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## BOOK 2 –COMPETITIONS

### CHAPTER I. THE COMPETITIONS OF FIBA

1. The main official competitions of FIBA are:
  - a. The Olympic Tournaments
  - b. The World Olympic Qualifying Tournaments for Men and Women
  - c. The FIBA World Championship for Men
  - d. The FIBA World Championship for Women
  - e. The FIBA U-19 World Championship for Men
  - f. The FIBA U-19 World Championship for Women
  - g. The FIBA U-17 World Championship for Men
  - h. The FIBA U-17 World Championship for Women
  - i. All Zone Championships
  - j. All qualifying games and tournaments for the above championships
2. Other official competitions of FIBA are:
  - a. The official cups and tournaments of FIBA
  - b. The international cups, games and tournaments sanctioned and officially recognised by FIBA and included in the international calendar

### GENERAL PRINCIPLES

3. Only FIBA is empowered to organise, sanction, and control basketball competitions involving teams from several Zones, or to authorise Zone competitions to qualify for world and Olympic competitions.
4. Each Zone has the delegated authority to organise, sanction and control basketball competitions within its geographic area and may determine the process to be followed in allocating an official competition being organised under its patronage, provided that the process is consistent with the general provisions of this regulation. The Zones are authorised also to establish the technical and financial regulations within the general framework of these Internal Regulations.
5. All Competitions of FIBA shall be governed by the following provisions of general nature and any specific regulations applicable to the respective competitions.
6. In general, a competition is organised by a national member federation, by a Local Organising Committee (LOC) recognised by the national member federation where the competition is being held, or by a competent body of FIBA. In certain situations, the Central Board may authorise that FIBA organises a competition in more than one country or under its own auspices.

7. The agreement to organise a main official competition of FIBA and the agreement to take part in the said competition constitutes a contract between FIBA, the organisers and the participating teams. All parties involved must scrupulously respect this "sports contract". For certain competitions, FIBA may request the signing of a "Contract of Assignment". This principle applies to all international competitions, even when these are not strictly of an official nature.
8. Commitments made by clubs for club competitions are considered as having been made with the approval of their national member federation. The national member federation shall, therefore, be held responsible for ensuring that these commitments are respected.

### DUTIES OF FIBA

9. FIBA must do all in its power to see that a competition organised under its auspices will be staged successfully and that FIBA is represented by competent persons who shall maintain absolute impartiality. FIBA is obliged to assist the organisers by all means at its disposal. FIBA may require reimbursement from the organisers of expenses incurred through providing such assistance.
10. In the event of default of these provisions by the organisers of a competition mentioned in article 2-1, FIBA shall withdraw its patronage and the title of the competition involved. It may apply disciplinary and financial sanctions to the organisations at fault.
11. For competitions at the world level, such decisions must be made by the Central Board and shall have immediate effect.
12. For competitions at the Zone level, such decisions shall be made by the Zone and shall have immediate effect but these must be brought to the attention of FIBA.

### DUTIES OF THE ORGANISERS

13. The organisers are obliged to respect all applicable provisions of these Internal Regulations.
14. These provisions are valid also for the invited teams for events that are not of an official nature.

## CHAPTER II. BIDDING (FOR THE RIGHT TO CONDUCT A MAIN OFFICIAL COMPETITION OF FIBA)

15. From time to time, FIBA will invite national member federations to bid for the right to conduct a main official competition (with the exception of the Olympic Games which are under the control and jurisdiction of the International Olympic Committee). FIBA shall:

- a. Call for bids for the right to conduct a particular competition in terms of this entire Book 2, and set a closing date for closure of the bids for an individual competition; or
- b. For certain competitions, issue Bidding and Event manuals and circular letters specific to the particular events. If so, the terms of such documents shall prevail over the general provisions of this Book 2 and shall be observed scrupulously; and
- c. Set up a process for assessing the various bids and determining the successful bid.

### 16. General timetable for assignment of the official competitions of FIBA

Event Held	Olympic Games every 4 years	Olympic Qualifying Tournaments every 4 years	Men's World Championship every 4 years	Women's World Championship every 4 years	Youth Championships every 2 years
Event assigned	7 years ahead (by IOC)	5 months ahead	5 years ahead	5 years ahead	3 years ahead
In principle timing	August	June/July	August/September	September	July/August
Precise dates approved	5 years ahead	2 years ahead	3 years ahead	3 years ahead	2 years ahead
Qualifying tournaments to be completed by	30 Sept of previous year	30 Sept of previous year	30 Sept of previous year	30 Sept of previous year	31 Dec of previous year

17. Any bid for the right to organise a main official competition must be submitted to FIBA through the national member federation of the candidate, within the time limit set by FIBA. The time limit may be modified by FIBA if circumstances render it necessary.
18. Any bid submitted must give a written undertaking to observe all of the requirements of this Book 2 with respect to the particular competition.
19. Any organisation lodging a bid must frame it in such a way that it demonstrates the ability of the bidding organisation to observe the Terms of Engagement set out in Chapter III of this Book 2 and any other requirements laid down in advance by FIBA, and it must undertake to execute a contract enshrining the Terms of Engagement and any other pre-ordered requirements.
20. A candidature complying fully with the provisions of Chapter III of this Book 2 must be received by FIBA by the date stipulated by FIBA as the closing date for bids, and this date shall be at least one (1) month prior to the date of the meeting which is to decide on the organisation which shall be designated as organiser of the competition.
21. In addition to a bid complying with the Terms of Engagement as set out in Chapter III of this Book 2, a bid to conduct a particular event must contain:
  - a. Proposed dates and places of the competition;
  - b. Any conditions attached to the filing of the bid by the candidate;
  - c. Financial conditions, including budget for the competition;

- d. Means of transportation and distances to be travelled within the country;
  - e. Guarantees by national, state/provincial, and/or local government of full support including in the event of a financial shortfall;
  - f. Full details and all guarantees concerning the technical equipment (FIBA approved) and the facilities in the hall where the competition will take place;
  - g. A signed statement acknowledging that FIBA is the owner of all broadcast, marketing, merchandising, and equipment rights in terms of Chapter V of Book 1 and that the division of income from such rights is decided by the Central Board.
22. FIBA is entitled to request appropriate financial guarantees and/or financial bonds (cash deposits or irrevocable bank guarantees on a Swiss “AAA” bank [UBS S.A. or Crédit Suisse] or an “AA” or “AAA” rated international bank based in Switzerland) from any candidates to ensure the seriousness of the candidature and, once awarded, the proper organisation of the competition and full compliance with FIBA’s regulations and decisions. The appropriate amounts, if any, shall be determined by the Central Board.
23. Candidatures which do not satisfy the conditions indicated above under articles 2-21 and 2-22 will be disregarded.
24. FIBA may decide to organise a site visit to all or some of the candidates. In that event, all expenses of the site visit must be covered by the candidate.

## CHAPTER III. TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT (FOR SUCCESSFUL BIDDER)

### [Note 1

The content of Chapter V of Book 1 forms an integral part of the Terms of Engagement and must be read in conjunction with this section. In general all rights in connection with all FIBA World Championships, in particular the broadcasting, marketing, merchandising, and equipment rights are owned by FIBA which shall have the exclusive right and authority to govern and supervise all sporting and financial activities linked to each event.

### Note 2

FIBA reserves the right to modify or expand the Terms of Engagement as set out herein. If it is proposed to do so, FIBA shall provide the details of expanded/modified requirements at least one year ahead of the closing date for bids for the right to conduct an individual Championship.

### Note 3

The World Championship for Men for which Bid and Event manuals have been prepared is specifically excluded from the provisions of the Terms of Engagement below, although they could be taken as a preliminary guide to any member federation or organisation interested in bidding for the right to organise a World Championship for Men. Any organisation so interested should obtain copies of the Bid and Event Manuals from FIBA].

## GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND SANCTIONING

25. Once the organisation has been assigned, no change to these Terms of Engagement shall be allowed for any reason unless otherwise agreed in writing. Should the organisers default on the agreed Terms of Engagement, FIBA shall have the right to:
- a. Revoke the assignment of the organisation of the competition;
  - b. Impose disciplinary and financial sanctions on the organisers; and/or
  - c. With or without recalling bids, assign the competition to another national member federation which undertakes to respect these Terms of Engagement.

## GOVERNMENT GUARANTEES

26. The following minimum undertakings/guarantees must be given clearly by a candidate and become part of these Terms of Engagement for the successful bidder. This list is not exhaustive and all bidders for an individual competition must take account of the provisions of the whole of this Book 2 and also those of Chapter V of Book 1 which form part of the Terms of Engagement, and also any circulars which have been issued in association with a particular event.
27. The member federation candidate must lodge a declaration from the government in its country stipulating that the government welcomes the championship to the country; also that the appropriate level of government provides minimum guarantees from an organisational point of view for the complete success of the championship such as:
- a. Entry visas and any other travel documents required to guarantee freedom of movement for all participants, representatives of the media, partners, sponsors and suppliers recognised by FIBA, and others, and guarantee that the respective documents will be issued in good time;
  - b. Temporary work permits if required for the players, commissioners, referees, referee supervisors, representatives of the media, partners, sponsors and suppliers recognised by FIBA, and others, and guarantee that these will be issued in good time;
  - c. Temporary free import (in particular from any taxes) permits for all material and equipment necessary for the work of all participants, representatives of the media, partners, sponsors and suppliers recognised by FIBA, and others;
  - d. Appropriate security and health care for all participants and officials;
  - e. Local transportation for all participants and officials;
  - f. Free use for FIBA and its partners, sponsors, etc. of the venues and their immediate surroundings as well as of public advertising spaces to promote the event;
  - g. Any other facilities and services needed to ensure the complete success of the championship.

## HOST BROADCAST GUARANTEE

28. Assurance is required from the appropriate national authority of clean national broadcast signals for international transmission for all games of the competition, and provision of

the necessary equipment including television graphics and commentary position for worldwide broadcast of the competition by television and radio according to the host broadcaster obligations available from the Secretariat of FIBA or from FIBA's television partner. FIBA itself may contract the services of a host broadcaster for certain competitions.

## FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

29. The organisers of a main official competition of FIBA are obliged to respect the financial provisions for the competition in question. All moneys owed to FIBA must be paid in full, net of all fees, within the deadlines established by FIBA to FIBA's bank account – see Notes to Chapter IX of this Book 2.
30. The organisers shall cover:
- 30.1 All general organising expenses including rental of arenas/halls, taxes, host broadcaster services, provision of statistics and graphics for services provided for the press, for the teams, for the FIBA guests and sponsors etc., and all other expenses associated with conducting the event as prescribed in Chapter IV of this Book 2.
- 30.2 Costs of pre-Championship site visits: the organisers shall pay the travel and full board and lodging expenses of official representatives appointed by FIBA (maximum three (3) persons) to participate in the site visits and meetings with the organisers prior to the beginning of the competition. The number of site visits required may vary from event to event, but will be at least three (3).

Accommodation	Olympic Qualifying Tournaments	Men's World Championship	Women's World Championship	Under 19 Championships	Under 17 Championships
FIBA President	1	1	1	0	0
FIBA Secretary General	1	1	1	0	0
FIBA Secretary General Emeritus	1	1	1	0	0
Senior representatives of FIBA	0	0	0	2	2
FIBA Staff	6	18	10	6	6
Number in each participating team	18	18	18	18	18
Number of FIBA Commissioners	2	4	4	4	2
Number of Referee Supervisors	2	4	4	4	2
Number of FIBA Referees	20	40	26	26	20
Supervisory Doctor for Doping Control	1	2	2	1	1

30.3 Accommodation and air travel expenses for the events as listed below (unless varied by the Bid and Events Manuals), as follows:

- a. Full board and lodging (accommodation) expenses from forty-eight (48) hours prior to the beginning of the competition until twenty-four (24) hours after the end thereof as per the previous schedule.

The Commissioners, Referee Supervisors and Referees shall be accommodated in a different hotel from that of the teams, unless otherwise agreed specifically by FIBA.

Board and lodging must be provided under conditions ensuring comfort and modern sanitation. All events-related hotels (official FIBA hotel, team hotels, press hotels, etc.) must be approved by FIBA.

- b. Air travel expenses (return trip from the town of residence) as per the following schedule:

Airfares (class of fare)	Olympic Qualifying Tournaments	Men's World Championship	Women's World Championship	Under 19 Championships	Under 17 Championships
FIBA President – (first)	1	1	1	0	0
FIBA Secretary General – (first)	1	1	1	0	0
Secretary General Emeritus – (first)	1	1	1	0	0
FIBA Staff – (economy) <sup>1</sup>	6	18	10	0	0

Reimbursement of these travel expenses must be made in US Dollars, Euro or Swiss Francs, or as otherwise agreed between the parties.

[Note: Unless stated otherwise in the Bid and/or Event manuals (eg for the World Championship for Men), the participating teams shall cover their own travel expenses to the venue of the Preliminary Round and from the venue of the Final Round].

30.4 Costs of Internal Transportation

- a. The organisers shall arrange for the transportation of FIBA guests, officials and teams to and from the airport and from their hotel to the competition venues. This provision applies also to training sessions and to any event to which the teams and guests and officials may be invited officially.
- b. Free passage on public transport for players and officials should be obtained by the organisers wherever possible.

30.5 Officiating fees and allowances for the referees, referee supervisors and the commissioners in accordance with article 3-304 (not valid for U-19/U-17 Championships).

30.6 Allowances for the supervisory doctor for doping control and doping control expenses: refer to Annex 1 of the FIBA Anti-Doping Regulations (see Book 4).

30.7 Costs related to accidents, medical care and equipment, and insurance:

- a. The organisers are obliged to ensure, at their cost, that medical care is available at the venues (training sites, hotels, sport halls, etc.) for all participants (players, coaches, referees, referee supervisors, commissioners, and officials) in the event of illness and/or accident during their entire stay for the competition. This includes all accidents which may occur during any local transportation arranged by the organisers.
  - b. All competition venues shall include a first aid room. The organisers shall provide medical staff and nurses (with equipment for reanimation, stretcher, onsite ambulance, and exits allowing quick evacuation).
  - c. The organisers must carry civil responsibility (third party liability) insurance for all accidents which are the result of poor organisation such as faulty fittings, equipment and stands, security within the precincts of the game and, in general, all material organisations for which the organisers are responsible. FIBA shall be a co-insured party to that insurance. FIBA will indicate to the organisers the appropriate amount to be covered.
  - d. The organisers must carry appropriate cancellation insurance and FIBA shall be a co-insured party to that insurance. FIBA will indicate to the organisers the appropriate amount to be covered.
- 30.8 Costs of tickets, accreditations, and VIP hospitality areas:
- a. The Local Organising Committee must provide to FIBA complimentary tickets in the best seats for all official competitions. Five hundred (500) are required for each session except for the FIBA World Championship for Men when one thousand (1,000) tickets are required.
  - b. Should FIBA require fewer complimentary tickets, it will either inform the Local Organising Committee of this in advance or return unused tickets in time for them to be on-sold.
  - c. Should FIBA require more tickets, the Local Organising Committee shall make extra tickets available for purchase in the best category. In addition, the corresponding number of accreditations giving access to the VIP area shall be made available by the Local Organising Committee to FIBA guests at the venue.
  - d. All complimentary tickets must arrive at the Secretariat of FIBA at least eight (8) weeks prior to the event, together with a seating plan of the stadium indicating the location of the allocated seats, according to the agreement between FIBA and the Local Organising Committee.
  - e. The number of seats in the "Tribune of Honour" and the distribution thereof will be determined in agreement with the Local Organising Committee.
  - f. The distribution of complimentary tickets will be handled by FIBA based on the criteria fixed for the particular competition. The number of tickets shall include those necessary for FIBA's marketing and broadcast partners.
  - g. The system of accreditation and the list of those receiving accreditations must be approved by FIBA. (See also article 2-41).
  - h. VIP hospitality area(s) located near to the VIP seats must be organised by the Local Organising Committee with adequate quantity and quality of food and drinks.

- 30.9 Costs associated with provision of media facilities
- The organisers shall provide all facilities necessary for the proper functioning of the various media. In particular, they shall ensure that:
- a. A minimum of 5% of all of the seats in the stadium is reserved for journalists;
  - b. Each seat reserved for journalists is equipped with a desk and has good visibility over the entire playing court and equipment;
  - c. A media working room is provided. This room must be large enough to accommodate all journalists and be equipped with sufficient computers, telephone, fax, modem lines, paper, etc;
  - d. A wireless LAN for free or for a reasonable fee agreed with FIBA;
  - e. A separate, appropriately equipped media conference room which can accommodate all journalists be provided.
- 30.10 The organisers shall keep all revenue/income derived from the sale of tickets, all approved value-in-kind agreements and any contribution received from national, state/provincial, and/or local authorities.
- 30.11 FIBA shall insure the following persons against accidents which may occur during the travel to and from the venue of the competition:
- a. The FIBA Referees
  - b. The FIBA Referee supervisors
  - c. The FIBA Commissioners
  - d. The official FIBA representatives present at the competition.

## SPECIAL PROVISIONS

- 31. The Terms of Engagement include also any special or amended conditions in terms of article 2-21b. which are accepted by FIBA in awarding the rights to conduct the event, and also any special conditions which are imposed by FIBA such as for example in terms of article 2-22.
- 32. The catering and minimum required installations for FIBA and its guests must be provided by the Local Organising Committee according to the standards set by FIBA.

## CHAPTER IV. CONDUCTING A MAIN OFFICIAL COMPETITION OF FIBA

### COMPETENCE OF FIBA BODIES

- 33. FIBA is competent to make any decision and to impose sanctions or levy fines whenever a conflict arises at the time of an international competition, no matter whether the competition is official or not. Any appeal against the decisions of FIBA shall be dealt with in accordance with the FIBA Internal Regulations and the FIBA General Statutes.



## RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)

34. The LOC has the duty to take all measures that it deems necessary for the success of the event. However, such measures shall be subject to approval by the FIBA Central Board. Furthermore, the LOC must work closely and efficiently with all official bodies of FIBA responsible for the organisation of the event.
35. 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 for approval.
36. The LOC is entitled to rely on the closest co-operation from the official bodies of FIBA and also from the participating teams and their national federations.

## TECHNICAL PROVISIONS

### Technical Equipment and Playing Court

37. The Competitions of FIBA shall be played only in FIBA-approved venues and with FIBA-approved technical equipment, the licensing rights of which belong to FIBA (floorings, backboards and backboard supports, 24 second devices, scoreboards including game clocks, balls, etc.). (Refer also to Book 1, Chapter V).
38. All national member federations which are awarded one of the main official competitions or other official competitions of FIBA must follow strictly the guidelines established in the Official Basketball Rules, in particular the Appendix "Basketball Equipment".
39. The main official competitions of FIBA shall be held only in halls that meet the minimum requirements for technical equipment as provided for in the Official Basketball Rules, and:
  - a. The halls must be made available to FIBA free from any advertising;
  - b. The floor area, including the playing court, shall measure at least 38 x 22 metres;
  - c. The halls must be air-conditioned; and
  - d. The minimum seating capacity of the halls shall be as follows:

	Men's Olympic Qualifying Tournament (seats)	Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament (seats)	Men's World Championship (seats)	Women's World Championship (seats)	All Youth World Championships (seats)
Preliminary and Classification rounds			8,000	4,000	2,000
All other rounds			15,000	8,000	4,000
All games	8,000	4,000			

40. Before each main official competition of FIBA, the technical equipment and the court must all be examined and approved by the appropriate body of FIBA.
41. Event organisers will allocate a minimum of nineteen (19) and a maximum of twenty-one (21) accreditations to each team delegation, but only nineteen (19) of them may have access to the playing court. Team benches will comprise no more than fourteen (14) seats to provide for those who are to be seated during games.

