournament</u>.



#### 66. PARTICIPANTS

All national teams from all European countries are entitled to participate.

#### 67. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

The teams will be composed of 18 persons: 12 players, 1 head of delegation, 1 international referee, and 4 other persons.

#### 68. PLAYERS

A player cannot participate in more than **two (2)** main official competitions of FIBA in any one year.

The national federation is responsible at all times for the eligibility of its players registered to play in an official competition of FIBA Europe.

All players must be in possession of a FIBA Europe (FIBA) Identity Card.

In order to issue a FIBA Europe Identity Card for players not already in possession of one, the following documents, together with the list of players and <u>all documents necessary for the registration</u> of each player must reach the Offices of FIBA Europe by the given deadline:

- 1. Certified copy of the original of the birth certificate of each player,
- 2. Two identical passport-size photographs of each player taken within the three months preceding the respective round of the European Championship,
- 3. Copy of the valid passport.

The players' age shall be subject to verification in accordance with the Internal Regulations of FIBA Europe.

<u>Age: e.g.</u> U16 European Championship 2011, players born on  $1^{st}$  **January 1995** or after are entitled to participate (2011 – 16 = 1995).

#### 69. RELEGATION

The two teams classified 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> will be relegated from Division A to Division B. This relegation will take effect the following year at the same age category competition.

- Note 1: If a team in Division A does not participate in the respective competition, this team will be automatically relegated to Division B. This relegation will take effect the following year at the same age category competition. In this case, the next top ranked/classified team in Division B will be promoted to Division A.
- **Note 2:** If a team in Division A uses players who are not eligible to play according to the Regulations, this team will be automatically relegated to Division B.

Recurrence shall mean disqualification of all teams from that national federation for a period of two (2) years.



# **DIVISION C**

#### 70. DATES

The U16 European Championships Men and Women Division C, shall be played <u>every year</u> during the <u>summer</u> months (2011, 2012, etc.).

The U18 European Championships Men and Women Division C, shall be played <u>every two years</u> during the <u>summer months</u> (2011, 2013, etc.).

The President of the Small Countries Commission in consultation with the organisers shall propose the dates.

# 71. ORGANISERS

Within the deadline set by FIBA Europe, all national federations registered in Division C are entitled to submit their candidature to organise the tournament. The organisers shall abide by all the pre-requisites described in the "Event Manual European Championships (Men and Women) Division C".

#### 72. PARTICIPANTS

The countries entitled to participate will be proposed by the President of the Small Countries Commission from the countries which have registered, with the provisal that Andorra, Gibraltar, Malta, Principality of Monaco and San Marino will be chosen if registered.

**Note:** Teams playing in Division B are <u>not allowed to participate in Division C</u> in the same age category and season.

#### 73. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

The teams may be composed of 16 persons: 12 players, 1 coach, 1 international referee, 1 head of delegation and 1 other person.

## 74. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

## 74.1. Teams

Each team must pay a contribution towards its staying expenses to the organising federations in the amount of **EUR 10** per person per day for the duration of the competition plus two (2) days. A maximum of two (2) additional days (overnights) may be reserved at the same rate.

Example: Tournament dates: 4<sup>th</sup> August to 14<sup>th</sup> August, 11 days (overnights) plus up to 2 possible extra days (overnights) = maximum of possible total of 13 days (overnights) at **EUR 10** per night

**Note 1:** If a team decides to arrive before and/or to stay longer than the time period as described above, this team is responsible for all the additional expenses.

The participating teams will cover their own travel expenses to and from the venue of the competition according to Article 6.2.1. of these Regulations.

#### 74.2. Organisers

The income from the use of television and advertising rights and income from gate receipts belong to the organising federation. The organising federation shall cover general organising expenses and the staying expenses of the teams (maximum of 16 persons as per composition of teams) for the duration of the competition plus two (2) days and the FIBA Europe representative/staff.



#### 75. FIBA EUROPE

FIBA Europe will cover the travel expenses and fees for the President of the Small Countries Commission, a second Commissioner if necessary, a Referee Instructor and one or two Neutral Referees depending on the number of participants as well as the fees for all accompanying referees. In addition, FIBA Europe will subsidise the organising federation in the form of:

- 1. A daily allowance of **EUR 35** (as per composition of teams to a maximum of 16 persons) for the duration of the competition plus two (2) days.
- 2. A daily allowance of **EUR 35** per person for 2 or 3 persons (1 commissioner and 1 or 2 neutral referees) for the duration of the competition plus two (2) days.

# 76. PLAYERS

The national federation is responsible at all times for the eligibility of its players registered to play in an official competition of FIBA Europe.

All players **must** be in possession of a FIBA Europe (FIBA) Identity Card.

In order to issue a FIBA Europe Identity Card for players not already in possession of one, the following documents, together with the list of players and <u>all documents necessary for the registration</u> of each player must reach the Offices of FIBA Europe by the given deadline:

- 1. Certified copy of the original of the birth certificate of each player,
- 2. Two identical passport-size photographs of each player taken within the three months preceding the given deadline,
- 3. Copy of the valid passport.

A supplementary eligibility concept is to be applied for the "city-countries" Andorra, Gibraltar, Principality of Monaco and San Marino. Athletes from these four "city countries" who do not have the corresponding legal nationality **must** present the following documents:

- 1. Certificate of permanent residence for the <u>last 3 years</u> to be issued by the official authorities of the country;
- 2. Certificate to be issued by the respective national federation confirming the athlete's continuous sports activity for a local team for the <a href="Last 3">Last 3</a> years.

#### For participation in the Division C, U16 and U18 categories only:

- a. Certificate of permanent residence for the last 3 years to be issued by the official authorities of the country **OR**, if resident inside a radius of 20km from the "city country", a certificate of permanent residence from the official authorities of the place of residence.
- b. Certificate of attendance at a school in the "city country", **OR** the place of residence within 20 km to be issued by the appropriate educational authorities.
- c. Certificate by the national federation as per 2. above.

All players shall be subject to age verification in accordance with these Regulations, Chapter XIII, Article 104.

**IMPORTANT:** National Federations who fail to meet the deadline to send their eligibility documents <u>will be</u> fined at the rate of: **EUR 50** per working day (German) for each delayed day.



# 77. SYSTEM OF COMPETITION: DIVISION A

The championship will be played within 11 days (9 game days plus 2 rest days)

# **PRELIMINARY ROUND**

The 16 teams will be divided into 4 groups (A, B, C, D) of 4 teams each. Each team will play the other 3 teams in its own group.

The final standings will be established after the Preliminary Round.

A1	B1	C1	D1
A2	B2	C2	D2
A3	В3	C3	D3
A4	B4	C4	D4

The three (3) teams classified 1<sup>st,</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each group will qualify for the Qualifying Round (12 teams).

The team classified  $4^{th}$  in each group will qualify for the Classification Round and play for the  $13^{th}$  to  $16^{th}$  place (4 teams).

# **QUALIFYING ROUND**

The teams will be divided into two (2) groups of six (6) teams. Each team will play three (3) games against the teams from the other group.

E	F
A1	C1
A2	C2
A3	C3
B1	D1
B2	D2
B3	D3

# **CLASSIFICATION ROUND**

The four (4) teams classified 4<sup>th</sup> in each group of the Preliminary Round will play each other in a Round Robin System two (2) times for 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> place. The last two (2) teams will be relegated to Division B.

**G**A4
B4
C4
D4

# **QUARTER-FINAL ROUND**

Game 55:	E1	VS.	F4
Game 56:	F1	VS.	E4
Game 57:	E2 F2	VS.	F3

# Classification 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> place:

Game 59:	E5	VS.	F6
Game 60:	F5	VS.	E6



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#### **SEMI-FINAL ROUND**

#### Classification:

Game 61: Loser 55 vs. Loser 58 Game 62: Loser 57 vs. Loser 56

Semi-Finals:

Game 63: Winner 55 vs. Winner 58 Game 64: Winner 57 vs. Winner 56

#### **FINAL ROUND**

Classification:

Game 65: Loser 59 vs. Loser 60 (11th and 12th place)
Game 66: Winner 59 vs. Winner 60 (9th and 10th place)

Game 67: Loser 61 vs. Loser 62 ( $7^{th}$  and  $8^{th}$  place) Game 68: Winner 61 vs. Winner 62 ( $5^{th}$  and  $6^{th}$  place)

Finals:

Game 69: Loser 63 vs. Loser 64 (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place) Game 70: Winner 63 vs. Winner 64 (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place)

# 78. SYSTEM OF COMPETITION: DIVISION B

The Division B competition may be held in one or more groups, according to the number of teams that will register.

The system of competition will depend on the number of teams which register.

The 2 best-placed teams will be promoted to Division A. This promotion will take effect the following year at the same age category competition.

# 79. SYSTEM OF COMPETITION: DIVISION C

The Division C competition may be held in one or more groups, according to the number of teams that will register. The system of competition depends on the number of participating teams.



# CHAPTER VI: GENERAL COMPETITION SCHEDULE

# **TOURNAMENTS & HOME AND AWAY GAMES**

		GAME DAYS:									
TEAMS	1	2	3	4	4 5		7	8	9		
3	1 - 2	2 - 3	3 - 1								
Rest day:	3	1	2	]							
4	1 - 4	3 - 1	1 - 2								
4	2 - 3	4 - 2	3 - 4								
-	2 - 5	1 - 4	5 - 3	4 - 2	3 - 1						
5	4 - 3	3 - 2	2 - 1	1 - 5	5 - 4						
Rest day:	1	5	4	3	2						
	6 - 1	1 - 5	4 - 1	1 - 3	2 - 1						
6	5 - 2	4 - 6	3 - 5	2 - 4	6 - 3						
	3 - 4	2 - 3	6 - 2	5 - 6	4 - 5						
	2 - 7	1 - 6	7 - 5	6 - 4	5 - 3	4 - 2	3 - 1				
7	6 - 3	5 - 2	4 - 1	3 - 7	2 - 6	1 - 5	7 - 4				
	4 - 5	3 - 4	2 - 3	1 - 2	7 - 1	6 - 7	5 - 6				
Rest day:	1	7	6	5	4	3	2				
	8 - 1	1 - 7	6 - 1	1 - 5	4 - 1	1 - 3	2 - 1				
8	2 - 7	8 - 6	7 - 5	6 - 4	5 - 3	4 - 2	3 - 8				
	6 - 3	5 - 2	4 - 8	3 - 7	2 - 6	8 - 5	7 - 4				
	4 - 5	3 - 4	2 - 3	8 - 2	7 - 8	6 - 7	5 - 6				
	2 - 9	8 - 4	5 - 8	9 - 5	6 - 9	1 - 6	6 - 2	3 - 6	7 - 3		
9	3 - 8	7 - 5	4 - 9	8 - 6	5 - 1	9 - 7	5 - 3	2 - 7	6 - 4		
	4 - 7	9- 3	3 - 1	1 - 4	4 - 2	2 - 5	7 - 1	1 - 8	8 - 2		
	5 - 6	1 - 2	6 - 7	2 - 3	7 - 8	3 - 4	8 - 9	4 - 5	9 - 1		
Rest day:	1	6	2	7	3	8	4	9	5		
	1 -10	9 - 3	5 - 8	9 - 5	4 - 2	1 - 6	8 - 9	3 - 6	7 - 3		
10	2 - 9	7 - 5	3 - 1	8 - 6	3 -10	9 - 7	5 - 3	1 - 8	6 - 4		
10	3 - 8	8 - 4	4 - 9	10- 7	5 - 1	10 -8	6 - 2	2 - 7	5 -10		
	4 - 7	10- 6	2 - 10	1 - 4	6 - 9	2 - 5	7 - 1	10- 9	8 - 2		
	5 - 6	1 - 2	6 - 7	2 - 3	7 - 8	3 - 4	4 -10	4 - 5	9 - 1		



# CHAPTER VII: CLUB COMPETITIONS

In addition to these Regulations, all provisions in the FIBA Europe Regulations for European Club Competitions and FIBA Europe Bye-Laws as well as the Official Basketball Rules, are valid in their entirety.

Agreements by clubs are considered as having been made with the approval of their national federation. Therefore, the national federations shall be held responsible for having these agreements respected.

# 80. FIBA EUROPE CLUB COMPETITIONS

The FIBA Europe Club Competitions shall be administered according to the Regulations for European Club Competitions.

- 80.1. The FIBA Europe Club Competitions for Men's and Women's clubs shall be:
  - 1. **ECM** EuroChallenge
  - 2. **ELW** EuroLeague Women
  - 3. **ECW** EuroCup Women
- 80.2. FIBA Europe delegates its authority to its Competitions Commission
  - 1. to approve the games
  - 2. to administer the competition and
  - 3. to supervise the discipline of players, clubs and any other person involved with the organisation of the FIBA Europe Club Competitions.

For all disciplinary penalties governing the FIBA Europe Club Competitions, the Competitions Commission delegates its power to a person chosen by the Commission to be judge and to take all decisions in the <u>first instance</u>.

## 81. FIBA EUROPE PLAYER LICENCES

- All provisions listed in Chapter XIV (Regulations governing the Eligibility of Players) are valid in their entirety.
- The national federation is responsible for its players at all times and will bear the consequences of any infraction of the Regulations governing Eligibility, National Status, International Transfer and the Age of Players.
- National federations **must** register all foreign players in their country. All foreign players playing for clubs taking part in the first or second division of the national championship must be in possession of the Foreign Player "A" Licence, unless the player is already in possession of the Player "B" Licence for the FIBA Europe Club Competitions for men's and women's clubs.
- 81.1. Foreign Player "A" Licence
- 81.1.1 The national federations **must** obtain a Foreign Player "A" Licence from FIBA Europe for those foreign players participating in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> divisions of their national Championship. This licence is issued by FIBA Europe and certifies that the player is authorised to play for the club indicated on the licence. The Foreign Player "A" licence is valid for one year.



- 81.1.2 To obtain a Foreign Player "A" Licence from FIBA Europe, each national federation must submit the following documents to the Offices of FIBA Europe by the given deadline:
  - 1. List of its foreign players' names;
  - 2. FIBA Europe Registration form for each foreign player;
  - 3. Letter of clearance and/or statement for players from academic institutions;
  - 4. Photocopy of the player's passport showing the bearer's full name [and, if applicable, his former name(s)], date and place of birth, legal nationality and date of expiry.
- 81.2. Foreign Player "B" Licence
- 81.2.1 The national federations must obtain a Player "B" Licence from FIBA Europe for all players participating in the FIBA Europe Club Competitions for men's and women's clubs. The Player "B" Licence is issued by FIBA Europe upon the request of the national federation. It certifies that the player is registered for the club playing in the FIBA Europe Club Competition indicated on the licence. The Player "B" licence is valid for one season.
- 81.2.2 To obtain a Player "B" Licence from FIBA Europe, the Regulations for the FIBA Europe Club Competitions shall apply.
- 81.2.3 In the case of foreign players, the Player "B" Licence also serves as a Foreign Player "A" Licence for the national championship of the country of the club indicated on the licence. In this case such a licence shall only be issued in accordance with the provisions of the FIBA Europe Regulations governing the International Transfer of Players.
- 81.3. Players from academic institutions and non-recognised organisations
- 81.3.1 If a player, after having played for a club affiliated to a FIBA Europe member national federation plays for an academic institution which does not recognise the FIBA/FIBA Europe Regulations governing the International Transfer of Players or plays for an organisation which is not recognised by the respective National Federation and subsequently returns to a FIBA Europe club, he is then considered as having transferred from a FIBA Europe club to a FIBA Europe club. In other words, his playing activities during his stay at the academic institution or non-recognised organisation as defined above, will be disregarded.
- 81.3.2 A player who has not played for a FIBA Europe club before playing for an academic institution <u>or a club belonging to a non-recognised organisation (as defined in 81.3.1 above)</u> and who wants to play for a FIBA Europe club for the first time, does not need a letter of clearance: he is eligible to play as soon as he has presented the duly completed and signed FIBA Europe Self-Declaration to the national federation concerned, stating that he has never played for a FIBA club.

