

# **FIBA EUROPE COMPETITIONS REGULATIONS**



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### **IMPORTANT**

As the final text of the FIBA Europe Competitions Regulations shall be approved by the Board of FIBA Europe and subsequently submitted for final approval to the FIBA Executive Committee, changes, additions and deletions could be implemented at any time.

All such changes, additions and deletions are published on [www.fiba.com/documents](http://www.fiba.com/documents).

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

### **1. FILING OF CANDIDATURES**

FIBA Europe has the delegated authority by FIBA 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 or by the deadline given by the Offices of FIBA Europe.

### **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.). Depending on the competition, a candidate shall ensure the production of a television signal for international broadcast and provide the necessary equipment for world-wide broadcast of the competition by television, radio and online according to candidature obligations. Details are available from the office of FIBA Europe or through respective competition manuals.

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
- Game and practice arena(s)

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.

This principle shall apply to all international competitions.

#### **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 organisers' proposals for the security for the event and give the necessary input through the FIBA Europe Security Adviser.

In particular, the organisers 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

FIBA Europe, after consultation with the FIBA Europe Security Adviser, shall take - or direct the Organisers to take - any measures appropriate in order to safeguard the safety of the players, officials and fans, including without limitation to decide the postponement, relocation or even cancellation of part or the entirety of the competition.

### 4.4. Duties of the Organisers

The organisers are obliged to respect the general provisions of these Regulations, the relevant Internal Regulations of FIBA 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 relevant Internal Regulations of FIBA 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 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 Local Organising Committee (LOC)

The LOC 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 LOC must work closely and efficiently with all official FIBA Europe bodies responsible for following the organisation of the event.

The LOC 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 LOC 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 filed to the FIBA Appeals' Panel in accordance with the Internal Regulations of FIBA.

### 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 commissioners
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) and spectators.

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 whose teams participate in an official competition must insure all members of their delegation against:

1. Accidents which may occur during travel to and from the location of the competition
2. Accidents which may occur during the competition and for which the organisers are not responsible, and to the extent not already covered above, injury or illness.

Furthermore, National federations who participate in any main official competition of FIBA Europe, must insure the participating players' (existing) ANNUAL contracts, against injuries giving rise to Temporary Total Disablement, that might occur during 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 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 FIBA Small Countries European Championships and the European Youth Championships, 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 any deductions (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 for 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. All fees and dues owed to the officials **must** be paid via bank transfer in full, i.e. without any deductions (bank charges etc.).

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 event-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 accommodation 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 ICT Manual".

6.1.12 To cover all costs related to the necessary medical equipment for the first aid room, ambulance services, and the anti-doping room (defibrillator, resuscitative equipment etc.), and personnel (chaperones, local medical doctors) as defined in the respective "Medical Care and Anti-Doping Guide" and FIBA Internal Regulations governing doping control.

## 6.2. Obligations 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. The international airport must offer multiple regular connections across Europe to qualify as such.

6.2.2 Those responsible for the participating teams are required to facilitate the task of the organisers by avoiding unnecessary expenses.

6.2.3 The participating teams must follow strictly the FIBA Europe "Emergency Action Plan" in case of medical or other emergencies and cooperate fully with the LOC, FIBA Europe commissioner and FIBA Europe representative.

## **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 or teams whose national federation is suspended or no longer a member but have received special approval by the FIBA Central Board to play in one or more under-age competitions.

### **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. Cooperation with the Organisers and FIBA Europe**

Participating teams shall closely cooperate with the organisers and 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 **at all times** for the eligibility of its players registered to play in an official competition of FIBA. The eligibility of players for national or club teams **must** conform to the FIBA Internal Regulations governing the "Eligibility of Players and the National Status of Players."

All transfers of players **must** 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 FIBA Internal Regulations governing the "International Transfer of Players".

## **9. FLAGS AND NATIONAL ANTHEMS**

During FIBA Europe official competitions, only the official 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 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.

For all games, the national anthems of the two teams shall be played.

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

The organiser must provide FIBA Europe with complimentary VIP and first category 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 office 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's marketing and television partners.

All complimentary tickets shall be located in a central position. The exact location shall be approved 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 must be approved by FIBA Europe. A participating national delegation is entitled to a maximum of twenty-seven (27) official accreditations. (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:** All complimentary tickets shall be located in a central position; exact location to be approved by FIBA Europe.

## **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.

A separate tribune with designated seats for the referees, commissioners and instructors must be allocated in agreement with FIBA Europe.

## **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.

The timing of the ceremony must be planned to allow a proper warm-up period of twenty (20) minutes to the teams in the game following the ceremony.

In addition to the short Opening Ceremony, the organiser can (but is not obliged to) arrange an inauguration on the day before the championship. It is not obligatory that all teams attend the Opening Ceremony. In case teams want to attend, the organiser must provide transportation and must make sure that the involvement of players is limited to sixty (60) minutes.

## **13. CLOSING CEREMONY**

The closing ceremony shall take place at the main game arena 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 a minimum of twenty-one (21) persons to stand side-by-side. 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 of the podium and the schedule of the ceremony **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 minimum of twenty-five (25) 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 anthem of the winning team shall then be played, following which the winning team shall receive the Champion's trophy (if applicable) and then the teams shall leave the court and the closing ceremony shall end.

At closing ceremony, only trophies approved by FIBA Europe may be awarded on the court.

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. Two (2) sets of all the above medals for FIBA Europe.

The only other prizes for the players shall be:

- Five (5) All-Star Five Awards
- One (1) Most Valuable Player (MVP Award)

**Note 1:** All prizes are subject to prior approval by FIBA Europe. FIBA Europe will provide the trophy for the champion.

**Note 2:** For European Youth Championships and Small Countries Championships for Men and Women, please refer to the “Youth and Small Countries Event Manual”.

### 14.3. Club Competitions

Please refer to the respective Competition “Event Manual”.

## **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 Executive Director
3. The three (3) Vice-Presidents
4. The Treasurer
5. The members of the Board of FIBA Europe
6. The Presidents and Secretary Generals of the participating national federations
7. The honorary members of FIBA Europe and FIBA
8. The Chairpersons of the Committees of FIBA Europe and Commissions of FIBA

## **16. COMPOSITION OF NATIONAL DELEGATIONS**

For FIBA EuroBasket and FIBA EuroBasket Women Final Rounds a delegation (team) shall be made up of nineteen (19) persons, including the referee. (See also Articles 34.1 and 51.1)

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 a maximum of twenty-seven (27) persons 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 forty-eight (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 seventy-two (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 FIBA Executive Director Europe or his representative, a delegate of the organising federation, a third member selected by them and an alternate appointed by the FIBA Executive Director 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.).
- Approval of the final score of each game.
- Approval of the personnel at the scorer's table (timekeeper, scorer and 24-second operator).
- 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 Internal Regulations of FIBA, the Official Basketball Rules and the Competitions 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.
- Supervision of the implementation of the Regulations governing the Use of Advertising.
- The technical committee is also responsible for making rulings concerning any other unsportsmanlike behaviour, which may occur immediately before or after a game.

The functions of the technical committee shall terminate with the establishment of the final classification of the competition. In the event of a protest, the Technical Committee may use videos, film, pictures or any equipment, visual, electronic, digital or otherwise, in order to take its decision on a situation where the referee is authorised to use the Instant Replay System under the Official Basketball Rules. This provision applies mutatis mutandis to proceedings before the disciplinary judge(s) and the Jury of Appeal. The use of such equipment is valid also to determine responsibility in matters of discipline or for educational (training) purposes after the game has ended.

#### IMPORTANT NOTE!

During FIBA EuroBasket and FIBA Women's EuroBasket **only** and upon the common proposal of the President and FIBA Executive Director 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 who shall have legal training.

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.

This disciplinary body and/or the single judge shall be authorised 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 suspension for more than one (1) game. The appeal must be made within three (3) 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 (5th 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 twenty (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 they 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.
8. To make this valid the appeal must be made within [twenty \(20\) minutes](#) following the delivery of the decision of the Technical Committee and accompanied by a deposit, as security, equivalent to [EUR 3,000](#).
9. The Jury of Appeal shall judge the appeal in the last instance, and its decision shall be final.

#### 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 [twenty-four \(24\) hours](#) 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 [twenty-four \(24\) hours](#) 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 [twenty-four \(24\) hours](#) 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 [twenty-four \(24\) hours](#) following receipt of the protest by FIBA Europe.

No appeal is allowed in the event that the protest is related to a decision of an official (referee or umpire). Decisions on the interpretation or implementation of the Official Basketball Rules are final and not subject to appeal before CAS.

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 current Official Basketball Rules, Section D – Classification of Teams.

## **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 anti-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 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. MEDICAL CARE**

1. The organisers shall provide sufficient qualified medical personnel to ensure the efficient medical care 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).
2. The organisers must follow strictly the FIBA Europe "Emergency Action Plan" in case of medical or other emergencies.

## **24. DATA PROCESSING**

The organising federation must comply with the technical specifications provided by FIBA Europe separately for each competition.

## **25. STATISTICS**

For all official Competitions of FIBA Europe, the office of FIBA Europe will provide its statistics software to the organiser, which has to be used for all games, [unless stated otherwise in the respective Event Manual](#). Using the FIBA Europe software, the organiser shall provide live scores and statistics to the office 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 (statisticians). Only FIBA licensed statisticians can be used.

If unable to transmit electronically, the organisers **must** send by fax or e-mail to the office of FIBA Europe [within fifteen \(15\) 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**

### **FIBA EuroBasket**

#### **FIBA European Championship for Small Countries**

#### **FIBA Women's EuroBasket**

#### **FIBA Women's European Championship for Small Countries**

#### **FIBA U20 European Championship**

#### **FIBA U20 European Championship Division B**

#### **FIBA U20 Women's European Championship**

#### **FIBA U20 Women's European Championship Division B**

#### **FIBA U18 European Championship**

#### **FIBA U18 European Championship Division B**

#### **FIBA U18 Women's European Championship**

#### **FIBA U18 Women's European Championship Division B**

#### **FIBA U18 European Championship Division C**

#### **FIBA U18 Women's European Championship Division C**

#### **FIBA U16 European Championship**

#### **FIBA U16 European Championship Division B**

#### **FIBA U16 Women's European Championship**

#### **FIBA U16 Women's European Championship Division B**

#### **FIBA U16 European Championship Division C**

#### **FIBA U16 Women's European Championship Division C**

## **CHAPTER III: FIBA EUROBASKET**

In addition to these Regulations, all provisions in the relevant FIBA Internal Regulations as well as the Official Basketball Rules are valid in their entirety.

### **26. CANDIDATURE**

Any European national federation is entitled to submit its candidature to organise the Final Round of FIBA EuroBasket within the given deadline and according to the "FIBA EuroBasket Bid Book and FIBA EuroBasket Event Manual".

### **27. 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 EUR 75,000 up to EUR 250,000.

### **28. ASSIGNMENT**

The Final Round of the FIBA EuroBasket shall be held every four (4) years starting in 2017. (2021, 2025, 2029 etc.).

