

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE
EUROLEAGUE WOMEN
2018/2019



EuroLeague
Women

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I. ADMINISTRATION

1. COMPETITION

- 1.1 The **EuroLeague Women (ELW)** 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 **EuroLeague Women (ELW)**.

3. GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CLUBS

- 3.1 A General Assembly of the clubs shall be held at the FINAL FOUR and at any other time as necessary. The FIBA Executive Director Europe shall preside over the General Assembly of the Clubs.

4. COMMUNICATION

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

5. WORKSHOP FOR STATISTICIANS

- 5.1 Only FIBA licensed statisticians are entitled to work in any game of the EuroLeague Women.
- 5.2 All National Federations are expected to organise FIBA endorsed workshops within their country in order to get statisticians licensed.
- 5.3 If necessary FIBA Europe might also organise a central workshop before the start of the season.

II. RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2018/2019 SEASON

6. NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

6.1 The composition of the **EuroLeague (ELW)** Regular Season will be as follows:

↘ 15 clubs determined by the ranking of National Federations and of the clubs	15
↘ 1 Champion of the EuroLeague Women 2017/2018	1
	16 clubs

6.2 Should more than sixteen (16) clubs register for 2018/2019 season, then a Qualifying Round will be played to determine the sixteen (16) clubs that will play in the Regular Season.

6.3 Any National Federation which is a member of FIBA is entitled, in accordance with the ranking of National Federations and 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 **EuroLeague Women (ELW)**.

6.4 Should the club(s) of the National Federation(s) not use its (their) right to the place(s) in the **EuroLeague Women (ELW)**, then FIBA Europe shall decide on the reallocation of such place(s).

6.5 One National Federation may not have more than **three (3) clubs** in the **EuroLeague Women (ELW)**.

7. CLUBS

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

- The deposit of 10,000 EUR will be transferred by the given deadline in accordance to Article 9 of these Regulations.
- The registration fee of 2,500 EUR will be transferred by the given deadline in accordance to Article 9 of these Regulations.
- The playing hall and all basketball facilities are according to the Official Basketball Rules and FIBA Europe Regulations, in particular clear of all non-basketball lines.
- The playing hall has to have a seating capacity of **2,000** seats.
- The club hotel has to be top international standard category.
- Quality meals in sufficient quantities must be prepared and guaranteed for the visiting club and FIBA Europe Officials.
- All requirements as stated in Annex I, II and III are obligatory.

8. EVALUATION OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATIONS FOR THE 2018/2019 SEASON

8.1 The results are evaluated as follows:

CUP	ROUND	PLACE	POINTS	
ELW	RS	8	12	Regular Season 4 Clubs eliminated; Teams ranked 5 th & 6 th will move to ECW and receive their ranking points there.
		7	16	
		6		
		5		
	QF		40	Quarter-Finals 4 Clubs eliminated
	F4	4	60	Final Four
		3	80	
2		100		
1		128		

8.2 Each club will only receive the maximum number of points obtained during the season in question as per above.

8.3 Each National Federation will accumulate the number of points for all its women's clubs for the season in question.

8.4 The final ranking will always be based on the results of the last three (3) European Club Competition seasons.

9. REGISTRATION OF CLUBS

9.1 Registration Fee

9.1.1 The participation fee for the **EuroLeague Women (ELW)** is

- EUR 2,500: Registration fee
- EUR 100: Single insurance premium

9.1.2 The registration fee and the single insurance premium will **not be reimbursed** to the club, if the club withdraws or forfeits after having registered. In such a case the FIBA Europe Regulations for Club Competitions, Articles 55 to 58 will be applied in full.

9.2 Financial guarantee (deposit)

- EUR 10,000: Financial guarantee (deposit)

9.2.1 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.

9.2.2 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 Regulations,
- **Partially**, if the club has not fulfilled its obligations according to the FIBA Europe 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 withdraws or forfeits after having registered. In such a case the FIBA Europe Regulations for Club Competitions, Articles 55, 56 and 58 will be applied in full.