# 82. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

- 82.1. Foreign Player "A" Licence
- 82.1.1 FIBA Europe may charge a participation fee for each foreign player in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> divisions of the national championships as follows:

Participation fee "A": for men's clubs: EUR 250

for women's clubs: **EUR 125** 

In special cases, the FIBA Europe Secretary General may apply a lower fee for a limited period.



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# 82.2. Player "B" Licence

- 82.2.1 FIBA Europe may charge a participation fee for each player in the FIBA Europe Club Competitions for men's and women's clubs as stated in the Regulations for the FIBA Europe Club Competitions governing the respective League/Cup.
- 82.2.2 A player who has obtained a Player "B" Licence does not need a separate Foreign Player "A" licence, provided that he continues to play for the club for which the "B" licence was issued.

#### 83. SANCTIONS

Foreign Player "A" Licences: failure to submit to the Offices of FIBA Europe the list of foreign players with the necessary information and documentation by the given deadline a fine of a minimum of EUR 5,000 shall be imposed to the national federation.

#### 84. DISPUTES

All disputes and cases arising from these Regulations remain under the exclusive jurisdiction of FIBA Europe.

## 85. APPEAL

Any appeal against decisions relating to these Regulations shall be submitted to the Appeals Commission according to the FIBA Europe Regulations governing Appeals.



# CHAPTER VIII: NATIONAL STATUS OF PLAYERS

# 86. DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PRINCIPLES

In addition to these Regulations, all provisions of the FIBA Europe Bye-Laws are valid in their entirety.

These Regulations apply to both genders.

These Regulations apply to all competitions of FIBA Europe for both men and women. They apply at national team level and at international club level.

FIBA Europe The Secretary General of FIBA Europe, or his representative, except where it is

specifically indicated to the contrary.

**Legal Nationality** The status of belonging to a particular country by origin, birth or naturalisation. A

player may have one or more legal nationalities, according to the law of the

countries concerned.

**FIBA Nationality** A concept for those players whose national status is not otherwise covered by the

Internal Regulations of FIBA.

**Foreign player** A player who does not have the legal nationality of the member federation by which

he is licensed currently.

**Country** A geographical territory within which an independent national basketball federation

recognised by FIBA exists.

# 87. PROOF OF LEGAL NATIONALITY

Proof of legal nationality of a country, by itself, does not constitute sufficient evidence to guarantee a player's right to play as a national for the national team of that country.

FIBA Europe may require that proof be provided to verify the legal nationality (or nationalities) of any player by requesting any documents it deems appropriate.

# 88. NATIONAL TEAMS

- 88.1. Only a player holding the legal nationality of a country and having fulfilled the terms of eligibility according to the appropriate FIBA Europe Regulations and/or the FIBA Internal Regulations may play on the national team of that country.
- 88.2. Any player with two legal nationalities or more, by birth or by naturalisation, may choose at any age the national team for which he wishes to play. Any such choice must be made in a written declaration to FIBA and to FIBA Europe.
  - This provision also applies to any player having acquired legal nationality by birth, **or having** the right to acquire a second legal nationality at birth, but who does not lay claim to this right until a given time in the future.

However, if a player, having two or more nationalities is summoned by a national member federation after reaching the <u>age of eighteen (18)</u>, he is obliged to choose for which national team he wishes to play. If he has declined the summons, the player may choose only the national team of country / one of the other countries unless he declares in writing, within fifteen (15) days of receiving the summons that he has chosen the country that summoned him first.

Any player having played in a main official competition of FIBA for a national team for which he is eligible is considered as having chosen the national team of that country, with the exception of cases provided for under Article 88.5.



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A player who has transferred as a young player according to Article H.3.4.1b of the FIBA Internal Regulations may not choose until he has reached the age of twenty-one (21) the national team of any country other than the country from which he has transferred.

Choices made under this article are irrevocable.

- 88.3. A national team participating in an international competition of FIBA Europe may have only one player on its team who has acquired the legal nationality of that country by naturalisation or by any other means after having reached the age of sixteen (16).
- A player who has played in a main official competition of FIBA before reaching his seventeenth (17<sup>th</sup>) birthday may play for a national team of another country if both national member federations agree. In the absence of an agreement, the Secretary General decides.
- A player who has played in a main official competition of FIBA after having reached his seventeenth (17<sup>th</sup>) birthday may not play for a national team of another country.
  - However, in exceptional circumstances the Secretary General may authorise such a player to play for the national team of his country of origin if he is ineligible to play for such country according to this Article and this is in the interest of the development of basketball in this country.
- 88.6 For any player who has two or more legal nationalities by birth or by naturalisation, the national member federation for which the player wishes to play must obtain written certification from the national member federation of the country(-ies) corresponding to the player's other nationality(-ies), in which it is stated that he has not taken part in a main official competition of FIBA as a member of its national team.
  - If the request for this certification remains unanswered, FIBA Europe may issue provisional authorisation to the national member federation making the request. After a period of one year, this authorisation shall be considered final.
- 88.7. The following supplementary eligibility concept will apply for the "city-countries" Andorra, Gibraltar, Principality of Monaco and San Marino. Athletes from these four "city countries" who do not have the corresponding legal nationality **must** present the following documents
  - 1. Certificate of permanent residence the last 3 years to be issued by the official authorities of the country.
  - 2. Certificate issued by the respective national federation confirming the athlete's continuous sports activity for a local team for the last 3 years.
  - 3. For participation in the **Division C** U16 and U18 categories only:
    - a. Certificate of permanent residence for the last 3 years to be issued by the official authorities of the country **OR**, if resident inside a radius of 20km from the "city country", a certificate of permanent residence issued by the official authorities of the place of residence.
    - b. Certificate of attendance at a school in the "city country", **OR** the place of residence within 20 km to be issued by the appropriate educational authorities.
    - c. Certificate by the national federation as per 2. above.
- 88.8 Special decisions concerning eligibility of players coming from countries which have separated into several independent new countries:
  - a. When a country ceases to exist and divides into new entities which form new countries and in case that a country is not designated heir in a matters concerning basketball by the



Central Board of FIBA, all players from these new countries who have played in an official FIBA competition on a national team of the former country must sign a declaration opting for their new nationality.

- b. An option according to this decision is irrevocable and shall not be considered as a naturalisation.
- c. Players participating in FIBA competitions for the first time will be considered as having automatically opted for the nationality of their new country.

# 89. DECISIONS

All decisions regarding the application of these Regulations are taken by the Legal Commission of FIBA Europe acting through the Secretary General or a person appointed by him. FIBA shall be informed of these decisions.

#### 90. SANCTIONS

In case of violation of the provisions contained in these Regulations, the Secretary General of FIBA Europe or another person appointed by him shall impose administrative and disciplinary penalties in the first instance. These penalties shall have immediate effect and be in accordance with these Regulations and the "Basic Principles governing the Application of Penalties" found in the FIBA Internal Regulations.

#### 91. MARGINAL CASES

Marginal cases, i.e. cases not covered by these Regulations or the FIBA Internal Regulations, are the responsibility of FIBA in accordance with Article H.2.7 of the FIBA Internal Regulations.

## 92. APPEALS

An appeal against decisions as in the above sections (except for article 91) shall be submitted to the FIBA Europe Appeals Commission in accordance with the FIBA Europe Regulations governing Appeals.



# A) CHAPTER IX: INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER OF PLAYERS, LICENCE RESTRICTIONS, SANCTIONS

**Note 1:** from <u>1st July 2009</u> new provisions are applicable in accordance with amendments to the FIBA Internal regulations governing the National Status of Players and the International Transfer of Players.

#### 93. INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

Any decision related to an international transfer within the European Zone and between two Zones shall be made by FIBA.

#### 94. YOUNG PLAYERS

- 94.1 International transfer is not permitted before a player's 18th birthday, except in special cases as decided by the Secretary General of FIBA in accordance with the FIBA Internal Regulations.
- 94.2 In case of transfer of a player who falls under the provisions of the FIBA Internal Regulations, such player may not be licensed by a national federation until the compensation procedure is completed either by an agreement between the two clubs involved or by a decision of FIBA.

# 95. LICENCE RESTRICTIONS

- 95.1. A player may not be licensed by more than one national federation at the same time.

  In order to receive a FIBA Europe Player Licence, a player **must** have a valid contract with a club registered with FIBA Europe, with the obligation to play for this club.
- 95.2. A player may not have more than one FIBA Europe Foreign Player Licence at the same time. A FIBA Europe Foreign Player Licence is issued for the duration of the national and international competitions in which the player's club is currently participating, unless the player is transferred in accordance with these Regulations prior to the completion of the competitions.
- 95.3. All Licences held by the player become automatically null and void when a letter of clearance is issued by the national member federation in question or when the licence is revoked by the issuing authority.

# 96. ILLEGAL TRANSFERS

- 96.1. Any international transfer having taken place without a letter of clearance is invalid and, in this case, the issue of a licence by a national member federation will be illegal.
- 96.2. Any international transfer carried out in accordance with the procedures set out in these Regulations, but having taken place after an illegal transfer, is null and void, other than in exceptional cases upon the decision of the FIBA.
- 96.3. The issue of a player's licence in violation of these Regulations or the FIBA Internal Regulations by a national federation shall be subject to a fine of EUR 5.000.



# 97. SANCTIONS

- 97.1 If a player or person(s) acting on behalf of such player, signs a contract with more than one club with the obligation to play for these clubs during the same period and without the agreement between the clubs involved, this player shall not be permitted to participate in competitions in the territory under the jurisdiction of FIBA Europe for the 12 months period following a decision by FIBA Europe.
- 97.2 This decision shall be taken by the Secretary General of FIBA Europe in consultation with the President of the Legal Commission and on the initiative of FIBA Europe or upon notification by the national federation(s) or club(s) involved.
- 97.3 The player has the right to be heard and the decision is subject to appeal in accordance with the FIBA Europe appeal procedures.



# CHAPTER X: PLAYERS' AVAILABILITY TO PLAY FOR A NATIONAL TEAM

## 98. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- 98.1. Any club which signs a contract with a player is obliged to release that player when he is summoned by a national federation to play for his national team in <a href="mailto:any age category">any age category</a> during the period reserved for national team competitions as decided by the Board of FIBA Europe and defined by his/her national federation.
- 98.2. Any player registered with a club is obliged to reply in the affirmative when summoned to play for his national team.
- 98.3. Upon an international transfer, each national federation must guarantee to FIBA Europe its responsibility in ensuring that the club applies this provision.
- 98.4. Any special agreement reached by FIBA Europe in accordance with the Regulations governing the International Transfer of Players shall remain unaffected.

# 99. PROCEDURE

99.1. A player's availability **must** <u>be requested in writing</u> by the national federation concerned to the national federation **and** club with whom the player is registered and to the player directly at least twenty (20) days before the <u>beginning of the period defined by his/her national federation for national team competitions.</u>

The player must be available for the national federation in any age category during the period mentioned in article 99.1 above. The national federation concerned may agree on a shorter period of preparation.

99.2. A player who, due to an injury or illness, is unable to participate when convened, must, if the requesting national federation so wishes, undergo a medical examination by a doctor chosen by the requesting national federation.

# 100. FINANCES

- 100.1. A club having entered into an agreement with a player is obliged to release the player to the requesting national federation, without any financial indemnity for the period provided for in 98.1. above.
- 100.2. The requesting national federation must assume the player's travel expenses.
- 100.3. The club to which the player is under contract is responsible for covering the player's insurance costs in the case of injury or illness whilst on release from the club and, particularly in the case of injury, during the game(s) to which he is summoned.

**Exception:** see Article 5.3.3.

# 101. SANCTIONS

101.1. If a player, after having been duly summoned, does not appear for the whole period defined by his/her national federation to play for a national team of his/her own country for whatever reason (including injury or illness), this player shall not be permitted to participate in European Club Competitions in the territory under the jurisdiction of FIBA Europe for the duration of the following playing season.



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The decision shall be taken by the Secretary General of FIBA Europe in consultation with the President of the Legal Commission upon notification by the national federation involved.

The player has the right to be heard and the decision is subject to appeal according to the FIBA Europe appeal procedures.

101.2. If a club refuses to release a player, the club shall not be permitted to participate in European Club Competitions for the duration of the playing season following the refusal and is liable to:

A fine of EUR 30,000 up to EUR 80,000.

The decision shall be taken by the Secretary General of FIBA Europe in consultation with the President of the Legal Commission upon notification by the national federation involved.

The club and the player have the right to be heard and the decision is subject to appeal according to the FIBA Europe appeal procedures.

- 101.3. Should a national federation act against the spirit and/or the letter of this provision, this national federation is liable to:

  A fine of EUR 30,000 up to EUR 80,000.
- 101.4. Should a club be penalised in accordance with article 101.2. the national federation of this club is responsible for carrying out the sanctions mentioned in article 101.2 above.

In the event that a club fails to settle its debts with FIBA Europe, FIBA Europe shall be authorised to collect these debts from the national federation to which the club is affiliated.

**Exception:** If a club is penalised by the local law in accordance with 101.2.



# CHAPTER XI: AGE OF PLAYERS

#### 102. DEFINITION

An age limit is established for all players of teams participating in competitions of FIBA Europe open to the younger age groups. The following age groups are established:

U 14: 14 years or under U 16: 16 years or under U 18: 18 years or under U 20: 20 years or under

# 103. PROCEDURE TO ESTABLISH AGE LIMIT:

To establish the date of birth corresponding to the age limit for an age group, the following procedure is used: the age limit given in the above definition must be subtracted from the year in which a competition takes place with the understanding that this year begins on **1**<sup>st</sup> **January**.

**Example:** the age limit for **U** 18 in a competition in 2011 shall be: 2011 - 18 = 1993. Any player born on 1st January 1993 or after this date will be entitled to participate in a competition for **U** 18 in 2011.

The age limit in **2010** for the four age groups is therefore the following:

U 14: born on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1997 or after this date
 U 16: born on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1995 or after this date
 U 18: born on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1993 or after this date
 U 20: born on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1991 or after this date

Age limits for participation in competitions for **U 20**, **U 18** and **U 16**:

Born in:	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99
<u>U 20</u>												
2010												
2011												
2012												
2013												
<u>U 18</u>												
2010												
2011												
2012												
2013												
<u>U 16</u>												
2010												
2011												
2012												
2013												



# CHAPTER XII: ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

## 104. FIBA EUROPE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS FOR NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITION

The application of the Regulations governing Eligibility, the National Status of Players and the International Transfer of Players requires strict and correct use of the documents provided and issued by FIBA Europe.

#### 105. FIBA EUROPE IDENTITY CARD

This Identity Card indicates the nationality, age and gender of the bearer and is issued under the authority of the Secretary General of FIBA Europe. This card is valid indefinitely.

Players participating in the official competitions of FIBA Europe should be in possession of this card for all national team competition of FIBA Europe (see Chapter II).

The FIBA Europe Identity Card is the document that officially substantiates the date of birth of its bearer (as well as nationality and gender) and must be presented at all competitions of FIBA Europe. The FIBA Europe Identity Card is the document that officially substantiates the date of birth of holder for the given age group. The Identity Card is valid indefinitely, but two (2) recent colour passport photographs no more than three months old must be supplied at a competition when the photograph on the Identity Card no longer bears a likeness to the holder.

