FIBA continues to globally build and promote excellence, professionalism and quality in refereeing through the FIBA Game Officials Licensing program.

Its key principles aim at facing the many challenges and requirements of modern refereeing, while engaging and developing all FIBA Regions equally.

**KEY PRINCIPLES**

- Encourage long term planning and referee development programs
- Offer top quality services and operations for games
- Engage more National Federations in the planning, management and training of game officials
- Enhance the participation and training of female referees
- Promote potential and hard-working referees
- FIBA Licensed Period of a 2-year fixed term: proactive approach allowing regular quality control and new opportunities for emerging referees and National Federations
- 3 FIBA Licence Categories: pyramidal structure leading to reward the best game officials and establishing a clear path to referees excellence
- Standard training for licensed referees through qualified FIBA Instructors (FRIP) to raise performances at national and international levels
LICENSING SYSTEM

Relying on a strong global connection between FIBA, its Regional Offices and the National Federations, the licensing system unifies refereeing standards and guides the National Federations efforts. National Federations are responsible for selecting their best candidates.

ALLOCATION OF LICENSES BASED ON 4 MAIN CRITERIA:

1. FIBA World Ranking of National Federation
2. FIBA List of National Federations per category
3. Nominations for FIBA Referees from respective National Member Federation for FIBA competitions
4. Number of active female referees in National Member Federations and their nominations in FIBA competitions

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

NATIONAL FEDERATIONS
- Select best qualified candidates (referees and commissioners)
- Provide transparent and integral information about candidates

REGIONAL OFFICES
- Guide and assist National Federations during preparation and implementation of registration
- Review candidatures submitted in their respective Region

FIBA
- Allocates and issues the licenses for referees and commissioners
- Guides and assists National Federations through the registration process
FIBA LICENSED PERIOD 2019-2021

PROCESS FOR 2019-2021 FIBA LICENSED PERIOD

In consultation with the Regional Offices and the National Federations, FIBA will process the license candidatures as follows:

- **By 31 January 2019**: FIBA requests for candidates (every second year)
- **By 31 March 2019**: National Member Federations to submit candidates among their best ranked National Referees
- **By 15 June 2019**: FIBA to publish a list of FIBA Referees and Commissioners eligible to officiate international games during the FIBA Licensed Period
- **1 September 2019**: Start of Licensed Period 2019-2021
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