9.3 Terms of payments

9.3.1 Payment for participation shall be made by **Wednesday, 27th June 2018** at the latest.

A good copy of bank transfer (Financial guarantee EUR 10,000, registration fee EUR 2,500 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

9.3.2 Registrations for the EuroLeague Women will not be accepted unless accompanied by all documents foreseen in the Regulations for European Club Competitions, Articles 11.1 to 11.4, duly completed and signed.

III. CALENDAR

10. GENERAL CALENDAR OF EUROLEAGUE WOMEN (ELW)

FIBA Europe date: **Wednesday**

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

ELW			
2018	July	5	DRAW
	OCT	9	QR (if necessary)
		12	QR (if necessary)
		24	RS - 1
		31	RS - 2
	NOV	7	RS - 3
		28	RS - 4
	DEC	5	RS - 5
		12	RS - 6
		19	RS - 7
2019	JAN	9	RS - 8
		16	RS - 9
		23	RS - 10
		30	RS - 11
	FEB	6	RS - 12
		13	RS - 13
		20	RS - 14
	MAR	5	QF - 1
		8	QF - 2
		13	QF - 3
	APR	12	FINAL FOUR
		13	
		14	

QR Qualifying Round

RS Regular Season

QF Quarter- Finals

11. DRAW

11.1 All clubs taking part in the **EuroLeague Women (ELW)** must have a representative present at the Draw of the EuroLeague Women clubs on **Thursday, 5th July 2018** in Munich, Federal Republic of Germany. The General Assembly of the Clubs will be held during the Final Four in April 2019.

IMPORTANT: At the Draw the following will be decided:

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

IV. SYSTEM OF COMPETITION

12. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- 12.1 The system of competition for the **EuroLeague Women (ELW)** is determined by the decision of FIBA Europe based on the proposal of the Competitions' Commission.
- 12.2 In principle, the games of the **EuroLeague Women (ELW)** are played on **Wednesday** (FIBA Europe date) or on **Thursday**.
- 12.3 The exact dates of the games for **Regular Season** will be established at the draw.
Note: No date changes will be accepted twenty (20) days or less before a game is scheduled.
- 12.4 Not more than three (3) clubs from one (1) country can participate under any circumstances.
 A maximum of two (2) clubs from the same country can be in the same group.
 In case, there are no more than two (2) countries which are represented by three (3) clubs, each group shall only have one (1) country that is represented by two clubs.
 In case, there are three (3) or more countries which are represented by three (3) clubs, one (1) group will have a maximum two (2) countries that is represented by two (2) clubs.
 In case, there are exactly two (2) clubs from the same country, these clubs shall be drawn into different groups.
- 12.5 Teams not qualified for the **EuroLeague Women** competition 2018/2019 from the possible Qualifying Round of the **EuroLeague Women** will be seeded automatically for the Regular Season of the **EuroCup Women** competition 2018/2019.

The system of competition for the EuroLeague Women (ELW) is as follows:

13. REGULAR SEASON

- 13.1 In accordance with Article 12.4., the sixteen (16) clubs will be divided by draw into two (2) groups (A and B) of eight (8) clubs each. Each club will play the other clubs in its own group in home and away games.
 The order of the games as per FIBA Regulations will be as follows:

Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8 - 1	1 - 7	6 - 1	1 - 5	4 - 1	1 - 3	2 - 1
	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
Day	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	1 - 8	7 - 1	1 - 6	5 - 1	1 - 4	3 - 1	1 - 2
	7 - 2	6 - 8	5 - 7	4 - 6	3 - 5	2 - 4	8 - 3
	3 - 6	2 - 5	8 - 4	7 - 3	6 - 2	5 - 8	4 - 7
	5 - 4	4 - 3	3 - 2	2 - 8	8 - 7	7 - 6	6 - 5

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

The four (4) best placed teams from each group qualify for the Quarter-Finals.

The 5th & 6th placed teams from each group move to the EuroCup Women.