#### 106. IDENTITY AND AGE VERIFICATION

Before the beginning of a competition, players will be subject to identity and age verification under the supervision of the commissioner of FIBA Europe for that competition. To this effect, each player accompanied by the person responsible for his team, shall present his currently valid individual passport or national identity card and FIBA Europe Identity Card. If it is a newly issued FIBA Europe Identity Card, it must be signed by the player in front of the commissioner and the person responsible for the team. After this verification the commissioner shall return the FIBA Europe Identity Cards to the person responsible for the team.

# 107. LIST OF PLAYERS FOR NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITION

- 107.1. In selecting a team for a competition of FIBA Europe in one of the age groups mentioned above, national federations shall fill in the "List of Players".
- 107.2. The list is generally sent to the national federations six (6) months before the beginning of the competition. The list has space to register twenty-four (24) players.
- 107.3. It must be returned to the Offices of FIBA Europe by the <u>given deadline</u>, together with the necessary documents required to prove eligibility for all the players on the list (see below for exceptions).
- 107.4. The List of Players must be completed for all age categories beginning with **<u>U16</u>**, as requested by FIBA Europe.
- 107.5. Changes may be made to the list <u>before</u> the given deadline provided that they are accompanied by any documents required proving eligibility, which may be necessary.
- 107.6. Changes may only be made <u>after</u> the deadline in exceptional circumstances and will be liable to a fine of EUR 500
- 107.7. The list is considered "final and irrevocable" at noon seven (7) days before the first game of the competition. Under no circumstances will any documents, regardless of whether a player is on the list or not, additions or replacements to the List of Players be accepted later than seven (7) days before the beginning of the competition.



#### 108. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED PROVING ELIGIBILITY

- 108.1. The List of Players **must** be accompanied by any documents which may be necessary to prove eligibility for each player, i.e. a certified copy of the original of the birth certificate, copy of the valid passport and two (2) recent colour passport photographs no more than three months old.
- 108.2. A supplementary eligibility concept is to be applied for the "city-countries" Andorra, Gibraltar, Principality of Monaco and San Marino. Athletes from these four "city countries" who do not have the corresponding legal nationality **must** present the following documents:
  - 1. Certificate of permanent residence for the last 3 years issued by the official authorities of the country;
  - 2. Certificate issued by the respective national federation confirming the athlete's continuous sports activity for a local team for the last 3 years.
- 108.3. **Exception:** If the player is already in possession of a FIBA Europe Identity Card, the card number should be indicated on the list.

# 109. RESPONSIBILITY OF NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

- 109.1. The national federation is responsible at all times for the eligibility of its players registered to play in an official competition of FIBA Europe.
- 109.2. Should FIBA Europe be confronted with the fact that an athlete has played in an official competition of FIBA Europe without being eligible, it will, upon discovery of the irregularity, automatically examine the player's eligibility according to the Regulations in force. The national federation will bear the administrative costs of this and will be liable to a fine of up to EUR 15,000.
- 109.3. In exceptional cases, the Secretary General may authorise a player, subject to the ratification of the Legal Commission of FIBA Europe, to play under the status he had before the irregularity was discovered.

# 110. OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS TO BE PROVIDED BY PLAYERS

110.1. <u>Entry Form</u>: All players registered by their national federation on the player list, as required for the main official competitions of FIBA Europe, <u>must</u> return the Entry Form <u>duly completed and signed</u> together with the other required eligibility documents, to the Offices of FIBA Europe before they can be authorised to participate.

<u>There are two (2) copies of this declaration:</u> the white copy (original) shall be for FIBA Europe, the blue copy for the player. This form **must** be provided for <u>all players</u> for participation in the main official competitions of FIBA Europe.

- **Note 1:** For minor players, in addition, the Entry Form **must** <u>be countersigned by the parent/guardian</u>.
- Note 2: For all other participants please refer to Article 122, Technical Meeting.
- 110.2. <u>Player's consent form</u> (for competitions belonging to the Registered Testing Pool): The form must be duly completed and signed by each player and it **must** be returned in original to the Offices of FIBA Europe.
- 110.3. Other documents: FIBA Europe reserves the right to request any other document it deems necessary.



# 111. OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

- 111.1. <u>Letter of Clearance</u> (to be translated into English)
- 111.2. <u>Player's consent form</u> (for competitions belonging to the Registered Testing Pool): The player's consent form **must** be returned, duly completed and <u>signed by the player **and** the national federation</u>, to the Offices of FIBA Europe.
- 111.3. Other documents: FIBA Europe reserves the right to request any other document it deems necessary.



# CHAPTER XIII: INTERNATIONAL REFEREES

#### 112. QUALIFICATION AND APPOINTMENT

#### 112.1 General Provisions

Each National Federation affiliated to FIBA Europe has the right to choose the candidates for the title of international referee from amongst its best national referees. A National Federation may have an unlimited number of international referees. However, it may propose a maximum of two (2) international referee candidates per year.

#### 112.2. FIBA International Referee Candidates

In order to obtain the title of **FIBA International Referee** the candidates must:

- 1. Be proposed officially by their National Federation.
- 2. Have officiated in the country's top competitions (men and/or women) for a minimum of 2 (two) years.
- 3. Have reached his/her 25<sup>th</sup> birthday in the year of the clinic.
- 4. Fulfil all requirements according to the FIBA Regulations for International Referees.
- 5. Clinics are organised by the Technical Commission of FIBA Europe with the assistance of the Offices of FIBA.

#### 112.3. Procedure

At the international referee candidates' clinic, the FIBA Instructors will collect the "Referee's Individual Information Form", one recent passport photo of each candidate and a copy of the <u>valid</u> passport showing family and first name(s), date of birth and the legal nationality. These will be sent by the FIBA Instructors, together with the results of the clinic to the Offices of FIBA Europe who, in turn, will send all the information to the Secretariat of FIBA.

#### 112.4. Licence

- 112.4.1 For those candidates having passed the exams successfully, the international referee licence shall then be issued by the Secretary General of FIBA and sent to the National Federation for remittance to the holder.
- 112.4.2 The annual fee for international referees is payable through the National Federation to FIBA.
- 112.4.3 The international referee licence is valid for one year and may be renewed until the referee reaches the maximum age set by the Board of FIBA Europe.
- 112.4.4 Referees who do not attend an official clinic approved by FIBA or do not pass the official tests or referee in competitions organised by entities not recognised by FIBA Europe will not be considered as active FIBA Referees. They cannot be nominated to a main official competition, cup or tournament of FIBA or FIBA Europe.
- 122.4.5 All international referees have a duty/responsibility to work in their national competition and assist in working with younger/other referees.
  - Referees who are not active in officiating in their own country, or the country in which they are based in case of transfer, will cease to be an active FIBA Referee. In this case FIBA Europe will remove the referee from the FIBA Active list of referees.



# 112.5. Appointment

All games of the main official competitions, cups and tournaments of FIBA Europe shall be officiated by active FIBA Referees.

## 112.6. Responsibility for appointment

For all main official competitions of FIBA Europe, the Secretary General of FIBA Europe will appoint the accompanying referees and each participating federation must include this international referee in its delegation. The accompanying referees must report either to the FIBA Europe Representative or Commissioner of FIBA Europe at least twenty-four (24) hours before the start of the competition.

In addition, the Secretary General of FIBA Europe shall appoint international referees who will be neutral, as far as possible.

# 112.7. European Championships and for all official Cups and Tournaments of FIBA Europe

For European Championships and for all official Cups and Tournaments of FIBA Europe, the Secretary General of FIBA Europe shall appoint the number of neutral international referees necessary for the competition.

In principle these neutral international referees shall be of nationalities other than those of the teams entered in the competition. The number of neutral international referees appointed for the tournament depends on the accompanying referee's availability.

For international tournaments recognised by FIBA Europe, the organisers may ask the Secretary General of FIBA Europe to appoint the number of international referees they consider necessary.

For university games and regional games, the organisers may ask the Secretary General of FIBA Europe to appoint the number of international referees necessary for the competition. The organisers are responsible for the travel and staying expenses, as well as for the officiating fees.

For friendly international games between national teams, the international referees shall be appointed by the organising federation.

For the games of the official cups and tournaments of FIBA Europe, the international referees shall be appointed according to the provisions contained in the Regulations for the competition concerned.

#### 112.8. Notification of appointment

All appointments of international referees shall be sent directly to the referees as well as to the national federation of the referee for his information and acceptance. His availability must be communicated to the Offices of FIBA Europe by the referee and must be confirmed by the National Federation.

The organisers may communicate with the referee directly and/or through his National Federation.

# 113. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Travel arrangements for international referees are subject to the following provisions:

- For a journey less than six hours by train: a 1<sup>st</sup> class return ticket without sleeping accommodation.
- For a journey more than six hours by train: a 1st class return ticket with sleeping accommodation (double).
- For an overnight journey by train: a 1<sup>st</sup> class return ticket with sleeping accommodation (double).
- For a journey using any other means: the price of a train 1<sup>st</sup> class return ticket.
- If the official decides on air travel, the reimbursement shall cover the airfare in economy class (unless otherwise stated).
- **Note 1:** Where no air or rail links exist, referees may travel by car and are allowed to claim <u>0,30 EUR</u> per km.
- **Note 2:** The organiser shall reimburse any fees for visas.



#### 114. OFFICIATING FEES AND EXPENSES

For all FIBA Europe National Team Competitions, the organisers shall pay the officiating fees as well as board and lodging to all the officials appointed, including the referees accompanying the teams (whose travel expenses are covered by their own national federation).

If an official has to purchase the ticket for his travel and cover part of his travel expenses in a currency other than that of the organisers, reimbursement of this part of the expenses shall be in the currency of the official's country or in any convertible currency.

If the organiser provides a pre-paid ticket, the arrival must be the day before the competition and the departure the day after the competition.

In addition to the reimbursement of his travel expenses, the official shall receive an officiating fee (net of all taxes) according to the following scale:

# FIBA Europe Referees, Commissioners and Instructors:

	<u>Men</u>	Women	<u>U20 M / W</u>	<u>U18 M / W</u>	<u>U16 M/ W</u>
Single game:	400€	400 €			
Tournament 3 days or less:	600€	500 €	450€	350€	250€
Tournament 5 days or less:	700€	600€	550€	450 €	300€
Tournament more than 5 days:	900€	750€	650€	500€	400€
European Championship of the Small Countries:	300€	300€			
Division C:				250€	250 €
	1 <sup>st</sup> Round		2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Final Round	
EuroBasket Men:	500€		500€	500 €	

**Note:** All Official FIBA Europe Competitions will be organised with three Person Officiating (3 PO).

300€

400€

# FIBA Europe Clinics for referees, commissioners and instructors:

300€

The organisers shall pay:

**EuroBasket Women:** 

travel expenses

staying expenses

fee of each instructor: 100 € per day



#### 115. DUTIES OF INTERNATIONAL REFEREES

- 115.1. An international referee appointed to officiate a game represents FIBA Europe on the court. He and his colleague(s) are responsible primarily for the application of the Official Basketball Rules.
- 115.2. The international referee must make certain that the interests of the two teams on the court are in no way encroached upon. The international referee shall co-operate with the organisers to ensure the smooth running of the game and if the Secretary General has appointed a commissioner for the game or tournament, the international referee shall report to him immediately upon arrival at the venue of the game.
- 115.3. Once the international referee is designated for the game, he should arrive at the sport hall dressed in a suit with a shirt and tie. During a championship, the international referee must be appropriately dressed (i.e. he must obey a certain dress code). Once the referee is not designated for the game he may wear leisure clothing. If a Commercial partner has supplied such clothing then he must wear this clothing.

# The main duties of international referees are as follows:

- To represent FIBA Europe on the court.
- To be responsible for the application of the Official Basketball Rules.
- To co-operate with the organisers to ensure the smooth running of the game.
- To make certain that the interests of all of the teams are in no way adversely affected.
- To inspect and approve all of the equipment to be used during the given game.
- To designate the official game clock, 24 second device and recognise the table officials as such.
- Not to permit any player to wear objects which may cause injury.
- To have the power to make decisions on any point not specifically covered by the basketball rules.
- To have the power to stop the game when conditions warrant it.
- To examine the score sheet at the end of the playing time or at any time when necessary
- If deemed necessary, to make a report on the game, this shall be done immediately after the end of the game and handed to the commissioner if present or send it directly to the Secretary General of FIBA Europe.
- 115.4. The international referee must ascertain before the start of the game that the scoresheet conforms to the model approved by FIBA Europe and that it is at least in triplicate, with the original (white sheet) for FIBA Europe and one copy for each team.
  - If the commissioner of FIBA Europe is not present before the start of the game, the international referee shall ensure that all the players whose names appear on the scoresheet are in possession of a valid FIBA Europe Identity card. If that is not the case, he shall report this to FIBA Europe.
- 115.5. The participation of referees at any type of organised social function during the championship requires prior approval from the FIBA Europe Secretary General.
- 115.6. Referees are prohibited from accepting gifts of any kind from National Federations or clubs, whether offered directly or indirectly via any third party (such as sponsor or host organiser).
  - In the event that any gift(s) is/are offered to any official, the gifts shall be refused and the Commissioner shall be informed accordingly.

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115.7. All international referees nominated to officiate a competition shall have an accreditation granting them access to the VIP area.

# 116. TRANSFER, RESIGNATION AND DISMISSAL

- 116.1. Any international referee who leaves his country of origin keeps his title of international referee.
- 116.2. In order to remain active and be appointed for international competitions, he must obtain the licence of the national federation of his new country after obtaining the permission from his country of origin and then the approval of FIBA and FIBA Europe.
- FIBA Europe can request FIBA to remove (temporarily or definitely) from the list of active international referees any referee who has not satisfactorily carried out his task in the spirit of the Official Basketball Rules, the FIBA Europe Regulations and Bye-Laws, or who, after having accepted an appointment as referee, fails to carry out his mission without giving any valid reasons.

An international referee, who, for any reason, loses his qualification as a national referee, also loses his qualification as an international referee. The national federation must immediately inform the Offices of FIBA Europe each time a national referee, who is also an international referee, loses his national qualification. This also applies when a referee is temporarily suspended.

If an international referee temporarily resigns, he can only become an international referee again by passing the necessary examinations.

- All FIBA Referees are required to successfully complete the Official FIBA Physical Test two (2) times per year. The dates of these tests shall be set by FIBA Europe and shall comprise of:
  - 1. A Pre-Season Test.
  - 2. A Mid-Season test.

**Note:** These are the only two (2) tests that are recognised by FIBA Europe.

- 116.5 FIBA Europe shall inform all National Federations of the date by which these tests are to be completed, by no less than 30 days before the deadline date.
- 116.6 FIBA Europe shall also inform the National Federations at this time if the tests are to be recorded in full (video recording in AVI or mpeg4 format, to be submitted by DVD or by video file to the FIBA Europe ftp server).
- 116.7 The tests shall be conducted by the National Federations and the National Instructor in each country must be present and approve the results.
- Any Referee that fails the test shall become FIBA Non-active until the following test takes place (either Mid-Season for the current season, or Pre-season for the following season).
- In addition to the FIBA Europe tests, any referee nominated to a FIBA competition where a precompetition test takes place and fails the Official FIBA Physical Test, the referee will also be considered FIBA Non-active after the completion of the competition and until the test is completed successfully (as in point 5.), conducted by their National Federation.
- 116.10 FIBA Europe reserves the right to conduct an additional test at any time during the year at its official competitions for one (1) or more referees.



