REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE EUROCUP WOMEN 2023-2024

As adopted by FIBA Europe in 2023

TABLE OF CONTENTS

I.	ADMINISTRATION	2
1.	Competition	2
2.	Trophy	2
3.	Communication	
4.	Workshop for Statisticians	2
II.	RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2023-2024 SEASON	3
5.	National Federations	3
6.	Clubs	
7.	Evaluation of the National Federations for the 2023-2024 season	
8.	Registration of Clubs	4
III.	CALENDAR	5
9.	General Calendar EuroCup Women (ECW)	5
10.	Draw	5
IV.	SYSTEM OF COMPETITION	6
11.	General Principles	6
12.	Qualifiers	6
13.	Regular Season	
	Play-Offs	
15.	Play-Off Round 1	
16.	Round of 16	
17.		
	Semi-Finals	
	Finals	
V.	PLAYERS	10
20.21.	Provisions concerning the eligibility of players:	4.0
22.	Licences Preliminary Roster	
	Procedure for changes.	
	· ·	
	FINALS	12
	FINANCES	12
	General Financial Provisions	
	Game Videos Online Platform	
	. GENERAL NOTE	13
IX.	SUMMARY OF DEADLINES	14
X.	ANNEX I: COURT LAYOUT OF THE EUROCUP WOMEN (ECW)	15
	FIBA Logo & EuroCup Women Logo	
27.	Standards	16
XI.	MEDIA AND BROADCASTING	17
28.	Preamble	17
29.	Media and Broadcasting Rights	17
30.	Rights to Images.	
31.	TV and Streaming Obligations and Operations.	
32.	Team Press Officers	
33.	Venue Media Operations.	
34.		
	Team Media Availability	
J0.	Pre-Season and Game Day Obligations	19

I. ADMINISTRATION

1. COMPETITION

1.1 The **EuroCup Women (ECW)** is a European Club Competition for women's clubs, legally and formally organised, governed and administered by FIBA Europe.

2. TROPHY

2.1 FIBA Europe will present a trophy to the winner of the **EuroCup Women (ECW)**.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 FIBA Europe and the clubs participating in the **EuroCup Women (ECW)** may contact each other directly, provided that the National Federations concerned are informed at the same time.
- 3.2 For administrative purposes, all correspondence regarding the **EuroCup Women (ECW)** shall be in **English**.

4. WORKSHOP FOR STATISTICIANS

- 4.1 Only FIBA licensed statisticians are entitled to work in any game of the EuroCup Women.
- 4.2 All National Federations are expected to organise FIBA endorsed workshops within their country in order to get statisticians licensed. All clubs shall contact their respective National Federation as early as possible during the off-season regarding such workshop.
- 4.3 If necessary FIBA Europe might also organise a central workshop before the start of the season.

II. RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2023-2024 SEASON

5. NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

- Any European National Federation which is a member of FIBA is entitled, in accordance with the provisions set out below and according to the regulations valid for the respective national competitions, to enter a certain number of its clubs in the **EuroCup Women (ECW)**.
- 5.2 National Federations ranked 1st to 5th in the 3-year ranking of European Club Competitions may register up to five (5) clubs in the EuroCup Women (ECW). National Federations ranked 6th to 10th in the 3-year ranking of European Club Competitions may register up to four (4) clubs in the EuroCup Women (ECW). National Federations ranked 11th or lower in the 3-year ranking of European Club Competitions may register up to three (3) clubs in the EuroCup Women (ECW).
 - **Note 1:** If thirty-two (32) or less clubs register, then no Qualifiers will be played and there will be eight (8) groups of four (4) clubs or less.
 - Note 2: If between thirty-three (33) and thirty-nine (39) clubs register, then Qualifiers will be played to reduce the number of clubs to thirty-two (32). In this case there will be eight (8) groups of four (4) clubs.
 - **Note 3:** If between forty (40) and forty-seven (47) clubs register, then Qualifiers will be played to reduce the number of clubs to forty (40). In this case there will be ten (10) groups of four (4) clubs.
 - **Note 4:** If forty-eight (48) or more clubs register then Qualifiers will be played to reduce the number of clubs to forty-eight (48). In this case there will be twelve (12) groups of four (4) clubs.

6. CLUBS

Any club which is registered through the National Federation is entitled to participate in the **EuroCup Women (ECW)** provided that the following requirements are guaranteed:

- a) The Financial guarantee (deposit) of 10,000 EUR will be transferred by the given deadline in accordance to Article 8 of these Regulations.
- b) The registration fee of 500 EUR will be transferred by the given deadline in accordance to Article 8 of these Regulations.
- c) The playing hall and all basketball facilities are according to the Official Basketball Rules and FIBA Europe Competitions Regulations, in particular clear of all non-basketball lines.
- d) The playing hall has to have a seating capacity of a minimum of **800** seats.
- e) The club hotel has to be top international standard category.

