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Notes:

- a) These Internal Regulations are divided into five volumes, Books 1 to 5. Referencing and cross-referencing are done by inserting the Book Number first (eg 1) followed by the relevant article (eg 213); article 1-213].
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I. OFFICIAL BASKETBALL COMPETITIONS

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. FIBA has the authority to organise, sanction and control basketball competitions worldwide.
2. The Official Basketball Competitions are:
 - a) FIBA National Team Competitions;
 - b) FIBA Club Competitions;
 - c) FIBA 3x3 Competitions;
 - d) FIBA-Recognised Competitions.
3. The FIBA National Team Competitions are:
 - a) The FIBA Basketball World Cup;
 - b) The FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers;
 - c) The FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup;
 - d) The FIBA Continental Cups;
 - e) The FIBA Continental Cup Qualifiers;
 - f) The FIBA Continental Women's Cups;
 - g) The Olympic Basketball Tournaments;
 - h) The FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament and the FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament;
 - i) The FIBA U19 Basketball World Cup and the FIBA U19 Women's Basketball World Cup.;
 - j) The FIBA U17 Basketball World Cup and the FIBA U17 Women's Basketball World Cup
 - k) All FIBA Continental Cups for Youth Categories (e.g. U20, U18, U16 etc.); and
 - l) All qualifying games and tournaments for the above competitions.

Any reference to the "main official competitions of FIBA" shall be understood as referring to the FIBA National Team Competitions.

Any reference to the "Competitions of FIBA" shall be understood as referring to the FIBA National Team Competitions and the FIBA Club Competitions."

4. The FIBA Club Competitions are all international club competitions organised by FIBA or its Regional Offices.
5. The FIBA 3x3 Competitions are defined and governed exclusively by the respective 3x3 regulations enacted by FIBA (National Team Competitions, World Tour, etc.)

6. FIBA-Recognised Competitions are all international leagues, cups, games and tournaments recognized by FIBA. For leagues, please refer to the relevant Internal Regulations governing Leagues (Book 1, Chapter IV) or to the respective Zone Regulations, as applicable. Recognised 3x3 competitions are governed exclusively by the respective 3x3 regulations enacted by FIBA FIBA International Competitions Calendar.
7. All Official Basketball Competitions, except the FIBA 3x3 competitions, shall be governed by the following provisions of general nature and any specific regulations applicable to the respective competitions. In case of discrepancy, the specific regulations shall prevail only if they have been approved by FIBA.
8. The dates of all Official Basketball Competitions are defined in the International Competitions Calendar ("**FIBA Calendar**"). Other basketball competitions shall respect the FIBA Calendar.

II. BIDDING TO HOST A FIBA NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITION

9. Following a bidding process, FIBA appoints one or more national member federations to organise a FIBA National Team Competition or a part thereof (hereinafter jointly referred to as "**Competition**"). FIBA may decide that it will directly organise the Competition. Subject to Article 5-40 for continental competitions, the Central Board appoints the organiser of a Competition.
10. As part of the bidding process, FIBA shall:
 - a. Communicate the opening of the bidding process to national member federations and set a timeline and closing date for the bids;
 - b. Issue a "Host Nation Agreement" and/or a "Bid and Event Manual" and/or a "Contract of Assignment" (hereinafter the "Hosting Documentation") specific to the particular Competition. The provisions of the **Hosting Documentation** shall prevail over the provisions of this Book 2 and shall be observed scrupulously; any bid submitted will imply a written undertaking to observe all the provisions of the Hosting Documentation with respect to the particular Competition;
 - c. Set up a transparent process for assessing the various bids and determining the successful bid; and
 - d. Require the successful bidder to sign the Hosting Documentation or any other form it may deem appropriate in FIBA's sole and reasonable opinion.

11. FIBA is the sole competent body entitled to define all of the requirements, rights and obligations issued for each Competition, including but not limited to:
 - a. The timetable of the bidding process;
 - b. The financial conditions;
 - c. The required government guarantees, including financial guarantees, where applicable;
 - d. The hosting requirements in regards to competition and practice venues, accommodation, transportation, etc.;
 - e. Any requirement concerning insurance, medical care and doping control; and
 - f. All necessary facilities and services to be provided.
12. The agreement to organise a Competition constitutes a contract between FIBA and the appointed national member federation (hereinafter the "**Host**"). All parties involved must scrupulously respect this contract.
13. The Host shall respect all provisions of these Internal Regulations and of the respective Hosting Documentation. In case of hosting games of the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers, the Host shall also respect all provisions of the registration form. Should the Host default on any of its engagements, FIBA shall have the right to:
 - a. Revoke the assignment of the organisation of the Competition; and/or
 - b. Impose disciplinary and financial sanctions on the Host; and/or
 - c. With or without recalling bids, assign the Competition to another national member federation which undertakes to respect all applicable provisions.
14. FIBA will use its best efforts to assist the Host. FIBA may require reimbursement from the Host of expenses incurred through providing such assistance.

III. HOSTING A FIBA NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITION

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE HOST

15. The Host has the right to propose any measures deemed necessary for the success of the Competition. Such measures shall be subject to approval by the FIBA Central Board and/or any other body as specified in the Hosting Documentation (e.g. Joint Management Committee). Furthermore, the Host must work closely and efficiently

with all official bodies of FIBA responsible for the organisation of the Competition.

16. The Host shall ensure that all participating teams are treated equally. Special requests by any of the participating teams shall be forwarded to FIBA for approval.
17. The Host is entitled to rely on the close co-operation of the official bodies of FIBA and also of the participating teams and their national member federations.

COMPETENCE OF FIBA BODIES

18. FIBA is competent to take any decision and to impose sanctions (Book 1, Chapter VI - Sanctions; Book 2, Chapter VI, article 2-90.c) whenever a conflict or any other issue arises in the lead up to or during a Competition, if it could reasonably jeopardize the reputation of FIBA or the successful staging of a Competition, regardless if this conflict or other issue arose during the Competition or not.

TECHNICAL PROVISIONS

19. Hosts shall respect and apply the FIBA Official Basketball Rules, in particular the Appendix "Basketball Equipment".
20. Competitions shall be held only in venues which meet, in FIBA's reasonable opinion, the minimum requirements as provided for in the FIBA Official Basketball Rules and in the respective Hosting Documentation, using at all times and exclusively FIBA-approved technical equipment. The Host is responsible to ensure the proper maintenance and functioning of all equipment and facilities used for a Competition.

COMPETITION DRAW

21. The date, location and procedure for the draw of the Competition shall be decided by FIBA in accordance with the following provisions:
 - a. Unless otherwise decided in exceptional circumstances, the draw cannot take place until seventy-two (72) hours after the deadline for registration of teams;
 - b. The draw shall be held in a venue decided by FIBA after consultation with the Host, whether in the host country or in another location;
 - c. The involved national member federations must be informed by FIBA of the date and the place of the draw at least thirty (30) days in advance of the draw;

- d. An official representative and the coach of each national member federation whose team has qualified for the FIBA Basketball World Cup shall attend the draw. For all other Competitions such attendance at the respective draw is expected and strongly recommended.

FLAGS AND ANTHEMS

22. During Competitions and draws, only flags and anthems of the countries or affiliated national member federations approved and recognised by FIBA may be used, in addition to the FIBA flag and the flag of the respective Competition, if any.
23. The flags shall be produced and placed in a manner that will be equal for all, in line with the respective Hosting Documentation.