14. QUARTER-FINALS

- 14.1 The games of the Quarter-Finals will be played Tuesday & Friday of the same week and Wednesday of the following week (if necessary).
- 14.2 Each qualified club will play two (2) or three (3) games, and the better placed teams during Regular Season will always play the 1st game and the 3rd game (if required) at home.
- 14.3 The eight (8) clubs qualified from **Regular Season** will play 'best of three' (max. 3 games) as follows:

1.	A 1 vs B 4
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2.	A 2 vs B 3
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3.	B 1 vs A 4
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4.	B 2 vs A 3
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- 14.4 The winners of the Quarter-Finals will qualify for the Final Four.

15. FINAL FOUR

- 15.1 The four (4) clubs qualified from the **Quarter-Finals** will play as follows:

5.	Winner 1 vs Winner 4
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6.	Winner 2 vs Winner 3
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- 15.2 The winners of these games will qualify for the Final (Winner 5 vs Winner 6). The losers will play for the third place (Loser 5 vs Loser 6).
- 15.3 The games of the Final Four will be played on **Friday** and **Sunday**.

V. PLAYERS

All provisions in the Regulations governing the FIBA Europe Club Competitions apply unless stated otherwise in these regulations.

16. PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS:

- 16.1 The principle of free circulation within FIBA Europe applies to the European Club Competitions for nationals/citizens from Countries belonging to the European Zone.
- 16.2 Each club participating in the EuroLeague Women may register an unlimited number of players who:
- 16.2.1 Have **only** the Legal Nationality of a Country or Countries belonging the European Zone; **or**
- 16.2.2 Have played for the national team of a Country belonging to the European Zone in a main official competition of FIBA or FIBA Europe; **or**
- 16.2.3 Have the legal nationality of a Country that does not belong to the European Zone, 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) and have never played for the national team of a Country not belonging to the European Zone in a main official competition of FIBA or another FIBA Zone.
- 16.3 Each club participating in the EuroLeague Women may register a maximum of **two (2) players** who:
- 16.3.1 Do not have the Legal Nationality of a Country belonging to the European Zone; **or**
- 16.3.2 Have played for the national team of a Country not belonging to the European Zone in a main official competition of FIBA or another FIBA Zone.
- 16.3.3 Each club participating in the EuroLeague Women may **also** register a maximum of **one (1) player** who has the Legal Nationality of a Country that does not belong to the European Zone, 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) and has never played for a national team of a National Federation member of FIBA in a main official competition of FIBA.”
- 16.4 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 his/her initial registration at the beginning [or in the course] of the respective season remains unchanged until the end of the season).

17. LICENCES

- 17.1 FIBA “B” Licences for Players are subject to a payment.
- 17.2 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.

18. PRELIMINARY ROSTER

- 18.1 National Federations should maintain in the FIBA Management and Administration Platform (MAP) all Preliminary Rosters for clubs engaged in FIBA European Club Competitions.
- 18.2 The Preliminary Roster will open in the FIBA Management and Administration Platform (MAP) sixty (60) days prior to the start of the competition.
- 18.3 All necessary documents to establish the eligibility of players must be uploaded in the FIBA Management and Administration Platform (MAP) by the given deadlines:
Qualification Round 1: Preliminary Roster opens on [Friday 10th August 2018](#) and closes on [Wednesday 3rd October 2018](#)
Regular Season: Preliminary Roster opens on [Monday 27th August 2018](#) and closes on [Thursday 18th October 2018](#)
- 18.4 The Preliminary Roster is considered as being “final and irrevocable” at noon [three \(3\) working days](#) before the first game of the Qualification Round and the Regular Season.
- 18.5 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.

19. PROCEDURE FOR CHANGES

- 19.1 Any changes must be made by the club through its National Federation.
- 19.2 Four (4) players of any given nationality can be changed on the Preliminary Roster from **Thursday, 25th October 2018** until **Tuesday, 27th February 2019**, three (3) working days before the first game of the Quarter Final Play-Offs.
- 19.3 However, any of those four (4) additions/replacements to the Preliminary Roster must be made three (3) working days before the first game of the additional/replaced player. Example: Game date Thursday, 29th November 2018, documents must be received by no later than Friday, 23rd November 2018.
- 19.4 Players will be allowed to change from one club to another within the European Club Competitions.