### **29. PARTICIPANTS**

All European national federations are entitled to participate.

### **30. DATES**

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

### **31. SYSTEM OF COMPETITION**

Unless otherwise decided by the FIBA Europe Board or the FIBA Executive Committee, the following shall apply: The organiser(s) of the Final Round of the FIBA EuroBasket is/are directly qualified. All other teams must qualify for the Final Round of the FIBA EuroBasket through the Qualifiers.

FIBA EuroBasket 2021 shall be played in two stages:

**A. Qualifiers (incl. Pre-Qualifiers) - home & away games**

**B. Final Round**

### **32. (PRE-) QUALIFIERS**

#### **32.1. Participants**

Any European national federation is entitled to register for the (Pre-)Qualifiers to the FIBA EuroBasket.

#### **32.2. System of Competition**

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

#### **32.3. Dates**

The games will be played during the global windows for National Team Competitions in November, February, June & September with the exact dates as approved by the FIBA Central Board.

#### **32.4. Formation of the Groups**

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

#### **32.5. Composition of Teams**

The teams will be composed of a maximum of eighteen (18) persons: a maximum of twelve (12) players, one (1) head of delegation and five (5) other persons.

## 32.6. Players

The national federation is responsible at all times for the eligibility of its players registered to play in an official competition of FIBA. 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 [all documents necessary for the registration](#) of each player must reach the office 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 (3) months preceding the respective round of FIBA EuroBasket
3. Copy of the valid passport

## 32.7. Financial Provisions

### 32.7.1 Teams

FIBA Europe must be advised of the venue where the game is to be held no later than **two (2) months** before the start of the window and the arena must be approved by FIBA Europe.

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.

### 32.7.2 Organisers

Venue: it shall be no more than one hundred and fifty (150) km from the closest international airport with multiple regular connections across Europe.

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

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

General organising expenses.

Staying expenses of the visiting for a **maximum of three (3) days** (two (2) nights) in a first class (high standard) hotel (six (6) double and six (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 Competitions 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

- The LOC is responsible for making available a sports hall to the visiting team for practices at least twice during the twenty-four (24) hours preceding the game (the evening and in the morning of the day of the game).
- Both practices must be in the sport hall where the game will be played. These practices must be no later than the time of the game the day before the game and no later than 11:00 a.m. on the day of the game, unless mutually agreed otherwise by both teams. The practice on the evening before the game shall be 90 minutes long and the practice in the morning of the game day shall be 60 minutes long.
- 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 practices.
- The court shall be available for a warm-up period at least **sixty (60) 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 local organiser shall keep all revenue from gate receipts.

The organisers must follow the FIBA Europe guidelines for back drops (flash interviews, mixed zone and press conference room).

### 32.7.3 Game Videos Online Platform

The organising (host) team will give to the opponent a copy of the game on USB before they leave the venue.

The organising (host) team will upload the game video [within twenty-four \(24\) hours](#) to the online platform provided by FIBA Europe.

Third parties will be able to download game videos from the online platform provided by FIBA Europe.

### **IMPORTANT:**

There will be a fine of EUR 500 if the video is not uploaded within twenty-four (24) hours.  
The fine will be doubled in case of further delays. Using this platform is mandatory for all national federations.

### **33. (ARTICLE DELETED)**

### **34. FINAL ROUND**

#### **34.1. Composition of teams**

The teams will be composed of nineteen **(19)** persons:

**Twelve (12)** players, one (1) head of delegation, one (1) accompanying referee and five (5) other persons (see also Article 16).

#### **34.2. System of Competition**

##### **GROUP PHASE**

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

The teams placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in each group will qualify directly for the **Final Phase**.

The teams placed 5th and 6th in each group will be eliminated.

There will be one (1) rest and one (1) travel day between the Group and the **Final Phase**.

##### **FINAL PHASE**

The sixteen (16) teams qualified from the Group Phase will play in a knock-out format. The games will be played as follows:

##### **Round of 16**

<b>Game 61</b>	<b>Game 62</b>	<b>Game 63</b>	<b>Game 64</b>
B2 vs. A3	C1 vs. D4	A1 vs. B4	D2 vs. C3
<b>Game 65</b>	<b>Game 66</b>	<b>Game 67</b>	<b>Game 68</b>
B1 vs. A4	C2 vs. D3	A2 vs. B3	D1 vs. C4

The losers of these games will be eliminated.

##### **Quarter-Finals**

The eight (8) teams qualified from the Round of 16 will play as follows:

Game 69: Winner 61 vs. Winner 62

Game 70: Winner 63 vs. Winner 64

Game 71: Winner 65 vs. Winner 66

Game 72: Winner 67 vs. Winner 68

The losers of these games will be eliminated.

##### **Semi-Finals**

Game 73: Winner 69 vs. Winner 70

Game 74: Winner 71 vs. Winner 72

##### **3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

Game 75: Loser 73 vs. Loser 74

##### **Final**

Game 76: Winner 73 vs. Winner 74

**Note:** For all Rounds the order of the games for each day may be revised for television reasons.

# FIBA EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SMALL COUNTRIES

## 35. DATES

FIBA European Championship for Small Countries shall be held every two (2) years (2018, 2020, 2022 etc.) during the summer months. The dates will be approved by the Board of FIBA Europe upon proposal of the Secretariat.

## 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 "Youth and Small Countries Event Manual".

## 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 proviso 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 sixteen (16) persons which **must** include one (1) head of delegation and one (1) international referee.

## 39. SYSTEM OF COMPETITION

FIBA European Championship for Small Countries 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 federation in the amount of **EUR 20** per person per night for the duration of the competition. Teams are required to arrive no later than the day before the competition starts in time to attend the Technical Meeting. A maximum of one (1) additional night may be reserved at the same rate.

**Example:** Tournament dates: 14<sup>th</sup> July to 19<sup>th</sup> July

Teams must arrive no later than 13<sup>th</sup> July and depart on 20<sup>th</sup> July (seven (7) nights).

Therefore the teams are entitled to seven (7) nights plus up to one (1) possible extra night = maximum of possible total of eight (8) nights at EUR 20 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 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.

### 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 sixteen (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, the commissioner(s), the referee instructor(s) and one or more 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. An allowance of **EUR 40** per night (as per the composition of the teams to a maximum of sixteen (16) persons) for the duration of the competition plus two (2) nights.
2. An allowance of **EUR 40** per person per night for the commissioner(s), referee instructor(s) and neutral referee(s) for the duration of the competition plus two (2) nights.

## **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. 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 all documents necessary for the registration of each player must reach the office 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 (3) 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 last three (3) years 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 three (3) years.

## **CHAPTER IV: FIBA WOMEN'S EUROBASKET**

In addition to these Regulations, all provisions in the relevant FIBA Internal Regulations as well as the Official Basketball Rules are valid in their entirety.

### **43. CANDIDATURE**

Any European national federation is entitled to submit its candidature to organise the Final Round of the FIBA Women's EuroBasket within the given deadline and according to the "FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2019 Bid Book and FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2019 Event Manual".

### **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 EUR 50,000 up to EUR 200,000.

### **45. ASSIGNMENT**

The Final Round of the FIBA Women's EuroBasket shall be held every two (2) years (2019, 2021, 2023 etc.).

### **46. PARTICIPANTS**

All European National Federations are entitled to participate.

### **47. DATES**

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

### **48. SYSTEM OF COMPETITION**

Only the organiser(s) of the FIBA Women's EuroBasket is/are directly qualified.

All teams except the host country(-ies) must qualify for the Final Round of FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2019 through the Qualifiers.

The FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2019 shall be played in two (2) stages:

**A. Qualifiers (home & away games)**

**B. Final Round**

### **49. QUALIFIERS**

#### **49.1. Participants**

Any European national federation is entitled to register for the Qualifiers to the FIBA Women's EuroBasket.

#### **49.2. System of Competition**

The teams will be divided into groups of three (3) or four (4) teams by draw. Each team will play all other teams in its group in home and away games.

#### **49.3. Dates**

The Qualifiers will take place in set windows during the season. The windows containing two (2) game days each are in November 2017, February 2018 and November 2018.

#### **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 eighteen (18) persons: a maximum of twelve (12) players, one (1) head of delegation and five (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. 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 all documents necessary for the registration of each player must reach the office 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 (3) months preceding the respective round of the FIBA Women's EuroBasket
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 **two (2) months** before the start of the window and the arena must be approved by FIBA Europe.

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.

### 49.7.2 Organiser

Venue: It shall be no more than one hundred and fifty (150) km from the closest international airport with multiple regular connections across Europe.

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 **maximum of three (3) days (two (2) nights)** in a first class (high standard) hotel (six (6) double and six (6) single rooms). This includes high quality and quantity of food and drinks.

Travel and staying expenses of the referees, commissioner, referee instructor and supervisory doctor (if appointed) in accordance with the Competitions 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.

- The LOC is responsible for making available a sports hall to the visiting team for practices at least twice during the twenty-four (24) hours preceding the game (the evening and in the morning of the day of the game).
- Both practices must be in the sport hall where the game will be played. These practices must be no later than the time of the game the day before the game and no later than 11:00 a.m. on the day of the game, unless mutually agreed otherwise by both teams. The practice on the evening before the game shall be 90 minutes long and the practice in the morning of the game day shall be 60 minutes long.
- 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 practices.
- The court shall be available for a warm-up period at least **sixty (60) 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 local organiser shall keep all revenue from gate receipts.

The organisers must follow the FIBA Europe guidelines for back drops (flash interviews, mixed zone and press conference room).

### 49.7.3 Game Videos Online Platform

The organising (host) team will give to the opponent a copy of the game on USB before they leave the venue.

The organising (host) team will upload the game video **within twenty-four (24) hours** to the online platform provided by FIBA Europe.

Third parties will be able to download game videos from the online platform provided by FIBA Europe.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

There will be a fine of EUR 500 if the video is not uploaded within twenty-four (24) hours. The fine will be doubled with further delays. Using this platform is mandatory for all national federations.

## **50. (ARTICLE DELETED)**

## **51. FINAL ROUND**

### 51.1. Composition of Teams

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

**Twelve (12)** players, one (1) head of delegation, one (1) accompanying referee and five (5) other persons (see also Article 16).

### 51.2. System of Competition

#### **GROUP PHASE**

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

There will be one rest day between Game Day 2 and Game Day 3.

The teams placed 1st in each group will qualify directly for the **Quarter-Finals**.

The teams placed 2nd & 3rd in each group will play qualification for the Quarter-Finals.

The teams placed 4th in each group will be eliminated.

#### **Qualification for Quarter-Finals**

Game 25: A2 vs. B3

Game 26: B2 vs. A3

Game 27: C2 vs. D3

Game 28: D2 vs. C3

#### **FINAL PHASE**

There will be one (1) rest/travel day between the Group Phase and the Final Phase.