PROTOCOL PROVISIONS

24. The highest representative of FIBA shall rank immediately after the highest authority of the host country.
25. At World-level Competitions, the order of precedence of the FIBA representatives shall be as follows:
 - a. The President;
 - b. The Secretary General;
 - c. The Secretary General Emeritus;
 - d. The Vice President;
 - e. The Deputy Secretary General or the delegate of the Secretary General, if any;
 - f. The Treasurer;
 - g. The members of the Executive Committee;
 - h. The members of the Central Board;
 - i. The Honorary Presidents and the honorary members;
 - j. The Chairman of each of the FIBA Commissions; and
 - k. The Presidents of the participating national member federations.
26. At Continental-level Competitions, the order of precedence of the FIBA representatives shall be as follows:
 - a. The FIBA President;
 - b. The FIBA Secretary General and/or FIBA Secretary General Emeritus;
 - c. The respective FIBA Zone President;

- d. The Executive Director of the respective Regional Office;
- e. The respective FIBA Zone Vice-President(s);
- f. The respective FIBA Zone Board Members;
- g. FIBA Central Board and Executive Committee members; and
- h. Any other FIBA or FIBA Zone representative according to the respective FIBA Zone Order of Precedence.

ACCREDITATION FOR PARTICIPATING TEAM DELEGATIONS

27. FIBA and/or the Host shall allocate a minimum of twenty-one (21) and a maximum of twenty-five (25) accreditations to each team delegation (hereinafter “**Team Delegation**”), but only twenty-one (21) of them may have access to the playing court. In addition, FIBA and/or the Host will allocate two (2) accreditation passes with access to the VIP Tribune and Hospitality Area to each Team Delegation.
28. A sufficient number of seats must be reserved in a special tribune for all accredited participating Team Delegation members.

CEREMONIES

29. The guidelines for opening and closing ceremonies as well as any other official function related to the Competition shall be specified for each FIBA Competition in the respective Hosting Documentation.
30. Any ceremony or official function organised by the Host shall be approved by FIBA.
31. If a new FIBA President is elected at the FIBA World Congress just before or during the FIBA Basketball World Cup, the outgoing President shall perform all of the official functions associated with the Competition, such as official opening ceremony, award presentation and Closing Ceremony.

MEDALS AND AWARDS

32. FIBA is solely responsible for developing and providing the official trophy of each Competition.
33. The Hosting Documentation may provide for the Host’s obligation to design and/or produce medals (gold, silver, bronze) after prior written approval by FIBA. FIBA may

retain the right in the Hosting Documentation to produce itself the medals. The minimum number of medals to be produced shall be specified in the respective Hosting Documentation.

34. Subject to approval by FIBA, the Host may produce additional awards, such as:
 - a. A diploma for each participating team, stating the final position of the team in the Competition;
 - b. A souvenir plaque or medal for each player, coach and/or member of the FIBA Officiating Team; and
 - c. Souvenirs for volunteers and staff.
35. The FIBA Officiating Team shall, under no circumstances, receive any awards other than as provided under article 2-34b above.

FINAL REPORT

36. The Host shall submit to FIBA a comprehensive post-Competition report on its organisation as required in the respective Hosting Documentation.

IV. PARTICIPATING IN A FIBA NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITION

COOPERATION WITH FIBA AND THE HOST

37. National member federations participating with their team in a Competition shall cooperate closely with FIBA and the Host in order to ensure the technical and financial success of the Competition. In particular, national member federations shall meet all deadlines with regards to the registration of their participating team, players, coaches and additional accompanying delegation members. Any failure may result in sanctions, such as a fine or withdrawal of the right to participate in the Competition.
38. National member federations shall ensure that their teams facilitate the task of the Host, including by avoiding unnecessary expenses.

QUALIFICATION

39. Only qualified teams may take part in a Competition, unless provided otherwise in the specific regulations of a Competition. If required, FIBA may invite non-qualified teams to replace qualified teams which have withdrawn from a Competition or have been sanctioned by FIBA or are otherwise unable to participate.
40. In order for a team to take part in a Competition, its national member federation must:
 - a. Be up-to-date in the payment of all fees due and owing to FIBA and/or its Regional Office;
 - b. Have no other debts due and owing to FIBA and/or its Regional Office which are more than ninety (90) days outstanding; and
 - c. Have participated in the relevant Qualifications leading to the Competition, subject to the specific regulations of the Competition.
41. In the event that a team which is not recognized by its national member federation, or whose national federation is not a member of FIBA or has had its membership suspended, takes part in a Competition without FIBA's approval, FIBA may decide that the Competition shall lose its official status and shall no longer be recognised by FIBA. National member federations shall refrain from participating in said Competition.

ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

42. The Internal Regulations governing the Eligibility and the National Status of Players apply to all Competitions (see Book 3, Chapter I).

REGISTRATION

43. All national member federations whose teams have qualified or otherwise earned the right to take part in a Competition must submit to FIBA or to the appropriate FIBA body within the same deadline a registration form and a declaration of participation, as provided by FIBA. A failure to abide by the obligation to submit the above documentation may result in sanctions being imposed on the relevant national member federation.

WITHDRAWAL FROM, OR FAILURE TO APPEAR

44. FIBA may impose sanctions on a national member federation which, after having sent its registration, cancels its participation or fails to participate in the entire Competition.
45. In addition to any sanctions imposed under articles 2-43 and 2-44, a national member federation which has qualified to participate in a FIBA Competition and has failed to register or has cancelled its participation or has failed to participate in the entire Competition is automatically banned from taking part in an official or friendly game for:
 - a. The thirty (30) days preceding the first day of the Competition for which it was qualified;
 - b. The duration of the Competition; and
 - c. The (7) days following the last day of the Competition.

DUTIES OF THE PARTICIPATING NATIONAL MEMBER FEDERATIONS

46. Participating national member federations must respect the provisions of these Internal Regulations and any applicable regulations, guidelines and directives provided to the teams for each Competition. In the event of any violation, the appropriate FIBA body may impose sanctions (Book 1, Chapter VI - Sanctions; Book 2, Chapter VI, article 2-90.c). National member federations are strictly liable for the behaviour of all members of their Team Delegation, whether accredited or not, as well as for the behaviour of their accompanying persons and supporters.
47. A national member federation that has accepted an invitation to take part in a Competition by sending its registration form shall be obliged to take part.
48. Teams must be present at the site of the Competition in due time and must cooperate at all times with the Host and the FIBA representatives.
49. In particular, teams and/or Team Delegation members participating in a Competition may not under any circumstances:
 - a. Refuse to play a game, threaten to leave or leave the playing area during or before the end of a game;
 - b. Refuse to participate in, or leave before the end of, the opening ceremony and/or the award ceremony and the closing ceremony;
 - c. Disrupt the correct running of the Competition, official functions or ceremonies;
 - d. Violate the Code of Conduct and Fair Play;

- e. Violate the FIBA Internal Regulations governing Anti-Doping (Book 4);
- f. Refuse to participate in an official meeting;
- g. Refuse to respect the Media Requirements (as per article 2-51).

INSURANCE

50. The national member federations whose teams participate in a Competition must provide adequate insurance for all members of their Team Delegation against:
- a. Injury or illness which may occur during travel to and from the location of the Competition; and
 - b. Injury or illness which may occur during the Competition and for which the Host is not responsible (e.g. sports injuries which are not due to equipment's malfunction or the Host's fault or negligence);
 - c. (Applicable only to players) to the extent not already covered by a. and b. above, injury or illness whilst on release from the club and, particularly in the event of injury, during the game(s) to which a player is summoned.