DEADLINES FOR REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

Qualification Round: **03.10.2018** **Quarter-Finals:** **Finals:**
 Regular Season: **18.10.2018** **25.10.2018** **27.02.2019** **14.04.2019**

Preliminary Roster and necessary documents	No changes	4 more additions/replacements	NO MORE CHANGES
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VI. FINAL FOUR

20. ORGANISER

- 20.1 All clubs participating in the EuroLeague Women (ELW) competition are entitled to submit their candidature to organise the Final Four.
- 20.2 FIBA Europe, in its discretion may decide to assign the host of the Final Four among any club participating in the ELW after the completion of the Quarter-Finals.
- 20.3 In principle, the Final Four will be played from **Friday to Sunday**.
- 20.4 The sports hall must have a seating capacity of a minimum of **4,000**.
- 20.5 All organisational details will be communicated to all participating clubs of the respective season once these clubs are confirmed.

Note: The Final Four is considered as a tournament; therefore, the team will be composed of the **same 12 Players** for all games of the Final Four.

No changes to the "Game List of Players" are accepted after the given deadlines.

VII. FINANCES

21. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

- 21.1 Officiating fee (net of all deductions) for commissioner, referees and single judge
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|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------|
| Qualifying Round (per game): | Referee | EUR 300 |
| | Commissioner | EUR 200 |
| Regular Season (per game): | Referee | EUR 350 |
| | Commissioner | EUR 250 |
| Quarter-Finals (per game) | Referee | EUR 400 |
| | Commissioner | EUR 300 |
| Final Four (per tournament): | Referee | EUR 800 |
| | Commissioner | EUR 600 |
| | Single Judge | EUR 800 |
| | Referee Coach | EUR 600 |
- The payment of fees and expenses of all Officials must **ONLY** be made by bank transfer.
- 21.2 "B" Licences for Players are subject to a payment to FIBA Europe
 "B" Licences for Players (per player / unlimited changes only) EUR 100
- 21.3 All participating clubs delivering the streaming of the Regular Season & Play-Off games according to the requirements, will receive from FIBA Europe a financial support of 10,000 EUR for that purpose.
- 21.4 All participating clubs shall pay to FIBA Europe:
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|--------------------------|-----------|
| Registration Fee | EUR 2,500 |
| Single insurance premium | EUR 100 |
- 21.5 FIBA Europe will cover the cost of **the two (2) ELW floor stickers** per participating club.
 Any additional set (two (2) floor stickers; EUR 400 plus shipping costs) will be invoiced to the club.
- 21.6 For each failure to use the ELW logo as stated in Annex I, Article 22. EUR 1,000
- 21.7 Terms of Payment to FIBA Europe and/or the entity designated by FIBA Europe.
- 21.7.1 In accordance with the tax regulations in force in the Federal Republic of Germany, invoices may be subject to German Value Added Tax (VAT).
- 21.7.2 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. **without any deductions** (bank charges, etc.) and on receipt of invoice (except registration fees and insurance fees which are due on the given dates).
- 21.7.3 Any redistribution of income to the participants will be made in accordance with the present German tax regulations.
- 21.7.4 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.

VIII. GENERAL NOTE

In addition to these Regulations, all provisions of the FIBA Europe Competitions Regulations, the Regulations governing the FIBA Europe 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

	20.06.2018	Registration of club by National Federation
Art. 9., 9.3.2	27.06.2018	Registration of club: Arbitration Agreement Playing hall information
Art. 9.1, 9.2	27.06.2018	Payment of: 1. Financial guarantee (deposit) 2. Registration fee 3. Single insurance premium
	01.09.2018	Official name of club and colours for home and away uniforms
Art. 18	03.10.2018	Qualification Round: Preliminary Roster
	18.10.2018	Regular Season: Preliminary Roster
Art. 19	From 25.10.2018 until 27.02.2019	Four (4) players can be changed on the Preliminary Roster
Art. 19	28.02.2019	No more changes to the Preliminary Roster

X. ANNEX I: DECISIONS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES OF CLUBS

The following regulations are based on the decisions taken by the previous General Assemblies of clubs.

