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By email

Re: Clerical error in the EuroCup Regulations 2016-2017

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Dear Mr Baumann, dear Mr Novak,

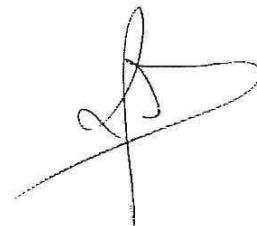
It came to our attention that the version of the 2016-2017 EuroCup Regulations that was publicly distributed inadvertently included a clerical mistake in Article 104, on a point of relevance in our relations (by contrast, the distributed version of the EuroLeague Regulations does not include a similar mistake).

As you are probably aware, on 7 July 2016, the ECA Assembly unanimously approved to delete from the EuroLeague and EuroCup Regulations the rule requiring clubs to not release their players to national teams competitions from the third weekend in September until the third weekend in June. That rule, as you know, reflected the agreement on clubs/national teams calendars that we have had with you since 2004.

That rule has been removed from ECA's rulebooks as of 7 July 2016, and the current authentic text of Article 104 (old Article 98) of the EuroCup Regulations does not include a second paragraph at all. Indeed, on 8 July 2016, we notified the European Commission of this approved change in both the EuroLeague and EuroCup Regulations [[Annex 1](#)].

To conclude and to be crystal-clear, although ECA is still of the opinion that the new FIBA national teams calendar windows (i) are a mistake and (ii) unjustifiably discriminate European clubs vis-à-vis NBA/NCAA teams (given that European players playing in the USA are not required to join their national teams), **ECA rules do not prevent or limit in any way the release of players to national teams competitions.**

Yours sincerely,



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