MEDIA REQUIREMENTS

51. Participating national member federations and Team Delegation members shall respect the following media requirements:
- a. Make available players, coaches and any other accompanying Team Delegation members to the media before, during and after the Competition as specified in the media obligations provided for the respective Competition.
 - b. Adhere to the game run-down provided and respect television requirements in order to guarantee the delivery of a high-quality product.
 - c. Promote the Competitions in which they are participating on all their communication/digital channels and social media as specified in the media obligations provided for the respective Competition.
 - d. Provide up-to-date and uniform headshot photographs of each player, coach and accompanying Team Delegation members and a team photo at the latest one (1) week after the registration of players, coaches and accompanying Team Delegation members in the Competition, as specified in the media obligations provided for the respective Competition.
 - e. Make available registered players and coaches for promotional video shoots prior to the Competition.

- f. Make available players, coaches and accompanying delegation members for photo and video shoots, group photos, team photos and all other requested material during the period of the Competition as specified in the media obligations provided for the respective Competition.

V. TEAM UNIFORMS

[Note - These Regulations are valid for all FIBA National Team Competitions. National member federations are encouraged to use them in their entirety at national level].

GENERAL PROVISIONS

52. Advertising on game/playing uniforms, warm-up shirts and tracksuits must be identical for all players of a team.
53. The manufacturer's trademark (logo) on uniforms, socks, warm-up shirts, tracksuits and Team Delegation uniforms (if applicable) must be the same.
54. The two sets of game/playing uniform (home and away) must differ only in colour and shall bear the same markings, including identical advertising message(s) (size and sponsor) and manufacturer's trademark (logo).
55. Advertising of the team's sponsors is permitted in maximum three (3) different advertising spaces:
- a. On the front of the playing shirts;
 - b. On the back of the playing shirts; and
 - c. On the right leg of the shorts
56. A maximum of four (4) sponsorship messages are allowed on the game/playing uniform.
57. The same sponsor can appear on a maximum of two (2), out of the four (4) available, advertising messages' spaces.
58. Advertising for hard alcohol, tobacco and any substances on the WADA Prohibited List as applicable from time to time (or products containing such substances) is prohibited. For the avoidance of doubt, advertising for beer or wine is permitted
59. Areas of applicable markings are measured by multiplying the maximum height by the maximum length of the marking (e.g. advertising / manufacturer logo).

60. At least thirty (30) days prior to the starting date of the Competition, national member federations must submit to the FIBA Secretariat for approval a drawing/design of the complete team uniform set which will be worn during the Competition. Designs can be sent by mail or email, or through a special platform that may be created for this purpose by FIBA.
61. The uniforms to be worn by the team during the Competition shall be identical to the submitted drawing/design or pre-production sample, and will be verified prior to the starting date of the Competition at the Technical Meeting. Once approved at the Technical Meeting, no changes may be made to any of the team uniforms, including in regard to advertising.
62. Failure to comply with the above articles 2-60 and 2-61 may result in an administrative fine imposed on the national member federation.
63. During the Olympic Games, the participating players, coaches, officials and accompanying persons must respect the Olympic Charter and any other rule or guideline (including without limitation regarding advertising) issued by the International Olympic Committee. In case of discrepancy between such provisions and these Internal Regulations, the former shall prevail.

PLAYING SHIRTS

64. Playing shirts must conform to the Official Basketball Rules.
65. The front of the playing shirt shall conform to the following provisions and the diagram below:
 - a. The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear once, provided that it occupies an area of maximum twenty (20) cm².
 - b. The FIBA or Competition logo (portrait version) must appear on the front of the playing shirt and be of thirty two (32) cm².
 - c. 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 or badge, at a distance of five (5) cm.

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.
 - d. The country name must appear, and an additional country badge/symbol may appear, on the front of the playing shirts as follows:
 - i. Above the player's number;
 - ii. For the country 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. In case of doubt or controversy regarding the name of the country to appear on the uniform, FIBA shall decide; and

- iii. The country badge/symbol must occupy an area of maximum twenty (20) cm² and shall be placed in the middle of the chest, between the FIBA logo and the manufacturer logo. For the avoidance of doubt, the country badge/symbol can only be the country flag or the country crest. In case of doubt or controversy regarding the badge/symbol of the country to appear on the uniform, FIBA shall decide;
- e. The national member federation crest may appear, but must occupy an area of maximum twenty (20) cm².
- f. Advertising of one (1) sponsor is permitted as follows:
 - i. The written text or the sponsor's logo must occupy an area of maximum three hundred and twenty (320) cm²; and
 - ii. The advertising must be placed below the player's number.



66. The back of the playing shirt shall conform with the following provisions and the diagram below:

- a. The player's name (surname or preferred name) must appear above the player's number and shall comprise only one (1) line of text. The height of the writing must be of minimum six (6) cm and maximum eight (8) cm. In case of doubt or controversy regarding the name of the player to appear on the uniform, FIBA shall decide;
- b. The player's number must appear and be clearly visible; it shall have a height of minimum twenty (20) cm; 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.
- c. Advertising is permitted provided that it occupies an area of maximum three hundred and twenty (320) cm². The advertising space shall be used as follows:

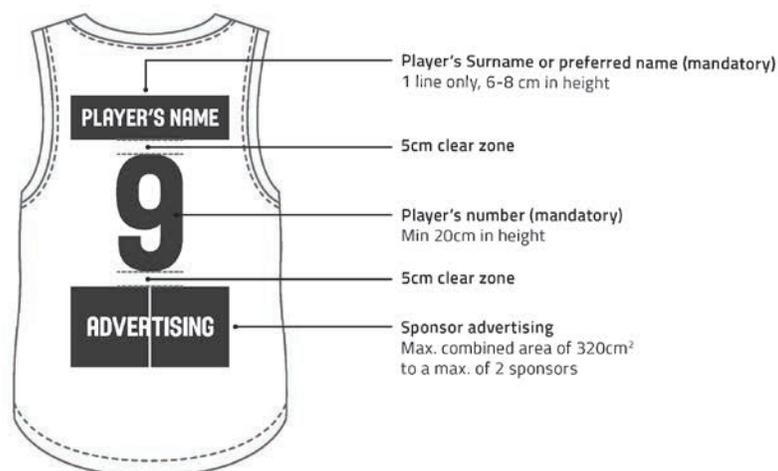
Option 1: in one (1) block of maximum three hundred and twenty (320) cm² with one (1) sponsor's written text or logo; or

Option 2: split into two (2) different sponsors; or written text or logos, provided that the combined total size does not exceed three hundred and twenty (320) cm²;

In both options, any advertising logo(s) must be placed below the player's number; and

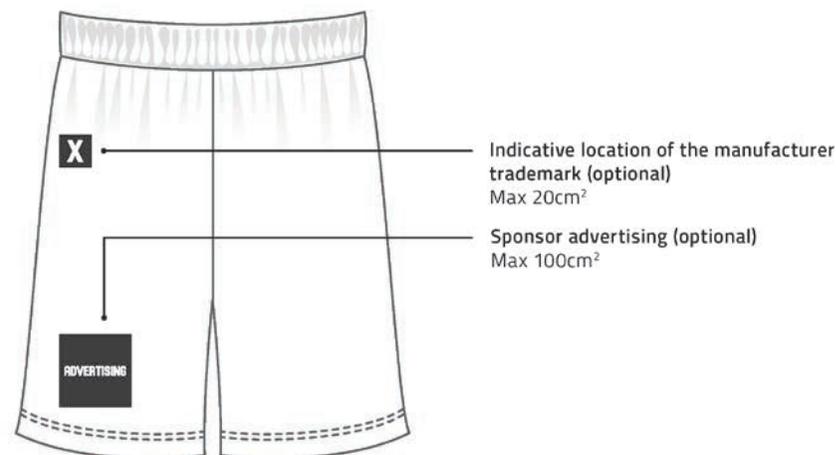
- d. No other marking is permitted on the back of the playing shirt.