7. EVALUATION OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATIONS FOR THE 2022-2023 SEASON

7.1 The results are evaluated as follows:

CUP	ROUND	PLACE	POINTS		
ECW	Q		2	Q	Qualifiers
	RS	4	4	R1	Regular Season
		3	6		
	P01		8		Play-Off Round 1 - 8 or 16 Clubs eliminated in home and away games
	R16		10	R16	Round of 16 8 Clubs eliminated in home and away games
	QF		20	QF	Quarter-Finals 4 Clubs eliminated in home and away games
	SF		24	SF	Semi-Finals 2 Clubs eliminated in home and away games
	Finals	2	30	Finals	Finals home and away games
		1	40		

- 7.2 Each club will only receive the maximum number of points obtained during the season in question as per above.
- 7.3 Each National Federation will accumulate the number of points for all its women's clubs for the season in question.
- 7.4 The final ranking will always be based on the results of the last **three (3)** European Club Competitions seasons.

8. REGISTRATION OF CLUBS

- 8.1 Registration Fee
- 8.1.1 The participation fee for the **EuroCup Women (ECW)** is as follows:
 - ≥ EUR 500: Registration fee
 - ≥ EUR 100: Single insurance premium
- 8.1.2 The registration fee and the single insurance premium will **not be reimbursed** to the club, if the club <u>withdraws</u> or <u>forfeits</u> after having registered. In such a case the FIBA Europe Regulations for Club Competitions, Articles 55, 56 and 58 will be applied in full.
- 8.2 Financial guarantee (deposit)
 - ≥ EUR 10,000: Financial guarantee (deposit)
- 8.2.1 The club **must** submit an irrevocable bank transfer confirmation of EUR 10,000 as a financial guarantee (deposit) to ensure the proper organisation of the competition.
- 8.2.2 This amount **will be reimbursed** to the club after the completion of the competition:
 - **→ Totally**, if the club has fulfilled its obligations according to the FIBA Europe Competitions Regulations,
 - **Partially**, if the club has not fulfilled its obligations according to the FIBA Europe Competitions Regulations. The portion of the amount retained will be determined by FIBA Europe according to the actual "damage" caused.
 - ▶ Partially, if the club has any outstanding debts with FIBA Europe.
- **No reimbursement**, if the club <u>withdraws</u> or <u>forfeits</u> after having registered. In such a case the FIBA Europe Regulations for Club Competitions, Articles 59, 60 and 62 will be applied in full.
- 8.3 Terms of Payments
- 8.3.1 Payment for participation shall be made by **Wednesday 5th July 2023** at the latest.
 - A good copy of bank transfer (Financial guarantee EUR 10,000, Registration fee EUR 500 and EUR 100 single insurance premium) and identification details in English **must** accompany the registration form.
 - The amount **must** be credited to FIBA Europe's bank account:

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

8.3.2 Registrations for the **EuroCup Women (ECW)** will not be accepted unless accompanied by all documents foreseen in Art. 11.1 to 11.4 of the Regulations for European Club Competitions duly completed and signed.

III. CALENDAR

9. GENERAL CALENDAR EUROCUP WOMEN (ECW)

FIBA Europe date: **Thursday**FIBA Europe time: **20:30 local time**

	ECW						
က	SEP	21	THU	QR-1			
2023		28	THU	QR-2			
~	OCT	12	THU	RS-1			
		19	THU	RS-2			
		26	THU	RS-3			
	NOV	1	WED	RS-4			
		23	THU	RS-5			
		30	THU	RS-6			
	DEC	14	THU	PO-1			
		21	THU	PO-2			
74	JAN	11	THU	R16-1			
2024		18	THU	R16-2			
	FEB	22	THU	QF-1			
		29	THU	QF-2			
	MAR	7	THU	SF-1			
		14	THU	SF-2			
	APR	3	WED	F-1			
		10	WED	F-2			

Qualifiers

RS Regular Season

PO Play-Off Round 1

R16 Round of 16

QF Quarter-Finals

SF Semi-Finals

10. DRAW

10.1 All clubs taking part in the **EuroCup Women (ECW) must** have a representative present at the Draw on **Wednesday**9th **August 2023** in Munich, Germany.

IMPORTANT: At the Draw the following will be decided:

- 1. Date of the game
- 2. Time of the game

IV. SYSTEM OF COMPETITION

11. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- 11.1 The system of competition for the **EuroCup Women (ECW)** is determined by the decision of FIBA Europe based on the proposal of the Competitions' Commission.
- 11.2 The **EuroCup Women (ECW)** will be officiated by three (3) Referees.
- 11.3 In principle, the games of the **EuroCup Women (ECW)** are played on **Thursday** (FIBA Europe date) except for the game weeks before the International Windows in which case the FIBA Europe date is Wednesday.

Note: No date changes will be accepted twenty (20) days or less before a game is scheduled.

11.4 Teams not qualified for the EuroLeague Women competition 2023-2024 from the possible Qualifiers of the EuroLeague Women will be seeded automatically for Regular Season of the **EuroCup Women (ECW)** competition 2023-2024.

The system of competition for the EuroCup Women (ECW) is as follows:

12. QUALIFIERS

12.1 **Option 1**:

If between thirty-three (33) and thirty-nine (39) clubs register, then Qualifiers will be played to reduce the number of clubs to thirty-two (32). In this case there will be eight (8) groups of four (4) clubs.

12.2 **Option 2**:

If between forty (40) and forty-seven (47) clubs register, then Qualifiers will be played to reduce the number of clubs to forty (40). In this case there will be ten (10) groups of four (4) clubs.