22. FIBA LOGO & EUROLEAGUE WOMEN (ELW) LOGO

- 22.1 The FIBA logo must be put as a link on every club's website fourteen (14) days prior to the first (1st) game.
- 22.2 FIBA Europe will deliver one (1) **EuroLeague Women (ELW)** flag free of charge to each club. The **EuroLeague Women (ELW)** flag must be displayed prominently in the gym during the game.
- 22.3 FIBA Europe will deliver to each club two (2) **EuroLeague Women (ELW)** floor stickers to be placed on the floor. The **EuroLeague Women (ELW)** floor stickers must appear on the playing court as shown in Annex III.
- 22.4 The **EuroLeague Women (ELW)** logo shall be displayed as a regular part of the advertising sequence on all of the rotating/digital advertising boards.
- 22.5 The **EuroLeague Women (ELW)** backboard stickers must appear on the lower right corner (when looking at the basket) of each backboard.
- 22.6 The players' shirts must bear the **EuroLeague Women (ELW)** logo.
- 22.7 The **EuroLeague Women (ELW)** logo must appear on the backdrop during press conferences.
- 22.8 All printed material and tickets must bear the competition logo.

23. STANDARDS

- 23.1 No official national anthems will be played at the games.
- 23.2 The FIBA "official song" must be played during all games according to the official protocol as provided by the Offices of FIBA Europe.
- 23.3 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, must be formally dressed.
- 23.4 Hotels and hospitality must be of good quality.
- 23.5 Hotels questionnaire must be filled out.
- 23.6 It is obligatory to have a massage table in the hotel and a massage table, flip chart and markers in the dressing room.
- 23.7 It is obligatory to have working AED at the home venue for every practice and game of the home and visiting teams.
- 23.8 The hosting club must provide a top level bus at the disposal of the visiting team (minimum of 24 seats) for the duration of their stay at its own expense.
- 23.9 Commissioner will contact the opponents to ensure accommodation and food standards are appropriate.
- 23.10 Arenas must fulfil the required standards according to the Regulations.
- 23.11 FIBA Europe Representative might visit the facilities to ensure the high level required.
- 23.12 The official FIBA statistics software must be used for all games.

24. OFFICIAL SPONSORS

- 24.1 Each club, which does not already have access to rotating or digital advertising boards, will acquire them for **EuroLeague Women (ELW)** games as stated in the Regulations.
- 24.2 Every arena must have a minimum of twenty-eight (28) meters of rotating/digital advertising boards and placed according to the court layout for ELW (page 16). The camera must be positioned opposite the advertising boards to give maximum exposure for sponsors.
- 24.3 The clubs agreed to guarantee at least two (2) lines for FIBA sponsors. If the sponsors have not been secured, the lines will be available for the Clubs' own use (clubs will be informed beginning of September).

25. GAME VIDEOS ONLINE PLATFORM

- 25.1 The home team will hand over to the opponent a copy of the game on USB 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 ELW clubs.

26. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- 26.1 The **EuroLeague Women (ELW)** games will be officiated by three (3) Referees.
- 26.2 There will be a standard presentation of players at all ELW games according to the standard of FIBA Europe.
- 26.3 The Official Ball will be the Molten GL6X and its use by all ELW clubs is obligatory.

27. FURTHER DECISIONS

27.1 Commissioners

FIBA Europe will send neutral commissioners.

XI. ANNEX II: GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE EUROLEAGUE WOMEN CLUBS

The following regulations are based on the decisions taken by the previous General Assemblies of clubs.

28. FINAL FOUR

The hosting fee of the Final 4 is set as an open bid with a minimum of € 200.000.