# CHAPTER XIV: COMMISSIONERS OF FIBA EUROPE

#### 117. QUALIFICATION AND APPOINTMENT

#### 117.1 General Provisions

Each national federation affiliated to FIBA Europe has the right to choose the candidates for the title of "FIBA Commissioner" from amongst its <u>former FIBA Referees</u> and persons active in the organisation of basketball. All National Federations may have an unlimited number of commissioners.

Note: A FIBA Commissioner cannot be, at the same, a FIBA Active Referee.

To ensure the smooth running of all FIBA Europe competitions, the Secretary General of FIBA Europe appoints a commissioner, of his own choice. The commissioner acts on behalf of the Secretary General of FIBA Europe.

#### 117.2. FIBA Commissioner Candidates

In order to obtain the title of **FIBA Commissioner**, the candidates must:

- 1. Be proposed officially by their National Federation
- 2. Be 55 years or younger in the year of the clinic
- 3. The commissioners shall be selected from amongst persons active in basketball
- 4. The commissioners must be fluent (understand, speak, read and write) in English. The commissioners must have sufficient knowledge of the Official Basketball Rules, the Regulations of FIBA Europe and Bye-Laws as well as the Internal Regulations of FIBA to be able to accomplish their mission.
- 5. Clinics are organised by the Technical Commission of FIBA Europe. The Technical Commission of FIBA Europe may impose an age limit on FIBA Europe commissioners.

## 117.3. Procedure

At the Commissioner and Commissioner Candidates' Clinic, the FIBA Instructors will collect the "Commissioner's Individual Information Form" and one passport photo of each candidate. These will be sent by the FIBA Instructors, together with the results of the clinic, to the Offices of FIBA Europe.

# 117.4. Licence

- 117.4.1 For those candidates having passed the exams successfully, the commissioner's licence shall then be issued by the Secretary General of FIBA.
- 117.4.2 The commissioner's licence shall remain valid until the commissioner reaches the maximum age set by FIBA Europe and as long as the National Federation is paying the commissioner's annual fee.
- 117.4.3 Should a commissioner not carry out his task in a satisfactory manner in the spirit of the Regulations of FIBA Europe and the Bye-Laws, his licence can be revoked by decision of the Secretary General of FIBA Europe.
- 117.4.4 Commissioners who do not attend an official clinic approved by FIBA or do not pass the official tests or act in an official capacity in competitions not recognised by FIBA Europe, will not be considered as active FIBA Commissioners. They cannot be nominated to a main official competition, cup or tournament of FIBA or FIBA Europe.



## 117.5. Appointment

Each time it is necessary or each time it is provided for by the Regulations of a competition, the Secretary General of FIBA Europe or his representative shall appoint one or several commissioners. One of them may be designated as the Official Representative of FIBA Europe for a tournament or European Championship.

## 117.6. Notification of appointment

The appointment of the commissioner is always personal and shall be sent directly to the commissioner as well as to the national federation of the commissioner for his information and acceptance. His availability must be communicated to the Offices of FIBA Europe by the commissioner and must be confirmed by the National Federation.

In certain cases, the Secretary General of FIBA Europe may delegate the appointment of the commissioner to the appropriate national federation.

#### 118. DUTIES

- 118.1. The commissioner shall attend the competition for which he has accepted the appointment. He must see to it that the competition is conducted in compliance with the spirit and the letter of the Official Basketball Rules and the FIBA Europe Regulations and Bye-Laws.
- 118.2. To this end, he should ensure the full co-operation of the officials, the organisers and the persons responsible for the teams taking part in the competition.
- 118.3. The commissioner shall be primarily responsible for the smooth running of the game.

The duties of the commissioner are as follows:

- represent and act on behalf of FIBA Europe
- ensure the full co-operation of referees, teams and organisers,
- be responsible primarily for the smooth running of the scorer's table,
- during the game be seated at the scorer's table between the timekeeper and the scorer,
- if information is requested by the referees during or at the end of the game, he must supply such information but any final decision rests with the referees,
- secure and distribute the respective copies of the score sheet to the teams in real time during and/or
- ensure the transmission of results and statistics to the Offices of FIBA Europe immediately after the game
- verify the FIBA Europe list of approved players, passports, FIBA Europe Licences and uniform number of the players at the Technical Meeting with the teams,
- if necessary, make a report of the game immediately after the end of the game and hand it to the President of the Technical Committee or the FIBA Europe Representative.
- closely co-operate at any time with the FIBA Europe Representative.
- during a championship, the commissioner must be appropriately dressed (i.e. he must obey a certain dress code).
- when on duty, he must wear a suit (preferably dark in colour), a shirt and a tie.
- 118.4. The commissioner shall send to the Secretary General of FIBA Europe without delay any claim or protest received from one of the parties involved, adding any information that he may deem relevant.



- 118.5. Having completed his duties, he shall make a report on the competition and send it immediately together with the scoresheet(s) and classification of teams to the Offices of FIBA Europe by airmail and, if necessary, by special delivery.
- 118.6. When off duty, it is advisable for him to wear the same attire in the sport hall. When off-duty and not in the sport hall he may wear the leisure clothing supplied (if any).
- 118.7. Commissioners are prohibited from accepting gifts of any kind from National Federations or clubs, whether offered directly or indirectly via any third party (such as sponsor or host organiser).
  - In the event that any gift(s) is/are offered to the Commissioner(s) and/or Referee(s) and/or any official, the gifts shall be refused and the Commissioner shall include the incident in the official Incident Report
- 118.8. Those commissioners nominated to the competition, who are off duty for the given game, will be seated in the VIP tribune.

#### 119. RIGHTS

- 119.1. The commissioner acts on behalf of the Secretary General of FIBA Europe.
- 119.2. The commissioner has full authority to resolve any problems that may arise between the organisers, teams and referees. In particular, he has the right to require that the organisers arrange adequate police and/or security personnel presence to ensure the smooth and sportsmanlike running of the game.
- 119.3. All commissioners shall have an accreditation granting them access to the VIP area.

#### 120. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

The provisions stated in the articles 113. and 114. shall apply.



## CHAPTER XV: TECHNICAL MEETINGS

#### 121. TECHNICAL MEETING WITH THE COMMISSIONERS AND REFEREES

- 121.1. The meeting between the FIBA Europe representative and the representatives of the delegations will be held on the day prior to the first game(s) of all official national team competition.
- 121.2. Upon the arrival of the officials to the venue (city) or at the latest immediately after their check-in at the hotel, each official must receive from the organisers a written invitation to the meeting with the following information:
  - date, time and place of the meeting
  - Agenda of the meeting

## 122. TECHNICAL MEETING WITH TEAM DELEGATIONS (TOURNAMENTS)

- 122.1. The Technical Meeting with the teams will be held on the day prior to the first game(s) of a national team competition in the hotel where the teams are staying.
- 122.2. Upon the arrival of the teams to the venue (city) or at the latest immediately after their checkin at the hotel, the head of each delegation must receive from the organisers the written invitation for the Technical Meeting with the following information:
  - 1. date, time and place of the meeting
  - 2. number and positions of persons per team requested to participate at the meeting
  - 3. agenda of the meeting
  - 4. the request to bring to the meeting the following:
    - list of FIBA Europe approved players
    - list of the all players with the uniform numbers
    - FIBA Europe Licences of all players
    - passports of all players
    - one sample of the player's uniform and warm-up uniform
    - Entry Forms of all accompanying persons of the team (coach, trainer, officials, members of delegation).
- 122.3. The Technical Meeting will be held in each of the cities (venues) of the Preliminary Round.
- 122.4. During the Technical Meeting, a Technical Committee and a Jury of Appeal will be appointed. (see articles 17.2 and 17.3)
- 122.5. During the Technical Meeting, the FIBA Europe Commissioner(s) will verify the players' passports and FIBA Europe Licences. Each team will provide the FIBA Europe Commissioner(s) with the "FIBA Europe Official List of Approved Players" which may contain up to 24 players. At the time of the verification of the players' passports and Licences, each team must provide the FIBA Europe Commissioner(s) with the **final list of 12 players** with uniform numbers for the championship.
- 122.6. Each team will provide the FIBA Europe Commissioner(s) with the Entry Forms of all other participants (coach, trainer, officials, members of delegation). Otherwise they will not be accredited for the championship. The Entry Form will be signed at the Technical Meeting of each European Championship.



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- 122.7. Once the Technical Meeting is declared closed, no changes to the composition of the teams (12 players) can be made at any time during the championship. The players cannot internally (within the team) exchange the number of their uniforms during the entire championship.
- 122.8. Once the Technical Meeting is declared closed, the confirmed team squads will be officially made known to the public.



## CHAPTER XVI: PENALTIES FOR NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS

For the home and away games of the European Championships, all disciplinary penalties as mentioned in this section of the Regulations, are decided upon in the first instance by a person chosen by FIBA Europe to be judge. This judge shall have a nationality different from that of the national team(s) concerned.

#### First instance:

The judge shall take all decisions concerning penalties within <u>ten (10) days</u> following receipt of the commissioner's report or any pertinent information by the Offices of FIBA Europe. However, before his decision is taken, he is free to consult anyone involved in the game.

An appeal is possible in accordance with Article 144.

## 123. PLAYERS, COACHES, ASSISTANT COACHES AND TEAM FOLLOWERS

- 123.1. Players, coaches, assistant coaches and team followers with special responsibilities (e.g. manager, doctor, physiotherapist, statistician, interpreter, team mascot, etc.) are defined in the Official Basketball Rules.
- 123.2. If a player or one of the persons listed above, commits an infraction for which he could be subject to disciplinary penalties, the commissioner and/or one/or both of the referees shall send a written report to the Offices of FIBA Europe within twelve (12) hours following the game.
- 123.3. The penalties foreseen in Art. 124-126 may be imposed.
- 123.4. If a coach or player fails to participate to a duly convened press conference: a fine of EUR 1,000.
- 123.5. If during a press conference **or** to any media, a person listed above makes derogatory remarks which could harm the competition or the image of FIBA Europe: a fine of up to EUR 50,000.
- 123.6. If one or more of the persons listed above acts in a manner which harms the image of FIBA Europe or causes physical damage to structures (dressing rooms, hotel, etc.): a fine of up to EUR 20,000 and any damage shall be paid in full.
- 123.7. If two or more teams intentionally agree on the winner and/or the concrete result of a game/s or take any action that brings the game into disrepute and/or damages the image of FIBA Europe, the authorised body shall impose an immediate sanction.

The sanctions shall be:

- 1. a fine against National Federations involved of a minimum of EUR 25,000 and of a maximum of EUR 50.000
- 2. the immediate suspension of the Head Coach of a team/s and Head/s of Delegation for the rest of the tournament

FIBA Europe is authorised to impose against anybody involved a further suspension of a maximum of three years from all international competitions organised under its control.

An appeal against such a decision must be lodged within twelve hours from the time the decision is submitted to the parties involved and must be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of EUR 3,000.

123.8. Recurrence of 123.4. to 123.7.:

the fine shall be at least doubled each time



## 124. MENACING, INTIMIDATING OR SERIOUS MISBEHAVIOUR

- 124.1. Towards the referees, commissioner, FIBA Europe representative or table officials: a fine of EUR 500 to EUR 10,000 and/or disqualification for one (1) to three (3) games.
- 124.2. Towards opponents: a fine of EUR 500 to EUR 5,000 and/or disqualification for one (1) game.
- 124.3. In the case of a recurrence of menacing, intimidating or serious misbehaviour in the same season, the minimum penalty to be imposed shall be twice the penalty imposed for the first offence; and the maximum penalty shall be:

  a fine of EUR 20,000 and/or disqualification for the remainder of the competition.

## 125. ACTS OF VIOLENCE

- 125.1. Towards the referees, commissioner, FIBA Europe representative or table officials: a fine of EUR 2,500 to EUR 10,000 and/or disqualification for a minimum of 5 (five) games.
- 125.2. Towards opponents, during play: a fine of EUR 1,500 to EUR 5,000 and/or disqualification for a minimum of one (1) to three (3) games.
- 125.3. Towards opponents, not during play:
  a fine of EUR 4,000 to EUR 10,000 and/or disqualification for a minimum of two (2) to four (4) games.
- 125.4. In the case of a recurrence of an act of violence in the same season, the minimum penalty to be imposed shall be twice the penalty imposed for the first offence; and the maximum penalty shall be:
  - a fine of EUR 20,000 and/or suspension from the current and future competitions indefinitely.
- 125.5. If a player is guilty of an act of violence and subsequently, during the same season is guilty of menacing, intimidating or serious misbehaviour (or vice versa), then the penalty that may be levied for the second of the two offences shall be double that normally permitted for a first offence.

# 126. DISQUALIFICATION OF A PLAYER, COACH, ASSISTANT COACH OR TEAM FOLLOWER WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The disqualification imposed shall remain in effect until it has been served in its entirety, regardless of the year of the competition, the type of competition or the national federation (team) involved.

## **127. TEAMS**

127.1. If a team commits an infraction for which it could be subject to disciplinary penalties, the commissioner and/or one/or both referees shall send a written report to the Offices of FIBA Europe within twelve (12) hours following the game.

#### 128. WITHDRAWAL

- 128.1 If, **before the draw** a national federation declines to participate after having registered within the FIBA Europe National Team Competitions:
  - a. the National Federation shall be fined up to EUR 15,000.
  - b. FIBA Europe may replace the national federation with another.



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- 128.2 If, <u>after the draw\_but before the competition begins</u>, a national federation declines to participate:
  - a. the National Federation shall be fined up to EUR 30,000.
  - b. FIBA Europe may replace the national team with another.
- 128.3 If, **after the competition begins**, a national federation declines to participate:
  - a. the national federation shall be fined from a <u>minimum of EUR 30,000 to a maximum of EUR 50,000</u>.
  - b. all the results of the games played by the withdrawing national federation are void and will be cancelled.

#### 129. FORFEIT

## 129.1 First Forfeit:

- a. the game is awarded to the opponents,
- b. the score shall be twenty to zero (20:0) and
- c. the forfeiting team shall receive zero (0) points in the classification.
- d. In addition, the national federation shall be fined up to EUR 80,000.

#### 129.2 **Second forfeit**:

- a. the national team shall be disqualified for the remainder of that competition and
- b. shall also be disqualified for the next competition for which the national team qualifies,
- all the results of the games played by the forfeiting national federation are void and will be cancelled.
- d. In addition, the national federation shall be fined up to EUR 100,000.
- 129.3 For a two-leg (home and away) total points series, the national team that forfeits in the first or second game shall lose the series by forfeit.
- 129.4 For a best of three games series, if a national team forfeits one game, that national team shall lose the series by forfeit.
  - In addition, the national federation shall be fined up to EUR 80,000.

#### 130. REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

- 130.1. If the organising team forfeits, that team is obliged to pay to the Offices of FIBA Europe the minimum reimbursement of EUR 15,000 and a maximum reimbursement of EUR 30,000 to cover its and the visiting team's expenses.
- 130.2. If the visiting team forfeits, that team is obliged to pay to the Offices of FIBA Europe the minimum reimbursement of EUR 15,000 and a maximum reimbursement of EUR 30,000 to cover its and the organising team's expenses.
- 130.3. If a team enters the playing court more than fifteen (15) minutes late (except under circumstances beyond its control): the National Federation shall be fined up to EUR 5,000.

#### 131. DEFAULT

- 131.1. A team shall lose a game by default if, during the game, the number of players of that team on the court is less than two (2).
- 131.2. If the game is awarded to the team currently in the lead, then the score when the game was stopped shall remain valid.



131.3. If the game is awarded to the team currently not in the lead, then the score shall be recorded as two to zero (2 : 0) in this team's favour. Furthermore, the defaulting team shall receive one (1) point in the classification.