### Requirements for Referee Supervisors

42. For the effective work of FIBA Referee Supervisors, the organisers are obliged to provide a conference room for two (2) days (09:00 – 18:00) before the competition begins, and for each day (10:00 – 13:00) during the competition. This conference room shall be equipped with:
  - a. Two (2) video recorders or DVD players (equipped with two [2] accompanying empty video tapes or empty DVD disks) which will allow for the selection and copy of particular scenes from the games; and
  - b. A large screen and overhead projector.
43. One (1) tape of all the games of the day shall be at the disposal of the FIBA Referee Supervisor at the latest on the evening of the same day.
44. When on duty, a seat opposite the scorer's table shall be provided for the FIBA Referee Supervisor. When off duty, a seat on the players/referees tribune shall be provided for him.

## TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

45. A Technical Committee must be formed at the beginning of each main official competition, cup and tournament of FIBA. It shall consist of three (3) persons, namely the Secretary General who shall be chairman of the Committee, a delegate of the organising federation, and a third member selected by them.
46. If the games are organised in different towns/cities, there shall be an equivalent number of technical committees.
47. The functions of the Technical Committee, which shall terminate with the announcement of the final classification of the competition, are as follows:
  - a. Supervision and approval of playing facilities and of the technical equipment as provided for in the Basketball Equipment Appendix to the Official Basketball Rules;
  - b. Establishing the schedule for the competition;
  - c. Appointment of commissioners and referees and approval of the personnel at the scorers' table (timer, scorer and 24-second operator);
  - d. Approval of the final score of each game and the final classification of the competition;
  - e. Examination and decision on protests in the first instance;
  - f. The imposition of sanctions against players, coaches, assistant coaches, team followers, commissioners, referees and table officials who have violated the spirit

and the letter of the General Statutes and the Internal Regulations of FIBA or the spirit of 'fair play' (see the Code of Conduct and Fair Play in Chapter VIII of this Book 2) that must exist in basketball. Sanctions that are imposed shall be based upon the reports submitted by the commissioners and referees, as well as on observations by members of the Technical Committee;

- g. Making decisions concerning any other unsportsmanlike behaviour which may occur immediately before or after the game; and
- h. Supervision of the implementation of the Regulations governing the Use of Advertising.

## JURY OF APPEAL

- 48. A Jury of Appeal must be formed at the beginning of each main official competition of FIBA.
- 49. The Technical Committee shall nominate the members of the Jury of Appeal.
- 50. The Jury of Appeal shall consist of four (4) appointed members and four (4) substitute members, all of whom are representatives of national member federations whose teams are participating in the competition.
- 51. The Jury shall be presided over by the President of FIBA or the most senior member of the FIBA Central Board present (whether he is connected with a team taking part in the competition or not) unless a Chairman is appointed by a competent body (see the Regulations governing Appeals in Book 1, Chapter VII).
- 52. If the President or no member of the Central Board is present and there is not a Chairman otherwise appointed, there shall be five (5) appointed members, one of whom shall be elected by his peers to preside over the Jury of Appeal.
- 53. With tournaments involving a maximum of six (6) teams, the Jury of Appeal shall be composed of a Chairman with two (2) appointed members and two (2) substitute members.
- 54. Members of the Jury of Appeal having a connection with teams involved in the dispute may not sit on the Jury and must be replaced by alternate members. The Chairman of the Jury of Appeal shall be replaced, if necessary, by the person appointed by him with the approval of the Technical Committee which will be responsible for making the formal announcement.
- 55. The function of the Jury of Appeal is to examine and to decide in the second instance appeals against decisions taken by the Technical Committee concerning the approval of game results and penalties imposed. Its verdict is final and cannot be appealed further.

## PROTESTS

- 56. If, during a main official competition of FIBA, a team believes its interests have been adversely affected by a decision of an official (referee or umpire[s]) or by any event that took place during a game, it must proceed in the following manner:
  - a. At the end of the game, the captain of the team in question shall inform the referee immediately 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".

- b. In order to make the protest valid, it is necessary for the official representative of the national member federation or the club to give confirmation of this protest in writing within the twenty (20) minutes following the end of the game to the representative of FIBA or the Technical Committee.
  - c. Detailed explanations are not necessary in the written protest. It is sufficient to write: "The national federation or club X protests against the result of the game between the teams of X and Y". As security, a sum equivalent to the amount stipulated in article 2-228 shall be deposited with the representative of FIBA or the Technical Committee.
- 57. 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 or to the Chairman of the Technical Committee.
  - 58. The national federation of the team or the club in question must submit to the representative of FIBA or to the Chairman of the Technical Committee the text of its protest within the hour that follows the end of the game.
  - 59. If the protest is accepted, the security shall be refunded.
  - 60. Should the national federation or club of the team which made the protest, or the opposing national federation or club, not accept the decision of the Technical Committee, then it may address an appeal to the Jury of Appeal.
  - 61. For an appeal to the Jury of Appeal to be valid it must be made to the Chairman of the Technical Committee within twenty (20) minutes of delivery of the Committee's decision. As security, a sum equivalent to the amount stipulated in article 2-228 shall be deposited with the representative of FIBA or the Chairman of the Technical Committee.
  - 62. The Jury of Appeal shall judge the appeal in the last instance, and its decision shall be final and not further appealable to the FIBA Appeals' Panel.
  - 63. Videos, film, pictures or any equipment, visual, electronic, digital, or otherwise, shall not be used to determine or to change the result of a game, despite the fact that the referee is authorised under the Official Basketball Rules to do so to determine the result of a last shot in a game. The use of such equipment by other than the referee is valid only to determine responsibility in matters of discipline or for educational (training) purposes after the game has ended.

## STATISTICS AND VISUAL RECORDS

- 64. Organisers shall ensure that results and statistics are sent in real time to the FIBA website and server.
- 65. If unable to transmit electronically, the organisers must send the following information by fax within one hour of the end of each game to the FIBA Secretariat:
  - a. the final score;
  - b. the score at the end of each quarter and extra period;

- c. the number of spectators;
  - d. information on television broadcast; and
  - e. a copy of the duly completed FIBA Official Statistics Sheet.
66. Organisers shall send Visual records of all games in terms of articles 1-90 and 1-91 by courier within forty-eight (48) hours of the end of the championship.

## DOPING CONTROL

67. Doping control tests are to be carried out in accordance with the FIBA Anti-Doping Regulations (see Book 4) at main official competitions of FIBA and, where possible, at all other official competitions.

## CLASSIFICATION OF TEAMS

68. The classification of teams shall be made according to the Official Game Procedures as provided in the current Official Basketball Rules.

## DRAW

69. The date, venue and procedure for the draw shall be decided by FIBA for the competition in question in accordance with the following provisions:
- a. In principle, the draw cannot take place until seventy-two (72) hours after the closing date for final entries;
  - b. The draw can be held on the occasion of a FIBA event (e.g. official tournament, competition or cup, meeting of a FIBA commission);
  - c. The draw may be held at the FIBA headquarters or at a venue decided by the appropriate body of FIBA;
  - d. The draw may be held in the organising country. In this event, the travel and board and lodging expenses of two (2) FIBA representatives and two (2) FIBA Staff will be the responsibility of the organising national member federation;
  - e. When the draw for a World Championship for Men or a World Championship for Women is held in the host country as part of an organised promotion for the respective championship, it is expected that an official representative of each national member federation whose team has qualified for that championship will attend the draw at the national member federation's own expense;
  - f. In all instances, the parties involved must be advised of the date and the place of the draw at least fifteen (15) days in advance.

## FLAGS

70. During all of the main official competitions, only the flags and anthems of the countries or affiliated national member federations approved and recognised by FIBA may be used.

71. At the site of the competition and its surroundings, the flag of FIBA and, without exception, the flags of the countries or national member federations whose teams take part in the competition shall be raised. Correct artwork for FIBA flags or Zone flags is available on the online style guide [www.fibaidentity.net](http://www.fibaidentity.net). A quote may be obtained from FIBA for the purchase of FIBA flags, and then a written order placed as required.
72. The Local Organising Committee 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 language of the organising country.

## PROTOCOL PROVISIONS

73. The following provisions for the main official competitions of FIBA apply also to the other Competitions of FIBA.

## TEAM TRIBUNE

74. A sufficient number of seats must be reserved in a special tribune for all the official members of the participating teams.

## ORDER OF PRECEDENCE – COMPETITIONS OF FIBA

75. The representative of FIBA shall rank immediately after the highest authority of the host country.
76. The order of precedence for members of FIBA shall be as follows:
- a. The President
  - b. The Past President
  - c. The Secretary General
  - d. The Secretary General Emeritus
  - e. The Vice President
  - f. The Deputy Secretary General or the delegate of the Secretary General
  - g. The Treasurer
  - h. The members of the Central Board
  - i. The Honorary Presidents and the honorary members
  - j. The Chairman of each of the FIBA Commissions
  - k. The Presidents of the participating national member federations
77. At a Zone competition, the order of precedence for members of FIBA shall be as follows:
- a. FIBA Zone President (or, in his absence, the FIBA Zone Vice-President)
  - b. FIBA President (if present)
  - c. FIBA Zone Secretary General
  - d. FIBA Secretary General and/or FIBA Secretary General Emeritus (if present)
  - e. FIBA Zone Vice-President(s)

- f. FIBA Zone Central Board members
- g. FIBA Central Board members from other Zones (if present)
- h. Any other FIBA Zone members according to the FIBA Zone Order of Precedence.

## OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES

[Note 1 – World Championship for Men: if a new President of FIBA is elected at the FIBA Congress just before or during the World Championship for Men, the outgoing President shall perform all of the official functions associated with the championship such as the official opening, presentation of the medals to the winners, and closure of the Championship.

Note 2 - FIBA reserves the right to make changes to the ceremonies as described below should circumstances so require].