29. FINANCIAL DISTRIBUTION

29.1 The EuroLeague Women (ELW) net income derived by the entity designated by FIBA Europe will be distributed as follows:

- **20%** to the entity designated by FIBA Europe
- **65%** to be divided equally among the sixteen (16) clubs of the Regular Season.
- **15%** to be divided among the eight (8) clubs of the Quarter-Finals

29.2 Final Four

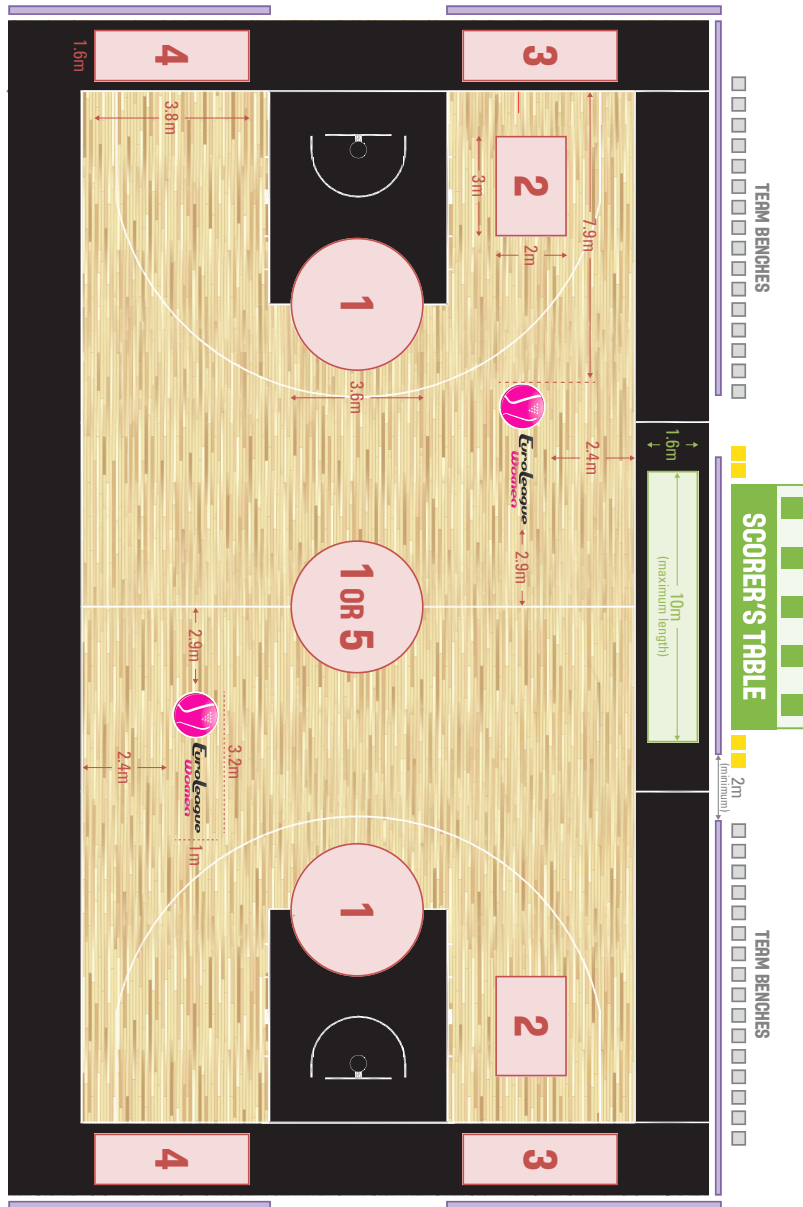
The EuroLeague Women (ELW) Final Four net income derived by the entity designated by FIBA Europe will be distributed as follows:

- **30%** to be divided equally among the sixteen (16) clubs which participated in Regular Season
- **70%** to be divided as follows
 - 10% to the entity designated by FIBA Europe
 - 11% to the organisers
 - 7% to the 4th placed team
 - 10,5% to the 3rd placed team
 - 14% to the 2nd placed team
 - 17,5% to the 1st placed team

29.3 FIBA Europe has granted to a designated entity an exclusive licence to use all of the television, marketing and merchandising rights in connection with all of the events organised under the auspices of FIBA Europe, all payments to clubs will be made by the entity designated by FIBA Europe.