## 132. USE OF UNLICENSED OR INELIGIBLE PLAYER(S)

Use of unlicensed or ineligible player(s) as per the current Regulations of FIBA Europe:

- 132.1. First infraction: the game is awarded to the opponents of the offending team. If the offending team lost the actual game by more than twenty (20) points, the result shall stand; if not then the game shall be awarded to the opponents of the offending team by a score of twenty to zero (20:0). In either case, the offending team shall receive zero (0) points in the classification. In addition, there shall be a fine of up to EUR 10,000.
- 132.2. <u>Second infraction:</u> the team shall be disqualified for the remainder of that competition. In addition, there shall be a fine of up to EUR 20,000.

#### 133. UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOUR ON THE PART OF THE PUBLIC

Unsportsmanlike behaviour on the part of the public towards opponents (players, coaches, team followers, spectators, etc.) and/or officials (commissioner, referees, FIBA Europe representative or table officials) during games played on the team's home court or another court:

- 133.1. Infractions, menacing or incitement to violence towards opponents or officials: a fine of EUR 1,000 to EUR 10,000.
- 133.2. Throwing of objects: a fine of EUR 500 to EUR 5,000.
- 133.3. Recurrence of 133.1. to 133.2.: the penalty shall be at least doubled each time.
- 133.4. Throwing of objects that may cause injury:
  a fine of EUR 1,500 to EUR 30,000 and the team could be liable to play its next home game without spectators.
- 133.5. Otherwise endangering and/or threatening opponents and/or officials (including the use of laser pens, etc.):
  a fine of EUR 3,000 to EUR 30,000.
- 133.6. If the incidents cause the game to be interrupted: a fine of EUR 5,000 to EUR 30,000 and the team could be liable to play its next home game without spectators.
- 133.7. If the incidents cause the game to be stopped and it cannot be resumed:
  - a. a fine of EUR 50,000 and the team could be liable to play its next one (1) to three (3) home game(s) without spectators,
  - b. furthermore, the provisions of these Regulations regarding forfeiture shall be applied and the judge shall decide whether a further penalty shall be imposed.
- 133.8. If the incidents cause injury:

a minimum fine of EUR 50,000 and the team could be liable to play its next one (1) to three (3) home game(s) without spectators.

**Note:** The judge shall decide whether a further penalty shall be imposed.



- 133.9. Recurrence of 133.4 to 133.8:
  - the penalties shall be at least doubled each time and the judge shall decide whether a further penalty shall be imposed.
- 133.10. Entrance or intrusion of unauthorised persons into the playing area before, during or after the game:
  - a fine of EUR 1,000 to EUR 10,000. In principle, the responsibility for ensuring the proper conduct of the public lies with the home team.
- 133.11. If the unauthorised persons are aggressive or attempt aggression:
  a fine of EUR 10,000 to EUR 30,000 and the team could be liable to play its next one (1) to three (3) home game(s) without spectators.
- 133.12. Attempted aggression off the playing court:
  a fine of EUR 5,000 to EUR 15,000 and the judge shall decide whether a further penalty shall be imposed.
- 133.13. Aggression off the playing court:
  a fine of EUR 15,000 to EUR 50,000 and the team could be liable to play its next one (1) to three (3) home game(s) without spectators.
- 133.14. Recurrence of 133.10 to 133.13:

  the penalty shall be at least <u>doubled each time</u>. The second recurrence could mean the team being disgualified from the current competition and for the next one for which it gualifies.
- 133.15. The penalties and sanctions mentioned above (133.1 to 133.14) are also applicable to the visiting team in the case of unsportsmanlike behaviour by its supporters.

# 134. UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOUR ON THE PART OF TEAM MANAGERS, COACH, ASSISTANT COACH OR TEAM FOLLOWER WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 134.1. Menacing, intimidating or unsportsmanlike behaviour on the part of a team manager, coach, assistant coach or team follower with special responsibilities towards opponents (players, coaches, team followers, spectators, etc.), officials (commissioner, referees, FIBA Europe Representative or table officials): a fine of EUR 1,000 to EUR 20,000.
- 134.2. First recurrence: the fine shall be at least doubled.
- 134.3. Second recurrence: the team shall play its next home game without spectators.
- 134.4. Third recurrence: the team shall play a minimum of its next three (3) home games without spectators and the team shall be disqualified from the next competition for which it qualifies.

#### 135. POOR ORGANISATION OF THE GAME IN GENERAL

- 135.1. Facilities that do not conform as specified in these Regulations: a fine of EUR 1,000 to EUR 5,000.
- 135.2. Lack of security forces in the hall: a fine of EUR 1,000 to EUR 5,000.
- 135.3. Any serious case of poor organisation of the game: a fine of EUR 1,000 to EUR 5,000.
- 135.4. Recurrences of 135.1. to 135.3.: the penalties shall be at least doubled each time.



## 136. TECHNICAL DEFICIENCIES OF THE SCORER'S TABLE AND GAME EQUIPMENT

- 136.1. A piece of equipment essential to the game is missing,
- 136.2. A technical specification is not adhered to,
- 136.3. Spare (substitute) equipment is not available or does not conform to the Regulations or breaks down (if and when it has to be used):

a) <u>First infraction:</u> a fine of EUR 500.b) <u>Second infraction:</u> a fine of EUR 5,000.

#### 137. ADVERTISING CONTRARY TO THE REGULATIONS

If a team uses advertising that does not conform to the appropriate Article in these Regulations.

137.1. First infraction: a fine of EUR 1,000 to EUR 10,000.

137.2. Second infraction: the fine shall be at least doubled each time.

137.3. Third infraction: the team may be disqualified from the Competitions as of the first

season for which the team qualifies.

137.4. For any further infraction (including the third) occurring during the current competition, the fine shall be at least doubled each time.

#### 138. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

If, at the beginning of the game, a team presents less than ten (10) players:

138.1. <u>First infraction:</u> a fine of EUR 1,000 for each player not present.

138.2. Further infractions: the fine shall be at least doubled each time.

#### 139. PLAYING OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS DURING THE GAME

Musical instruments played by a live band during a game are permitted only behind the end lines and on the side of the playing court opposite the scorer's table and the team bench areas.

139.1. Music played over the public announcement system (electronically or by a live band) is not permitted when the ball is alive.

a) <u>First infraction:</u> a fine of EUR 500.

b) Further infractions: the fine shall be at least doubled each time.

139.2. The use of a microphone to encourage the teams or incite spectators is prohibited.

a) First infraction: a fine of EUR 500.

b) Further infractions: the fine shall be at least doubled each time.

## 140. CASES NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THESE REGULATIONS

Each case shall be judged on its own merits.

## 141. APPEAL

An appeal is possible in accordance with these Regulations.



## 142. ADMINISTRATIVE FINES

FIBA Europe, in the person of the Secretary General, may impose administrative fines on a National Federation if it does not act in accordance with these Regulations, such as:

142.1.	Failure to comply with the various deadlines such as registration/change of players, late letter of clearance, etc., <u>for each player:</u>	a fine of EUR 500
142.2.	Failure to comply with the various deadlines such as changes to the game time, changes to the game date, etc.:	a fine of EUR 500
142.3.	Failure to send the final score, the score at the end of each period and any extra periods within fifteen (15) minutes from the end of the game or to confirm the final score electronically through FIBA Europe "Stats Suite":	a fine of EUR 500
142.4.	Failure to send the complete Statistics within fifteen (15) minutes from the end of the game (in case there were problems with submitting stats electronically in real time during the game):	a fine of EUR 500
142.5.	Failure to send the coaches' and player quotes within one (1) hour from the end of the game:	a fine of EUR 500
142.6.	Incomplete information:	a fine of EUR 500
142.7.	Incorrect information:	a fine of EUR 1,000
142.8.	Failure to send the photos within one (1) hour from the end of the game:	a fine of EUR 1,000
142.9.	Failure to provide a good quality video of the game <u>before</u> the visiting team leaves the city where the game was played:	a fine of EUR 1,000
142.10.	Failure to provide a DVD of the game within 24 hours to the Offices of FIBA Europe	a fine of EUR 1,000
142.11.	Failure to provide data for live scores and statistics to FIBA Europe's official website <a href="mailto:fibaeurope.com">fibaeurope.com</a>	a fine of EUR 1,500
142.12.	Failure to follow the FIBA Europe Corporate Identity Guidelines (FIBA Europe/Event logo, Court Design, Print Material, Prizes, etc.)	a fine up to EUR 2,500
142.13.	Recurrences: the penalties shall be at <u>least doubled</u> each time.	

## 143. APPEAL

There will be **no right of appeal** against administrative fines.



## CHAPTER XVII: APPEALS

**IMPORTANT:** Decisions by the Board of FIBA Europe can only be appealed before the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland.

#### 144. APPEALS

- 144.1. Appeals Commission of FIBA Europe
- 144.1.1 The Appeals Commission will examine all appeals.
- 144.1.2 Appeals shall be heard by a panel of three judges appointed by the President of the Appeals Commission.

One of the three judges shall be appointed by the President of the Appeals Commission to be the Chairman of the Panel.

If the case requires an immediate decision the President of the Appeals Commission may decide that a single judge can rule upon the matter.

- 144.1.3 The judge(s) shall have legal training. Persons who are not members of the Appeals Commission and persons employed by FIBA Europe cannot be appointed as judge(s).
- 144.1.4 In each case the judges must be independent of the parties and must disclose immediately to the President of the Appeals Commission any circumstances likely to affect their independence. The fact that a judge has the same nationality as any of the parties involved in the case shall disqualify him from hearing the case in question.
- 144.2. Procedure
- 144.2.1 The appeal shall be sent to FIBA Europe within <u>seven (7) days</u> of receipt of the decision taken in first instance. It shall include the reasons for the appeal. The appeal <u>must</u> be filed in the English language. A non-reimbursable fee of EUR 3,000 shall accompany the appeal.
- 144.2.2 The parties have the right:
- a) to have their appeal heard in an oral hearing
- b) to be represented by legal counsel
- c) to make written submissions
- d) to present evidence at the oral hearing
- 144.2.3 None of the parties involved in the case shall communicate directly or take up direct contact with any member of the Appeals Commission.
- 144.3. The Chairman of the Panel or the Single Judge may make any procedural order.
- 144.3.1 If FIBA Europe intends to cause a third party to participate in appeal proceedings (joinder) it shall so advise the Chairman of the Panel in writing. The latter shall immediately inform the appealing party and the party to be joined, and invite them to state the position within a time limit fixed by the Chairman.

Upon expiry of the time limit, the Chairman shall decide whether the joinder is accepted. If he so decides, the joined party shall be bound by the outcome of the proceedings even if he does not actively participate in them.



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- 144.3.2 Hearings shall take place within <u>four (4) weeks</u> following receipt by FIBA Europe of the statement of appeal.
  - If the matter requires an immediate decision, the hearings must be scheduled to take place within four (4) working days following receipt of the statement of appeal.
- 144.3.3 The award shall be rendered by majority decision within <u>four (4) weeks</u> following the date of the oral hearing.
  - If the case requires an immediate decision, the award shall be rendered within <u>seven (7) days</u> following the date of the oral hearing.
  - Brief reasons for the decision must be given. Upon decision of the Chairman of the Panel, a decision may be taken by correspondence.
- 144.3.4 Appeals shall not have suspensory effect unless ordered otherwise by the Chairman of the Panel.
- 144.3.5 The award shall have immediate effect.
- 144.3.6 Upon receipt of the statement of appeal the Chairman of the Panel will fix, subject to later changes, the amount and the method of payment of an advance on costs of the proceedings. In the event that the appealing party fails to pay the advance so fixed, no date for a hearing will be fixed or a hearing date already fixed will be cancelled and the time limit set forth in 143.3.2 above shall be deemed waived.
- 144.3.7 The Chairman of the Panel shall fix a final date for the payment of the advance on costs following which the appeal will be deemed withdrawn unless payment has been received.
- 144.3.8 The appealing party shall be responsible for the costs of its own counsel, witnesses, experts and interpreters.
- 144.3.9 In its award, the Panel shall determine whether and to what extent the appealing party is to be reimbursed for the costs advanced by it according to 143.3.6 above, or whether and to what extent the appealing party is to pay an amount of costs in addition to the advance fixed in accordance with 143.3.6 above. When making its determination under this article, the Panel shall take into account, in particular, the outcome of the proceedings and the conduct and the financial resources of the appealing party.
- 144.3.10 The fees to be paid to each judge are fixed by the President of the Commission based on the amount of time each judge reasonably needs to carry out his work. In principle, an hourly fee of EUR 150 is taken into account.
  - If circumstances require it, the President of the Commission may decide to fix the fees at an amount less than that which would result from the above-mentioned hourly fee.
  - Each judge shall have his travel and staying expenses reimbursed on presentation of receipts. Each judge must ensure that he does not incur high costs.
- 144.3.11 A further appeal against the decision by the Appeals Commission can only be lodged with the Court of Arbitration in Lausanne, Switzerland within fifteen (15) days following receipt of the reasons for the award. The Court of Arbitration for Sport shall act as an arbitrage tribunal and there shall be no right of appeal to any other jurisdictional body.
- 144.3.12 In the event of conflicting regulations, the FIBA Europe Bye-Laws and the Regulations of FIBA Europe shall prevail over the regulations governing appeals.

## 144.4. Exception

Any appeal against decisions relating to the Regulations governing the international transfer of players, no matter whether these decisions have been made by FIBA or FIBA Europe, shall be submitted to the World Appeals Commission according to the Regulations governing Appeals of the Internal Regulations of FIBA.



## CHAPTER XVIII: ORGANISATION OF HOME AND AWAY GAMES

#### **145. VENUE**

145.1. The venue of the game shall be the town as registered with the Offices of FIBA Europe by the organising national federation. However, it shall be no more than 100 km from the closest international airport.

Hotel: it shall be no more than 20 km from the arena.

- 145.2. If the game is to take place in a town other than that registered by the organising national federation, this national federation <a href="must">must</a> cover all expenses incurred through this change. If additional travel is involved, this will be made by first-class train/bus or by air, at the expense of the organising national federation.
- 145.3. National federations must make their travel arrangements for the team so that they arrive on the eve of the day before the game in the town where it will take place.

#### 146. GAME

## 146.1. General Principles

All games will be played in accordance with the current Official Basketball Rules of FIBA.

## 146.2. Technical Equipment

The organising national federation guarantees that all technical equipment conforms to the rules and it is available at the venue in good working order.

#### 146.3. Table Officials

The table officials (scorer, assistant scorer, timekeeper, 24-second operator) shall be appointed by the national federation. The table officials must be dressed in a uniform (shirt, sweater, etc.) provided by the organising national federation. The national federation is responsible for ensuring that the scorer's table functions smoothly and that the table officials are competent and absolutely impartial.

#### 146.4. Scoresheet

The Official FIBA Europe Scoresheet shall be used for all games of the FIBA Europe Competitions.

#### 146.5. Scorer's Table

The scorer's table must be located near the centre of the sideline. One seat between the timekeeper and the scorer must be reserved for the commissioner. On either side of the scorer's table there shall be seats for the substitutes of the two teams.

## 146.6. Composition of Teams

The teams shall consist of a <u>minimum of ten (10) players</u> and a <u>maximum of twelve (12) players</u>, whose names shall be inscribed on the scoresheet. These players <u>must</u> be present at the beginning of the game.