12.3 **Option 3**:

Option 3: If forty-eight (48) or more clubs register then Qualifiers will be played to reduce the number of clubs to forty-eight (48). In this case there will be twelve (12) groups of four (4) clubs.

- 12.4 Each club will play the same opponent twice in home and away games before being eliminated or qualifying for the **Regular Season**.
- 12.5 The clubs with the higher ranking shall play the second game at home.

13. REGULAR SEASON

Option 1

- 13.1 The **thirty-two (32) clubs** will be divided into eight (8) groups (A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H) of four (4) clubs each. Each club will play the other clubs in its own group in home and away games (six (6) games for each club).
- 13.2 A maximum of one (1) club from each country can be in the same group.

The order of the games will be as follows:

Game Day:	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
	1-4	3-1	1-2	4-1	1-3	2-1
	2-3	4-2	3-4	3-2	2-4	4-3

The numbers above will be given to the participating clubs by draw.

13.3 The two (2) best-placed clubs in each group (sixteen (16) clubs) will qualify for the **Round of 16**.

Option 2

- 13.4 The **forty (40) clubs** will be divided into ten (10) groups of four clubs each (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J) of four (4) clubs each. Each club will play the other clubs in its own group in home and away games (six (6) games for each club).
- 13.5 A maximum of one (1) club from each country can be in the same group.

The order of the games will be as follows:

Game Day:	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
	1-4	3-1	1-2	4-1	1-3	2-1
	2-3	4-2	3-4	3-2	2-4	4-3

The numbers above will be given to the participating clubs by draw.

13.6 The two (2) best-placed clubs in each group (20 in total) and the four (4) best 3rd placed clubs will qualify to the Play-Off Round 1.

All twenty-four (24) clubs will then be ranked 1 to 24 according to the Official Basketball Rules, section D as follows:

- 1. Win/Loss record
- 2. If more clubs have the same win/loss record, goal difference of all games in the Regular Season will be used as the next criteria.
- 3. If more clubs have the same goal difference of all games in the Regular Season, the higher number of goals scored in all games in the Regular Season will be used as the next criteria.
- 4. If more clubs have the same number of goals scored in all games in the Regular Season, a draw shall decide on the final classification.

Option 3

- 13.7 The **forty-eight (48) clubs** will be divided into twelve (12) groups (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, I, J, K, L, M) of four (4) clubs each. Each club will play the other clubs in its own group in home and away games (six (6) games for each club).
- 13.8 A maximum of one (1) club from each country can be in the same group.

The order of the games will be as follows:

Game Day:	1.	2.	3.	4.	5 .	6.
	1-4	3-1	1-2	4-1	1-3	2-1
	2-3	4-2	3-4	3-2	2-4	4-3

The numbers above will be given to the participating clubs by draw.

13.9 The two (2) best-placed clubs in each group plus the eight (8) best 3rd placed clubs will qualify for the PlayOffs Round 1 (32 clubs in total).

14. PLAY-OFFS

- 14.1 All games of the Play-Off Round 1, the Round of 16, Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals will be played on Thursday.
- 14.2 The games of the Finals will be played on **Wednesday**.
- 14.3 Each qualified club will play two (2) games (home and away games).
- 14.4 All clubs qualified for the Play-Offs will be ranked according to the Official Basketball Rules section D, as follows:
 - 1. Win/Loss record
 - 2. If more clubs have the same win/loss record, goal difference of all games in the Regular Season will be used as the next criteria.
 - 3. If more clubs have the same goal difference of all games in the Regular Season, the higher number of goals scored in all games in the Regular Season will be used as the next criteria.
 - 4. If more clubs have the same number of goals scored in all games in the Regular Season, a draw shall decide on the final classification.
- 14.5 The higher ranked team in the **Regular Season** plays first game away.

Note: The two (2) games (home and away) are considered as one match. If at the end of the first game there is a tie, the score will stand and no extra period will be played. If the aggregated score of both games is tied, the 2nd game shall continue with as many extra periods of 5 minutes as necessary to break the tie.

15. PLAY-OFF ROUND 1

15.1 **Option 1**:

In case of thirty-two (32) clubs in the Regular Season, this round will not be played.

15.2 **Option 2**:

In case of forty clubs in the Regular Season, all twenty-four (24) clubs that advanced will then be ranked 1 to 24 according to the Official Basketball rules, section D. The best eight (8) clubs will automatically progress to the Round of 16. The clubs ranked 9 to 24 will play home and away games as follows:

1.	9 th v 24 th
5.	13 th v 20 th

2.	10 th v 23 rd
6.	14 th v 19 th

3.	11 th v 22 nd
7.	15 th v 18 th

4.	12 th v 21 st
8.	16 th v 17 th

The winner of the Play-Offs Round 1 will qualify for the Round of 16

15.3 **Option 3**:

In case of forty-eight (48) clubs in the Regular Season, the all thirty-two (32) clubs that advanced will then be ranked 1 to 32 according to the Official Basketball rules, section D and will play home and away as follows:

1.	1 st v 32 th
5 .	5 th v 28 th
9.	9 th v 24 th
13.	13 th v 20 th

2.	2 nd v 31 th
6.	6 th v 27 th
10.	10 th v 23 rd
14.	14 th v 19 th

3.	3 rd v 30 th
7.	7 th v 26 th
11.	11 th v 22 nd
15.	15 th v 18 th

4.	$4^{th} v 29^{th}$
8.	$8^{th} \ v \ 25^{th}$
12.	12 th v 21 st
16.	16 th v 17 th

16. ROUND OF 16

16.1 **Option 1:**

All sixteen (16) clubs qualifed from the Regular Season will be ranked according to the Official Basketball Rules, section D and will play home and away games as follows:

1.	1 st vs 16 th
5 .	5 th vs 12 th

16.2 **Option 2:**

The eight (8) best ranked clubs from the Regular Season will play against the winners of the Play-Off Round 1.