#### **Quarter-Finals**

The eight (8) teams qualified for the Quarter-Finals will play as follows:

Game 29: A1 vs. Winner 27

Game 30: B1 vs. Winner 28

Game 31: C1 vs. Winner 25

Game 32: D1 vs. Winner 26

#### **Classification Games for 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> place**

Game 33: Loser 29 vs. Loser 32

Game 34: Loser 30 vs. Loser 31

#### **Semi-Finals**

Game 35: Winner 29 vs. Winner 32

Game 36: Winner 30 vs. Winner 31

#### **Classification Games for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> place**

Game 37: Loser 33 vs. Loser 34 (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place)

Game 38: Winner 33 vs. Winner 34 (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place)

Game 39: Loser 35 vs. Loser 36 (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place)

#### **Final**

Game 40: Winner 35 vs. Winner 36 (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place)

**Note:** For all Rounds the order of the games for each day may be revised for television reasons.

# **FIBA WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SMALL COUNTRIES**

## **52. DATES**

FIBA Women's European Championship for Small Countries shall be held every two years (2018, 2020, 2022 etc.) during the summer months. The dates will be approved by the Board of FIBA Europe upon proposal of the Secretariat.

## **53. 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 "Youth and Small Countries Event Manual".

## **54. 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 proviso that Andorra, Gibraltar, Malta, Principality of Monaco and San Marino will be chosen if registered.

## **55. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS**

The teams may be composed of sixteen (16) persons which **must** include one (1) head of delegation and one (1) international referee.

## **56. SYSTEM OF COMPETITION**

FIBA Women's European Championship for Small Countries 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.

## **57. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

### **57.1. Teams**

Each team must pay a contribution towards its staying expenses to the organising federations in the amount of **EUR 20** per person per night for the duration of the competition. Teams are required to arrive no later than the day before the competition starts in time to attend the Technical Meeting. A maximum of one (1) additional night may be reserved at the same rate.

**Example:** Tournament Dates: 14<sup>th</sup> July to 19<sup>th</sup> July

Teams must arrive no later than 13<sup>th</sup> July and depart on 20<sup>th</sup> July (seven (7) nights).

Therefore the teams are entitled to seven (7) nights plus up to one (1) possible extra night = maximum of possible total of eight (8) nights at EUR 20 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 **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.

### **57.2. 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 sixteen (16) persons as per composition of teams) for the duration of the competition plus two (2) days and the FIBA Europe representative/staff.

## **58. FIBA EUROPE**

FIBA Europe will cover the travel expenses and fees for the President of the Small Countries Commission, the commissioner(s), the referee instructor(s) and one or more 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. An allowance of **EUR 40** per night (as per the composition of the teams to a maximum of sixteen (16) persons) for the duration of the competition plus two (2) nights.
2. An allowance of **EUR 40** per person per night for the commissioner(s), referee instructor(s) and neutral referee(s) for the duration of the competition plus two (2) nights.

## **59. PLAYERS**

The national federation is responsible at all times for the eligibility of its players registered to play in an official competition of FIBA. 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 all documents necessary for the registration](#) of each player must reach the office 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 [last three \(3\) years](#) 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 three \(3\) years](#)

## CHAPTER V: FIBA U16, U18, U20 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS & FIBA WOMEN'S U16, U18, U20 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

In addition to these Regulations, all provisions in the relevant FIBA Internal Regulations as well as the Official Basketball Rules are valid in their entirety.

### 60. ASSIGNMENT

- The FIBA U16 European Championships & FIBA U16 Women's European Championships shall be divided into three (3) Divisions (A, B and C) and shall be held every year.
- The FIBA U18 European Championships & FIBA U18 Women's European Championships shall be divided into three (3) Divisions (A, B and C) and shall be held every year.
- The FIBA U20 European Championships & FIBA U20 Women's European Championships shall be divided into two (2) Divisions (A and B) and shall be held every year.

**Division A** will be composed of sixteen (16) teams.

**Division B** will be composed of all the teams wishing to participate (maximum twenty-four (24)). The winner of the Division C tournament will be invited to participate in Division B the following year in the same age category and therefore if necessary the 24<sup>th</sup> placed team from Division B will participate in Division C.

**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

### 61. DATES

The FIBA U16, U18, U20 European Championships & FIBA Women's U16, U18, U20 European Championships shall be played every year during the months of July - August.

### 62. 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 "Youth and Small Countries Event Manual".

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

#### 62.1. Marketing and Merchandising

The entity designated by FIBA Europe reserves the right to sign a contract with a "[presenting sponsor](#)". As a consequence; the sponsor category of the "presenting 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.

#### 62.2. Television

All international television and internet rights belong to FIBA Europe.

The LOC is obliged to provide television production, international signal and satellite uplink for both semi-finals, final and bronze medal game or as per competition manual. The international signal will be provided to FIBA Europe free of charge.

For all TV productions the official FIBA 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 as per Article 63.
- 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 etc.).
- ↘ 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.

### **63. 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.

### **64. PARTICIPATING TEAMS**

Each team must pay a contribution towards its staying expenses to the organising federation in the amount of EUR 45 for U16/U18 & EUR 50 for U20 per person per day for the duration of the competition. A maximum two (2) additional nights may be reserved at the same rate.

**Example:** Tournament Dates: 6<sup>th</sup> August to 14<sup>th</sup> August

Teams must arrive no later than 5<sup>th</sup> August and depart on 15<sup>th</sup> August (ten (10) nights – 5<sup>th</sup> August until 15<sup>th</sup> August). Therefore the teams are entitled to ten (10) nights plus up to one (1) possible extra night = maximum of possible total of eleven (11) nights at EUR 45 for U16/U18 & EUR 50 for U20 per night per person.

**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 all the additional expenses. All participating teams must have a delegate present at the Technical Meeting.

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

### **65. PARTICIPANTS**

All European National Federations are entitled to participate.

### **66. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS**

The teams will be composed of nineteen (19) persons: twelve (12) players, one (1) head of delegation, one (1) international referee, and five (5) other persons.

**Note:** The head of delegation must be fluent in English.

### **67. PLAYERS**

A player is not eligible to participate in more than **two (2)** youth main official competitions of FIBA Europe/FIBA in any one (1) year. The national federation is responsible at all times for the eligibility of its players registered to play in an official competition of FIBA. 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 [all documents necessary for the registration](#) of each player must reach the office 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 (3) 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.

Age: e.g. U16 European Championship 2018, players born on **1<sup>st</sup> January 2002** or after are entitled to participate (2018 - 16 = 2002).

## **68. RELEGATION**

The three teams classified 14th, 15th and 16th will be relegated from Division A to Division B. This relegation will take effect the following year in 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 in 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**

### **69. DATES**

The U16 and U18 European Championships Men and Women Division C, shall be played every year during the summer months. The dates will be approved by the Board of FIBA Europe upon proposal of the Secretariat.

### **70. 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 "Youth and Small Countries Event Manual".

### **71. 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 proviso that Andorra, Gibraltar, Malta, Principality of Monaco and San Marino will be chosen if registered.

**Note:** Teams playing in Division B are [not allowed to participate in Division C](#) in the same age category and season.

### **72. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS**

The teams may be composed of sixteen (16) persons which **must** include one (1) head of delegation and one (1) international referee.

**Note:** The head of delegation must be fluent in English.

### **73. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

#### **73.1. Teams**

Each team must pay a contribution towards its staying expenses to the organising federations in the amount of **EUR 20** per person per night for the duration of the competition. Teams are required to arrive no later than the day before the competition starts in time to attend the Technical Meeting. A maximum of one (1) additional night may be reserved at the same rate.

**Example:** Tournament dates: 14<sup>th</sup> July to 19<sup>th</sup> July

Teams must arrive no later than 13<sup>th</sup> July and depart on 20<sup>th</sup> July (seven (7) nights).

Therefore the teams are entitled to seven (7) nights plus up to one (1) possible extra night = maximum of possible total of eight (8) nights at EUR 20 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 [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.

#### **73.2. 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 sixteen (16) persons as per composition of teams) for the duration of the competition plus two (2) days and the FIBA Europe representative/staff.

## 74. FIBA EUROPE

FIBA Europe will cover the travel expenses and fees for the President of the Small Countries Commission, the commissioner(s), the referee instructor(s) and one or more 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. An allowance of **EUR 40** per night (as per the composition of the teams to a maximum of sixteen (16) persons) for the duration of the competition plus two (2) nights.
2. An allowance of **EUR 40** per person per night for the commissioner(s), referee instructor(s) and neutral referee(s) for the duration of the competition plus two (2) nights.

## 75. PLAYERS

The national federation is responsible at all times for the eligibility of its players registered to play in an official competition of FIBA. 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 [all documents necessary for the registration](#) of each player must reach the office 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 **last three (3) years** 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 **last three (3) years**.

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

- a. Certificate of permanent residence for the last three (3) years to be issued by the official authorities of the country **OR**, if resident inside a radius of twenty (20) km 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 twenty (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.

## 76. SYSTEM OF COMPETITION: DIVISION A

The championship will be played within nine (9) **days** (seven (7) game days plus two (2) rest days)

### **FIRST ROUND**

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

The final standings will be established after the First Round.

A1	B1	C1	D1
A2	B2	C2	D2
A3	B3	C3	D3
A4	B4	C4	D4

All four (4) teams classified 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in each group will qualify for the Round of 16 (sixteen (16) teams).

### **ROUND OF 16**

Game 25	Game 26	Game 27	Game 28
A1 vs. B4	A2 vs. B3	B2 vs. A3	B1 vs. A4
Game 29	Game 30	Game 31	Game 32
C1 vs. D4	C2 vs. D3	D2 vs. C3	D1 vs. C4

The winners of these games will qualify for the Quarter-Finals. The losers will play Classification Games from 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> place.

**QUARTER-FINALS**

Game 37: Winner 25 vs. Winner 30

Game 38: Winner 26 vs. Winner 29

Game 39: Winner 27 vs. Winner 32

Game 40: Winner 28 vs. Winner 31

**Classification games for 9th to 16th place:**

Game 33: Loser 25 vs. Loser 30

Game 34: Loser 26 vs. Loser 29

Game 35: Loser 27 vs. Loser 32

Game 36: Loser 28 vs. Loser 31

**Classification games for 5th to 16th place:**

Game 41: Loser 33 vs. Loser 35

Game 42: Loser 34 vs. Loser 36

Game 43: Winner 33 vs. Winner 35

Game 44: Winner 34 vs. Winner 36

Game 45: Loser 37 vs. Loser 39

Game 46: Loser 38 vs. Loser 40

**SEMI-FINALS:**

Game 47: Winner 37 vs. Winner 39

Game 48: Winner 38 vs. Winner 40

**Classification games for 3rd to 16th place:**

Game 49: Loser 41 vs. Loser 42 (15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> place)

Game 50: Winner 41 vs. Winner 42 (13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> place)

Game 51: Loser 43 vs. Loser 44 (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> place)

Game 52: Winner 43 vs. Winner 44 (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> place)

Game 53: Loser 45 vs. Loser 46 (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place)

Game 54: Winner 45 vs. Winner 46 (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place)

Game 55: Loser 47 vs. Loser 48 (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place)

**FINAL:**

Game 56: Winner 47 vs. Winner 48 (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place)

**77. RELEGATION**

The three (3) teams classified 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> will be relegated to Division B. This relegation will take effect the following year in the same age category competition. If there is a host already designated for a tournament in Division A for the following year, then this host cannot be relegated to Division B in that year and only two (2) teams will be promoted from Division B in that age category in that year.