BACK



PLAYING SHORTS

67. Playing shorts must conform to the Official Basketball Rules (article 4.3).
68. Playing shorts shall conform to the following provisions and the diagram below:
 - a. The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear once, provided that it occupies an area of maximum twenty (20) cm²;
 - b. Advertising of only one (1) sponsor is permitted on the front of the shorts, on the right leg as per diagram below, provided that the sponsor's written text or logo occupies an area of maximum one hundred (100) cm²;
 - c. The sponsor advertised may be different from those advertised on the playing shirt;
 - d. No other markings may be placed in this area;
 - e. For the avoidance of doubt, the player's number is not permitted on the shorts.

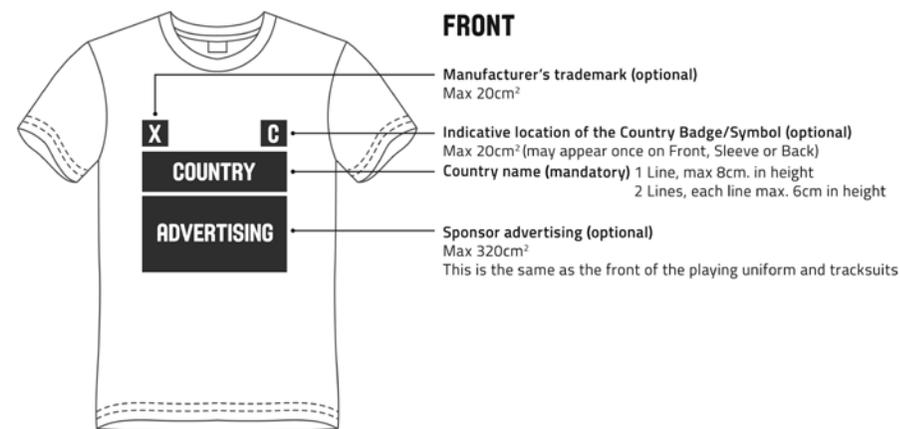


PLAYING SOCKS

69. Playing socks shall conform to the following provisions:
 - a. The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear, provided that it occupies an area of maximum twenty (20) cm²;
 - b. Advertising is prohibited.

WARM-UP SHIRTS

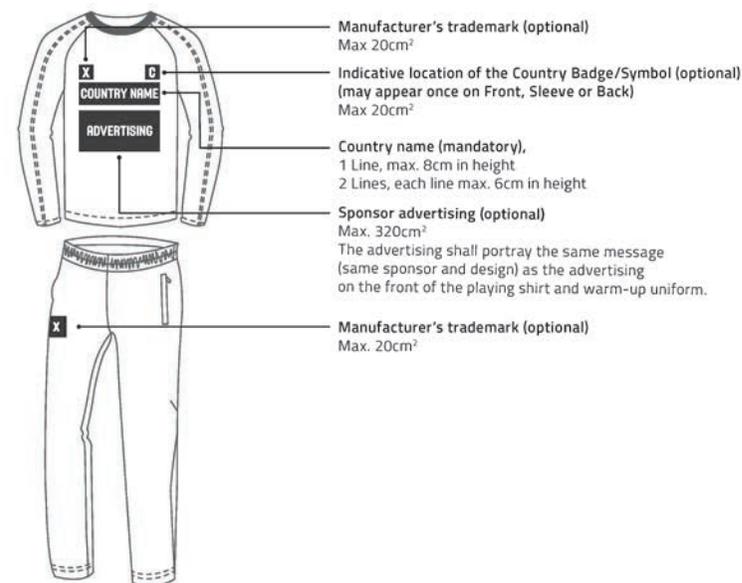
70. Warm-up shirts shall conform to the following provisions and the diagram below:
- a. The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear once on the front of the warm-up shirts, provided that it occupies an area of maximum twenty (20) cm²;
 - b. The country name must appear on the front of the warm-up shirts and be identical (same size, place etc.) to the country name on the front of the playing shirt. In case of doubt or controversy regarding the country name to appear on the uniform, FIBA shall decide;
 - c. An additional country badge/symbol may appear once on the front, sleeves or back of the warm-up shirt and must occupy an area of maximum twenty (20) cm². For the avoidance of doubt, the country badge/symbol can be the country flag or country crest. In case of doubt or controversy regarding the badge/symbol of the country to appear on the uniform, FIBA shall decide;
 - d. 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. In case of doubt or controversy regarding the name of the player to appear on the uniform, FIBA shall decide;
 - e. Advertising is permitted as follows:
 - i. On the front of the warm-up shirts, provided that it is identical (same sponsor, size, logo etc.) to the advertising on the front of the playing shirts;
 - ii. On the back of the warm-up shirts provided that it is identical (same sponsor(s), size, logo etc.) to the advertising on the back of the playing shirts.



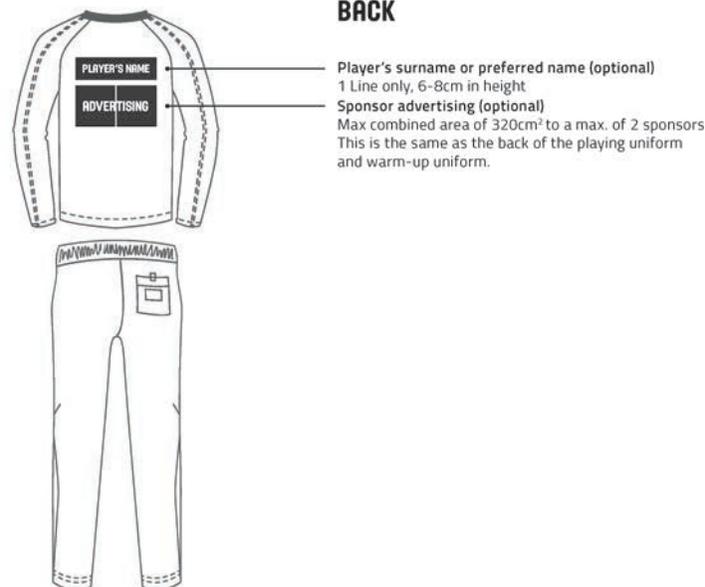
TRACKSUITS

71. Tracksuits shall conform to the following provisions and the diagrams below:
- a. The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear once on tracksuit top and once on trousers, provided that it occupies an area of maximum twenty (20) cm² on each piece of tracksuit;
 - b. The country name must appear on the front of the tracksuits and be identical (same size, place etc.) to the country name on the front of the playing shirt. In case of doubt or controversy regarding the country name to appear on the tracksuits, FIBA shall decide;
 - c. An additional country badge/symbol may appear once on the front, sleeves or back of the tracksuit top and must occupy an area of maximum twenty (20) cm². For the avoidance of doubt, the country badge/symbol can be the country flag or country crest. In case of doubt or controversy regarding the badge/symbol of the country to appear on the uniform, FIBA shall decide;
 - d. The player's name (surname or preferred name) may appear on the back of the tracksuit, provided that it is identical (same text, size, place etc.) to the player's name on the back of the playing shirt. In case of doubt or controversy regarding the name of the player to appear on the uniform, FIBA shall decide;
 - e. Advertising is permitted as follows:
 - i. On the front of the tracksuits, provided that the advertising portrays the same message (same sponsor and design) as the advertising on the front of the playing shirt and has a size of maximum 320 cm² (as per the front of the playing shirt);
 - ii. On the back of the tracksuits, provided that it is identical (same sponsor(s), size, logo etc.) to the advertising on the back of the playing shirts.