9.	1 vs. Winner 8
13.	5 vs. Winner 4

10.	2 vs. Winner 7
14.	6 vs. Winner 3

12.	4 vs. Winner 5
16.	8 vs. Winner 1

16.3 **Option 3**:

The 16 clubs qualified will play home and away games as follows:

· ·	
17.	Winner 1
	VS
	Winner 16
21.	Winner 5
	VS
	Winner 12

	Winner 2
18.	VS
	Winner 15
	Winner 6
22.	VS
	Winner 11

	Winner 3
19.	VS
	Winner 14
	Winner 7
23.	VS
	Winner 10

	Winner 4	
20.	VS	
	Winner 13	
	Winner 8	
24.	VS	
	Winner 9	

16.4 The winners of the Round of 16 will qualify for the **Quarter-Finals**.

17. QUARTER-FINALS

17.1 **Option 1:**

The eight (8) clubs qualified from the Round of 16 will play home and away games as follows:

	. ,	
	Winne	r 1
9.	VS	
	Winne	r 8

	Winner 2
10.	VS
	Winner 7

Option 2:

_	Winner 9
17 .	VS
	Winner 16

Option 3:

	Winner 17
25 .	VS
	Winner 24

28.	Winner 20
	VS
	Winner 21

17.2. The winners of the Quarter-Finals will qualify for the Semi-Finals.

18. SEMI-FINALS

18.1 **Option 1:**

	Winner 9		Winner 10
13.	VS	14.	VS
	Winner 12		Winner 11

Option 2:

	Winner 17		Winner 18
21 .	VS	22.	VS
	Winner 20		Winner 19

Option 3:

	Winner 25		Winner 26
29 .	VS	30 .	VS
	Winner 28		Winner 27

18.2 The winners of the Semi-Finals will qualify for the **Finals**.

19. FINALS

19.1 The two (2) clubs qualified from the Semi-Final will play home and away games as follows:

Option 1:

Winner 13
VS
Winner 14

Option 2:

	Winner 21	
23.	VS	
	Winner 22	

Option 3:

	Winner 29
31.	VS
	Winner 30

V. PLAYERS

All provisions in the Regulations for European Club Competitions apply unless stated otherwise in these regulations.

20. PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS:

- 20.1 The principle of free circulation within FIBA Europe applies to the European Club Competitions for nationals from Countries belonging to the European Zone.
- 20.2 Each club participating in EuroCup Women may register an unlimited number of players who:
- 20.2.1 Have **only** the Legal Nationality of a Country or Countries belonging the European Zone; **or**
- 20.2.2 Have or had the legal nationality of a Country that does not belong to the European Zone and have acquired the legal nationality of a Country belonging to the European Zone by naturalisation or by any other means **before** having reached the age of sixteen (16). For the sake of clarity and for the purpose of this article (and art. 20.4), it is considered that a player acquires a legal nationality only when she claims such right, regardless if the player has the right to acquire a second nationality at birth or is legally considered having acquired it retroactively by birth when she claims it.
- 20.2.3 For purpose of article 20.2.2, the player's passport will be considered by FIBA Europe as the principal mean of evidence to support the acquisition and the date of acquisition of a nationality.
- 20.3 Each club participating in EuroCup Women may register a maximum of:
- 20.3.1 two (2) players who do not have the Legal Nationality of a Country belonging to the European Zone; and,
- 20.3.2 **one (1) additional player** who has or had the Legal Nationality of a Country that does not belong to the European Zone and has acquired the Legal Nationality of a Country belonging to the European Zone by naturalisation or by any other means **after** having reached the age of sixteen (16).

For the sake of clarity, players naturalised after 16 as per art. 20.3.2 may be included in the limited amount of two foreign players provided under art. 20.3.1.

As a result, the three following options of registration shall be authorised for the clubs:

1	NON-European	NON-European	Naturalized after 16
2	NON-European	Naturalized after 16	Naturalized after 16
3	Naturalized after 16	Naturalized after 16	Naturalized after 16

- 20.4 These provisions on eligibility **do not** apply retroactively. Therefore, any player that has been registered or had the opportunity (by fulfilling the requested conditions) to be registered for EuroLeague Women/EuroCup Women without any restriction (not part of the quotas) under the previous regulations before 18 March 2019, shall maintain such status.
- 20.5 Once a player is registered for the current basketball season, no change of the player's national status for European Club Competitions purposes shall be permitted in the course of that season. This provision applies irrespective of the player acquiring a new legal nationality during this period (i.e the national status of a player as indicated at the time of her initial registration at the beginning [or in the course] of the respective season remains unchanged until the end of the season).
 - The Club and its National Federation are jointly and severally responsible for the eligibility of Club's players at all times and will bear the consequences of any infractions of the Regulations governing the EuroCup Women, the Competitions Regulations of FIBA Europe and the FIBA Internal Regulations governing Eligibility, National Status, International Transfer and Age of Players.