**78. SYSTEM OF COMPETITION: DIVISION B**

The three (3) best-placed teams will be promoted to Division A. This promotion will take effect the following year at the same age category competition. If there is a host already designated for a tournament in Division A for the following year, then this host cannot be relegated to Division B in that year and only two (2) teams will be promoted from Division B in that age category in that year.

**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. The winner of the Division C tournament will be invited to participate in Division B the following year in the same age category.

## CHAPTER VI: GENERAL COMPETITION SCHEDULE

### TOURNAMENTS & HOME AND AWAY GAMES

TEAMS	GAME DAYS								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>3</b>	1 - 2	2 - 3	3 - 1						
<b>REST DAY:</b>	3	1	2						
<b>4</b>	1 - 4	3 - 1	1 - 2						
	2 - 3	4 - 2	3 - 4						
<b>5</b>	2 - 5	1 - 4	5 - 3	4 - 2	3 - 1				
	4 - 3	3 - 2	2 - 1	1 - 5	5 - 4				
<b>REST DAY:</b>	1	5	4	3	2				
<b>6</b>	6 - 1	1 - 5	4 - 1	1 - 3	2 - 1				
	5 - 2	4 - 6	3 - 5	2 - 4	6 - 3				
	3 - 4	2 - 3	6 - 2	5 - 6	4 - 5				
<b>7</b>	2 - 7	1 - 6	7 - 5	6 - 4	5 - 3	4 - 2	3 - 1		
	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		
<b>REST DAY:</b>	1	7	6	5	4	3	2		
<b>8</b>	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		
<b>9</b>	2 - 9	8 - 4	5 - 8	9 - 5	6 - 9	1 - 6	6 - 2	3 - 6	7 - 3
	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
<b>REST DAY:</b>	1	6	2	7	3	8	4	9	5
<b>10</b>	1 - 10	9 - 3	5 - 8	9 - 5	4 - 2	1 - 6	8 - 9	3 - 6	7 - 3
	2 - 9	7 - 5	3 - 1	8 - 6	3 - 10	9 - 7	5 - 3	1 - 8	6 - 4
	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 the relevant FIBA Internal Regulations 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. **FEC** - FIBA Europe Cup
2. **ELW** - EuroLeague Women
3. **ECW** - EuroCup Women

80.2. FIBA Europe has the obligation:

1. to approve the games
2. to administer the competition
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, FIBA Europe delegates its power to a person chosen to be judge and to take all decisions in the [first instance](#).

### 81. FIBA EUROPE PLAYER LICENCES

- All provisions listed in Chapter XII (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.

81.1.2 To obtain a [Foreign Player "A" Licence](#) from FIBA Europe, each national federation must submit the following documents to the office 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 (1) 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 Other Organisations](#)

- 81.3.1 A national member federation is allowed to issue a Licence to a player, who had been licensed by a national member federation before playing for an academic institution and/or another organisation which does not recognise the FIBA Internal Regulations governing the International Transfer of Players provided that it receives a letter of clearance from:
- The national member federation of the country where the academic institution or other organisation is based (no administrative fee will be charged) and;
  - The national member federation where the player was last licensed.
- 81.3.2 A national member federation is allowed to issue a licence to a player who had not been licensed by any national member federation before playing for an academic institution and/or another organisation which does not recognise the FIBA Internal Regulations governing the International Transfer of Players, provided that it receives:
- A letter of clearance from the national member federation of the country where the academic institution or other organisation is based; and
  - A written declaration signed by the player, stating that he has never been licensed by a national member federation. Transfers of players between a FIBA team and a NBA, WNBA or NBADL team are governed exclusively by the bilateral agreement entered into by FIBA and the respective league.

## 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 1st and 2nd 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 Executive Director Europe may apply a lower fee for a limited period.

### 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 office 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 FIBA Appeals' Panel according to the FIBA Internal Regulations governing Appeals.

## CHAPTER VIII: NATIONAL STATUS OF PLAYERS

**Note:** Please see the amendments to the FIBA Internal Regulations governing the National Status of Players and the International Transfer of Players.

### 86. DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PRINCIPLES

In addition to these Regulations, all provisions of the FIBA Internal Regulations governing the Zones 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 FIBA Executive Director Europe, or their 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 for a club in a club competition (refer to the eligibility requirements of the respective club competition) or 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), identity or age or other information regarding the status or behaviour 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 (2) or more nationalities is summoned by a national member federation after reaching the [age of eighteen \(18\)](#), 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.

A player who has transferred as a young player according to Article 3-52 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 (1) 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). This provision applies also to any player having the right to acquire a second nationality at birth but who did not lay claim to this right until after having reached the age of sixteen (16).

For the purposes of the first paragraph, in the event that the player claims to have acquired a legal nationality before having reached the age of sixteen (16), without presenting the respective passport with a date of issue before the player's sixteenth birthday, the FIBA Secretary General may decide in his sole discretion that the player falls under the restriction of the first paragraph. In taking this decision the FIBA Secretary General shall take into account the following criteria:

➤ The number of years during which the player has lived in the country, of the national team of which he wishes to play;

➤ The number of seasons during which the player has participated in domestic competitions in the country of the national team for which he wishes to play;

➤ Any other criteria capable of establishing a significant link between the player and the national team for which he wishes to play.

The Secretary General may decide in his sole discretion that a player who has or had at any point in time two or more nationalities or a player who has changed nationality falls under the restriction **of the first paragraph above**. In taking this decision, the Secretary General shall take into account the criteria set out in the above paragraph.

In the event that a decision under this article is issued, the national member federation(s) concerned may be required to pay a fee in order to cover FIBA's administrative costs.

- 88.4. A player who has played in a main official competition of FIBA before reaching his seventeenth (17th) birthday may play for a national team of another country if both national member federations agree. In the absence of an agreement, the FIBA Secretary General decides.
- 88.5. A player who has played in a main official competition of FIBA after having reached his seventeenth (17th) birthday may not play for a national team of another country.  
However, in exceptional circumstances the FIBA 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, by naturalisation or by any other means, 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 may issue provisional authorisation to the national member federation making the request. After a period of one (1) 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 three (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 three (3) years.
  3. For participation in the **Division C** U16 and U18 categories only:
    - a. Certificate of permanent residence for the last three (3) years to be issued by the official authorities of the country **OR**, if resident inside a radius of twenty (20) km 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 twenty (20) 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 a country is not designated heir in 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 FIBA Executive Director Europe or a person appointed by them. FIBA shall be informed of these decisions.

## **90. SANCTIONS**

In case of violation of the provisions contained in these Regulations, the FIBA Executive Director Europe or another person appointed by them 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 the FIBA Secretary General in accordance with Article 3-34 of the FIBA Internal Regulations.

## **92. APPEALS**

An appeal against decisions as in the above sections shall be submitted to the FIBA Appeals’ Panel in accordance with the FIBA Internal Regulations Governing Appeals.

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

**Note:** Please see the 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 the FIBA Secretary General.

### **94. YOUNG PLAYERS**

- 94.1. International transfer is not permitted before a player's 18th birthday, except in special cases as decided by the FIBA Secretary General in accordance with the FIBA Internal Regulations.
- 94.2. In the event that FIBA determines that an international transfer of a player under 18 years old is permitted, 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 the FIBA Secretary General.

### **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 issuance 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 Secretary General.
- 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. Any violation of these Regulations or the relevant provisions of the FIBA Internal Regulations may lead to disciplinary sanctions by the FIBA Executive Director Europe, if necessary after consultation with the Chairman of the FIBA Europe Legal Committee or FIBA Legal Commission and on the initiative of FIBA Europe or FIBA or upon notification by the national federation(s) or club(s) involved.
- 97.2. The player has the right to be heard and the decision is subject to appeal in accordance with the FIBA Internal Regulations governing 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 **any age category** 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 be requested in writing** 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 beginning of the period defined by his/her national federation for national team competitions.  
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, for the period provided for in 98.1. above. After consultation with relevant stakeholders, the Board of FIBA Europe may establish a scheme according to which a contribution deriving from FIBA Europe's profits, if any, from a national team event will be allocated to clubs releasing players, for their role in the successful staging of the national team event.
- 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.  
The decision shall be taken by the FIBA Executive Director Europe in consultation with the Chairman of the Legal Committee 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 Internal Regulations governing 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 FIBA Executive Director Europe in consultation with the Chairman of the Legal Committee 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:

**U14: 14 years** or under

**U16: 16 years** or under

**U18: 18 years** or under

**U20: 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 **U18** in a competition in **2018** shall be: **2018 - 18 = 2000**. Any player born on **1<sup>st</sup> January 2000** or after this date will be entitled to participate in a competition for **U18** in **2018**.

The age limit in **2018** for the four (4) age groups is therefore the following:

**U14:** born on **1<sup>st</sup> January 2004** or after this date

**U16:** born on **1<sup>st</sup> January 2002** or after this date

**U18:** born on **1<sup>st</sup> January 2000** or after this date

**U20:** born on **1<sup>st</sup> January 1998** or after this date

Age limits for participation in competitions for **U20, U18** and **U16:**

<b>BORN IN:</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>U20</b>												
<b>2017</b>												
<b>2018</b>												
<b>2019</b>												
<b>2020</b>												
<b>U18</b>												
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## **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 FIBA Executive Director Europe. This card is valid indefinitely.

Players participating in the official competitions of FIBA 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 (3) 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 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 office of FIBA Europe by the **given deadline**, 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 **U16**, as requested by FIBA Europe.
- 107.5. Changes may be made to the list **before** 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 **after** 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 (3) 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 three (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 three (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.
- 109.2. Should FIBA Europe be confronted with the fact that a player has played in an official competition of FIBA 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 FIBA Executive Director Europe may authorise a player, subject to the ratification of the Legal Committee 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. Entry Form: All players registered by their national federation on the player list, as required for the main official competitions of FIBA, **must** return the Entry Form duly completed and signed together with the other required eligibility documents, to the office of FIBA Europe before they can be authorised to participate.  
There are two (2) copies of this declaration: the white copy (original) shall be for FIBA Europe, the blue copy for the player. This form **must** be provided for all players for participation in the main official competitions of FIBA.  
**Note 1:** For minor players, in addition, the Entry Form **must** be countersigned by the parent/guardian.  
**Note 2:** For all other participants please refer to Article 122, Technical Meeting.
- 110.2. Player's consent form (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 office 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. Letter of Clearance (to be translated into English)
- 111.2. Player's Consent Form (for competitions belonging to the Registered Testing Pool): The player's consent form **must** be returned, duly completed and signed by the player and the national federation, to the office 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 NOMINATION**

#### 112.1. License and Qualification

Please refer to the Internal Regulations of FIBA, Book 3 – Players and Officials, Chapter VI, Articles 3-190 to 3-203.