78. At all main official competitions of FIBA, an official opening ceremony shall be organized at the beginning of the event in the following sequence:
- a. The ceremony begins with a short cultural programme of not more than fifteen (15) minutes.
  - b. The national flag of each participating country, or the flag of its national federation, is carried on to the court.
  - c. Two (2) short speeches lasting approximately thirty (30) seconds each are made and the competition is declared open.
  - d. The anthem of the organising country or national member federation only is played.
  - e. The opening ceremony ends with all flag bearers leaving the ceremony.
79. The victory ceremony shall be linked with the closing ceremony and shall take place at the site of the competition immediately after the last game in the following sequence:
- a. As soon as the final game has ended, the teams placed 3rd, 2nd and 1st enter the court.
  - b. In the centre of the court in front of the tribune of honour there shall be set up three (3) podiums, each wide enough for thirteen (13) persons to stand in a row. The podium for the team placed first is the highest and positioned in the middle, the podium for the team placed second is lower and positioned to the right of the central podium, and that for the team placed third is the lowest and positioned to the left of the central podium.
  - c. Each team lines up alongside its captain ready to step up onto the podium reserved for it. After the results of the competition are announced, the team placed third mounts the podium reserved for the team placed third. The representative of FIBA presents a maximum of thirteen (13) medals to the players and the head coach. The teams placed second and first are presented with their medals in the same way. A maximum of seventeen (17) additional medals are presented to the heads of delegations of the same teams after the closing ceremony.
  - d. The captain of the winning team is presented with the trophy. At the victory and closing ceremony, only FIBA's official sponsors' trophies and prizes approved by FIBA are awarded on the court.

- e. The presentation of the medals and trophy is followed by a maximum of two (2) short speeches, with the FIBA representative speaking last.
- f. The anthem of the country of the winning team only is played while the flags of the teams placed 1st to 3rd are raised.
- g. The teams leave the court and the closing ceremony is at an end.

## MEDALS AND AWARDS

80. The organisers shall provide the following medals and awards:
- a. Gold medals for the players and coaches of the team placed first.
  - b. Silver medals for the players and coaches of the team placed second.
  - c. Bronze medals for the players and coaches of the team placed third.
  - d. A diploma for each team, with indication of the place won in the final classification.
  - e. A souvenir plaque or medal for each player, coach, commissioner, referee, referee supervisor, and official.
  - f. A set of the above medals, diplomas, plaques, etc. each for FIBA and for the FIBA Pedro Ferrándiz Foundation.
81. The organisers may provide additional awards either for the teams or for the players, but such awards and the award procedure must be approved by the representative of FIBA.
82. Other than what is provided for under article 2-80e. above, under no circumstances may any other awards be made to referees.

## TOURNAMENT REPORT

83. Within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the conclusion of a tournament, the organisers shall submit an exhaustive report on its organisation to FIBA. The report shall include the financial statements for the tournament and a detailed media impact report in the host country.
- For the World Championship for Men, special provisions regarding reporting may apply - refer to the FIBA Bid and Event Manuals.

## CHAPTER V. CONDUCTING OTHER INTERNATIONAL GAMES AND TOURNAMENTS

84. This Chapter applies to all other international games and tournaments not included in the main official competitions of FIBA but endorsed by FIBA.
85. Organisers of events such as the following are encouraged to seek the endorsement of, and work in close co-operation with, FIBA in the organising and running of the basketball program:

- a. Continental or regional Games such as the All-African Games, Pan-American Games, Asian Games, South-East Asian Games, South Pacific Games, Afro-Asian Games, Pan Arab Games, etc.
  - b. Specific interest Games and Festivals such as Universiade, Mediterranean Games, Francophonie Games, Lusofonia Games, World Masters Games, Maccabiah Games, World Military Games, etc.
86. Where such endorsement and close co-operation is established, the expectation of FIBA is that:
- a. The basketball tournaments will be conducted under the Official Basketball Rules;
  - b. FIBA's technical requirements will be observed;
  - c. FIBA's player eligibility rules will apply;
  - d. FIBA will designate the FIBA active Commissioners and Referees at the organisers' costs;
  - e. FIBA will be invited to provide a technical delegate at the organisers' cost to oversee the event;
  - f. The organisers will respect other FIBA requirements; and
  - g. The organisers and participants will respect the FIBA Code of Conduct and Fair Play.
87. FIBA may charge a fee for its endorsement.

## CHAPTER VI. PARTICIPATION IN MAIN OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS OF FIBA

### CO-OPERATION WITH THE ORGANISERS AND WITH FIBA

88. Teams participating in a main official competition shall co-operate closely with the organisers and with FIBA in order to assure the technical and financial success of the event. In particular, they shall supply, in advance, the photographs and personal data of the players and all information as required by the organisers and/or FIBA. In addition, all participants shall duly complete the Entry Form (as provided for in article 2-229) and submit it to FIBA. Any failure may result in a fine.
89. Those responsible for teams taking part in a main official competition are required to facilitate the task of the organisers by avoiding unnecessary expenses.

### INSURANCE

90. The national member federations and the clubs whose teams participate in a main official competition must insure these teams against:
- a. Accidents which may occur during travel to and from the country of the competition venue; and

- b. Accidents which may occur to members of their team during the competition and for which the organisers are not responsible.

### QUALIFICATION

91. Only qualified teams may take part in main official competitions unless the specific regulations of a competition say otherwise. If required, FIBA may invite non-qualified teams to replace qualified teams which have withdrawn from a competition.
92. In order for a team to take part in Competitions of FIBA, its national member federation must:
- a. be up-to-date in the payment of all fees due and owing to FIBA; and
  - b. have no other debts due and owing to FIBA which are aged more than ninety (90) days.
93. Should a team from a suspended member take part in Competitions of FIBA, any outstanding moneys due and owing to FIBA will be deducted from the annual FIBA subsidy to the relevant Zone. (See also article 1-13).
94. Should a team from a federation that is not a member of FIBA or whose membership is suspended take part in a Competition of FIBA, the said competition shall lose its official character automatically and shall no longer be recognised by FIBA unless the Central Board decides otherwise.

### ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS FOR OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS

95. The eligibility of players for national or club teams in Competitions of FIBA must conform to the Regulations governing the Eligibility of Players and the National Status of Players.

### REGISTRATION

96. The teams taking part in main official competitions of FIBA are obliged to respect the deadlines set for the preliminary and final entries provided for in the regulations applying to the competition. The formal confirmation of participation shall, in any case, be provided before the draw of the competition is held, except for teams yet to be qualified at that time.

### WITHDRAWAL FROM, OR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT COMPETITIONS OF FIBA

97. If, after having sent its final entry, a team should cancel its participation or should fail to appear at the opening of the competition, the FIBA Central Board or the appropriate body of FIBA shall have the right to sanction that party which is in breach of its obligations to appear. These penalties may be of a disciplinary or financial nature.

In particular, FIBA may impose a fine in accordance with article 2-103. (As stipulated in article 2-226)

Part of the fine may be paid to the organisers as compensation in the event of any financial loss.

98. A national team which has qualified to participate in a Competition of FIBA and which has withdrawn its participation from the said competition for any reason, is banned from taking part in an official or friendly game for:
- Thirty (30) days preceding the first day of the Competition of FIBA for which it was qualified;
  - The duration of the competition; and
  - For thirty (30) days after the last day of this competition.

### DUTIES OF THE PARTICIPATING TEAMS

99. Teams taking part in Competitions of FIBA must respect the provisions of these Internal Regulations and the applicable regulations for each competition. They must be present at the site of the competition in due time and must co-operate at all times with the organisers and representatives of FIBA.
100. A team that has accepted an invitation to take part in a Competition of FIBA shall be obliged to take part.
101. In the event of violation of these provisions, the appropriate body of FIBA shall apply such penalties as are required. Where a club is involved, the decision shall be communicated to the national member federation to which the club belongs.
102. In particular, teams participating in Competitions of FIBA may not under any circumstances:
- Refuse to play a game or leave the playing area before the end of a game;
  - Refuse to participate in, or leave before the end of, the opening ceremony and/or the award ceremony and the closing ceremony;
  - Behave inappropriately (or make insulting remarks), thus disrupting the smooth running of the competition, official functions or ceremonies;
  - Refuse a doping control;
  - Refuse to participate in an official meeting.

### SANCTIONS

103. Where there is a violation of the provisions of this Chapter VI, in addition to any provisions set out in the Official Basketball Rules, the appropriate body of FIBA may apply the following additional penalties:
- Immediate disqualification from the current competition and disqualification of the team in question from all FIBA competitions for at least one (1) year.

- A fine as stipulated in 2-226.
- Cases not provided for in these Internal Regulations (such as provocative gestures, not attending a press conference) shall be judged on their own merits.

### ADVERTISING ON TEAM UNIFORMS

[Note - These Regulations are valid for all main official competitions of FIBA. Member federations are encouraged to use them in their entirety at national level].

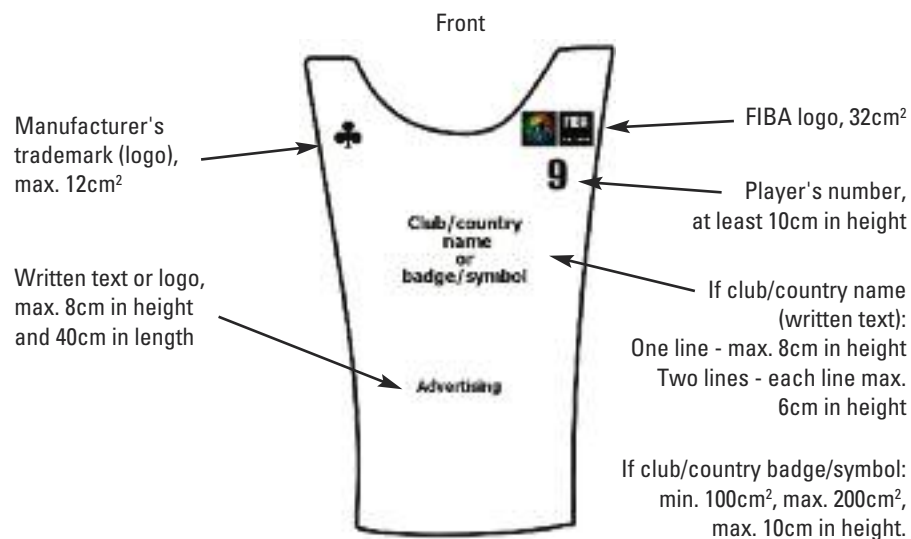
104. For a total of two different advertisings, advertising is permitted:
- On the front of the shirts
  - On the shorts

With the approval of FIBA, a third advertising is permitted on the back of the shirts for competitions under the control of Zones.