## 146.7. Players

- 146.7.1 The playing uniforms must conform to the Official Basketball Rules and the FIBA Europe Regulations. The home team shall wear <u>light coloured</u> uniforms (preferably white) and the visiting team shall wear <u>dark coloured</u> uniforms.
- 146.7.2 When introduced at the start of a game, all players on a team **must** be uniformly dressed (all with track suits, all without track suits, etc.).
- 146.7.3 Players may only wear the uniform of the team.
- 146.7.4 When requested, at reasonable times, coaches and players must be available for interviews by representatives of the media.

#### 146.8. Coaches and Assistant Coaches

Coaches and assistant coaches **must** be appropriately dressed during games.

#### 146.9. Medical Doctor

Each organiser is responsible for providing a registered medical doctor at each game.

He must identify himself to the visiting team before the game and inform the delegate of where he can be easily located.

#### 146.10. Additional Personnel

Personnel **must** be available to dry wet spots which may occur on the court during the game. They should kneel or sit so as not to obstruct the television cameras and/or referees.

## 146.11. Team Mascots

Team mascots, cheerleaders and other types of entertainment are permitted, but must remain outside the playing court and behind the advertising boards during play.

They may only enter the court during time-outs or intervals of play and they must leave the court at least 10 seconds before play resumes.

- 146.12. Electronic Transmission of game information
- 146.12.1 For all games the <u>official FIBA Europe statistics software</u> shall be used. FIBA Europe will provide this software free of charge to all national federations.
- 146.12.2 Scouters responsible for collating game statistics shall be seated close to the court, preferably in the first row behind the scorer's table on a raised platform but **not** at the scorer's table. They shall have an internet connection available for transmission of live data.
- 146.12.3 During the game the score and statistical data has to be sent to FIBA Europe's official website fibaeurope.com in real time.
- 146.12.4 Immediately after completion of the game the official result, statistics, game report/summary and at least four (4) game photos of professional quality **must** be sent to the web editors of FIBA Europe via e mail or uploaded via the CMS.

## 146.13. Doping Control Station

As stated in the FIBA Internal Regulations governing Anti-Doping, Annex 2.



#### 147. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

- 147.1. General Principles/Governing Body
- 147.1.1 The FIBA Europe reserves the right to approve the playing facilities.
- 147.1.2 These specifications mentioned in Art. 147.2 to 147.11 are obligatory for all home and away games.
- 147.2. Playing Area
- 147.2.1 The floor shall be parquet (wood).
- 147.2.2 The court dimensions shall be 28 x 15 m and at every point, at least 2 m from the advertising boards and all obstructions.
- 147.2.3 There shall be a further boundary line drawn in a sharply contrasting colour and at least 2 m in width (see Official Basketball Rules, Art. 3.5.2).
- 147.2.4 The playing court shall be lit to meet minimum requirements for television.

#### 147.3. Team Benches

Only a maximum of fourteen (14) seats are allowed in the team bench area.

#### 147.4. Ceiling

The height of the ceiling or the lowest obstruction shall be at least 7 m above the playing court.

## 147.5. Seating

- 1. The seating capacity of the hall shall be at least 2,000.
- 2. It is recommended that all seats be numbered.
- 3. It is recommended that all spectators be seated at least 5 m from the playing court.

#### 147.6. Temperature

The playing and spectator areas shall have a temperature of between 16° C and 25° C.

- 147.7. Backboards support systems, backboards and basket
- 147.7.1 All the specifications for level 2 competitions (see Basketball Equipment Appendix to the Official Basketball Rules) must be met.
- 147.7.2 This equipment must be approved by FIBA.
- 147.7.3 Each organiser must have readily available:
  - 1. A spare glass backboard,
  - 2. A spare glass backboard with a pressure-release ring attached,
  - 3. Instructions and necessary tools for the fast replacement of a broken glass backboard.
- 147.8. Scoreboards
- 147.8.1 See Basketball Equipment Appendix to the Official Basketball Rules, Article 9.
- 147.8.2 Should the scoreboard be placed above the centre of the playing court, there shall be a duplicate at each end of the playing court which shall indicate both the score and the remaining time.
- 147.9. Pressure release rings
- 147.9.1 See Basketball Equipment Appendix to the Official Basketball Rules, chapter 9.



- 147.9.2 This equipment must be approved by FIBA.
- 147.10. Electronic equipment
- 147.10.1 The scoreboards must be in accordance with the Basketball Equipment Appendix to the Official Basketball Rules, chapters 8 and 9.
- 147.10.2 The 24-second device must be in accordance with the Basketball Equipment Appendix to the Official Basketball Rules, chapter 10. The 24-second display unit together with the additional game clock and the red light must be mounted above each backboard.
- 147.10.3 This equipment must be approved by FIBA.
- 147.10.4 Any electronic display which may distract a player during playing time is prohibited.
- 147.10.5 No replays of the officials' decisions or of incidents which may occur during a game are permitted on a display at any time.
- 147.10.6 The sound signals must be loud enough to drown out any possible noise in the playing arena.
- 147.10.7 The sound signals shall have a connection to the public announcement system.

#### 147.11. Balls

Only basketball approved by FIBA Europe shall be used.

#### 148. **MEDIA**

#### 148.1. Media Seats

In addition to the seats reserved for spectators, at least thirty (30) seats equipped with a work surface (table or desk) must be reserved for journalists.

## 148.2. Media Workroom

The organisers shall provide, within the area of the hall and close to the press seats, a working area reserved entirely for the media.

- 148.3. Communication facilities
- 148.3.1 The following minimum facilities for international communication shall be available to the media in the media workroom:
  - 1. Broadband Internet access.
  - 2. Upon request a telephone shall be installed at the journalist's desk at his costs.
- 148.3.2 The method of payment for the use of communication facilities must be practical, allowing for reverse charge calls.

#### 148.4. Car Park

The car park shall be near the section of the hall reserved for the media.

#### 148.5. Press Kits

The organisers shall prepare and distribute press kits to the media containing a maximum of information on the two teams, the venue, the commissioner and referees, the time of the game and general information concerning the hall and town of the venue.



#### 149. TRANSMISSIONS TO THE OFFICES OF FIBA EUROPE

#### 149.1. FIBA Europe Official Statistics Sheet

The FIBA Europe Official Statistics Software "FIBA Europe Stats suite" **must** be used. It is recommended that the statistics of the game (box score) be distributed to the media at the end of each quarter.

Any other printouts (e.g. play-by-play, shot charts, etc.) can but do not have to be distributed. The Official Statistics Interpretations provided in "FIBA basketball statisticians Manual" are mandatory.

#### 149.2. Photo

A minimum of five photos must be submitted including both home and away team players. They must depict game action with both ball and player included in the frame.

The CMS portal must be used to submit photos. The CMS can handle any file size no matter how big, so photos files can be uploaded directly from the camera.

Good quality pictures of off the ball action are also acceptable. Photos of the press conference, crowd etc can be submitted but do not count towards the five obligatory photos.

The photos must be in jpg format as follows:

- Horizontal photos minimum dimensions: 1300 x 900 pixels.
- Vertical photos minimum dimensions: 800 x 1100 pixels.
- Minimum resolution: 72 dpi
- Subject(s) **must** be in focus, even in narrow depth of field of situations (e.g. when shooting with a telephoto lens)
- Subject(s) must be well lit and in clear view (not hidden behind bodies of other players, spectators etc)
- Photos should NEVER be watermarked. The National Federation can either email us the photographer's name, or include it in the file name, or the photographer can include it in the digital info of the file for credit purposes.
- No cropping, no shrinking of the original file (colour correction is acceptable but not necessary).

## 150. PRESS CALLS

The home and visiting national teams **must** participate in the following media events (see articles 123.4 and 123.5):

- 1. <u>Media at training sessions</u>: the training sessions are open to the public and the media unless requested otherwise by a team. Even if a training session is closed to the media its last fifteen (15) minutes should be opened to photographers and camera crews while the coaches and players must make themselves available for media interviews at the end of each training session.
- 2. <u>Post-game press conference:</u> no later than ten (10) minutes after the game the Head coach plus a player who played a significant part in the game **must** attend the post-game press conference (first the losing team, followed by the winning team).
- 3. The <u>press conference</u> **must** be conducted in English and in the language of the home team. It is the home team's responsibility to provide a translator in the correct language to facilitate the press conference.



#### 151. MEDIA/PR OFFICER

- 151.1. The organising national federation must designate a person to be responsible for media relations and inform the Offices of FIBA Europe of this person's name and contact details.
- 151.2. It is this person's duty to welcome the journalists, handle all media needs and conduct the post-game press conference and to send a report to the Offices of FIBA Europe within one (1) hour at the latest.
- 151.3. The Press Officer will work in close co-operation with the Offices of FIBA Europe Communications Department (PR/Media). He will inform them on a regular basis of all news regarding his/her national team, such as quotes, injuries, player transfer etc.

#### 152. MEDIA GUIDES AND INFORMATION

- 152.1. All organising national federations shall produce a Media Guide.
- 152.2. The media guides shall be in two languages (local language and English) and contain the following information: national federations' executive and administrative staff (including photos if possible), team roster, players' and coaches' biographies as well as information on the stadium (opening hours for press facilities, map of arena, transport from hotels to stadium and back), information on the city, etc.
- 152.3. Each organising national federation shall send 2 copies of its media guide to the Offices of FIBA Europe.

#### 153. SECURITY

- 153.1. The organisers shall provide sufficient security forces to ensure the complete safety of the visiting team, spectators, all officials (commissioner, referees, FIBA Europe representative and table officials) and FIBA Europe guests/partners (if applicable).
- 153.2. For security reasons it is strongly advised that a transparent protective shield be placed behind the scorer's table and team benches and a tunnel for the safe exit of players and officials to their dressing rooms be provided.



## CHAPTER XIX: USE OF ADVERTISING - NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS

#### **GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

All National Federations participating in the FIBA Europe National Team Competitions **must** strictly observe the following Regulations governing the use of advertising.

In cases of dispute the written text shall prevail over the diagrams which serve only as examples.

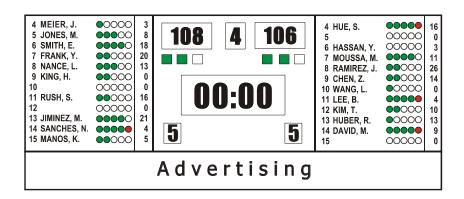
## 154. TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT AND THE PLAYING COURT

- 154.1. Baskets, backboards, backboard supports, backboard padding and backboard support padding.
- 154.1.2 Only the manufacturer's name, trademark or logo is permitted on:
  - a. The metallic structure of the backboard supports (once only on each side of the structure and with a maximum size of 250 cm²) and
  - b. The side padding of the backboard supports (once only on each side of the supports and with a maximum size of 250 cm²)



Game information boards (Scoreboards)

154.2.1 Advertising is permitted on scoreboards provided that it does not obstruct or interfere with the functioning of the boards.





#### A. HOME AND AWAY GAMES

- 154.3. Baskets, backboards, backboard supports, backboard padding and backboard support padding.
- 154.3.1 Advertising is prohibited on baskets, backboards, backboard supports, backboard padding and backboard support padding. Exception: the front side of the backboard support padding (with identical advertising on both).
- 154.3.2 The FIBA Europe logo as provided by the Offices of FIBA Europe **must** appear on the lower left corner of each backboard.

No other logo may appear unless approved by FIBA Europe (please see Diagram, page 93).

## 154.4. Playing court area

Only lines as described in the Official Basketball Rules, Article 2, can be present on the playing court.

- 154.4.1 Advertising is prohibited inside the boundaries (end lines and sidelines) of the playing court.
- 154.4.2 Advertising is permitted inside the further boundary line and only behind the end lines provided that:
  - a. The advertising is the same behind both end lines.
  - b. The advertising is of one sponsor only.
  - c. The written text of sponsor's logo may be a maximum of 1 metre wide and 12.5 metres long. The advert area must not extend past the extension of the side-line (see diagram).
  - d. The advertising is only displayed at least 50 cm outside the end lines.
- 154.4.3 Advertising is permitted outside the boundaries (end line) provided that it is located at a minimum distance of two (2) metres from the said boundaries (this includes advertising on the floor/parquet).
- 154.4.4 Any advertising next to the scorer's table must be located:
  - a. at a minimum distance of two (2) metres from the scorer's table, and
  - b. in a single line with it.
- 154.4.5 Advertising is permitted in front of the scorer's table provided that it is placed directly in front and flush with the table.
- 154.5. Centre and free-throw circles
- 154.5.1 Advertising is permitted inside the circles provided that:
  - 1. The advertising is the same in all three circles, or
  - 2. The advertising is the same in the two free throw circles (centre circle may be different)
  - 3. Only one company's name or logo is in any single circle, and
  - 4. The centre and free-throw lines are clearly visible.
- 154.5.2 The name of the arena, city or municipality, etc. can only be displayed inside the centre circle or at least 50 cm outside the sidelines or end lines (inside the further boundary line).



## **DIAGRAM "A": HOME AND AWAY GAMES**

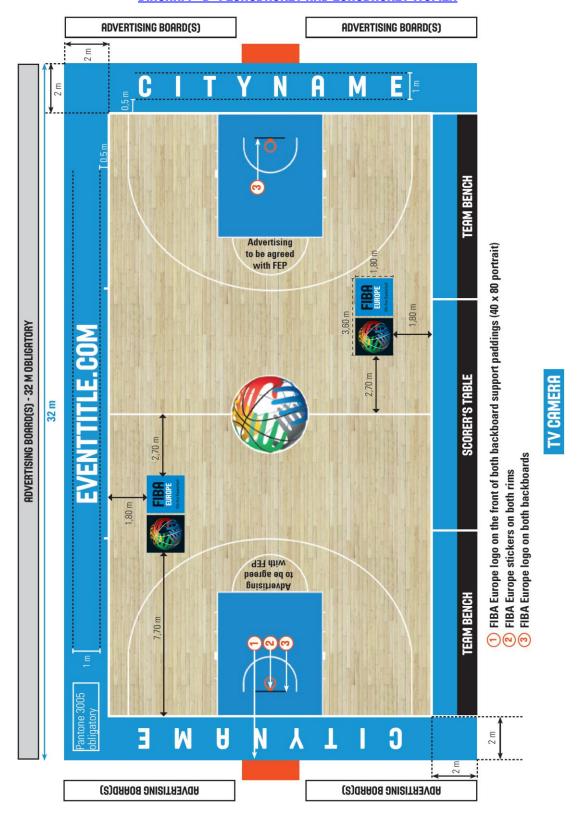




## B. EUROBASKET AND EUROBASKET WOMEN

Please refer to the "Bid and Event Manuals for the European Championship for Men and EuroBasket Women".

## DIAGRAM "B": EUROBASKET AND EUROBASKET WOMEN

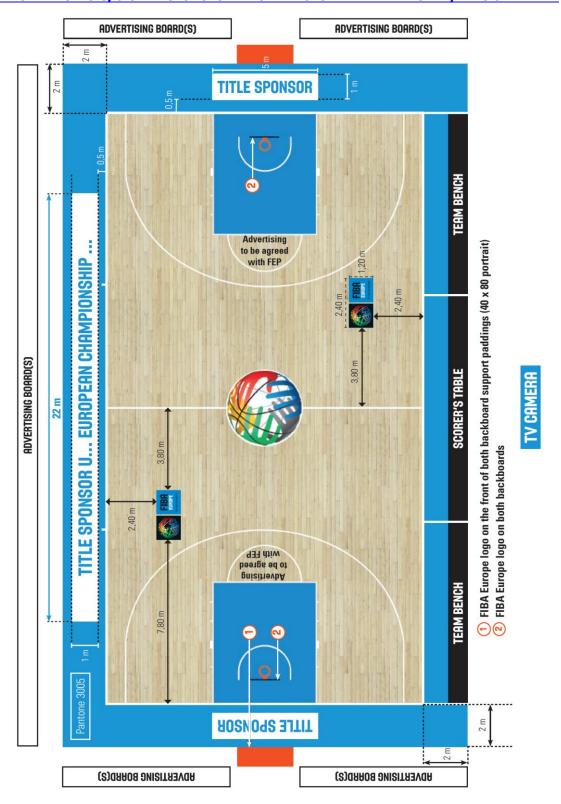




## C. U16, U18, U20 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEN AND WOMEN

For the <u>Divisions A and B</u> please refer to the "Event Manual for the U16, U18 and U20 European Championships Men and Women".