#### 112.2. Nomination

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

#### 112.3. Responsibility for Nomination

For all main official competitions of FIBA Europe, the FIBA Executive Director Europe will nominate 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 FIBA Commissioner at least twenty-four (24) hours before the start of the competition. In addition, the FIBA Executive Director Europe shall nominate international referees who will be neutral. FIBA's right to nominate a certain number of referees from another continent to the same competition is reserved.

#### 112.4. European Championships and Official Cups and Tournaments of FIBA Europe

For European Championships and for all official Cups and Tournaments of FIBA Europe, the FIBA Executive Director Europe shall nominate the number of neutral FIBA referees necessary for the competition.

In principle these neutral FIBA referees shall be of nationalities other than those of the teams entered in the competition. The number of neutral FIBA referees nominated for the tournament depends on the accompanying referees' availability. For international tournaments recognised by FIBA Europe, the organisers may ask the FIBA Executive Director Europe to nominate the number of FIBA referees they consider necessary.

For international university games and regional games involving European countries only, the organisers may ask the FIBA Executive Director Europe to nominate the number of FIBA 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, FIBA referees shall be nominated in accordance with the FIBA Internal Regulations (Article 3-216, 3-217).

#### 112.5. Nomination Procedure

Refer to Articles 3-213 and 3-216 of the FIBA Internal Regulations.

### **113. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**

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

- For a journey less than six hours by train: a 1st 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 1st class return ticket with sleeping accommodation (double).
- For a journey using any other means: the price of a train 1st 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 EUR 0.30 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 nominated, including the referees accompanying the teams (whose travel expenses are covered by their own national federation). Referees and Commissioners must be located in a separate hotel from any of the participating teams (club or national team competitions) for the duration of their stay.

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 their travel expenses, the official shall receive an officiating fee according to the following scale:

**OFFICIATING FEES AND EXPENSES**
**FIBA Europe Referees, Commissioners and Instructors:**

	Men	Women	U20 M/W	U18 M/W	U16M/W
<b>Single game Referee:</b>	500 €	500 €			
<b>Single game Commissioner:</b>	400 €	400 €			
<b>Tournament three (3) days or less</b>	600 €	500 €	450 €	350 €	250 €
<b>Tournament five (5) days or less</b>	700 €	600 €	550 €	450 €	300 €
<b>Tournament more than five (5) days:</b>	900 €	750 €	650 €	650€	650€
<b>European Championship of the Small Countries:</b>	400 €	400 €			
<b>Division C:</b>				350 €	350 €

**Note 1:** For any Tournament (Division A or B) of more than five (5) days, the Crew Chiefs Commissioners' fee is set at 850 €

**Note 2:** Referees are responsible for any tax obligations arising from the payment of the officiating fees and expenses.

**(Per Stage, Two (2) Phases)**

**FIBA EuroBasket:** 2,000 € (1,000 € per stage)

**FIBA EuroBasket Women:** 1,500 € (750 € per stage)

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

**FIBA Europe Clinics for Referees, Commissioners and Instructors:**

The organisers shall pay:

- travel expenses
- staying expenses
- fee of each instructor: **100 € per day** (net of all taxes)

**115. DUTIES**

115.1. In addition to the duties of FIBA referees set out in the FIBA Internal Regulations (Article 3-206 to 3-211), the provisions of this Article shall apply when FIBA Europe nominates a FIBA referee.

115.2. During a championship, the FIBA referee must obey the dress code determined by FIBA Europe or, in the absence of a dress code, he must be always appropriately dressed. Once the international referee is nominated to a specific game, he shall arrive at the sport hall dressed in formal attire. If the referee is not nominated for the game he may wear leisure clothing. If a commercial partner has supplied such clothing then the referee must wear this clothing.

115.3. The main duties of international referees are as follows:

- 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 equipment which is not permitted under the Official Basketball Rules or which may cause injury.
- To make decisions on any point not specifically covered by the basketball rules.
- 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 FIBA Executive Director Europe.

115.4. The FIBA 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 (1) copy for each team. If the FIBA commissioner is not present before the start of the game, the FIBA referee shall ensure that all the players whose names appear on the scoresheet are in possession of a valid FIBA/FIBA Europe Identity card. If that is not the case, they shall report this to FIBA Europe.

- 115.5. The participation of FIBA referees at any type of organised social function during the championship requires prior approval from the FIBA Executive Director Europe.
- 115.6. FIBA 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.
- 115.7. FIBA referees are prohibited from drinking alcohol and smoking in public areas during the nomination to any game/championship.

## **116. TRANSFER, RESIGNATION AND DISMISSAL**

Please refer to the Internal Regulations of FIBA, Book 3 – Players and Officials, Chapter VI articles 204 -205

## **CHAPTER XIV: COMMISSIONERS**

### **117. QUALIFICATION AND NOMINATION**

#### **117.1. License and Qualification**

Please refer to the Internal Regulations of FIBA, Book 3 – Players and Officials, Chapter VI articles 228 -237.

#### **117.2. Nomination**

In the event that it is deemed necessary or is provided for by the Regulations of a competition, the FIBA Executive Director Europe or his representative shall nominate one or several commissioners. One of the commissioners may be designated as the Official Representative of FIBA Europe for a tournament or European Championship.

#### **117.3. Nomination Procedure**

The provisions for the nomination of FIBA Referees in FIBA Europe competitions (see Articles 112.2 to 112.5 above) apply mutatis mutandis to the nomination of FIBA Commissioners.

In certain cases, the FIBA Executive Director Europe may delegate the nomination of the commissioner to the competent national federation.

### **118. DUTIES**

118.1. In addition to the duties of FIBA Commissioners set out in the FIBA Internal Regulations (Articles 3-238 to 3-242), the provisions of this Article shall apply when FIBA Europe nominates a FIBA commissioner.

118.2. The commissioner represents and acts on behalf of the FIBA Executive Director Europe.

118.3. The duties of the commissioner are as follows:

- during the game to 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, to supply such information. Any final decision rests with the referees
- secure and distribute the respective copies of the score sheet to the teams in real time during the game and/or ensure the transmission of results and statistics to the office of FIBA Europe immediately after the game
- verify the FIBA Europe list of approved players, passports, FIBA/FIBA Europe Licenses 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 cooperate at any time with the FIBA Europe representative
- during a Championship, to obey the dress code determined by FIBA Europe or, in the absence of a dress code, he must be always appropriately dressed.
- when on duty, to wear formal attire (preferably in a dark colour)

118.4. The commissioner shall send to the FIBA Executive Director 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, the commissioner shall make a report on the competition and send it immediately together with the scoresheet(s) and classification of teams to the office of FIBA Europe by airmail and, if necessary, by special delivery.

118.6. 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.

118.7. Commissioners are prohibited from drinking alcohol and smoking in public areas during the nomination to any game/championship.

118.8. Those commissioners nominated to the competition, who are off-duty for the given game, will be seated in the VIP tribune.

### **119. 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 competitions and club competitions Final Fours.
- 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 and club competitions Final Fours in the hotel where the teams are staying. It is **obligatory** for the Heads of Delegation to attend the Technical Meeting. Non-attendance will be sanctioned with an administrative fine according to article 142.3.
- 122.2. Either via the first bulletin or upon the arrival of the teams to the venue (city) or at the latest immediately after their check-in at the hotel, the head of each delegation (must be fluent in English) 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
    - Name and FIBA licences of head coach & assistant coach(es)
    - 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 twenty-four (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 twelve (12) players** with uniform numbers for the championship.
- 122.6. For national team competitions, 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.
- 122.7. Once the Technical Meeting is declared closed, no changes to the composition of the teams (twelve (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 rosters 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 ten (10) days following receipt of the commissioner's report or any pertinent information by the office of FIBA Europe. However, before their decision is taken, they are 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., but not restricted to manager, doctor, physiotherapist, statistician, interpreter as defined on the Official Basketball Rules), or any accredited members of the delegations.

123.2. If a player or one of the persons listed above, commits an infraction for which they could be subject to disciplinary penalties, the commissioner and/or one/or both of the referees shall send a written report to the office of FIBA Europe within twelve (12) hours following the game.

The penalties foreseen in Art. 124-126 may be imposed.

123.3. Coaches and Assistant Coaches should be appropriately dressed.

123.4. If a coach or player fails to participate to a duly convened press conference or fails to pass through the designated Mixed Zone area immediately after the game: 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 during a press conference or to any media, a person listed above makes remarks of any kind about the game officials or the officiating: a fine of up to EUR 30,000.

123.7. If one (1) 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.

123.8. If two (2) 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 (3) years from all international competitions organised under its control.

An appeal against such a decision must be lodged within twelve (12) 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.

123.9. Recurrence of 123.4. to 123.8.:

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 five (5) 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 office of FIBA Europe or the Technical Committee 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:
- The national federation shall be fined up to EUR 15,000.
  - FIBA Europe may replace the national federation with another.
- 128.2. If, **after the draw but before the competition begins**, a national federation declines to participate:
- The national federation shall be fined up to EUR 30,000.
  - FIBA Europe may replace the national team with another.
- 128.3. If, **after the competition begins**, a national federation declines to participate:
- The national federation shall be fined from a minimum of EUR 30,000 to a maximum of EUR 50,000.
  - all the results of the games played by the withdrawing national federation are void and will be cancelled.

## **129. FORFEIT**

- 129.1. **First Forfeit:**
- The game is awarded to the opponents,
  - The score shall be twenty to zero (20:0) and
  - The forfeiting team shall receive zero (0) points in the classification.
  - In addition, the national federation shall be fined up to EUR 80,000.
- 129.2. **Second Forfeit:**
- The national team shall be disqualified for the remainder of that competition and
  - shall also be disqualified for the next competition for which the national team qualifies, and
  - all the results of the games played by the forfeiting national federation are void and will be cancelled.
  - 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 (1) 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 office 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 office 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 Competitions 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. **Second Infraction:** 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 doubled each time. The second recurrence could mean the team being disqualified from the current competition and for the next one for which it qualifies.
- 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):
- [First Infraction](#): A fine of EUR 500.
  - [Second Infraction](#): 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. [First Infraction](#): 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 live.
  - a) [First Infraction](#): 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 the FIBA Internal Regulations.

### 142. ADMINISTRATIVE FINES

FIBA Europe, represented by its FIBA Executive Director Europe, may impose administrative fines on a national federation if it does not act in accordance with these Regulations, such as:

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| 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, submitting uniform design, etc.:   | a fine of EUR 500   |
| 142.3. Failure to attend the Technical Meeting at a tournament   | a fine of EUR 500   |
| 142.4. 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   |
| 142.5. Using statisticians without FIBA license:   | a fine of EUR 500   |
| 142.6. 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   |
| 142.7. Failure to send the coaches' and player quotes within one (1) hour from the end of the game:  | a fine of EUR 500   |
| 142.8. Failure to upload game video to the online platform with twenty-four (24) hours   | a fine of EUR 500   |
| 142.9. Failure to send the photos within one (1) hour from the end of the game:  | a fine of EUR 1,000 |
| 142.10. Failure to provide a good quality video of the game on USB <u>before</u> the visiting team leaves the city where the game was played:  | a fine of EUR 1,000 |
| 142.11. Failure to provide data for live scores and statistics to <a href="http://fiba.com">fiba.com</a> and/or use official FIBA TV graphics for a scheduled broadcast or streaming:  | a fine of EUR 1,500 |
| 142.12. Failure to deliver a scheduled TV broadcast and/or live stream   | a fine of EUR 2,500 |
| 142.13. Failure to follow the FIBA Europe Corporate Identity Guidelines (FIBA/Event logo, Court Design, Print Material, Prizes, etc.)  | a fine of EUR 2,500 |
| 142.14. <a href="#">Recurrences</a> : 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 FIBA Appeals' Panel and subsequently before the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland.