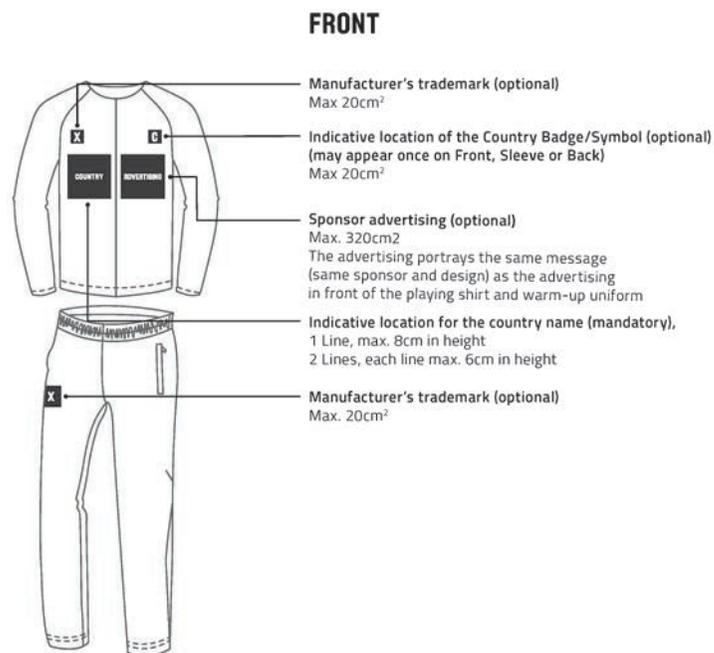
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- f. When the front part of the tracksuit has a zipper, the above provisions shall apply in conjunction with the special design below.



PLAYING SHOES

72. Playing shoes shall conform to the following provisions:
- The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear;
 - Advertising is prohibited.

ACCESSORIES

73. All accessories must conform to the Official Basketball Rules (article 4.4).
74. The following provisions shall apply to eyewear, sweatbands, knee and elbow pads:
- Advertising is prohibited;
 - The manufacturer's trademark (logo) is permitted, provided that it occupies an area of maximum twelve (12) cm².
75. No advertising or manufacturers' trademark (logo) is allowed on all other accessories.

TEAM DELEGATION UNIFORMS

76. All other Team Delegation members (group of coaches, group of medical personnel and group of accompanying delegation members) who are entitled to sit on the team bench during the game must be dressed in a uniform manner (each member of a group as defined above shall be uniformly dressed) as follows:
- Wearing the same tracksuits of the players, as per article 2-71; or
 - Wearing a Team Delegation uniform that shall conform to the following provisions:
 - Upon FIBA's prior written approval, advertising is permitted, provided that the sponsors' messages are identical as the team's uniforms.
 - The country name and/or badge/symbol may appear;
 - The manufacturer's trademark (logo) is permitted and may appear once, provided that it occupies an area of maximum twenty (20) cm²; or
 - Wearing plain clothes free of any advertising, marks or other markings.

VI. OTHER COMPETITION ASPECTS

REGISTRATION OF TEAM DELEGATION MEMBERS

77. Registration of players, coaches and other accompanying Team Delegation members in a Competition shall comply with the provisions of Book 3 of these Internal Regulations.

TECHNICAL MEETING

78. A Technical Meeting with the Team Delegations shall be held at the latest one (1) day before the start of each Competition and shall be chaired by the highest-ranked FIBA Representative (or his delegate).
79. Unless otherwise specified in specific Competition regulations, the Technical Meeting shall be held for the following purposes:
- For Team Delegations to officially submit the final Team Delegation composition:

- i. The list of the twelve (12) players, with uniform numbers and required personal details, accompanied by the passports of the twelve (12) players;
 - ii. The list of the FIBA-approved coaches and the list of the maximum thirteen (13) FIBA-approved accompanying Team Delegation members (including coaches);
 - iii. The Entry Form provided by FIBA, fully completed and duly signed;
 - and
 - b. For FIBA, represented through a FIBA Technical Delegate or FIBA Commissioner:
 - i. To verify the final Team Delegation composition as well as the players', coaches' and accompanying Team Delegation members' passports;
 - ii. To verify that the game uniforms (in light and dark colour), warm-up uniforms and any other garment fully reflect the samples and/or designs pre-approved by FIBA;
 - iii. To brief Team Delegations on all organisational aspects of the Competition and related procedures and outline the expectations in regard to the teams' participation.
80. FIBA or the Host shall send to each participating national member federation a written invitation (notification by email is also valid) to the Technical Meeting. The invitation shall contain:
 - a. Date, time and location of the Technical Meeting;
 - b. Number and role of the Team Delegation members who are required to attend;
 - c. Agenda of the Technical Meeting;
 - d. A detailed list of the documents and materials that each Team Delegation is required to bring to the Technical Meeting.
81. Once the Technical Meeting is declared closed, no changes to the composition of the final roster (twelve (12) players), including team uniform numbers, can be made at any time during the Competition. FIBA may enact specific regulations for the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers or other Competition.
82. Once the Technical Meeting is declared closed, FIBA may officially communicate the final rosters to the public.

CLASSIFICATION OF TEAMS

83. The classification of teams shall be made according to the FIBA Official Basketball Rules, Chapter D – Classification of Teams.

DOPING CONTROLS

84. Doping control tests may be carried out in accordance with the Internal Regulations governing Anti-Doping (see Book 4) at any Official Basketball Competition or out-of-competition.

VIOLATIONS

85. The FIBA Technical Delegate or the FIBA Commissioner shall verify the compliance with the Internal Regulations at each game of the respective Competition and shall report without delay to FIBA any violations. Any third person is allowed to bring violations to the attention of FIBA.
86. In addition to the provisions of this Book 2, the procedure set out in these Internal Regulations (Book 1, Chapter VI – Sanctions) shall apply. In case of discrepancy, the former shall prevail.

PROTESTS

87. The protest procedure shall be made according to the FIBA Official Basketball Rules, Chapter C – Protest Procedure.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

88. A Technical Committee must be formed at the beginning of each Competition. It shall consist of three (3) persons, namely the Secretary General or his representative, who shall be chairman of the Committee, a delegate of the Host and a third member selected by them.
89. If the Competition is organised in different cities, there shall be an equivalent number of Technical Committees.
90. The functions of the Technical Committee, which shall terminate with the announcement of the final classification of the Competition or after the last game in a city, as determined by FIBA, are as follows:
 - a. Approval of the final score of each game and the final classification of the Competition;
 - b. Examination and decision on protests in the first instance;
 - c. Imposition of sanctions against players, coaches, assistant coaches, Team

Delegation members, FIBA Commissioners, FIBA Referees, FIBA Table Officials and FIBA Statisticians who have violated the spirit and/or the letter of the FIBA General Statutes and the FIBA Internal Regulations (including, without limitation the FIBA Code of Ethics and the FIBA Code of Conduct and Fair Play). Sanctions imposed shall be based upon the reports submitted by the FIBA Commissioners and Referees, as well as on observations by members of the Technical Committee. Facts ascertained in such FIBA Commissioner or Referee reports are deemed to be accurate. Any party may prove their inaccuracy on a balance of probabilities, in which case the burden of proof shall revert to FIBA;

- d. Decisions concerning any other unsportsmanlike behaviour and/or rule violation which may occur during the Competition.