105. At least four (4) weeks prior to the first game of the competition, clubs or member federations must submit to the FIBA Secretariat for approval a drawing/design of the uniform which will be worn during the competition. This can be sent by mail or fax.

### Shirts

106. Shirts must conform to the Official Basketball Rules (article 4.3).
107. The front of the shirt shall conform to the following provisions:
- The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear, but it must not be larger than twelve (12) cm<sup>2</sup>.
  - The FIBA logo must appear on the front of the shirt (see diagram).
  - The player's number must appear and be clearly visible and at least ten (10) cm high. Any other markings on the front of the shirt must be at a distance of at least five (5) cm from the player's number.
  - The name or the badge/symbol of the club or country must appear on the front of the shirts as follows:
    - Above the advertising.
    - If the written text comprises one (1) line, the letters shall be a maximum of eight (8) cm in height. If the written text comprises two (2) lines, the letters on each line shall be a maximum of six (6) cm in height.
    - The badge/symbol must not be smaller than a hundred (100) cm<sup>2</sup> nor larger than two hundred (200) cm<sup>2</sup> and shall be a maximum of ten (10) cm in height.
  - Advertising of one (1) sponsor only is permitted provided that the written text or the sponsor's logo is a maximum of eight (8) cm in height and maximum of forty (40) cm in length.



108. The back of the shirt shall conform with the following provisions:
- The player's surname must appear above the player's number and shall comprise only one (1) line of text. The height of the writing must be between six (6) cm and eight (8) cm.
  - The player's number must appear and be clearly visible and at least twenty (20) cm high. Any other markings on the back of the shirt must be at a distance of at least five (5) cm from the player's number.
  - For Zone competitions only (refer also to article 2-104), advertising of one sponsor only is permitted on the back of shirts, provided that the written text or the sponsor's logo is a maximum of eight (8) cm in height and of forty (40) cm in length.



### Shorts

- Shorts must conform to the Official Basketball Rules (article 4.3).
- Advertising is permitted on the front of the shorts (see diagram) provided that:
  - The advertising is of one sponsor only; and
  - The sponsor's written text or logo is of a maximum of a hundred (100) cm<sup>2</sup>.
- The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear, but it must not be larger than twelve (12) cm<sup>2</sup>.
- The FIBA logo must appear and be clearly visible on the front of the shorts.
- The player's number is not permitted on the shorts.



### Socks

- Advertising is prohibited on socks.
- The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear on socks, but it must not be larger than twelve (12) cm<sup>2</sup>.

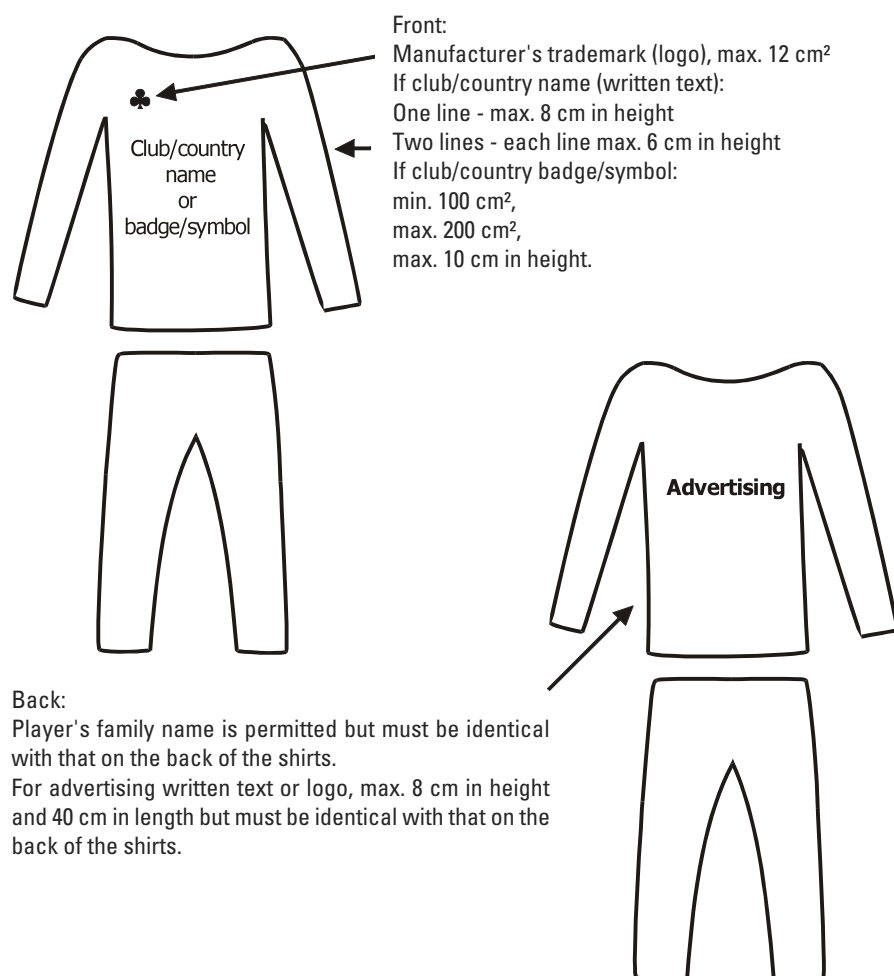
### Warm-up T-Shirts

- Advertising is permitted on the front of warm-up T-shirts but must be identical (same sponsor and size) with that on the front of the playing shirts.
- The name or the badge/symbol of the club or country must appear on the front of the warm-up T-shirts.
- Advertising is permitted on the back of warm-up T-shirts, but it must be identical (same sponsor and size) with that on the front of the shirt.
- The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear on warm-up T-shirts, but it must not be larger than twelve (12) cm<sup>2</sup>.

### Tracksuits

- Advertising is permitted on the front of tracksuits but must be identical (same sponsor and size) with that on the front of the playing shirts.

121. The name or the badge/symbol of the club or country must appear on the front of the tracksuits.
122. Advertising is permitted on the back of tracksuits, but it must be identical (same sponsor and size) with that on the front of the shirts.
123. The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear on tracksuits, but it must not be larger than twelve (12) cm<sup>2</sup>.
124. The player's family name is permitted on the back of the tracksuit but it must be identical (same name and size) with that on the back of the shirts.



### Shoes

125. Advertising is prohibited on the shoes.
126. The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear on shoes.

### Undergarments

127. All undergarments must be the same colour as the respective part of uniform.
128. Advertising is prohibited on all visible parts of undergarments.
129. The manufacturer's trademark (logo) is permitted on undergarments, but it must not be larger than twelve (12) cm<sup>2</sup>.

### Other Accessories

130. Advertising is prohibited on all other accessories such as sweatbands, knee and elbow pads, etc.
131. The manufacturer's trademark (logo) is permitted on all other accessories, but it must not be larger than twelve (12) cm<sup>2</sup>.

## OTHER PROVISIONS

132. Advertising on uniforms, tracksuits, and warm-up T-shirts must be the same for all players of a team.
133. The manufacturer's trademark (logo) on uniforms, tracksuits, and warm up T shirts must be the same for all players of a team.
134. Advertising for hard alcohol, tobacco and the pharmaceutical substances on the WADA Prohibited List as applicable from time to time is prohibited.
135. Advertising for a brand of beer or wine is permitted.
136. Players of the national teams participating in all main official competitions of FIBA may wear only that advertising approved by FIBA before the competition begins.
137. During the Olympic Games, the participating teams must respect the International Olympic Committee's regulations and provisions regarding advertising. In particular:
  - a. No advertising shall be permitted during the Olympic Games other than the manufacturer's trademark on clothing or equipment authorised by the International Olympic Committee.
  - b. No player participating in the Olympic Games may allow his person, name, photograph or sports performance to be used for advertising purposes without the prior agreement of FIBA, the national member federation, and/or the respective National Olympic Committee and the International Olympic Committee.



## PENALTIES

138. The Technical Committee or the commissioner shall supervise the implementation of these regulations at each competition of FIBA.
139. After receiving a report from the Technical Committee or the commissioner where these regulations were not complied with, the Secretary General or the person responsible, according to the regulations of the competition, will decide on possible penalties in the first instance (as stipulated in article 2-226).

## STRUCTURE AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS - MAIN OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS OF FIBA

### OLYMPIC TOURNAMENTS FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN

#### Qualification

140. Only teams whose national federations are members of FIBA and whose National Olympic Committees are affiliated to the International Olympic Committee are entitled to participate in the Olympic Tournaments for Men and Women.
141. The following teams, representing all five (5) FIBA Zones, are eligible to participate in the Olympic Tournaments in 2012:

		Men	Women
A.	Directly qualified		
	The winner of the 2010 World Championship	1	1
B.	From the FIBA Zones		
	Africa	1	1
	Americas	2	1
	Asia	1	1
	Europe	2	1
	Oceania	1	1
C.	World Olympic Qualifying Tournament	4	6
	Total	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>

The Central Board may decide to grant automatic qualification to the host country. If so, the numbers of teams in the World Olympic Qualifying Tournament would decrease accordingly.

#### Registration

142. The deadline for registration for the Olympic Tournaments shall be determined by the regulations of the International Olympic Committee and shall be indicated in the regulations published for each sport.