### **144. APPEALS**

Affected parties against decisions of FIBA Europe may file an appeal before the FIBA Appeals' Panel in accordance with the FIBA Internal Regulations Governing Appeals.

## CHAPTER XVIII: ORGANISATION OF HOME AND AWAY GAMES & GENERAL PRINCIPLES

**Note:** The following is valid for FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifiers & FIBA EuroBasket Pre-Qualifiers (in addition to the respective handbook)

Requirements for FIBA EuroBasket Qualifiers Division A will be according to the new relevant handbook.

### 145. VENUE

145.1. The venue of the game shall be the town as registered with the office of FIBA Europe by the organising national federation. However, it shall be no more than one hundred and fifty (150) km from the closest international airport with multiple regular connections across Europe.

Hotel: it shall be no more than twenty (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 **must** 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 FIBA Europe Digital Scoresheet software 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 (1) 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 (2) teams.

#### 146.6. Composition of Teams

The teams shall consist of a minimum of ten (10) players and a maximum of twelve (12) players, whose names shall be inscribed on the scoresheet. These players **must** 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 light-coloured uniforms (preferably white) and the visiting team shall wear dark-coloured 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.

They must identify themselves to the visiting team before the game and inform the delegate of where they 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 ten (10) seconds before play resumes. Cheerleaders must not perform any actions that involve touching/using any part of the backstop unit.

#### 146.12. Electronic Transmission of Game

146.12.1 For all games the [official FIBA Europe statistics software](#) shall be used. FIBA Europe will provide this software free of charge to all national federations.

146.12.2 Statisticians 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 [fiba.com](http://fiba.com) in real time.

146.12.4 Only FIBA licensed statisticians can be used

146.12.5 Immediately after completion of the game the official result, statistics, game report/summary and at least five (5) game photos of professional quality **must** be sent to the web editors of FIBA Europe via e - mail.

#### 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 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 and tournaments if not specified otherwise in the respective Event Manual(s).

#### 147.2. Playing Area

147.2.1 The floor shall be parquet (wood).

147.2.2 The court dimensions shall be twenty-eight by fifteen metres (28x15m) and at every point, at least two metres (2m) 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 two metres (2m) 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 sixteen \(16\) seats](#) are allowed in the team bench area.

#### 147.4. Ceiling

The height of the ceiling or the lowest obstruction shall be at least seven metres (7m) 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 five (5) metres from the playing court.

#### 147.6. Temperature

The playing and spectator areas shall have a temperature of between 16° C and 28° 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 and any amendment(s) 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 (cube) be placed above the centre of the playing court, only one duplicate scoreboard on the opposite side of the players' benches, clearly visible to both teams, which shall indicate both the score and the remaining time will be sufficient.

### 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 and game clock 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 The sound signals must be loud enough to drown out any possible noise in the playing arena.
- 147.10.6 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

Every game organised under the auspices of FIBA Europe must adhere to same standards in regards to media operations and services as well as media related obligations of the organisers towards FIBA Europe.

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](mailto:communications-europe@fiba.com)) shall inform the organisers in due time for any such updates.

Full broadband internet should be available for use by the attending media.

### 148.1. Press Officer

All organisers are obliged to designate a person to be responsible for all media operations. They shall inform FIBA Communications office of this person's name and contact details.

It is this person'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 send quotes of his/her respective team, regardless whether it was the home or away team.

### 148.2. 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.

### 148.3. 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.

### 148.4. 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.

### 148.5 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.

### 148.6 Media Parking

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

### 148.7 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 and referees, the time of the game and general information concerning the hall and the venue.

### 148.8 Game Statistics

It is recommended that the 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. The Official Statistics Interpretations provided in "FIBA basketball statisticians Manual" are mandatory.

The FIBA Europe Official Statistics Software "FIBA Europe Stats suite" must be used.

### 148.9 Social Media

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

## 149. MEDIA CALLS

The home and visiting teams must participate in the following media events

- I. **Media minutes at training sessions:** the training sessions are 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 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.
- II. **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 the post- game press conference (in a home and away format: the visiting team attends first, followed by the home team; in a tournament format: the losing team attends the conference first, followed by the winning team).
- III. **The press conference** must be conducted in English and, if requested, 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.

## 150. GAME STATISTICS

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 Statisticians' Manual 2016" are mandatory.

## **151. PHOTOS**

A minimum of eight photos must be submitted by/during half-time in the game, including key players from both the home and away team. A further minimum of eight 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)

## **152. SECURITY**

152.1. 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).

152.2. 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.

### 153. TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT AND THE PLAYING COURT

#### 153.1. Baskets, Backboards, Backboard Supports, Backboard Padding and Backboard Support Padding.

153.1.2 Only the manufacturer's name, trademark or logo is permitted on:

- The metallic structure of the backboard supports (once only on each side of the structure and with a maximum size of 250 cm<sup>2</sup>) and
- The side padding of the backboard supports (once only on each side of the supports and with a maximum size of 250 cm<sup>2</sup>).

#### 153.2. Game Information Boards (Scoreboards)

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

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### A. HOME AND AWAY GAMES

#### 153.3. Baskets, Backboards, Backboard Supports, Backboard Padding and Backboard Support Padding.

153.3.1 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).

153.3.2 The FIBA logo as provided by the office of FIBA Europe **must** appear on the lower right corner (when looking at the basket) of each backboard. **No** other logo may appear unless approved by FIBA Europe.

#### 153.4. Playing Court Area

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

153.4.1 Advertising is permitted inside the boundaries (endlines and sidelines) of the playing court according to the court layout shown in the layout below.

The advertising must be the same (design, size and sponsor) on the respective spaces on both sides of the court.

153.4.3 Advertising is permitted outside the boundaries according to the court layout shown in the layout below. The advertising on the floor/parquet must be located minimum twenty (20) centimetres from the endline/sideline and must be the same (design, size and sponsor) on the respective spaces on both sides of the court.

All other advertising must be located at a minimum distance of two (2) metres from the said boundaries.

153.4.4 Any advertising next to the scorer's table must be located:

- At a minimum distance of two (2) metres from the scorer's table, and
- In a single line with it.

153.4.5 Advertising is permitted in front of the scorer's table provided that it is placed directly in front and flush with the table.

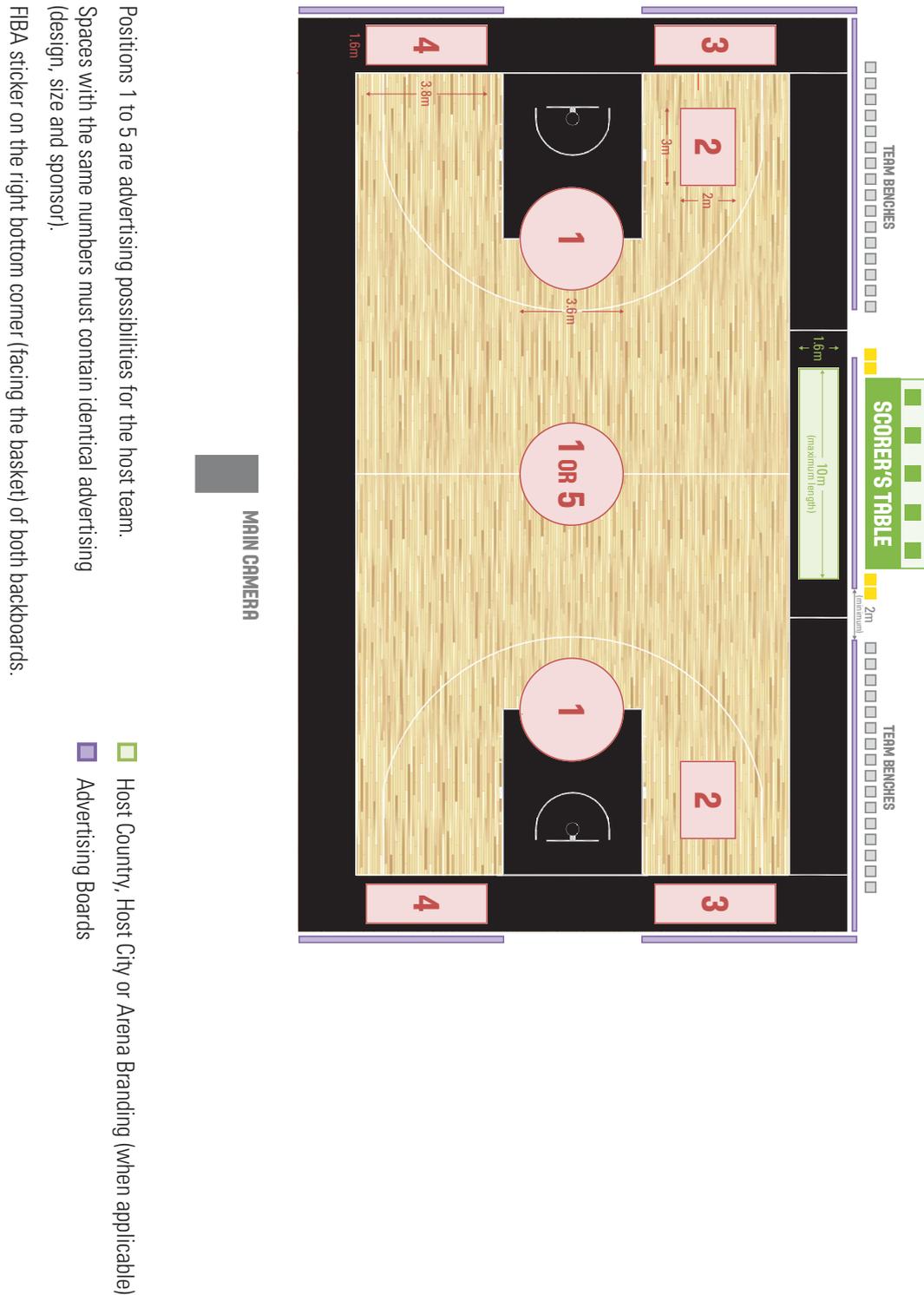
### 153.5. Centre and Free-Throw Circles

153.5.1 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.

153.5.2 The name of the arena, city or municipality etc. can only be displayed once inside the centre circle or at least twenty (20) centimetres in the further boundary line outside either sideline.