21. LICENCES

- 21.1 FIBA "B" Licences for Players are subject to a payment.
- 21.2 If a club does not qualify for the next round of the competition, a FIBA "A" Licence for Foreign Players may be requested upon cancellation of the FIBA "B" Licence for Players. This procedure is valid only as long as the player continues to play with the club.

22. PRELIMINARY ROSTER

- 22.1 National Federations shall enter into the FIBA Management and Administration Platform (MAP) all Preliminary Rosters for clubs participating in FIBA European Club Competitions.
- 22.2 The Preliminary Roster will open in the FIBA Management and Administration Platform (MAP) sixty (60) days prior to the start of the competition.

- 22.3 All necessary documents to establish the eligibility of players must be uploaded in the FIBA Management and Administration Platform (MAP) by the given deadlines:
 - Qualifiers: Preliminary Roster opens on <u>Sunday 23rd July 2023</u> and closes on <u>Friday 15th September 2023</u> (last day for changes)
 - Regular Season: Preliminary Roster opens on <u>Sunday 13th August 2023</u> and closes on <u>Friday 26th October 2023</u> (last day for changes)
- 22.4 The Preliminary Roster is considered as being "final and irrevocable" at noon **three (3) working days** before the first game of the <u>Qualifiers</u> and the <u>Regular Season</u>.
- 22.5 Only the FIBA Europe date is valid for the above-given deadlines regardless of whether the club changed the date of the first game at the Draw.

23. PROCEDURE FOR CHANGES

- 23.1 Any changes must be made by the club through its National Federation.
- 23.2 For the Clubs participating in the Regular Season, up to three (3) Players of any given nationality may be added / replaced on the Club Delegation Roster from Friday 13th October 2023 until Sunday 31st December 2023. Two (2) more additions /replacements up to five (5) including Regular Season and Play-Off Round 1- of Players of any given nationality will be allowed until Tuesday 20th February 2024. Such changes cannot be made from Wednesday 13th December 2023 until Thursday 21st December 2023 and from Wednesday 10th January 2024 until Thursday 18th January 2024.
- 23.3 Any of those five (5) additions/replacements to the Club Delegation Roster must be finalised, i.e. the complete documentation (including the Letter of Clearance) must be submitted in MAP by the National Federation by specific days. For games taking place on Tuesday or Wednesday of a given week, documents must be received by no later than Monday at 16:00 CET. For games taking place on Thursday or Friday, documents must be received by no later than Tuesday at 16:00 CET.

	EUROCUP WOMEN 2022-2023 DEADLINES				
QR 15/09/2023	from 29/09/2023 until 06/10/2023	RS 06/10/2023	from 13/10/2023 until 31/12/2023	from 01/01/2024 until 20/02/2024	from 21/02/2024
Qualification Round Preliminary Roster deadline	For clubs that qualify to the RS from the QR and from ELW changes are allowed from 14.10.2022 until 21.10.2022 (changes valid for RS only)	Regular Season Preliminary Roster deadline	3 additions / replacements no changes from 13.12.2023 until 21.12.2023	2 more additions / replacements (up to 5 including Regular Season & Playoff Round 1) no changes from 10.01.2024 until 18.01.2024	NO MORE CHANGES

- 23.4. Each club participating in EuroCup Women may register U20 players without it counting towards the additions/replacements as follows:
- 23.4.1 U20 players who meet the following requirements are exempt from the limit of five (5) additions or replacements:
 - a. They hold the legal nationality of a country or countries belonging to the European Zone;
 - b. They have had the legal nationality of a country outside of the European Zone and acquired the legal nationality of a country belonging to the European Zone before the age of sixteen (16); For the purpose of Art. 23.4.1 above, the player's passport will be considered by FIBA Europe as the principle mean of evidence to support the acquisition and date of acquisition of a given nationality.
- 23.4.2 To be eligible, players must be part of the club's youth structure and already registered in their youth/senior teams for the current season. They cannot be new signings from another club.
- 23.4.3 The age limit for U20 is defined as players who are 20 years old or younger on the first day of a competition's season. To determine the age limit, subtract 20 from the year in which the competition begins, with the understanding that the year begins on January 1st. For example, for the 2023/2024 season, players born on or after January 1st, 2003, are considered U20.

VI. FINALS

- 1. The respective National Federations shall assist FIBA Europe and its Executive Director in supervising the organisation of the games of the Finals both before and after they have taken place.
- 2. FIBA Europe will provide organisational details and a list of equipment regarding the Finals for the **EuroCup Women** (**ECW**). All requirements are obligatory for the organising club.