#### Financial provisions

143. Participating teams shall cover their expenses according to the regulations established by the International Olympic Committee.
144. The travel and board and lodging expenses of the FIBA Technical Delegates, Technical Officials and referees appointed by FIBA shall be covered according to the provisions established by the International Olympic Committee.

### THE FIBA WORLD OLYMPIC QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

#### Timing

145. The FIBA World Olympic Qualifying Tournaments for both Men and Women will be held every four (4) years (in 2012, 2016, etc.).
146. Men: for the FIBA World Olympic Qualifying Tournament for Men in 2012, dates to be confirmed.
147. Women: for the FIBA World Olympic Qualifying Tournament for Women in 2012, dates to be confirmed.

#### Participation

148. Twelve (12) teams shall participate in the FIBA World Olympic Qualifying Tournaments.
149. The following teams, representing all five (5) Zones, are eligible to participate in the FIBA World Olympic Qualifying Tournaments:

Zone	Men & Women
Africa	2
Americas	3
Asia	2
Europe	4
Oceania	1
	<b>12</b>

150. The best placed teams of those not directly qualified for the Olympic Games from each Zone will be invited to participate.

151. Should any invited team(s) not accept the invitation the next best team(s) of those not directly qualified from the same Zone will be invited to participate unless decided otherwise by the Central Board.

### Registration

152. The registration forms for both tournaments will be sent to the respective national member federations by 30 September (2011).
153. The duly completed registration forms must be returned by the national member federations so as to reach the FIBA Secretariat no later than 31 January (2012). The registration form must be confirmed by the respective National Olympic Committee (NOC).
154. The list of twenty four (24) players' names for each of the Men's and Women's teams must be submitted on the special form provided by FIBA ("List of Players"). Full particulars and all documentation which may be required concerning each player on the list, must reach the FIBA Secretariat no later than two (2) months before the beginning of the respective tournament. Failure to meet this deadline shall result in financial penalties.

### System of Competition – Men

155. Preliminary Round:
- The twelve (12) participating teams will be divided into four (4) groups (A, B, C, D) of three (3) teams each. Each team will play all the other teams in its own group (total of two (2) games for each team).
  - The teams placed 1st – 2nd in each group will play in the Quarter Finals; the teams placed 3rd in each group will go home.
  - A total of twelve (12) games will be played in the Preliminary Round.
156. Quarter Finals:  
 Game 13: A1 v B2  
 Game 14: B1 v A2  
 Game 15: C1 v D2  
 Game 16: D1 v C2
157. Semi Finals:  
 Game 17: Winner 13 v Winner 15  
 Game 18: Winner 14 v Winner 16  
 The two (2) winners will qualify for the Olympic Games. The two (2) losers will play a Final game (game 19 below) for one (1) remaining qualifying place.
158. Final:  
 Game 19: Loser 17 v Loser 18

### System of Competition – Women

159. Preliminary Round:
- The twelve (12) participating teams will be divided into four (4) groups (A, B, C, D) of three (3) teams each. Each team will play all the other teams in its own group (total

of two (2) games for each team).

- The teams placed 1st – 2nd in each group will play in the Quarter Finals; the teams placed 3rd in each group will go home.
  - A total of twelve (12) games will be played in the Preliminary Round.
160. Quarter Finals:  
 Game 13: A1 v B2  
 Game 14: B1 v A2  
 Game 15: C1 v D2  
 Game 16: D1 v C2  
 The four (4) winners will qualify for the Olympic Games. The four (4) losers will play in the Semi Finals and Finals for one (1) remaining qualifying place.
161. Semi Finals:  
 Game 17: Loser 13 v Loser 15  
 Game 18: Loser 14 v Loser 16
162. Final:  
 Game 19: Winner 17 v Winner 18

## FIBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOR MEN

### Timing

163. The FIBA World Championship for Men will be held every four (4) years (in 2014, 2018, etc.). In principle, the FIBA World Championship for Men shall have a minimum duration of eleven (11) days.

### Participation

164. Twenty-four (24) teams shall participate in the FIBA World Championship for Men.
165. The following teams, representing all five (5) FIBA Zones, are eligible to participate:

A.	The organising country	1
B.	From the Zones	
	Africa	3
	Americas	5
	Asia	3
	Europe	6
	Oceania	2
C.	Invited teams	4
		<b>24</b>

166. The gold medalist from the previous Olympic Games is qualified directly to the World Championship for Men. The continent of that winner thereby surrenders one of its allocated places.

167. The qualifying competitions must be completed, at the latest, by 30 September of the year preceding the beginning of the Championship.
168. The invited teams will be determined by the FIBA Central Board upon proposal made by the Secretary General. However, any invited team must have participated in the qualifying competitions.
169. In the event of a withdrawal by a qualified team, FIBA has the right to invite another team which participated in the qualifying competition while endeavouring to maintain an equitable balance between the Zones.

#### **Registration**

170. Registration forms for participation in the FIBA World Championship for Men must be sent by the FIBA Secretariat to the qualified teams at least ten (10) months prior to the date of the Championship.
171. The duly completed registration forms must be returned so as to reach the FIBA Secretariat no later than nine (9) months prior to the date of the Championship. In the event that a qualified team fails to meet this deadline, FIBA may revoke this team's right to participate. FIBA may then invite another team which participated in its qualifying competition, but FIBA must endeavour to maintain an equitable balance between the Zones.
172. The list of twenty four (24) players' names on the special form provided by FIBA ("List of Players") must be submitted. Full particulars and all documentation which may be required concerning each player on the list, must reach the FIBA Secretariat no later than two (2) months before the beginning of the championship. Failure to meet this deadline shall result in financial penalties.

#### **Doping Control**

173. For doping control arrangements, refer to the FIBA Bid and Events Manuals. In principle a minimum of thirty-two (32) Doping control tests will be carried out during the competition.

#### **System of Competition**

174. Preliminary Round:
  - a. The twenty-four (24) participating teams will be divided into four (4) groups (A, B, C, D) of six (6) teams each. Each team will play all the other teams in its own group (total of five [5] games for each team).
  - b. The final standings of each group will be established after the Preliminary Round as follows:  
 Group A: A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6  
 Group B: B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B6  
 Group C: C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6  
 Group D: D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6
  - c. A total of sixty (60) games will be played in the Preliminary Round.
  - d. The teams placed 1st – 4th in each group will qualify for the Eighth Finals.
  - e. The teams placed 5th – 6th in each group will return home.

175. Eighth Finals:

The sixteen (16) teams from the Preliminary Round will play direct elimination games as follows:

- a. Game 61: A1 v B4  
 Game 62: D2 v C3  
 Game 63: C1 v D4  
 Game 64: B2 v A3  
 Game 65: B1 v A  
 Game 66: C2 v D2  
 Game 67: D1 v C4  
 Game 68: A2 v B3
- b. The eight (8) winners of the Eighth Finals will qualify for the Quarter Finals.
- c. The eight (8) losers of the Eighth Finals will return home.

176. Quarter Finals:

The eight (8) teams qualified from the Eighth Finals will play direct elimination games as follows:

- a. Game 69: Winner 61 v Winner 62  
 Game 70: Winner 63 v Winner 64  
 Game 71: Winner 65 v Winner 66  
 Game 72: Winner 67 v Winner 68
- b. The four (4) winners of the Quarter Finals will qualify for the Semi Finals (places 1-4) and the four (4) losers will play for 5-8 places.

177. Semi Finals:

The eight (8) teams will play as follows:

- a. Game 73: Loser 69 v Loser 70 (5 – 8)
- b. Game 74: Loser 71 v Loser 72 (5 – 8)
- c. Game 75: Winner 69 v Winner 70 (1 – 4)
- d. Game 76: Winner 71 v Winner 72 (1 – 4)

178. Finals:

The eight (8) teams will play as follows:

- a. Game 77: Loser 73 v Loser 74 (7 – 8)
- b. Game 78: Winner 73 v Winner 74 (5 – 6)
- c. Game 79: Loser 75 v Loser 76 (3 – 4)
- d. Game 80: Winner 75 v Winner 76 (1 – 2)

## **FIBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOR WOMEN**

#### **Timing**

179. The FIBA World Championship for Women will be held every four (4) years (in 2014, 2018, etc.).

### Participation

180. Sixteen (16) teams shall participate in the FIBA World Championship for Women.
181. The following teams representing all five (5) FIBA Zones are eligible to participate:

A.	The organising country	1
B.	From the Zones	
	Africa	2
	Americas	4
	Asia	3
	Europe	5
	Oceania	1
		<b>16</b>

The gold medalist from the previous Olympic Games is qualified directly for the World Championship for Women. The continent of that winner thereby surrenders one of its allocated places.

182. The qualifying competitions must be completed, at the latest, by 30 September of the year preceding the beginning of the Championship.
183. In the event of withdrawal by a qualified team, FIBA has the right to invite another team which participated in its qualifying competition, while endeavouring to maintain an equitable balance between the Zones.

### Registration

184. Registration forms for participation in the FIBA World Championship for Women must be sent by the FIBA Secretariat to the qualified teams at least ten (10) months prior to the date of the Championship.
185. The duly completed registration forms must be returned so as to reach the FIBA Secretariat no later than nine (9) months prior to the date of the Championship. In the event of a qualified team failing to meet this deadline, FIBA may revoke this team's right to participate and may invite another team which participated in its qualifying competition while endeavouring to maintain a equitable balance between the Zones.
186. The list of player names (twenty-four (24) players) on the special form provided by FIBA ("List of Players"), as well as full particulars and all documentation which may be required concerning them, must reach the FIBA Secretariat no later than two (2) months before the beginning of the championship. Failure to meet this deadline shall result in financial penalties.

### Doping Control

187. For doping control arrangements, refer to the FIBA Bid and Events Manuals.

In principle a minimum of thirty-two (32) Doping control tests will be carried out during the competition.