## DIAGRAM "C": U16, U18 AND U20 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP MEN AND WOMEN, DIVISION A AND B





# D. EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS MEN AND WOMEN OF THE SMALL COUNTRIES AND DIVISION C

- 154.6. Baskets, backboards, backboard supports, backboard padding and backboard support padding.
- 154.6.1 Advertising is prohibited on baskets, backboards, backboard supports, backboard padding and backboard support padding.

The FIBA Europe logo **must** appear on the front side of the backboard support padding (please see Diagram, page 93).

## 154.7. Playing court area

Only lines as described in the Official Basketball Rules, Article 2, can be present on the playing court.

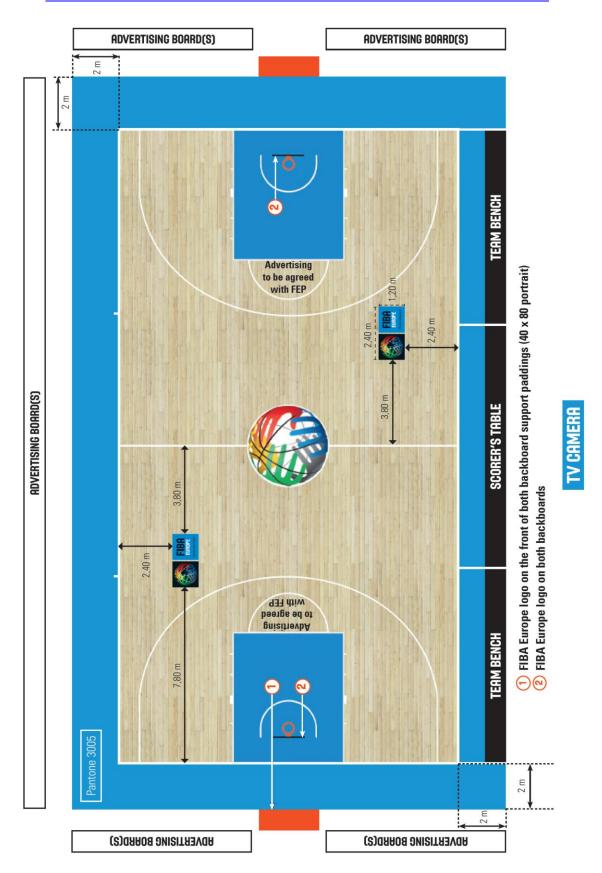
- 154.7.1 Advertising is prohibited inside the boundaries (end lines and side-lines) of the playing court.
- 154.7.2 Advertising is permitted inside the further boundary line and only behind the end lines (see diagram below) provided that:
  - a. The advertising is the same behind both end lines.
  - b. The advertising is of one sponsor only.
  - c. The written text or the sponsor's logo shall be a maximum 1 metre wide and 12,5 metres long. The advert area must not extend past the extension of the side-line.
  - d. The advertising is only displayed at least 50 cm outside the end lines.
- 154.7.3 Advertising is permitted outside the boundaries provided that it is located at a minimum distance of two (2) metres from the said boundaries (this includes advertising on the floor/parquet).
- 154.7.4 Any advertising next to the scorer's table must be located:
  - a. at a minimum distance of two (2) metres from the scorer's table, and
  - b. in a single line with it.
- 154.7.5 Advertising is permitted in front of the scorer's table provided that it is placed directly in front and flush with the table, unless it is reserved for a FIBA Europe sponsor.
- 154.7.6 The Official logos of FIBA Europe must be displayed on the playing court (see diagram "D").
- 154.8. Free-throw circles
- 154.8.1 Advertising is <u>prohibited</u> unless previously agreed with the entity designated by FIBA Europe.

#### If agreed:

- 1. The advertising is the same in both circles, or
- 2. Only one company's name or logo is in any single circle, and
- 3. The free-throw lines are clearly visible.



## DIAGRAM "C" - EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SMALL COUNTRIES MEN AND WOMEN





#### 155. UNIFORMS AND WARM-UPS

#### 155.1. Table officials

The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear, but it must not be larger than 12 cm<sup>2</sup>.

## 155.2. Players

155.2.1 Advertising is permitted for a total of **three (3) different** advertising:

- 1. on the front of shirts (Art. 155.3.4)
- 2. on the back of shirts (Art. 155.3.5)
- 3. on the right leg of the shorts (Art. 155.4)

#### 155.3. Shirts

155.3.1 Shirts **must** conform to the Official Basketball Rules, Art. 4.3.

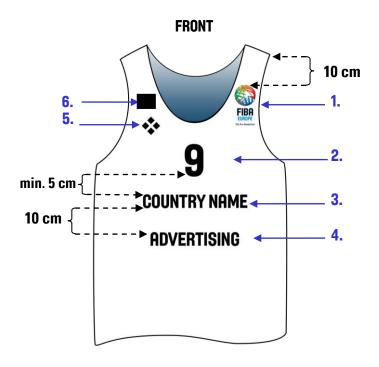
The numbers 4 to 15 **must** be used first. If additional numbers are required, ONLY the following numbers may be used: 20 to 25, 30 to 35. 40 to 45 and 50 to 55.

- 155.3.2 The front of the shirt shall conform to the following provisions:
  - 1. The FIBA Europe logo as provided by the Offices of FIBA Europe **must** appear on the front of the shirts left side (see drawing next page).
  - 2. The player's number **must** appear centred and above the name of the country. The player's number must be clearly visible and at least 10 cm high (see drawing). Any other markings on the front of the shirt must be at a distance of at least 5 cm from the player's number.
  - 3. The country flag or national federation logo **may** appear, but it must not be larger than: 4 cm long and 3 cm high (12 cm²) and must be on the right side (opposite FE logo) and above the manufacturer's trademark (logo).
  - 4. The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear, but it must not be larger than 12 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- 155.3.3 The name of the country **must** appear on the <u>front of the shirts</u> as follows:
  - 1. Above the advertising,
  - 2. If the written text comprises one (1) line, the letters shall be a maximum of 8 cm in height. If the written text comprises two (2) lines, the letters on each line must not exceed 6 cm in height.
- 155.3.4 Advertising of one sponsor only is permitted on the front of the shirt.
  - 1. The written text or logo must be a maximum of 8 cm in height and 40 cm in length.
  - 2. If the logo is of different proportions, then the maximum height may be a maximum of 18 cm, however the total surface shall not exceed 325 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- 155.3.5 The back of the shirt shall conform to the following provisions:
  - 1. The player's surname **must** appear above the player's number and shall comprise only one (1) line of text. The height of the writing must be between 6 cm and 8 cm.
  - 2. The player's number **must** appear and be clearly visible and at least 20 cm high.
  - 3. Advertising of one sponsor (Roman letters) only is permitted on the back of the shirt. The written text or logo must be a maximum of 8 cm in height and 40 cm in length. If the logo is of different proportions, then the maximum height shall be a maximum of 18 cm, however the total surface shall not exceed 325 cm<sup>2</sup>.
  - 4. No other markings can be presented on the back of the shirts.

**Note:** Please refer to the graphics next page.



#### **STYLE 1: USUAL UNIFORM CUT**



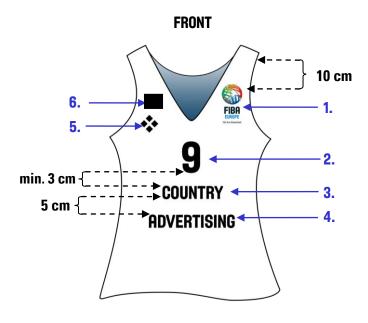


## 1. **FIBA Europe logo** (7cm x 5cm)

- 2. <u>Player's number</u> at least 10 cm in height
- 3. Country name (written text)
  one line: max. 8 cm in height
  two lines: each line max. 6 cm in height
- 4. Written text or logo of advertising max. 8 cm in height max. 40 cm in length (see also 155.3.4., point 2.)
- **5.** Manufacturer's trademark (logo) maximum of 12 cm<sup>2</sup>
- **6.** Country flag or Federation logo max. size of 4 cm long and 3 cm high (12 cm²)
- 1. Player's surname (obligatory)
- 2. <u>Player's number</u> at least 20 cm in height
- 3. Written text or logo of advertising max. 8 cm in height max. 40 cm in length (see also 155.3.4., point 2.)



#### STYLE 2: NEW FEMALE UNIFORMS



- **1. FIBA Europe logo** (7cm x 5cm)
- 2. <u>Player's number</u> at least 10 cm in height
- 3. Club name (written text)
  one line: max. 8 cm in height
  two lines: each line max. 6 cm in height
- 4. Written text or logo of advertising max. 8 cm in height max. 40 cm in length (see also 155.3.4., point 2.)
- **5.** <u>Manufacturer's trademark (logo)</u> maximum of 12 cm<sup>2</sup>
- 6. Country flag or Federation logo max. size of 4 cm long and 3 cm high (12 cm²)

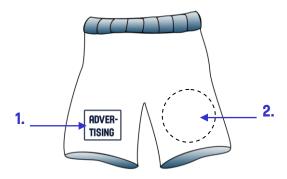
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- 1. <u>Player's surname</u> (obligatory)
- 2. Player's number at least 20 cm in height
- 3. Written text or logo of advertising max. 8 cm in height max. 40 cm in length (see also 155.3.4., point 2.)



- 155.4. Shorts
- 155.4.1 Shorts **must** conform to the Official Basketball Rules, Art. 4.3. and <u>cannot extend below the</u> knee.
- 155.4.2 Advertising is permitted on the front of the shorts (see diagram) provided that:
  - a. The advertising is of one sponsor and on the right leg only.
     No advertising, nor trademark (logo), nor number shall appear on the left leg (reserved for FIBA Europe).
  - b. The written text or the sponsor's logo is a maximum of 100 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- 155.4.3 The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear, but it must not be larger than 12 cm<sup>2</sup>.

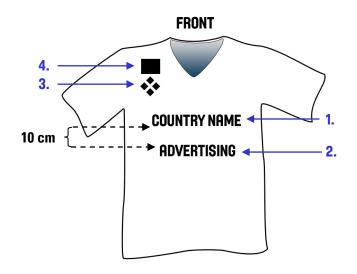


- Written text or logo of advertising maximum 100 cm<sup>2</sup>
- No advertising, nor trademark, nor number!

- 155.5. Socks
- 155.5.1 All socks must conform with the Official Basketball Rules.
- 155.5.2 Advertising is prohibited on any part of the socks.
- 155.5.3 The manufacturer's trademark (logo) is permitted, but it must not be larger than 12 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- 155.5.4 Socks must be worn, uniformly and a minimum of 3 cm visible above the shoe and may be no higher than 3 cm below the knee.



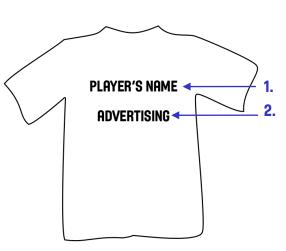
- 155.6. Warm-up T-shirts / Shooting shirts
- 155.6.1 Advertising is <u>permitted</u> on the <u>front</u> of warm-up T-shirts/shooting shirts, but it <u>must</u> be identical (same company and size) to that on the front of the shirts.
- 155.6.2 The name of the country must appear on the front of warm-up T-shirts/shooting shirts.
- 155.6.3 Advertising is <u>permitted</u> on the <u>back</u> of warm-up T-shirts/shooting shirts, but it <u>must</u> be identical (same company and size) to that on the back of the shirts.
- 155.6.4 The country flag or national federation logo **may** appear, but it must not be larger than:
  4 cm long and 3 cm high (12 cm²) and must be on the right side (opposite FE logo) and above the manufacturer's trademark (logo).
- 155.6.5 The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear, but it must not be larger than 12 cm<sup>2</sup>.



- Country name (written text)
   one line: max. 8 cm in height
   two lines: each line max. 6 cm in height
- 2. Written text or logo of advertising is permitted, but **must** be identical to that on the front of the shirts. max. 8 cm in height max. 40 cm in length (see also 155.3.4., point 2.)
- 3. Manufacturer's trademark (logo) maximum of 12 cm<sup>2</sup>
- Country flag or Federation logo max. size of 4 cm long and 3 cm high (12 cm²)

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- Player's surname
   is permitted but must be identical to that
   on the back of the shirts.
- 2. Written text or logo of advertising is permitted, but **must** be identical to that on the back of the shirts. max. 8 cm in height max. 40 cm in length (see also 155.3.4., point 2.)

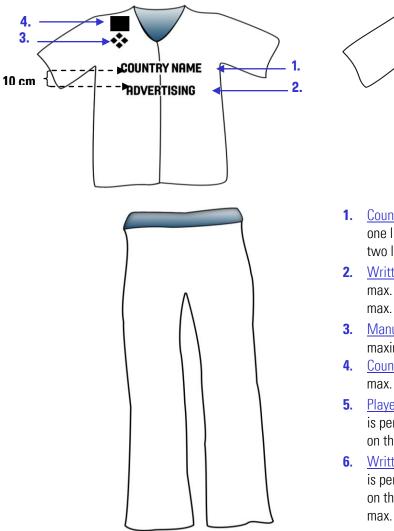


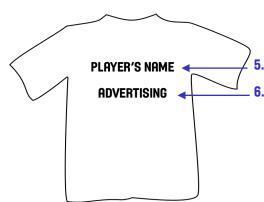


- 155.7. Track suits
- 155.7.1 Advertising is permitted on the <u>front</u> of track suits, but it must be identical (same company and size) to that on the front of the shirts.
- 155.7.2 The name of the country **must** appear on the <u>front</u> of track suits.

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- 155.7.3 Player's surname is permitted on the <u>back</u> of track suits, but it <u>must</u> be identical (same names and size) to that on the back of the shirts.
- 155.7.4 Advertising is permitted on the <u>back</u> of track suits, but it <u>must</u> be identical (same company and size) to that on the back of the shirts.
- 155.7.5 The country flag or national federation logo **may** appear, but it must not be larger than:
  4 cm long and 3 cm high (12 cm²) and must be on the right side (opposite FE logo) and above the manufacturer's trademark (logo).
- 155.7.6 The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear, but it must not be larger than 12 cm<sup>2</sup>.