VII. FINANCES

24. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

24.1 Officiating fee (net of all deductions) for commissioner, referees and single judge

<u>Qualifiers</u>	Keteree	EUR 300
	Commissioner	EUR 250

Regular Season, Play-Off Round 1RefereeEUR 400& Round of 16CommissionerEUR 300

Round of 8 to FinalsRefereeEUR 500CommissionerEUR 400Single JudgeEUR 400Referee InstructorEUR 400

The Host Club shall take care of all logistics (transportation, accommodation, fees, meals) of the Referees and the Commissioner. No other involvement or interference (e.g. entertainment program) by a Club in the Officials' schedule and logistics is allowed. The booking of flight tickets directly by the Officials shall only be done upon approval of the host club. FIBA Europe may issue detailed guidelines governing the relation between clubs and Officials.

24.2 "B" Licences for Players are subject to a payment to FIBA Europe

"B" Licences for Players (per player) EUR 75

24.3 All participating clubs shall pay to FIBA Europe:

Registration fee EUR 500
Single insurance premium EUR 100

- 24.4 Terms of Payment to FIBA Europe and/or the entity designated by FIBA Europe.
- 24.4.1 In accordance with the tax regulations in force in the Federal Republic of Germany, invoices may be subject to German Value Added Tax (VAT).
- 24.4.2 Moreover, fees and dues, rights, participation fees, fines or any other amounts invoiced must be paid to FIBA Europe and/ or the entity designated by FIBA Europe in full, i. e. <u>without any deductions</u> (bank charges, etc.) and on receipt of invoice (except registration fees and insurance fees which are due on the given dates).
- 24.4.3 Any redistribution of income to the participants will be made in accordance with the present German tax regulations.
- 24.4.4 The host club is responsible for customs clearance and all related costs of shipments from FIBA Europe. The host club must also provide FIBA Europe with all the necessary information and/or documentation for the customs clearance. Any costs relating to missing information or incomplete information/documentation will be charged to the host club.

25. GAME VIDEOS ONLINE PLATFORM

- 25.1 The home team will provide a copy of the game video on USB to the opponent before they leave the venue.
- 25.2 The home team will upload the game video within 24 hours to the online platform provided by FIBA Europe.
- 25.3 Third parties will be able to download game videos from the online platform provided by FIBA Europe.

Note: The use of this platform is mandatory for all clubs.

VIII. GENERAL NOTE

<u>In addition</u> to these Regulations, <u>all provisions</u> of the FIBA Europe Competitions Regulations, the Regulations for European Club Competitions and the Official Basketball Rules are valid for this competition. In case of conflict or discrepancy, the present Regulations will prevail.

IX. SUMMARY OF DEADLINES

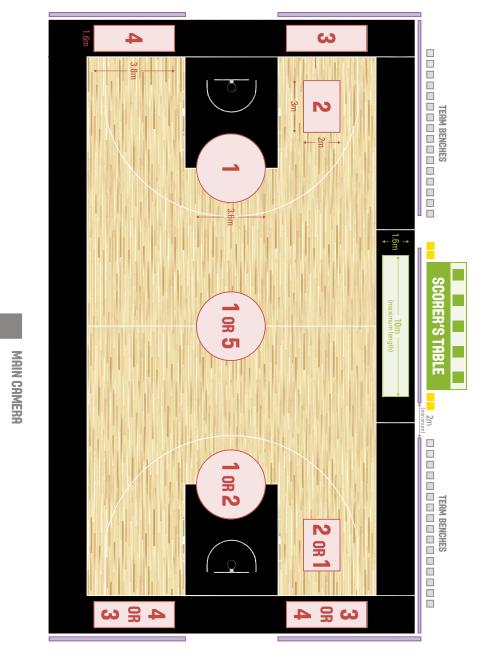
	28.06.2023	Registration of club by National Federation
Art. 8.3.2	05.07.2023	Registration of club: Arbitration Agreement Playing hall information
Art. 8.1, 8.2	05.07.2023	Payment of: 1. Financial guarantee (deposit) 2. Registration fee 3. Single insurance premium
	05.07.2023	Official name of club
Art. 22	15.09.2023	Qualification Round - Preliminary Roster
	06.10.2023	Regular Season - Preliminary Roster
Art. 23	From 13.10.2023 until 31.12.2023	3 additions / replacements can be made on the Preliminary Roster No changes allowed between 13.12.2023 and 21.12.2023.
Art. 23	From 01.01.2024 until 20.02.2024	2 more additions / replacements can be made on the Preliminary Roster No changes allowed between 10.01.2024 and 18.01.2024.
Art. 23	21.02.2024	No more changes to the Preliminary roster.

X. **ANNEX I: COURT LAYOUT OF THE EUROCUP WOMEN (ECW)**

Note: This court layout is not valid for the ECW Finals. A detailed court layout will be provided to the host clubs of the Finals at

a later stage.

of both backboards. Positions 1 to 5 are advertising possibilities for the host team. EuroCup Women sticker on the right bottom corner (facing the basket) (design, size and sponsor) Spaces with the same numbers must contain identical advertising



Advertising Boards Host Country, Host City or Arena Branding (when applicable)

26. FIBA LOGO & EUROCUP WOMEN LOGO

FIBA Europe is working on a new brand identity for the EuroCup Women Season 2023-2024 and will inform all clubs accordingly in due time.