JURY OF APPEAL

91. A Jury of Appeal must be formed at the beginning of each FIBA Competition.
92. The Jury of Appeal shall be presided over by a Chairman and will further consist of four (4) members and a maximum of four (4) substitute members, all of whom are appointed by the Technical Committee from among representatives of participating national member federations.
93. The Jury of Appeal Chairman shall be the FIBA President or the most senior member of the FIBA Central Board present (regardless if such person is anyhow 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).
94. Should the FIBA President or other members of the Central Board not be present and should there not be a Chairman otherwise appointed (see article 2-93), there shall be five (5) appointed members, one (1) of whom shall be elected by his peers to preside over the Jury of Appeal.
95. In Competitions 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.
96. Members of the Jury of Appeal having a connection with teams involved in a dispute shall not sit on the jury and must be replaced by substitute members. The Chairman of the Jury of Appeal shall be replaced, if necessary, by a person appointed by him with the approval of the Technical Committee which will be responsible for making the formal announcement.

97. The function of the Jury of Appeal is to examine and to decide in second instance appeals against decisions taken by the Technical Committee concerning the approval of game results and sanctions imposed. Its decisions with respect to game results are final and cannot be appealed further.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

98. For specific FIBA National Team Competitions, FIBA may establish special disciplinary (substantive and procedural) provisions, such as the following:
 - a. For competitions with a home-and-away format, the Secretary General may appoint one or more persons with legal and/or basketball background, who shall have exclusive disciplinary competence in the first instance. They may act as Single Judge, 2-member or 3-member panel, as determined by the Secretary General. They shall have a nationality different from that of the national team(s) concerned. Appeals will be allowed only as defined in these Internal Regulations (Book 1, Chapter VII).
 - b. For the FIBA Basketball World Cup, the Central Board may decide to delegate some or all authority for first and/or last instance decision-making to an ad-hoc division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport.
99. The Internal Regulations and/or the Hosting Documentation may provide for administrative fines, subject to a maximum amount, which shall be applicable to violations of a less severe nature. Administrative fines may be imposed by FIBA automatically, without previous hearing of the concerned party. The right to appeal by any directly affected party will remain reserved at all times.

VII. SPECIAL COMPETITION PROVISIONS

100. This Chapter complements the provisions set out in the Chapters I to VI of this Book. In case of discrepancy, the provisions of this Chapter shall prevail. In case of matters not regulated in the Internal Regulations or in the Hosting Documentation, FIBA shall decide on an ad-hoc basis.

FIBA BASKETBALL WORLD CUP

101. The FIBA Basketball World Cup shall be held every four (4) years (2019, 2023, 2027, etc.). Unless otherwise decided by the Central Board, the FIBA Basketball World Cup shall have a minimum duration of sixteen (16) days.
102. Thirty-two (32) teams, representing all continents, are eligible to participate in the FIBA Basketball World Cup as follows:

A.	Directly Qualified	
	The Host Nation	1
B.	From each Continent through the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers	
	Africa	5
	Americas	7
	Asia and Oceania	7
	Europe	12
	Total	32*

** In case of multiple Hosts, the Central Board shall decide on the number of teams and procedure of qualification through the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers.*

103. In the event a qualified team withdraws, is suspended or is otherwise unable to participate, FIBA has the right to invite another team which participated in the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers. It is desirable, but not mandatory, to maintain an equitable balance between all continents.
104. Registration forms for participation in the FIBA Basketball World Cup must be sent by FIBA to the qualified national member federations at least six (6) months prior to the starting date of the Competition.
105. The duly completed and signed registration forms must be received by FIBA no later than five (5) months prior to the starting date of the Competition. In the event that a qualified national member federation fails to meet this deadline, FIBA may revoke this national member federation's right to participate and replace it in accordance with article 2-103.
106. The following system of competition shall apply for the FIBA Basketball World Cup.

Group Phase – First Round

- a. The thirty-two (32) teams are divided into eight (8) groups (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H) of four (4) teams each. Each Team shall play the other teams in its own group (a total of three (3) games for each team). A total of forty-eight (48) games shall be played in this Round.
- b. The teams placed first and second in each group shall qualify for the Second Round. The teams placed third and fourth in each group shall play the Classification Round for places 17-32.

Group Phase - Second Round

- a. The sixteen (16) teams qualified from the Group Phase shall be divided into four (4) groups of four (4) teams each as follows:
 - Group I: 1A, 2A, 1B, 2B
 - Group J: 1C, 2C, 1D, 2D
 - Group K: 1E, 2E, 1F, 2F
 - Group L: 1G, 2G, 1H, 2H
- b. Each team shall play the two (2) new teams in its own group (the final score of all games played in the First Round is valid for this Round). A total of sixteen (16) games shall be played in this Round.
- c. The teams placed first and second in each group shall qualify for the Quarter-Finals.
- d. The teams placed third and fourth in each group shall be eliminated and shall return home. Their ranking for 9th - 12th and 13th - 16th place shall be established according to the FIBA Official Basketball Rules, Chapter D – Classification of Teams.

Classification Round for Places 17-32

- a. The sixteen (16) teams placed third and fourth in the First Round shall be divided into four (4) groups of four (4) teams each:
 - Group M: 3A, 4A, 3B, 4B
 - Group N: 3C, 4C, 3D, 4D
 - Group O: 3E, 4E, 3F, 4F
 - Group P: 3G, 4G, 3H, 4H
- b. Each team shall play the two (2) new teams in its own group (the final score of all games played in the First Round is valid for this Round). A total of sixteen (16) games shall be played in this Round.
- c. All teams shall return home after their last game of the Classification Round.
- d. Their ranking for 17th - 20th, 21st - 24th, 25th - 28th and 29th - 32nd place shall be established according to the FIBA Official Basketball Rules, Chapter D – Classification of Teams.

Final Phase

Quarter-Finals

The eight (8) teams placed first and second in each group of the Second Round shall play the Quarter-Finals as follows:

- Game 81: 1I v 2J
- Game 82: 1J v 2I
- Game 83: 1K v 2L
- Game 84: 1L v 2K

The four (4) winners will qualify for the Semi-Finals (places 1-4). The four (4) losers will play Classification Games for places 5-8.

Semi-Finals and Classification Games for places 5-8

- Game 85: Loser 81 - Loser 82 (5-8)
- Game 86: Loser 83 - Loser 84 (5-8)
- Game 87: Winner 81 - Winner 82 (1-4)
- Game 88: Winner 83 - Winner 84 (1-4)

Final, Third Place Game and Classification Games for places 5-8

- Game 89: Loser 85 - Loser 86 (7-8)
- Game 90: Winner 85 - Winner 86 (5-6)
- Game 91: Loser 87 - Loser 88 (3-4)
- Game 92: Winner 87 - Winner 88 (1-2)

FIBA BASKETBALL WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

107. The FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers shall be held during the period of two (2) years before a FIBA Basketball World Cup (2017-2019, 2021-2023, 2025-2027, etc.).
108. The FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers shall take place during six (6) international “windows”, in line with the FIBA Calendar.
109. Participation in the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers shall comply with the provisions specific for each continent as defined in these Internal Regulations.
110. In the event a qualified team withdraws, is suspended or is otherwise unable to participate, FIBA has the right to invite another team fulfilling the applicable requirements to replace it. It is desirable, but not mandatory, to maintain an equitable balance between all continents.
111. Together with the invitation to national member federations to register for the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers, FIBA shall:

- a. Issue the applicable FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers Guidelines and National Member Federations Handbook (hereinafter “**WCQ Guidelines and Handbook**”). In case of discrepancy or conflict between the provisions of such documents and of the Internal Regulations, the latter shall prevail.
- b. Set a timeline and closing date for registrations;
- c. Set up a transparent process for assessing whether national member federations fulfil the criteria set out in the FIBA General Statutes, the FIBA Internal Regulations and the WCQ Guidelines and Handbook and are therefore entitled to register; and
- d. Issue the standard registration forms, by which each national member federation accepts the obligations associated with its registration to the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers, at least ten (10) months prior to the starting date of the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers.