#### DIAGRAM: HOME AND AWAY GAMES



## B. FIBA EUROBASKET & FIBA WOMEN'S EUROBASKET

Please refer to the Event Manuals for FIBA EuroBasket & FIBA Women's EuroBasket.

## C. FIBA U16, U18, U20 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS & FIBA WOMEN'S U16, U18, U20 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

For Divisions [A](#), [B](#) & [C](#) please refer to the Youth and Small Countries Event Manual.

## D. FIBA EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SMALL COUNTRIES & FIBA WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SMALL COUNTRIES

For [Division C](#) please refer to the Youth and Small Countries Event Manual.

### 154. UNIFORM LAYOUTS

#### 154.1. Table Officials

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

#### 154.2. Players

154.2.1 Advertising of the team's sponsors is permitted in maximum three (3) different advertising spaces:

- a. On the front of the playing shirts (1 advertisement)
- b. On the back of the playing shirts (2 advertisements)
- c. On the right leg of the shorts (1 advertisement)

154.2.2 A maximum of four (4) sponsorship messages are allowed on the playing uniform, as per the definitions below.

154.2.3 The same sponsor can appear on maximum of two (2) times out of the four (4) available messages' spaces.

154.2.4 At least 30 days prior to the first game of the competition, national member federations must submit a drawing/design of the complete uniform set which will be worn during the competition to the Offices of FIBA Europe for approval. Designs can be sent by e-mail to [competitions-europe@fiba.com](mailto:competitions-europe@fiba.com) or to an e-mail address as designated by the Competitions Department. The uniforms to be worn by the team during the competition shall be identical to the submitted layout drawings. Failure to meet this deadline shall result in financial penalties as per the FIBA Internal Regulations.

154.2.5 Once approved at the Technical Meeting, no changes may be made to the team uniforms, including layout and in regards to any advertising without prior approval of the Competitions Department.

154.2.6 Areas of all applicable markings are measured by multiplying the maximum height by the maximum length of the advertising/manufacturer logo as highlighted on the specific layouts within this section.

#### 154.3. Playing Shirts

154.3.1 Playing shirts **must** conform to the Official Basketball Rules (article 4.3).

154.3.2 The front of the playing shirt shall conform to the following provisions (as per diagram below):

154.3.3 The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear once, provided that it occupies an area of maximum twenty (20) cm<sup>2</sup>.

154.3.4 The FIBA logo or Competition logo **must** appear on the front left side of the playing shirt, have a size of 32 cm<sup>2</sup> and it should be printed according to the FIBA uniform logo guidelines as available for download on the FIBA website.

154.3.5 The country name **must** appear on the front of the playing shirts and an additional country badge/symbol may appear as follows:

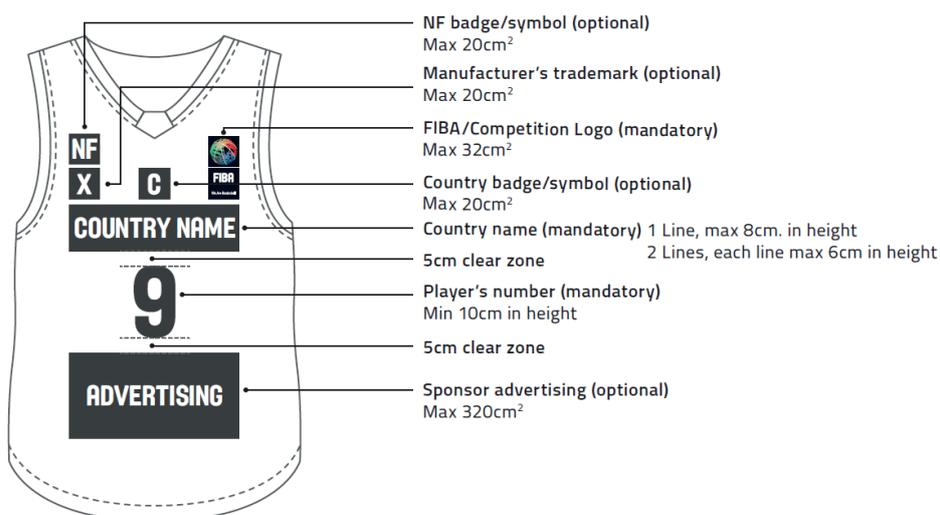
1. The country name must be above the player's number;
2. For the country's name, if the written text comprises one (1) line, the letters shall be of maximum eight (8) cm in height; if the written text comprises two (2) lines, the letters on each line shall be of maximum six (6) cm in height;
3. The country badge/symbol must occupy an area of maximum twenty (20) cm<sup>2</sup> and shall be placed in the middle of the chest, between the FIBA logo and the manufacturer logo.
4. For the avoidance of doubt, the country badge/symbol can be the country flag or country crest.

154.3.6 The player's number **must** appear and be clearly visible. It must have a height of minimum ten (10) cm and must be placed below the country name, at a distance of five (5) cm.

154.3.7 Any other markings on the front of the playing shirt must be at a distance of minimum five (5) cm from the player's number.

154.3.8 Advertising of one (1) sponsor is permitted as follows:

1. The written text or the sponsor's logo must occupy an area of maximum three hundred and twenty (320) cm<sup>2</sup>;
2. The advertising must be placed below the player's number, as per the diagram below.

**FRONT**


154.3.9 The back of the playing shirt shall conform to the following provisions (as per the diagram below):

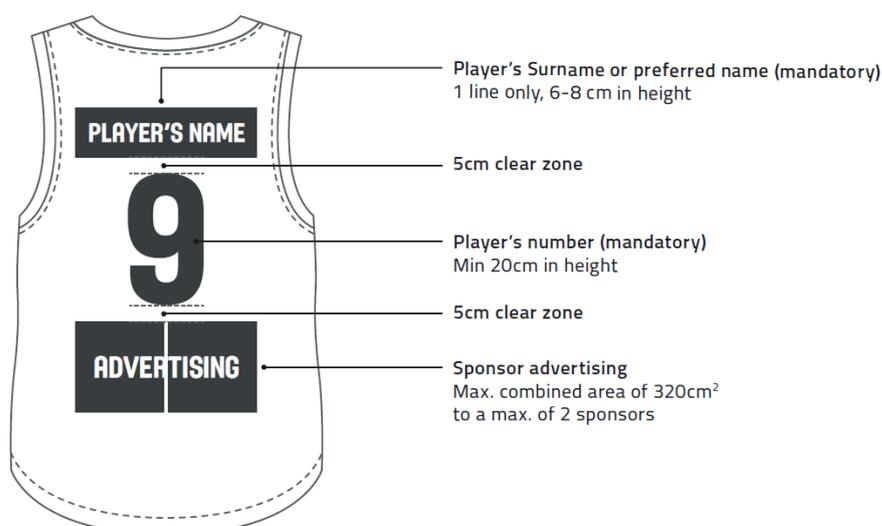
154.3.10 The player's name (surname or preferred name) must appear above the player's number and shall comprise of only one (1) line of text. The height of the writing must be of minimum six (6) cm and maximum eight (8) cm.

154.3.11 The player's number must appear and be clearly visible; it shall have a height of minimum twenty (20) cm.

154.3.12 Any other markings on the back of the playing shirt must be at a distance of minimum five (5) cm from the player's number.

154.3.13 Advertising is permitted provided that it occupies an area of maximum three hundred and twenty (320) cm<sup>2</sup>. The advertising space shall be used as follows:

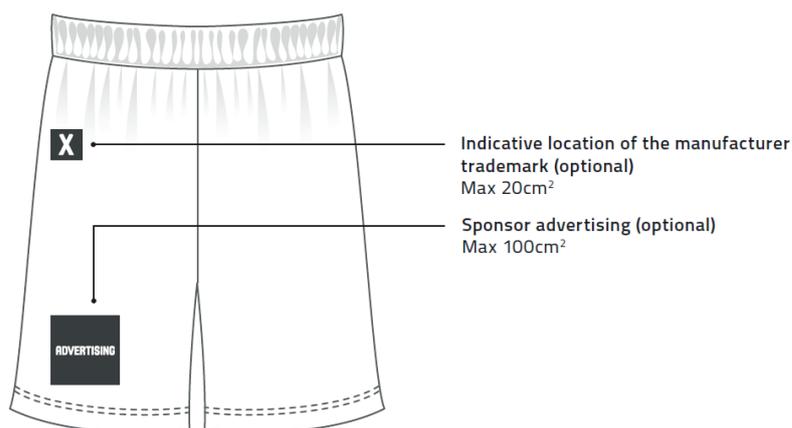
1. Option 1: in one (1) block of maximum three hundred and twenty (320) cm<sup>2</sup> with one (1) sponsor's written text or logo.
2. Option 2: split into two (2) different sponsors' written text or logos, provided that the combined total size does not exceed three hundred and twenty (320) cm<sup>2</sup>. When using option 2, the space between the two logos must be included in the dimensions.
3. Advertising(s) must be placed below the player's number, as per the following diagram;

**BACK**


154.3.14 No other markings are permitted on the back of the playing shirt.

#### 154.4. Playing Shorts

- 154.4.1 Playing shorts **must** conform to the Official Basketball Rules (article 4.3) and shall also conform to the following provisions (as per diagram below).
- 154.4.2 The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear once, provided that it occupies an area of maximum twenty (20) cm<sup>2</sup>.
- 154.4.3 Advertising of only one (1) sponsor is permitted on the front of the shorts, on the right leg (see diagram), provided that:
1. The sponsor's written text or logo occupies an area of maximum one hundred (100) cm<sup>2</sup>;
  2. The sponsor advertised may be one of those advertised on the playing shirt or differ from them.
  3. No other markings may be placed in this area.
- 154.4.4 The player's number is not permitted on the shorts.

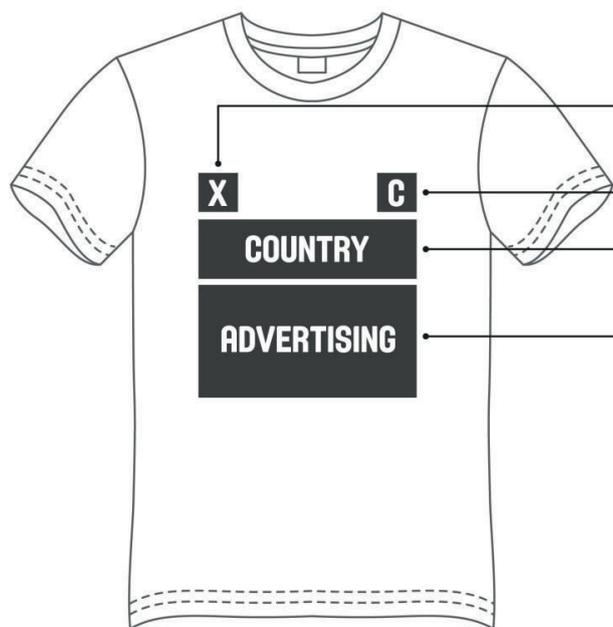


#### 154.5. Playing Socks

- 154.5.1 Playing socks must conform to the Official Basketball Rules (article 4.3) and the following provisions:
- 154.5.2 The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear, provided that it occupies an area of maximum twenty (20) cm<sup>2</sup>.
- 154.5.3 Advertising is prohibited.