- 26.1 The EuroCup Women logo must be put as a link on every club's website fourteen (14) days prior to the first (1st) game.
- 26.2 FIBA Europe will deliver one (1) EuroCup Women (ECW) flag displaying the competition logo to each club. The flag will be free of charge for the club. The flag must be displayed prominently in the gym during the game.
- 26.3 The competition backboard stickers must appear on the lower right corner (when looking at the basket) of each backboard.
- 26.4 The players' shirts must bear the competition logo.
- 26.5 The competition logo must appear on the backdrop during press conferences.
- 26.6 All printed material and tickets must bear the competition logo. FIBA Europe will provide the Clubs with some templates for print material

27. STANDARDS

- 27.1 No official national anthems will be played at the games.
- 27.2 The FIBA "official song" must be played during all games according the official protocol as provided by the Offices of FIBA Europe.
- 27.3 Coach, assistant coaches and all other people on the bench other than the players and any person having specific working duties such as a physiotherapist, are required to be formally dressed.
- 27.4 Hotels and hospitality must be of good quality.
- 27.5 The Commissioner will contact the opponents to ensure accommodation and food standards are appropriate.
- 27.6 The Arenas must fulfil the required standards according to the Regulations.
- 27.7 A FIBA Europe Representative might visit the facilities to ensure the high level required.
- 27.8 The official FIBA statistics software must be used for all games.
- 27.9. Any clubs that uses digital advertising boards (LEDs), shall guarantee at least three (3) lines for FIBA sponsors or promotional messages. FIBA shall inform the clubs in due time about the messages to be displayed and will provide the relevant templates (the club should finalise the layouts) to the club.
- 27.10 There will be a presentation of players at all ECW games according to the standard of FIBA Europe.

XI. MEDIA AND BROADCASTING

28. PREAMBLE

Every game organised under the auspices of FIBA Europe, be it at club or national team level, must adhere to same standards in regard to media operations and services as well as media related obligations of the organising Federation and/or club ("Organiser") towards FIBA Europe/FIBA.

All media obligations described below may be subject to updates, based on decisions by the FIBA Europe Board or the evolution of the relevant competitions. The FIBA Communications office (communications-europe@fiba.basketball) shall inform the Organisers in due time of any such updates.

29. MEDIA AND BROADCASTING RIGHTS

FIBA Europe/FIBA is the sole owner of all media and broadcast rights for all FIBA Europe competitions, including all digital and betting/data rights, and it may, in its sole discretion, transfer part or all those rights to game organisers.

The distribution or transfer of such rights will always be specified in writing in related event guidelines and/or manuals or clearly defined under the specific competition regulations.

FIBA Europe makes active use of modern technology for the promotion of the sport of basketball and the FIBA name, for example by means of websites, video material and/or social media. 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, clubs, or LOCs 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, league or club website).

- ▶ FIBA Europe shall have the right to link up to any website produced by a National Federation affiliated to FIBA, clubs or LOCs.
- National Federations affiliated to FIBA, clubs or LOCs are permitted with prior approval from FIBA Europe to make use of such information for non-commercial purposes.
- National Federations affiliated to FIBA, clubs or LOCs must show the primary FIBA logo on their own Web site and must create a link up to FIBA Europe's website.
- FIBA Europe is solely responsible for creating and maintaining the official website and all official social media channels of the competition.
- If a live or delayed broadcast (TV) signal is available for any given FIBA Europe competition and/or game, FIBA Europe may request the free delivery of this signal on a pan-European satellite, in digital format as Live ("stream") and/or after the game ("VOD").
- FIBA Europe may also request broadcast quality copies of footage of an entire game or parts of it in different formats (e.g. digitised copy or broadcast tape).

30. RIGHTS TO IMAGES

FIBA Europe has the right to use photographs or video material of players, officials, etc. taken during those official FIBA Europe competitions for communication, marketing, media and other licensing activities.

In the event that, for legal reasons, such use requires the consent of a particular individual, the National Federation or club involved must ensure that such consent is obtained from or waived by the individual. FIBA Europe may require a specific form to be signed by the individual to this effect and be returned to FIBA Europe.

31. TV AND STREAMING OBLIGATIONS AND OPERATIONS

Specifically, for the EuroCup Women 2023-2024 season and unless communicated differently through a competition Rights and Production Manual before the start of the season, the following apply:

- ▶ All clubs must deliver a live feed of their home games for streaming on the official digital channel(s) of FIBA.
- ▶ The minimum standard of production for the Qualifiers, Regular Season and Round of 16 is 2 human-operated cameras (1 is wide angle and 1 tight shot).
- The minimum standard of production for the Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals is a 5-camera production and mandatory use of the simple version of the IRS (Instant Replay System), called RVSS (Referree Video Support System). Details will be provided during the season.
- ▶ Production of a stream, using unmanned/robotic automated camera systems is not recommended. Clubs must always notify FIBA if they plan to use an automated camera system to facilitate their streaming production.
- All organisers can conclude broadcasting deals and produce their home games for TV, retaining related income from national territory rights (except for the Semi-Finals and the two legs of the Final).