112. The duly completed and signed registration forms must be received by FIBA no later than thirty (30) days prior to the draw of the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers. In the event that a qualified team fails to meet this deadline, FIBA may revoke this national member federation’s right to participate and replace it in accordance with article 2-103.
113. Participating national member federations shall comply with the WCQ Guidelines and Handbook and the following articles.
114. Games may be played only in venues that have been inspected, registered and approved in accordance with the WCQ Guidelines and Handbook and approved by FIBA. The venue of each game shall be selected by the Host concerned and shall be communicated to FIBA according to the deadlines defined in the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers National Member Federations Handbook.
115. Thirty (30) days before the draw of the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers, and in order to be registered and approved in accordance with the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifier National Member Federations Handbook, each national member federation must submit a list with a minimum of one approved venue for the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers cycle.
116. The Host shall cover all organisational costs as per the WCQ Guidelines and Handbook.

FIBA BASKETBALL WORLD CUP AFRICAN QUALIFIERS

117. All registered national member federations from Africa shall play home and away games (or tournaments as applicable) during the windows established for the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers.

118. The sixteen (16) teams that participated in the previous FIBA AfroBasket shall play the FIBA Basket World Cup African Qualifiers, and the remaining teams shall play the FIBA AfroCAN Qualifiers
119. The following system of competition shall be applied for the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers.

First Round

FIBA Basketball World Cup African Qualifiers

The sixteen (16) teams shall be divided into four (4) groups of four (4) teams (A, B, C and D). Each team shall play twice in two (2) tournaments against the other teams in its group (a total of six (6) games per team).

The two (2) tournaments will be organised in the first three (3) windows which means that each of the teams will play in two (2) of the three (3) windows and will therefore have one (1) window during which they will not play.

A bidding process will be organised to allocate the organisation of each tournament. Fulfilment of the relevant criteria will be mandatory to host one (1) tournament. One (1) country may host the two (2) tournaments if the other teams are unable to do so.

For each group, one (1) tournament shall be played in window one (1) or window two (2); the second tournament shall be played in window three (3).

The three (3) highest placed teams from each group shall qualify for the second round of the FIBA Basketball World Cup African Qualifiers.

The teams placed fourth in each group shall play the Second Round of the FIBA AfroCAN Qualifiers with the eleven (11) highest-placed and one Wild Card from the FIBA AfroCAN Qualifiers First Round.

FIBA AfroCAN Qualifiers

All registered teams which are not qualified for the FIBA Basketball World Cup African Qualifiers shall be divided into groups of four (4) or three (3) teams. Each team shall play a tournament against the other teams in its group (a total of three (3) or two (2) games per team). One (1) of the participating teams in each group shall host the tournament. The tournaments shall be played in the same windows of the FIBA Basketball World Cup African Qualifiers cycle.

The eleven (11) highest-placed teams shall play a second round of qualification for the FIBA AfroCAN Qualifiers with the 4th-placed teams from the First Round of the FIBA Basketball World Cup African Qualifiers and one (1) additional Wild Card for a team registered in the First Round.

The remaining teams shall take no further part in the qualification.

Second Round

Qualifications for the FIBA Basketball World Cup

The twelve (12) teams qualified from the First Round shall be divided into two (2) groups of six (6) teams (E, F) as follows:

- Group E: 1A, 2A, 3A, 1C, 2C, 3C
- Group F: 1B, 2B, 3B, 1D, 2D, 3D

Each team shall play home and away games against the three (3) new teams in its group (total of six (6) games per team). The results of all games played in the First Round are valid for this Round.

The two (2) best placed teams in each group and the best third placed team (total of five (5) teams) shall qualify for the FIBA Basketball World Cup.

These five (5) teams shall be invited to participate to the FIBA AfroCAN. However, players from these teams, who have been registered in the FIBA official scoresheet (list of 12 players) of any game of the FIBA Basketball World Cup African Qualifiers will not be eligible to play during the FIBA AfroCAN.

The remaining seven (7) teams shall qualify for the FIBA AfroCAN.

Qualifications for the FIBA AfroCAN

The sixteen (16) teams that qualify from the first round (the four (4) teams placed fourth in each group from the First Round of the FIBA Basketball World Cup African Qualifiers, the Wild Card and the eleven (11) highest-placed teams from the First Round of the FIBA AfroCAN Qualifiers) shall be divided into four (4) groups of four (4) teams (G, H, I, and J). Each team shall play two (2) tournaments against the other team in its group (a total of six (6) games per team). The tournaments shall be played in the same windows of the FIBA Basketball World Cup African Qualifiers cycle.

At the end of the first round, a draw will be organised to determine the composition of the groups.

The winner of each group (a total of four (4) teams) shall qualify for the FIBA AfroCAN Qualifiers.

The remaining teams will not play further.

FIBA BASKETBALL WORLD CUP AMERICAS QUALIFIERS

120. All registered national member federations from Americas shall play home and away games during the windows for the FIBA Basketball World Cup Americas Qualifiers.

121. The best sixteen (16) teams, shall play the FIBA Basketball World Cup Americas Qualifiers, while the remaining teams shall play the FIBA AmeriCup Pre-Qualifiers. The FIBA Basketball World Cup Americas Qualifiers shall be comprised of all twelve (12) teams that participated in the previous FIBA AmeriCup plus the four (4) best teams from the relevant qualification round.
122. The following system of competition shall be applied for the The FIBA Basketball World Cup Americas Qualifiers.

First Round

FIBA Basketball World Cup Americas Qualifiers

For the FIBA Basketball World Cup Americas Qualifiers, the sixteen (16) teams shall be divided into four (4) groups of four (4) teams (A, B, C, D). Each team shall play home and away games against the other teams in its own group (total of six (6) games per team).

The top three (3) teams from each group shall qualify for the Second Round of the FIBA Basketball World Cup Americas Qualifiers.

The teams placed fourth in each group shall play the the FIBA AmeriCup Pre-Qualifiers to qualify for the FIBA AmeriCup Qualifiers.

FIBA AmeriCup Pre-Qualifiers

The FIBA AmeriCup Pre-Qualifiers, all registered teams which are not playing for the FIBA Basketball World Cup Americas Qualifiers shall be divided into groups of four (4) or three (3) teams. Each team shall play home and away games against the other teams in its group (total of six (6) or four (4) games per team). In the event that home and away games are not possible to organise due to logistical or other reasons, these groups shall play tournaments hosted by one (1) of the participating national member federations according to the specific system of competition approved by FIBA.

The top four (4) best placed teams shall play the games to qualify for the FIBA AmeriCup Qualifiers for the following FIBA AmeriCup Cycle.

The remaining teams will not play further in the qualifications. In the following FIBA AmeriCup Cycle, they will play the FIBA Basketball World Cup Pre-Qualifiers.

Second Round

Qualifications for the FIBA Basketball World Cup

The twelve (12) teams qualified from the the FIBA Basketball World Cup Americas Qualifiers shall be divided into two (2) groups of six (6) teams (E, F). Each team shall play home and away games against the three (3) new teams in its own group (total of six (6) games per team). The results of all

games played in the First Round are valid for this Round.