### System of Competition

188. Preliminary Round:
- The sixteen (16) participating teams will be divided into four (4) groups (A, B, C, D) of four (4) teams each. Each team will play all the other teams in its own group (total of three [3] games for each team).
  - The final standings of each group will be established after the Preliminary Round as follows:  
 Group A: A1, A2, A3, A4  
 Group B: B1, B2, B3, B4  
 Group C: C1, C2, C3, C4  
 Group D: D1, D2, D3, D4
  - A total of twenty-four (24) games will be played in the Preliminary Round.
189. The teams placed 1st and 2nd in each group will qualify for the Quarter Finals.
190. The teams placed 3rd and 4th in each group will return home.
191. Quarter Finals:
- The eight (8) teams qualified from the Preliminary Round will play as follows:  
 Game 25: A1 v B1 (1 – 8)  
 Game 26: C1 v D2 (1 – 8)  
 Game 27: B1 v A2 (1 – 8)  
 Game 28: D1 v C2 (1 – 8)  
 The four (4) winners will play in the Semi Finals.
  - The four (4) losers will play for 5th - 8th place as follows:  
 Game 29: Loser 25 v Loser 26 (5 – 8)  
 Game 30 : Loser 27 v Loser 28 (5 – 8)
192. Semi Finals:  
 Game 31: Winner 25 v Winner 26 (1 – 4)  
 Game 32: Winner 27 v Winner 28 (1 – 4)
193. Finals:  
 Game 33: Loser 29 v Loser 30 (7 – 8)  
 Game 34 : Winner 29 v Winner 30 (5 – 6)  
 Game 35: Loser 31 v Loser 32 (3 – 4)  
 Game 36: Winner 31 v Winner 32 (1 – 2)

## FIBA U-19 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOR MEN AND WOMEN

[Note: The FIBA U-19 World Championships for Men and Women are each conducted under the same format]

[Note: These championships will be conducted in the years 2011, 2013, etc.]

### Participation

194. Sixteen (16) teams shall participate in the FIBA U-19 Championships. The following teams representing all five (5) FIBA Zones are eligible to participate:

A.	The organising country	1
B.	From the Zones	
	Africa	2
	Americas	4
	Asia	3
	Europe	5
	Oceania	1
		<b>16</b>

195. The qualifying competitions must be completed, at the latest, by 31 December of the year preceding the beginning of the Championship.
196. In the event of withdrawal by a qualified team, FIBA has the right to invite another team, which participated in its qualifying competition while endeavouring to maintain an equitable balance between the Zones.

### Registration

197. Registration will be completed in terms of articles 3-118 to 3-123.

### Age Verification of the Participants

198. At the beginning of the Championship, the participants' ages will be verified in accordance with articles 3-129 and 3-130.

### Doping Control

199. For doping control arrangements, refer to the FIBA Bid and Events Manuals. In principle a minimum of twenty-four (24) Doping control tests will be carried out during the competition.

### System of Competition

200. Preliminary Round:
- The sixteen (16) participating teams will be divided into four (4) groups (A, B, C, D) of four (4) teams each. Each team will play all the other teams in its own group (total of three [3] games for each team).
  - The final standings of each group will be established after the Preliminary Round as follows:  
 Group A: A1, A2, A3, A4  
 Group B: B1, B2, B3, B4  
 Group C: C1, C2, C3, C4  
 Group D: D1, D2, D3, D4

- A total of twenty-four (24) games will be played in the Preliminary Round.
- The teams placed 1st – 3rd in each group will qualify for the Eighth Final Round.
- The teams placed 4th in each group will qualify for the Classification Round for 13th – 16th place.

#### 201. Eighth Final Round:

- The twelve (12) teams qualified from the Preliminary Round will be divided into two (2) groups (E, F) of six (6) teams each. Each team will play the three (3) new teams in its own group (the final scores of all games played in the Preliminary Round are valid for this round).  
 Group E: A1, A2, A3, B1, B2, B3  
 Group F: C1, C2, C3, D1, D2, D3
- A total of eighteen (18) games will be played in the Eighth-Final Round.
- The teams placed 1st - 4th in each group will qualify for the Quarter Finals for 1st - 8th place.
- The teams placed 5th - 6th in each group will qualify for the Classification Round for 9th - 12th place.

#### 202. Classification Round:

- For 13th - 16th place  
 The four (4) teams placed 4th in each group of the Preliminary Round will play as follows:  
 Game 31: A4 v B4  
 Game 32: C4 v D4  
 Game 33: Loser 31 v Loser 32 (15 – 16)  
 Game 34: Winner 31 v Winner 32 (13 – 14)
- For 9th - 12th place  
 The four (4) teams placed 5th - 6th in each group of the Eighth-Final Round will play as follows:  
 Game 47: E5 v F6  
 Game 48: E6 v F5  
 Game 53: Loser 47 v Loser 48 (11 – 12)  
 Game 54: Winner 47 v Winner 48 (9 – 10)
- For 5th - 8th place  
 The four (4) losers of the Quarter-Final will play as follows:  
 Game 55: Loser 49 v Loser 50  
 Game 56: Loser 51 v Loser 52  
 Game 59: Loser 55 v Loser 56 (7 – 8)  
 Game 60: Winner 55 v Winner 56 (5 – 6)

#### 203. Quarter Finals:

- The eight (8) teams qualified from the Eighth Final Round will play as follows:
- Game 49: F2 v E3  
 Game 50: F4 v E1  
 Game 51: E2 v F3  
 Game 52: E4 v F1

The four (4) winners will play in the Semi Finals. The four (4) losers will play for 5th - 8th place (see article 2-202c.).

204. Semi Finals:  
 Game 57: Winner 49 v Winner 50  
 Game 58: Winner 51 v Winner 52
205. Finals:  
 Game 61: Loser 57 v Loser 58 (3 - 4)  
 Game 62: Winner 57 v Winner 58 (1 - 2)

## FIBA U-17 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOR MEN AND WOMEN

[Note: The FIBA U-17 World Championships for Men and Women are conducted under the same format].

### Timing

206. These championships will be conducted in the years 2012, 2014, etc.

### Participation

207. Twelve (12) teams shall participate in the FIBA U-17 Championships. The following teams representing all five (5) FIBA Zones are eligible to participate:

A.	The organising country	1
B.	From the Zones	
	Africa	1
	Americas	3
	Asia	2
	Europe	4
	Oceania	1
		<b>12</b>

The qualifying competitions must be completed, at the latest, by 31st December of the year preceding the beginning of the championship.

208. In the event of withdrawal by a qualified team, FIBA has the right to invite another team, which participated in its qualifying competition while endeavouring to maintain an equitable balance between the Zones.

### Registration

209. Registration will be completed in terms of articles 3-118 to 3-123.

### Age Verification of the Participants

210. At the beginning of the championship, the participants' age will be verified in accordance with articles 3-129 and 3-130.

### Doping Control

211. For doping control arrangements, refer to the FIBA Bid and Events Manuals. In principle a minimum of twenty-four (24) Doping control tests will be carried out during the competitions.

### System of Competition

212. Preliminary Round:
- a. The twelve (12) participating teams will be divided into two (2) groups (A, B) of six (6) teams each. Each team will play all the other teams in its own group (total of five [5] games for each team).
  - b. The teams placed 1st – 4th in each group will play in the Final Round; the teams placed 5th - 6th in each group will play in the Classification Round.
  - c. A total of thirty (30) games will be played in the Preliminary Round.
213. Quarter Finals:
- a. Classification Round:  
 Game 35: B6 v A5  
 Game 36: A6 v B5
  - b. Final Round:  
 Game 31: A3 v B2  
 Game 32: B4 v A1  
 Game 33: B3 v A2  
 Game 34: A4 v B1
214. Semi Finals:
- a. Classification Round:  
 Game 37: Loser 35 v Loser 36 (11 – 12)  
 Game 38: Winner 35 v Winner 36 (9 – 10)
  - b. Final Round:  
 Game 39: Loser 31 v Loser 32  
 Game 40: Loser 33 v Loser 34  
 Game 41: Winner 31 v Winner 32  
 Game 42: Winner 33 v Winner 34
215. Finals:  
 Game 43: Loser 39 v Loser 40 (7 – 8)  
 Game 44: Winner 39 v Winner 40 (5 – 6)  
 Game 45: Loser 41 v Loser 42 (3 – 4)  
 Game 46: Winner 41 v Winner 42 (1 – 2)

## CHAPTER VII. PARTICIPATING IN OTHER/FRIENDLY GAMES AND TOURNAMENTS

216. Participation in other/friendly international games and tournaments shall not be subject to the provisions applying to participating in the main official competitions of FIBA, however:
- Participants shall observe the Official Basketball Rules of FIBA;
  - Organisers and participants shall respect FIBA's Code of Conduct and Fair Play and act accordingly at all times on and off the court;
  - Players shall agree to submit at any time to medical tests and controls, particularly doping controls, carried out in compliance with the regulations of FIBA and WADA;
  - Organisers shall register with FIBA the holding of such game(s) in advance and send a game report at the end of the game(s) or tournament(s). FIBA will provide national federations with the appropriate forms and deadlines.
217. The organisers may invite teams from any country, on condition that the invited country is a national member federation of FIBA and its affiliation is not suspended.
218. Teams from a national member federation of FIBA may not participate in any international competition (games or tournaments) in which an entity not affiliated to a national member federation of FIBA is participating, unless prior approval from both FIBA and the respective national member federation has been obtained.
219. International friendly games and tournaments between teams representing national member federations or clubs must be authorised by the national federation of the organisers. Furthermore, the respective national member federations must authorise the participation of their teams in these competitions.
220. FIBA is competent to make any decision and to impose sanctions or levy fines if the provisions above are not respected or accidents occur during the competitions.

## CHAPTER VIII. THE FIBA CODE OF CONDUCT AND FAIR PLAY

### PREAMBLE

221. The FIBA Code of Conduct and Fair Play for basketball encapsulates all of the sporting, moral, and ethical principles which FIBA stands for and for which it will continue to fight in the future, regardless of the influences and pressures that may be brought to bear.

### TEN "GOLDEN RULES"

222. The following ten golden rules not only serve as a credo for the members of the worldwide basketball family, but they also reinforce the sense of fraternity and co-operation within that family.