**BACK** 

- 1. Country name (written text)
  one line: max. 8 cm in height
  two lines: each line max. 6 cm in height
- 2. Written text or logo of advertising max. 8 cm in height max. 40 cm in length
- 3. Manufacturer's trademark (logo) maximum of 12 cm<sup>2</sup>
- **4.** Country flag or Federation logo max. size of 4 cm long and 3 cm high (12 cm²)
- **5.** <u>Player's surname</u> is permitted but must be identical to that on the back of the shirts.
- 6. Written text or logo of advertising is permitted but mist be identical to that on the back of the shirts max. 8 cm in height max. 40 cm in length





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155.8.	Indergarments	
155.8.1	All undergarments <b>must</b> conform with the Official Basketball Rules.	
155.8.2	Advertising is prohibited on any part of the undergarments.	
155.8.3	The manufacturer's trademark (logo) is permitted, but it must not be larger than 12 cm <sup>2</sup> .	
155.8.4	Any undergarment, tank tops or shorts, must be of one solid colour.	
155.8.5	The team must wear matching colours (i.e. tank tops must be all one colour and shorts must be all one colour).	
155.8.6	Tank tops must not be visible under the playing shirt (either outside of the shoulder or front/back of the arms or neck areas).	
155.9.	Tights	
155.9.1	Tights are not permitted.	
155.10.	Sweatbands	
155.10.1	Sweatbands no wider than 10 cm may be worn on the wrist or forearm, but in no other location (i.e legs and biceps/upper arms are not permitted).	
155.10.2	Colours can be black or white or the primary colour of the team uniform.	
155.10.3	Sweatbands cannot be doubled up (cannot wear 2 x10 cm sweatbands on one/both arms).	
155.11.	Headbands	
155.11.1	Headbands no wider than 5 cm may be worn on the head but in no other location (i.e. around the neck is not permitted).	
155.11.2	Teams must wear the same style and colour of headbands and sweatbands. Headbands and sweatbands are not required to match each other.	
155.12	Elbow, Knee and Leg Pads/Sleeves/Braces	
155.12.1	All pads/sleeves/braces <b>must</b> conform with the Official Basketball Rules.	
155.12.2	Advertising is prohibited on any part of the undergarments.	
155.12.3	The manufacturer's trademark (logo) is permitted, but it must not be larger than 12 cm <sup>2</sup> .	
155.13.	Other Provisions	
155.13.1	No logos, badges from any other league or competition may be worn on any part of any of the items listed in Article 155.	
155.13.2	Advertising on uniforms, track suits and warm-up T-shirts must be the same for all players on a team.	
155.13.3	The manufacturer's trademark (logo) on uniforms, track suits and warm-up T-shirts must be the same for all players on a team.	
155.13.4	Advertising for hard alcohol, tobacco and pharmaceutical products indicated on the current IOC list of banned substances is prohibited.	



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- 155.13.5 Advertising for a brand of beer or wine is permitted.
- 155.13.6 These Regulations shall be valid for all the games of the FIBA Europe Competitions. However, national federations are encouraged to use them in their entirety at national level.
- 155.14. Penalties
- 155.14.1 The commissioner shall supervise the implementation of these Regulations at each game of the FIBA Europe Competitions.
- 155.14.2 The judge, after receiving from the commissioner a report on cases where these Regulations were not complied with, will decide on possible penalties in the first instance.
- 155.14.3 The Appeals Commission of FIBA Europe is responsible for any appeal that might be lodged against a decision in the first instance.



## CHAPTER XX: USE OF PROPRIETARY RIGHTS

#### 156. USE OF FIBA EUROPE LOGOS

The FIBA Europe logos (Primary and Secondary), as depicted in the Annex 1, are registered trademarks and are the sole property of FIBA. The use of the logos requires prior approval by FIBA Europe.

- 156.1. National Federations affiliated to FIBA Europe are permitted to use the Primary FIBA Europe logo on their letterhead. Any other use requires prior FIBA Europe approval. The logos may only be used in the format shown in the Annex.
- 156.2. National Federations of FIBA Europe are permitted to use the Secondary FIBA Europe logo during their competitions if the commercial interests of FIBA Europe are not affected. Any other use requires prior FIBA Europe approval. The logos may only be used in the format shown in the Annex.

## 157. COPYRIGHT FOR WRITTEN MATERIAL

- 157.1. FIBA Europe reserves the copyright for the FIBA Europe Bye-Laws, all FIBA Europe Regulations and other texts issued under FIBA Europe's control. Any reprints or translations require prior approval from FIBA Europe
- 157.2. National federations affiliated to FIBA Europe are permitted to translate and reprint these texts and distribute the in their own territory for non-commercial purposes, provided that:
  - a) No advertising is permitted on the reprint except for the penultimate page, which is reserved for sponsors not in competition with the official sponsors of FIBA Europe.
  - b) The primary FIBA Europe logo is shown on the cover
  - c) A FIBA Europe copyright notice is made on the reprint
  - d) FIBA Europe receives complimentary copies free of charge, the number of which will be determined on an individual basis.

## 158. LOTTERIES

The use of results, statistical data or similar information relating to FIBA Europe or its competitions in connection with a lottery or similar arrangements is not permitted, unless the Secretary General of FIBA Europe decides otherwise.

#### 159. NEW TECHNOLOGY AND TELEVISION

FIBA Europe will make active use of modern technology for the promotion of the sport of basketball and the FIBA Europe name, for example by means of a Web site on the Internet. To that end, FIBA Europe has the right to use any basketball-related information material produced by or available from national federations affiliated to FIBA Europe, teams or Local Organising Committees including, but not limited to, results, photographs, films and other information on the basketball activities in the respective country/competition in printed form or by other electronic means (e.g. a National Federation's Web site)

159.1. FIBA Europe shall have the right to link up to any Web site produced by a National Federation affiliated to FIBA Europe, team or Local Organising Committee. FIBA Europe has created its own Web site and will continue to increase its presence on this and other electronic devices.



#### **REGULATIONS OF FIBA EUROPE**

- 159.2. National Federations affiliated to FIBA Europe, teams or Local Organising Committees are permitted with prior approval from FIBA Europe to make use of such information for non-commercial purposes.
- National Federations affiliated to FIBA Europe, teams or Local Organising Committees **must** show the primary FIBA Europe logo on their own Web site and **must** create a link up to FIBA Europe's Web site.
- 159.4. The creation of a Web site for a given FIBA Europe competition shall be done by FIBA Europe.
- 159.5. If an electronic signal is produced during a FIBA Europe competition (content feeding for Web site, etc.), FIBA Europe may ask to receive this signal simultaneously in an appropriate format.
- 159.6. If a broadcast signal is available for any given FIBA Europe competition, FIBA Europe may request broadcast quality dubs of originals (Beta SP, DigiBeta, DVCPRO, DVCAM) of a tape of the entire game(s) and the provision of the feed in digital format, Live ("stream") and/or after the game ("VOD").
- 159.7. For any game, which is not broadcast, FIBA Europe may request a copy of high quality videotape.

#### 160. PLAYER IMAGES

FIBA Europe and the National Federations involved have the right to use photographs or film material of players, officials, etc. taken during official FIBA Europe competitions.



## ANNEX 1: FIBA EUROPE LOGOS

## The FIBA Europe logo is consistently formed from two modules:

The FIBA Symbol, in which the seam lines of the basketball represent the prime focus of the sport as well as suggesting the form of the globe. The hands, each represent a continent as well as the half a billion players world-wide who constitute the basketball community.

The FIBA wordmarks and the claim "We Are Basketball"

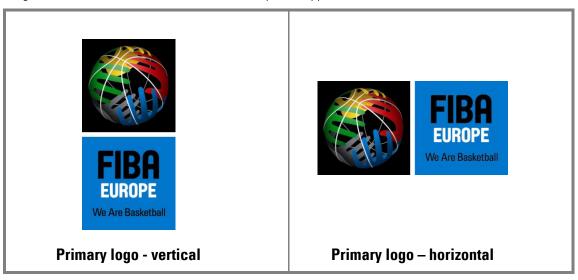
Two FIBA Europe logo signatures have been developed for use.

These defined FIBA and FIBA Europe logo signatures replace all and any existing FIBA or FIBA Europe identities.

## 161. THE PRIMARY LOGO

The primary logo, in either vertical or horizontal modular configurations, is the preferred version for all kinds of communication, in particular for all print and online publications.

Signature orientation is selected to best suit a specific application.





#### 162. THE SECONDARY LOGO

The secondary signature, in vertical format, is to be used solely for FIBA and FIBA Europe institutional communication such as stationery or in a very few exceptional cases where prior FIBA Europe approval is required.



#### 163. LOGO USAGE

FIBA Europe logos must be regarded as respected elements. They should never be used as backgrounds or general design features. In order to make sure the integrity of the FIBA Europe logos is maintained, the following guidelines must be honoured.

#### 164. CLEAR SPACE

## **Primary Signatures**

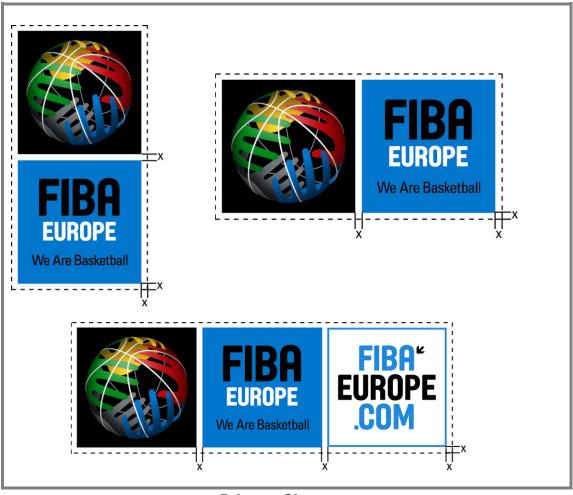
A designated amount of clear space, determined by the increment between modules in the applied logo signature, consistently surrounds all FIBA Europe logos. Respecting this principle, additional modules such as print media "information fields" or partner institution modules are added onto logo signatures, as required.

## **Secondary Signatures**

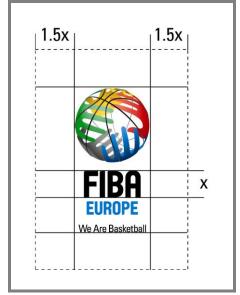
Positive versions of the FIBA Europe logo should always be placed clear of other third party graphic elements. This helps maintain the impact and integrity of the brand and ensures clear and dignified results for institutional applications.

The amount of clear space around the logo is equal to 1.5 times the height of the word "FIBA" in the logo.





**Primary Signatures** 



**Secondary Signatures** 



## 165. COMMON THINGS TO AVOID



Do not alter the orientation of elements within logo signatures.



Do not alter positioning within logo signatures.



Do not alter proportion between logo signatures.



Do not alter or substitute typefaces within logo signatures.



Do not use backgrounds that impair the contrast of the logo signatures.



Do not use white space between the logo elements when used on dark background.



Do not distort logo signatures to accommodate layout requirements.



Do not infringe upon clear space between logo elements.



Do not separate modules within logo signatures from each other.





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Do not separate modules within logo signatures from each other.

Center court graphics are a permitted exception, providing that other full logo signatures appear within court.



Do not separate modules within logo signatures from each other.



Do not extract logo elements for separate use.



Do not use the old FIBA logo.



Do not use the old FIBA logo.

All versions of the logos as well as the FIBA typefaces and other design elements can be downloaded from www.fibaidentity.net. FIBA Europe will provide a username and password for access to this site upon request.



## ANNEX 2: REGULATIONS GOVERNING LEAGUE ORGANISATIONS

#### 1. Definition

- 1.1. A League is an entity which organises and manages an approved club competition.
- 1.2. Leagues may exist at national, continental, or intercontinental level.
- 1.3. Continental leagues and intercontinental leagues are hereinafter also referred to as "international leagues".

## 2. Recognition of Leagues

- 2.1. A League organised wholly within the national boundaries of a country shall require recognition by the respective National Federation affiliated with FIBA.
- 2.2. A continental League organised wholly within the geographic area of one of the FIBA Zones shall require recognition by the respective FIBA Zone.
- 2.3. An intercontinental League drawn from across the geographic boundaries of two or more of the FIBA Zones shall require recognition by FIBA Central Board.
- 2.4. Recognition is granted under the condition that these Regulations are respected in their entirety.

# 3. Key Principles in the Relationship Between Leagues and FIBA, the FIBA Zones, and the National Federations

- 3.1. A League shall respect the authority of FIBA as the sole competent authority for men's and women's basketball throughout the world, recognised as such by the International Olympic Committee.
- 3.2. A League shall respect the authority of the respective FIBA Zone, as delegated to it by FIBA.
- 3.3. A League shall respect the authority of the respective National Federation of FIBA as the sole competent authority for men's and women's basketball in its country, as recognised by FIBA and by the respective National Olympic Committee.
- 3.4. A League shall respect FIBA General Statutes and Internal Regulations, and those of respective FIBA Zones and National Federations. Where there is any conflict, the Statutes, Regulations, etc. of FIBA shall prevail.
- 3.5. In order to ensure permanent lines of communication, a League should be "represented" at national and or international levels as appropriate.
- 3.6. Non-compliance with the provisions of this Regulation may lead to the suspension of the National Federation and/or the withdrawal of recognition of the League.
- 3.7. Any exceptions to this Regulation, or any permanent changes to it, can be approved by FIBA Central Board only.
- 3.8. It is generally acknowledged that economic questions related to the management of a League shall be solved by the League and its clubs exclusively, unless otherwise agreed by the parties. Sport-technical questions are generally managed by the federative structure, in particular nomination of referees and disciplinary processes. Unless parties agree otherwise, it is recommended that those sport-technical aspects remain responsibility of the federative structure.



## 4. Detailed Provisions Governing Recognition of Leagues

- 4.1. A League shall not operate in a manner which brings discredit to FIBA, the FIBA Zones, the National Federations, or the sport of basketball in general.
- 4.2. Provided that a League respects and observes the provisions of this Regulation and the other FIBA Internal Regulations, and also those of the respective Zone and National Federation as applicable, it shall be free to operate as best suits its own interests.
- 4.3. The competition that a League is managing and organising at national level shall qualify its top team/s through the National Federation to the corresponding international competition organised by the appropriate body of FIBA or by an international League recognised by FIBA.
- 4.4. All League Clubs must be affiliated with the National Federation of the country in which they are domiciled, and ensure also that their players are licenced by that National Federation.
- 4.5. All League Clubs must play in the official national championships.
- 4.6. Where an existing League, which operates wholly within the geographic boundaries of a country, agrees to admit up to two teams from another country in the same Zone into the existing league structure, then that League may continue to operate as though it continues to be wholly within the geographic boundaries of the National Federation where it was founded, subject to the agreement of both National Federations and subject also to the general supervision of the respective FIBA Zone.
- 4.7. The League shall use only referees and commissioners from the list of national referees and commissioners approved and published by the National Federation or, if the League is an International League, those from the approved and published list of FIBA referees and commissioners.
- 4.8. A League shall respect and observe the FIBA harmonised calendar.
- 4.9. A League shall respect and observe the FIBA Official Basketball Rules and Mechanics of officiating, and will further assist FIBA in adapting these Rules.
- 4.10. A League shall respect the rules of the National Federation for the transfer of players within its own geographic boundaries, and also the FIBA Internal Regulations governing the International Transfer of Players, including the special provisions affecting young players as contained in section 4.3.2 of these Regulations
- 4.11. A League shall respect FIBA Regulations governing Players' Agents, and also those of the National Federation where these have been established.
- 4.12. A League shall encourage and allow its players to participate in the Official Competitions of FIBA as members of national teams in accord with section 4.4.3 of the FIBA Internal Regulations governing the International Transfer of Players.
- 4.13. A League shall enforce a reasonable anti-doping testing regime. It shall also respect the anti-doping regulations of the National Federation and/or those prescribed by the national government and its agencies, and respect the Internal Regulations of FIBA governing Doping Control.
- 4.14. A League shall contribute financially to the development of grassroots activities, to the national team program, and to the costs of services the National Federation may provide to the League. The extent of this financial contribution is to be negotiated in good faith by each of the parties. Similar arrangements apply to International Leagues.

#### 5. Dispute resolution

5.1. FIBA (i.e. the Central Board) is entitled to take a decision as last instance when matters are not solved at national or continental level.

## 6. Effective date of these Regulations

6.1. These Regulations come into force as of **18 May 2005**.