#### 154.6. Warm-Up Shirts

- 154.6.1 Warm-up shirts shall conform to the following provisions (as per the diagrams below):
- 154.6.2 The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear once on the front of the warm-up shirts, provided that it occupies an area of maximum twenty (20) cm<sup>2</sup>.
- 154.6.3 The country name **must** appear on the front of the warm-up shirts and be identical in size to the country name on the front of the playing shirt (article 154.3.5).
- 154.6.4 An additional country badge/symbol may be applied to the front, sleeves or back of the warm-up shirt and must occupy an area of maximum twenty (20) cm<sup>2</sup>.
- 154.6.5 The player's name (surname or preferred name) may appear on the back of the warm-up shirt, provided that it is identical (same size and same place) to the player's name on the back of the playing shirt (article 154.3.11).
- 154.6.6 The player's number is not permitted on the warm-up shirts.
- 154.6.7 Advertising is permitted as follows:
1. On the front of the warm-up shirts, provided that it is identical (same sponsor and size) to the advertising on the front of the playing shirts (article 154.3.8).
  2. On the back of the warm-up shirts provided that it is identical (same sponsor and size) to the advertising on the back of the playing shirts (article 154.3.13).



## FRONT

**Manufacturer's trademark (optional)**  
 Max 20cm<sup>2</sup>

**Indicative location of the Country Badge/Symbol (optional)**  
 Max 20cm<sup>2</sup> (may appear once on Front, Sleeve or Back)

**Country name (mandatory)** 1 Line, max 8cm. in height  
 2 Lines, each line max. 6cm in height

**Sponsor advertising (optional)**  
 Max 320cm<sup>2</sup>

This is the same as the front of the playing uniform and tracksuits



## BACK

**Player's surname or preferred name (optional)**  
 1 Line only, 6-8cm in height

**Sponsor advertising (optional)**  
 Max combined area of 320cm<sup>2</sup> to a max. of 2 sponsors  
 This is the same as the back of the playing uniform and tracksuits

### 154.7. Tracksuits

154.7.1 Tracksuits shall conform to the following provisions (as per the diagrams below):

154.7.2 The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear once on tracksuit top and trousers, provided that it occupies an area of maximum twenty (20) cm<sup>2</sup>.

154.7.3 The country name must appear on the front or back of the tracksuits and must be identical in size to the country name on the front of the playing shirt (article 154.3.5).

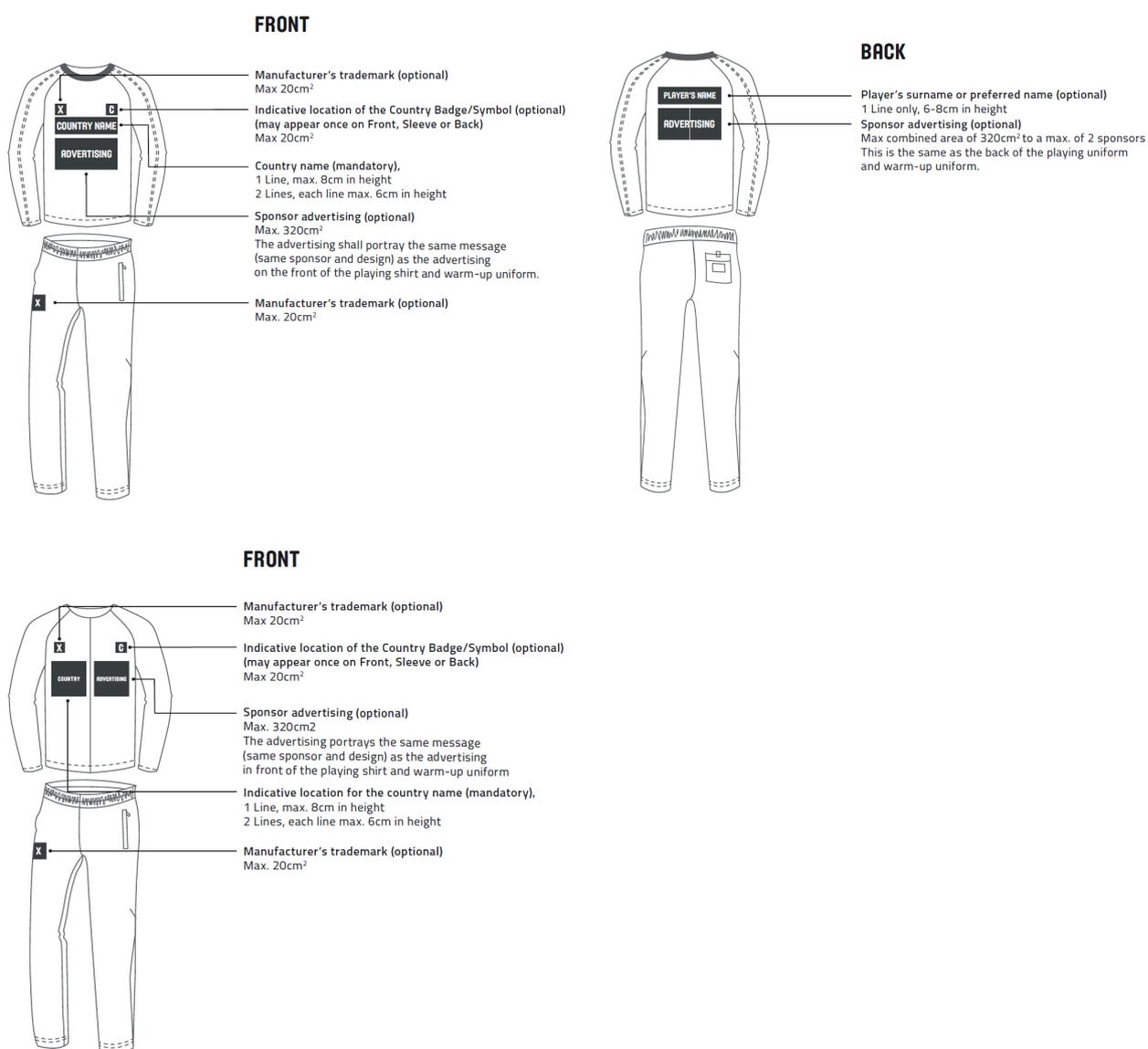
154.7.4 An additional country badge/symbol may be applied to the front, sleeves or back of the tracksuit, and must occupy an area of maximum twenty (20) cm<sup>2</sup>.

154.7.5 The player's name (surname or preferred name) may appear on the back of the tracksuit, provided that it is identical (same size and position) to the player's name on the back of the playing shirt (article 154.3.10).

154.7.6 Advertising is permitted as follows:

1. On the front of the tracksuit, provided that it is identical (same sponsor and size) to the advertising on the front of the playing shirts (article 154.3.8).
2. On the back of the tracksuit provided that it is identical (same sponsor and size) to the advertising on the back of the playing shirts (article 154.3.13).

154.7.7. When the front part of the tracksuit has a zipper the above provision shall apply in conjunction with the special design below.



### 154.8. Playing Shoes

154.8.1 Playing shoes shall conform to the following provisions:

154.8.2 The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear.

154.8.3 Advertising is prohibited.

### 154.9. Accessories

154.9.1 All accessories must conform to the Official Basketball Rules (article 4.4).

154.9.2 The following provisions shall apply to eyewear, sweatbands, knee and elbow pads:

a. Advertising is prohibited;

b. The manufacturer's trademark (logo) is permitted, provided that it occupies an area of maximum twelve (12) cm<sup>2</sup>.

154.9.3 Both advertising and the manufacturers' trademark (logo) are prohibited on all other accessories.

### 154.10. Other Provisions

154.10.1 Advertising on game uniforms, warm-up shirts and tracksuits must be identical for all players of a team.

154.10.2 The two sets of uniform (home and away) must differ only in colour and shall bear the same markings, including identical advertising message(s) (size and sponsor).

154.10.3 The manufacturer's trademark (logo) on uniforms, warm-up shirts, tracksuits and team delegation uniforms (if applicable) must be the same.

154.10.4 All team delegation members (group of players, group of coaches, group of medical staff and group of accompanying delegates) who are entitled access to the team bench during the game must be dressed in a uniform manner (like the other members of their group) as follows:

1. Wearing the same tracksuits of the team, as per article 154.7

2. Wearing a team delegation uniform that shall conform to the following provisions:

a. Upon FIBA Europe approval, advertising is permitted, provided that the sponsors' messages are identical to messages on the team's uniforms.

b. The club name and/or badge/symbol may appear.

3. The manufacturer's trademark (logo) is permitted, provided that it occupies an area of maximum twenty (20) cm<sup>2</sup>.

4. Wearing plain clothes free of any advertising or marks.

154.10.5 Advertising for hard alcohol, tobacco and any pharmaceutical substances on the WADA Prohibited List as applicable from time to time is prohibited. For avoidance of any doubt, advertising for a brand of beer or wine is permitted.

154.10.6 During the Olympic Games, the participating teams must respect the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Regulations and provisions regarding advertising.

### 154.11. Sanctions

154.11.1 Failure to meet the deadline for submitting a drawing/design of the complete uniform set which will be worn during the competition to FIBA for its approval (Article 2-56 of the Internal Regulations of FIBA and 142.1 of the Competitions Regulations of FIBA Europe) shall result in financial penalties.

154.11.2 The Technical Committee or the commissioner shall supervise the implementation of these Regulations at each FIBA Competition.

154.11.3 After receiving a report from the Technical Committee or the commissioner stating that these Regulations were not complied with, the FIBA Executive Director Europe or the person responsible, according to the Regulations of the Competition, shall decide on possible penalties in the first instance.

## **155. 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 FIBA Executive Director Europe decides otherwise.

## **156. MEDIA AND TELEVISION**

FIBA Europe/FIBA is the owner of all media and broadcast rights of all FIBA Europe competitions and it may transfer part or all of those rights to the organising Federation and/or club. The distribution of rights will always be specified in writing and/or related event guidelines and/or manuals.

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, teams or LOC 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).

- 156.1. FIBA Europe shall have the right to link up to any website produced by a national federation affiliated to FIBA, team or LOC.
- 156.2. National federations affiliated to FIBA, teams or LOC are permitted with prior approval from FIBA Europe to make use of such information for non-commercial purposes.
- 156.3. National federations affiliated to FIBA, teams or LOC **must** show the primary FIBA logo on their own Web site and **must** create a link up to FIBA Europe's website.
- 156.4. The creation of a website for a given FIBA Europe competition shall be done by FIBA Europe.
- 156.5. In principle FIBA Europe /FIBA are the owners of all media and commercial rights, including internet rights of all its competitions FIBA Europe organises. If a live or delayed broadcast 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 dubs of footage in different formats (Beta SP, DigiBeta, DVCPRO, DVCAM, digitised copies) of an entire game or parts of it.

## **157. 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.