- Play fair:**  
Winning is without value if victory has been achieved unfairly or dishonestly. Cheating is easy, but brings no pleasure. Playing fair requires courage and character. It is also more satisfying. Fair play always has its reward, even when the game is lost. Playing fair earns respect, while cheating only brings shame. Remember: it is only a game. And games are pointless unless played fairly.
- Play to win but accept defeat with dignity:**  
Winning is the object of playing any game. Never set out to lose. If you do not play to win, you are cheating your opponents, deceiving those who are watching, and also fooling yourself. Never give up against stronger opponents but never relent against weaker ones. It is an insult to any opponent to play at less than full strength. Play to win, until the final whistle. But remember nobody wins all the time. You win some, you lose some. Learn to lose graciously. Do not seek excuses for defeat. Genuine reasons will always be self-evident. Congratulate the winners with good grace. Do not blame the referee or anyone else. Be determined to do better next time. Good losers earn more respect than bad winners.
- Observe the rules of the Game:**  
All games need rules to guide them. Without rules, there would be chaos. The rules of basketball are simple and easy to learn. Make sure you learn them; it will help you to understand the game better. Understanding the game better will make you a better player. It is equally important to understand the spirit of the rules. They are designed to make the game fun to play and fun to watch. By sticking to the rules, the game will be more enjoyable.
- Respect opponents, team-mates, referees, officials and spectators:**  
Fair Play means respect. Respect is part of our game. Without opponents there can be no game. Everyone has the same rights, including the right to be respected. Team-mates are colleagues. Form a team in which all members are equal. Referees are there to maintain discipline and Fair Play. Always accept their decisions without arguing, and help them to enable all participants to have a more enjoyable game. Officials are also part of the game and must be respected accordingly. Spectators give the game atmosphere. They want to see the game played fairly, but must also behave fairly and with respect themselves.
- Promote the interests of basketball:**  
Basketball is one of the world's greatest games. But it always needs everybody's help to maintain its greatness. Think of basketball's interests before your own. Think how your actions may affect the image of the game. Talk about the positive things in the game. Encourage other people to watch and play fairly. Help others to have as much fun from basketball as you do. Be an ambassador for the game.
- Honour those who defend basketball's good reputation:**  
The good name of basketball has survived because the vast majority of people who love the game are honest and fair. Sometimes somebody does something exceptional

that deserves our special recognition. They should be honoured and their fine example publicised. This encourages others to act in the same way. Help to promote basketball's image by publicising its good deeds.

- vii) Reject corruption, drugs, racism, violence, gambling and other dangers to our sport: Basketball's huge popularity sometimes makes it vulnerable to negative outside interests. Watch out for attempts to tempt you into cheating or using drugs. Drugs have no place in basketball, in any other sport or in society as a whole. Say "no" to drugs. Treat all players and everyone else equally, regardless of their religion, race, sex or national origin. Show zero tolerance for gambling on games in which you participate. It negatively affects your ability to perform and creates the appearance of a conflict of interests. Show that basketball does not want violence, even from your own fans. Basketball is sport, and sport is peace.
- viii) Help others to resist corrupting pressures:  
 You may hear that team-mates or other people you know are being tempted to cheat in some way or otherwise engage in behaviour deemed unacceptable. They need your help. Do not hesitate to stand by them. Give them the strength to resist. Remind them of their commitment to their teammates and to the game itself. Form a block of solidarity, like a solid defence on the field of play.
- ix) Denounce those who attempt to discredit our sport:  
 Do not be ashamed to stand up to anybody who you are sure is trying to make others cheat or engage in other unacceptable behaviour. It is better to expose them and have them removed before they can do any damage. It is equally dishonest to go along with a dishonest act. Do not just say "no". Denounce those misguided persons who are trying to spoil our sport before they can persuade somebody else to say "yes".
- x) Use basketball to make a better world:  
 Basketball has an incredible power, which can be used to make this world a better place in which everyone can live. Use this powerful platform to promote peace, equality, health and education for everyone. Make the game better, take it to the world, and you will be fostering a better world.

### BREACHES OF THE FIBA CODE OF CONDUCT AND FAIR PLAY

- 223. Breaches of the Code of Conduct and Fair Play will be dealt with under the disciplinary provisions contained in Book 1, Chapter VI.  
 Model Code of Conduct and Fair Play for National Member Federations
- 224. National member federations are authorised and encouraged to draw up their own Code of Conduct and Fair Play based on the model document which has been inserted in the national federations' manual.
- 225. A Code of Conduct and Fair Play enacted by a national member federation is for use within its own jurisdiction but does not override the FIBA Code of Conduct and Fair Play.

## CHAPTER IX – FEES, ALLOWANCES AND FINES

[Notes to Chapter IX:

### i. Terms of payment

In accordance with applicable tax regulations, invoices may be subject to taxation. Any payments will be made after deduction of taxes.

Fees and dues, fines, rights, participation fees or any other amounts invoiced must be paid to FIBA in full, i.e. without any deductions (bank charges, etc.) and are due on receipt of invoice.

Payment in FIBA's favour must be made to the following bank account:

Beneficiary: FIBA

Bank: UBS S.A.

Address: Place St-François  
 1002 Lausanne  
 Switzerland

Account no.:

for CHF: 243-384509.01M; IBAN CH970024324338450901M.

for USD: 243-384 509.60L; IBAN CH980024324338450960L.

for EUR: 243-384509.61R; IBAN CH490024324338450961R

Bank code: 243

Swift code: UBSWCHZH80A

### ii. Currency of Reference

In general (in terms of Article 34.7 of the General Statutes), the Swiss Franc is the currency of reference for all financial transactions carried out with FIBA.

This section should be read in conjunction with the various Regulations quoted. Other non-monetary considerations/penalties/sanctions may apply].

226. Administrative Fines Payable to FIBA listed in Book 2:

Article number	Item	Amount
2-103	Failure of participating team to co-operate with organisers including failing to appear at an international competition after sending final entry and not fulfilling duties of participating teams	Up to CHF 160,000
2-139	Breach of advertising on uniforms and other apparel during main official competitions of FIBA	Up to CHF 120,000



227. Allowances/Fees Payable listed in Book 2:

nil

228. Fees and Dues Payable to FIBA listed in Book 2

Article number	Item	Amount
2-56c.	Security deposit for protest lodged during an official competition of FIBA	CHF 1,500
2-61	Security deposit for appeal to Jury of Appeal during an official competition of FIBA	CHF 3,000

## CHAPTER X. APPENDICES

### APPENDIX 1: OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS TO BE PROVIDED BY PLAYERS FOR THE MAIN OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS OF FIBA

229. Entry Form

All players registered by their national member federation on the player list, as required for the main official competitions of FIBA, must return the Entry Form, issued in the five (5) official languages of FIBA, duly completed and signed, to the Secretariat of FIBA before they can be authorised to participate:

- As a participant in this FIBA competition and, in consideration of the acceptance of my participation therein, I declare that I will respect the spirit of fair play, clean game and non-violence, and behave accordingly on and off the sports field.
- I declare that I have read and that I have full knowledge of the provisions of the FIBA Internal Regulations currently in force and I agree to comply with all such provisions. In particular I agree to comply with the provisions of the FIBA Anti-Doping Regulations currently in force and I hereby confirm that I am aware of the regulations and penalties relating to the fight against doping.
- [Applicable only to players] I agree to submit to the doping control tests (including out of competition tests by FIBA, WADA or any organisation commissioned by FIBA), to accept the results of such tests and to abide by the respective regulations as applicable from time to time. I also agree that my National Federation and my club forward my personal data to FIBA for use in connection with doping control tests, results management and possible disciplinary proceedings. I have read and understood the players' information notice (see [www.fiba.com](http://www.fiba.com)) regarding doping-control related data and hereby consent to the processing of my personal data in accordance with the applicable anti-doping regulations.

- I agree to be filmed, televised, photographed, identified and otherwise recorded on the occasion of FIBA competitions and I hereby consent that my name, likeness, autograph and other identifying characteristics may be used in connection with the production, sale, distribution, development, advertising and promotion of any FIBA or FIBA-authorized communication, product or service, but excluding the use which implies endorsement by me of any other commercial entity, product or service.
- I also agree to comply with the FIBA Code of Ethics, in particular to not participate in, support or promote betting activities related to FIBA competitions. I further agree that third parties may transfer to FIBA information pertaining to betting activities in relation to the FIBA competitions.
- I acknowledge and agree that:
  - I participate in this FIBA competition at my own risk and that I will take all reasonable measures to protect myself from the risks of participation;
  - I am responsible for all property I bring into the FIBA competition sites and that the Local Organizing Committee and FIBA shall have no responsibility for any loss or damage to this property.
- I irrevocably release the Local Organizing Committee and FIBA (and their respective members, directors, officers, employees, volunteers, contractors or agents) from any liability (to the extent permitted by law) for any loss, injury or damage that I may suffer in relation to my participation in the FIBA competition.
- I agree that any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of, in connection with, or on the occasion of this FIBA competition and/or generally the FIBA Statutes and Internal Regulations, which cannot be settled amicably and which remains unsettled once the legal remedies established by the FIBA Internal Regulations have been exhausted, shall be submitted exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) for final and binding arbitration in accordance with the Statutes and Procedural Rules of the CAS. The arbitration shall be governed by Chapter 12 of the Swiss Act on Private International Law and its seat shall be in Lausanne, Switzerland. The CAS shall rule on its jurisdiction and shall have the exclusive power to order provisional and conservatory measures. The decisions of the CAS shall be final, binding and non-appealable. I shall not and I hereby waive my right to institute any claim, arbitration or litigation, or seek any other form of relief, in any other court or tribunal.
- I acknowledge and agree that my participation to this FIBA competition is conditional upon my valid acceptance of and my compliance with each and all the provisions of this entry form."

There are two (2) copies of this entry form: the white copy (original) shall be for FIBA, the blue copy for the player. This form must be provided for participation in the main official competitions of FIBA.



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