- → Organisers can either encode that TV signal to deliver the official streaming or use a separate production, provided that TV production standard is not inferior to the required streaming production standard.
- All games must be produced using graphics (minimum acceptable standard is score; clock; shot-clock).
- Only the official FIBA event-specific TV graphics can be used. FIBA Communications will always provide the official TV graphics templates and other production-related guidelines such as competition-related graphic elements and running orders (rundowns).
- ▶ All digital rights at any stage of the competition remain with FIBA Europe.
- FIBA Europe will exploit its rights through its marketing department or a subsidiary created for this purpose. This includes but is not limited to, first, second and third party rights of a game produced for TV in any of its competitions.
- If a game is nominated as Game of the Week or in case of special TV-related projects, a maximum of two (2) FIBA Communications staff might be in attendance. They will arrive the day before the game and the club shall cover their related expenses, e.g. accommodation, for up to two (2) nights.

32. TEAM PRESS OFFICERS

All Organisers are obliged to designate a person to be responsible for all media operations (Team Press Officer). They shall inform FIBA Communications office of this person's name and contact details in due course.

It is the Press Officer's duty to welcome the journalists, handle all media needs before, during and post- game including the moderation of the post-game press conference.

The Press Officer will work in close co-operation with the FIBA Communications department and inform them on a regular basis of all news regarding his/her team, such as quotes, injuries, player transfer etc.

Each Press Officer is responsible to always send information, including postgame quotes of his/her respective team, regardless whether it was the home or away team.

33. VENUE MEDIA OPERATIONS

33.1 MEDIA ACCREDITATIONS

Media accreditations for individual games are care of the Organisers, however FIBA Europe reserves the right to advise the Organisers on the method used to accredit media for a particular game.

For all competitions in a tournament format, the accreditation process is the responsibility of FIBA Europe who may or may not pass that on to the Organisers.

33.2 MEDIA SEATING

In addition to the seats reserved for spectators, a sufficient number of seats equipped with a work surface (tabled-seats) must be reserved for journalists in a media tribune in every venue.

33.3 MEDIA WORKING ROOM

The Organisers shall provide, within the area of the hall and close to the media tribune, a working area reserved entirely for the media, equipped with tables, power outlets and high quality broadband internet.

33.4 MIXED 70NF

The Organisers shall provide a Mixed Zone where the media meet the players to contact interviews, following the game. This area should be adjacent or very close to the exit of the players from the court, in a quiet, well-lit location and preferably close to the other media areas.

33.5 MEDIA PARKING

Sufficient parking space shall be reserved for use by media and clearly marked in the venue parking area.

33.6 GAME PRESS KITS

The Organisers will make their best effort to prepare and distribute a game press kit to the media, containing a maximum of information on the competition, the two teams, the venue, the commissioner/technical delegate and game officials, the time of the game and general information concerning the hall and the venue.

33.7 INTERNET

Full broadband internet should be available for use by the attending media in all venues and all games. A dedicated bandwidth of a minimum 50-100 Mbits upload must be reserved for the purposes of the delivery of streaming.

34. SOCIAL MEDIA

The Organisers shall respect the FIBA Europe policy of the relevant competition on social media

35. TEAM MEDIA AVAILABILITY

The following are mandatory for any competition for both home and visiting teams:

- Media minutes at training sessions: the training sessions are by definition closed to the public and the media unless requested otherwise by a team. Even if a training session is closed to the media the last five (5) minutes should be opened to photographers and camera crews while the coaches and players must make themselves available for media interviews after the end of each training session for at least 10 minutes (media minutes). For shorter sessions of sixty (60) minutes or less, only the last five (5) minutes are media minutes.
- ▶ Post-game press conference: no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the game the Head coach plus a player who played a significant part in the game must attend a post-game press conference (in a home and away format: the visiting team attends first, followed by the home team).
- ▶ The press conference must be conducted in English and, where possible, 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. Teams are responsible for providing translation to/from English for those team members who attend press conferences but do not speak English.

36. PRE-SEASON AND GAME DAY OBLIGATIONS

Unless indicated otherwise in competition-specific manuals or guidelines all teams must provide the following:

36.1 PRE-SEASON

- ▶ High quality headshots of their players and coaching staff prior to the start of the season.
- Their team/club logos in high quality vector format.
- **№** Contact details of their Press Officer and their streaming and/or broadcasters.
- **№** Roster updates.
- **№** Other information about their team/club as requested by FIBA Communications.

36.2 GAME DAY PHOTOS

- During game days a minimum of eight (8) photos by/during half-time in the game, including key players from both the home and away team. A further minimum of eight (8) photos must also be submitted following the game. Good quality pictures of off the ball action are also acceptable. Photos of the crowd, post-game celebrations etc. can be submitted but do not count towards the eight obligatory photos.
- The FIBA BBM must be used to submit photos. The photographer assigned by the club/federation/FIBA will be given access to the BBM and instructions on how to upload the photographs. 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.)
 - No empty seats should be visible in any of the photos
 - No empty spaces (walls) should be visible in any of the photos
 - ▶ Photos should NEVER be watermarked
 - ▶ No cropping, no shrinking of the original file (colour correction is acceptable but not necessary)

Failure to comply with the above may incur administrative fines (as per Article 70.7 of the Regulations for European Club Competitions).

36.3 POST-GAME QUOTES

Team Press Officers may be requested to forward to FIBA Communications post-game quotes by their respective team's coach and at least one player after each game, home or away. Those quotes can be collected at official post-game press conferences or otherwise. The quotes must be forwarded by email to communications-europe@fiba.basketball