XII. ANNEX III: COURT LAYOUT OF THE EUROLEAGUE WOMEN (ELW)

Note: This court layout is not valid for the ELW Final Four. A detailed court layout will be provided to the organiser of the Final Four at a later stage.



Positions 1 to 5 are advertising possibilities for the host team. Spaces with the same numbers must contain identical advertising (design, size and sponsor).

- Host Country, Host City or Arena Branding (when applicable)

EuroLeague Women on the right bottom corner (facing the basket) of both backboards.

- Advertising Boards

XIII. MEDIA AND BROADCASTING

30. 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.com) shall inform the Organisers in due time of any such updates.

31. 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 internet rights, and it may, in its sole discretion, transfer part or all those rights to the 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.

For the season 2018-19 in particular, all teams and/or clubs can conclude broadcasting deals in their territory for their home games and keep all related revenue (season ending tournaments are excluded).

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.
- The creation of a website for a given FIBA Europe competition shall be done by FIBA Europe.
- 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).

32. RIGHTS TO IMAGES

FIBA Europe and the National Federations and/or clubs involved in FIBA Europe competitions have 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.

33. TV AND STREAMING OBLIGATIONS AND OPERATIONS

Specifically, for the EuroLeague Women 2018-19 season the following apply:

- All clubs must deliver live feed of their home games for streaming on the official digital channel(s) of FIBA.
- In particular, they must deliver a stream of their home games in the Regular Season and Play-offs.
- The minimum production standard for streaming is four (4) or (5) man-held cameras consisting of: one (1) wide angle; one (1) close-up; one (1) below each basket and one (1) (optional) courtside in the middle.
- Production using unmanned, automated (robotic) cameras will not be allowed/accepted.
- All Organisers can conclude broadcasting deals and produce their home games for TV, retaining related income from national territory rights (except for the Final Four).

- Organisers can either encode that TV signal to deliver the official stream 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 graphics or 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).
- Every club participating in the EuroLeague Women season will receive EUR 10,000 as a contribution towards production costs.
- FIBA Europe will produce for TV the season ending Final Four tournament and keep and distribute all broadcasting, digital and marketing rights related to the event.
- Profits from the distribution of the above mentioned rights will be redistributed to the Final Four participating clubs (following deduction of production costs).
- All digital rights for 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 produced for TV, the home club and their broadcaster are obliged to provide an uplink to a satellite for any of the visiting clubs or third parties wishing to televise the game and who should pay related technical costs (unless a reciprocity deal between two broadcasters/clubs is reached). This satellite feed shall be given free of any charge to FIBA Europe if requested by it.
- If a game is nominated as Game of the Week or in the case of special TV-related projects on LiveBasketball.tv or otherwise, 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.

34. 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 He will 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.

35. VENUE MEDIA OPERATIONS

35.1 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.

35.2 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.

35.3 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.

35.4 MIXED ZONE

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.

35.5 MEDIA PARKING

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

35.6 GAME PRESS KITS

The Organisers will make a 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.

35.7 GAME STATISTICS

It is recommended that the official statistics of the game (box score) be distributed to the media in the media tribune, 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.

35.8 INTERNET

Full broadband internet should be available for use by the attending media in all venues and all games.

36. SOCIAL MEDIA

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

37. 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 ten (10) 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. 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.

38. PRE-SEASON AND GAME DAY OBLIGATIONS

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

38.1 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.

38.2 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 70.10 of the Regulations for European Club Competitions).

38.3 POST-GAME QUOTES

Team Press Officers are responsible 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.com

Failure to comply with the above may incur administrative fines (as per Article 70.6 of the Regulations for European Club Competitions).