- Group E: 1A, 2A, 3A, 1C, 2C, 3C
- Group F: 1B, 2B, 3B, 1D, 2D, 3D

The three (3) best placed teams from each group and the best fourth placed team (total of seven (7) teams) shall qualify for the FIBA Basketball World Cup.

All twelve (12) teams remain in the FIBA AmeriCup Qualifiers for the following FIBA AmeriCup Cycle.

Qualifications for the FIBA AmeriCup Qualifiers

The eight (8) teams qualified from the First Round (the four (4) teams placed fourth in each group from the FIBA Basketball World Cup Americas Qualifiers and the four (4) best placed teams from the FIBA AmeriCup Pre-Qualifiers) shall be divided into two (2) groups of four (4) teams (G, H). Each team shall play home and away games against all other teams in its own group (total of six (6) games per team). In the event that home and away games are not possible to organise due to logistical or other reasons, these groups shall play tournaments hosted by participating national member federations. The distribution of the teams will be decided after the first round

The top two (2) teams from each group shall qualify for the FIBA AmeriCup Qualifiers for the following FIBA AmeriCup Cycle.

The teams placed third and fourth in each group shall play in the FIBA Basketball World Cup Pre-Qualifiers for the following FIBA AmeriCup Cycle.

FIBA BASKETBALL WORLD CUP ASIAN QUALIFIERS

123. All registered national member federations from Asia and four (4) teams from Oceania shall play home and away games during the windows for the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers.
124. The best fourteen (14) teams from the previous FIBA Asia Cup (including two (2) teams from Oceania) plus two (2) teams selected by FIBA upon proposal by the Regional Offices in in Asia and Oceania, shall play the FIBA Basketball World Cup Asian Qualifiers. The remaining registered teams from Asia plus the two (2) best placed teams from Oceania Qualifiers (based on the final ranking of the Pacific Games; unless otherwise decided by the Central Board for the following cycles) shall play in the FIBA Asia Cup Pre-Qualifiers.
125. The following system of competition shall be applied for the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers in Asia/Oceania.

First Round

FIBA Basketball World Cup Asian Qualifiers

The sixteen (16) teams shall be divided into four (4) groups of four (4) teams (A, B, C, D). Each team shall play home and away games against the other teams in its group (total of six (6) games per team).

For the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 Asian Qualifiers, the three (3) best placed teams from each group, except the group which includes the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 Host (China), shall qualify for the Second Round of the FIBA Basketball World Cup Asian Qualifiers. For the group of the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 Host (China), the two (2) best placed teams and China shall qualify for the Second Round.

The teams placed fourth in each group will not play further in the qualifications.

All sixteen (16) teams shall play in FIBA Asia Cup Qualifiers for the following FIBA Asia Cup Cycle.

FIBA Asia Cup Pre-Qualifiers

For FIBA Asia Cup Pre-Qualifiers, the teams shall be divided into groups of four (4) or three (3) teams each. Each team shall play home and away games against the other teams in its group (a total of six (6) or four (4) games per team). In the event that home and away games cannot be organised for logistical reasons, the affected groups shall play tournaments hosted by one (1) of the participating teams according to the specific competition system approved by FIBA and the Regional Offices in Asia and Oceania.

Each group shall qualify team(s) to the second round according to the competition format proposed by the FIBA Regional Offices in Asia and Oceania.

The remaining teams shall take no further part in the qualification and should play tournaments at Sub-Zones level during the following FIBA Asia Cup Qualifiers Cycle.

Second round

Qualifications for the FIBA Basketball World Cup

The twelve (12) teams qualified from the First Round shall be divided into two (2) groups of six (6) teams (E, F). Each team shall play home and away games against the three (3) new teams in its group (total of six (6) games per team). The results of all games played in the First Round are valid for this Round.

- Group E: 1A, 2A, 3A, 1C, 2C, 3C
- Group F: 1B, 2B, 3B, 1D, 2D, 3D

The three (3) best placed teams from each group and the best fourth placed team (total of seven (7) teams) shall qualify for the FIBA Basketball World Cup.

For the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 Asian Qualifiers, the results of the games played by the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 Host (China) shall be taken into account for the final standings and qualification criteria but the Host's team (China) will not be included in the final standings.

Qualifications for the FIBA Asia Cup Qualifiers

For FIBA Asia Cup Pre-Qualifiers, the two (2) teams from the Oceania Qualifiers will play together with the teams qualified from the FIBA Asia Cup Pre-Qualifiers first round.

The format of such FIBA Asia Cup Pre-Qualifiers second round shall be proposed by the FIBA Regional Offices in Asia and Oceania for FIBA approval.

The eight (8) highest-placed teams of the FIBA Asia Cup Pre-Qualifiers second round shall qualify for the following FIBA Asia Cup Division A cycle.

The remaining teams shall take no further part in the qualification and should play tournaments at Sub-Zones level during the following FIBA Asia Cup Qualifiers Cycle.

FIBA BASKETBALL WORLD CUP EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS

126. All registered national member federations from Europe shall play home and away games in the windows for the FIBA Basketball World Cup European Qualifiers.
127. The best thirty-two (32) teams (the twenty-four (24) teams that participated in the previous FIBA EuroBasket plus the eight (8) best teams from the relevant qualification round(s) shall play the FIBA Basketball World Cup European Qualifiers, whilst the remaining teams shall play in FIBA EuroBasket Pre-Qualifiers.
128. The following system of competition shall be applied for the FIBA Basketball World Cup European Qualifiers.

First round

FIBA Basketball World Cup European Qualifiers

For FIBA Basketball World Cup European Qualifiers, the thirty-two (32) teams shall be divided into eight (8) groups of four (4) teams (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H). Each team shall play home and away games against the other teams in its group (total of six (6) games per team).

The three (3) best placed teams from each group shall qualify for the FIBA Basketball World Cup European Qualifiers of the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers.

The teams placed fourth in each group shall play in the Second and eventually the Third Rounds to to qualify for the following FIBA EuroBasket Cup Qualifiers.

FIBA EuroBasket Pre-Qualifiers

For FIBA EuroBasket Pre-Qualifiers, the remaining registered teams shall be divided into groups of four (4) or three (3) teams. Each team shall play home and away games against the other teams in its group (total of six (6) or four (4) games for each team).

The four (4) best placed teams shall qualify for the Second Round.

The remaining teams shall continue to play further in a Third Round taking place during the summer of the FIBA Basketball World Cup to qualify for the FIBA EuroBasket Qualifiers in the following FIBA EuroBasket Cup Cycle.

Second Round

Qualifications for the FIBA Basketball World Cup

The twenty-four (24) teams qualified from the First Round shall be divided into four (4) groups (I, J, K, and L) of six (6) teams. Each team shall play home and away games against the three (3) new teams in its group (total of six (6) games per team). The results of all games played in the First Round are valid for this Round:

- Group I: 1A, 2A, 3A, 1B, 2B, 3B
- Group J: 1C, 2C, 3C, 1D, 2D, 3D
- Group K: 1E, 2E, 3E, 1F, 2F, 3F
- Group L: 1G, 2G, 3G, 1H, 2H, 3H

The three (3) best placed teams from each group (total of twelve (12) teams) shall qualify for the FIBA Basketball World Cup.

All twenty-four (24) teams shall play in FIBA EuroBasket Qualifiers for the following FIBA EuroBasket Cup Cycle.

Qualifications for the FIBA EuroBasket Qualifiers

Twelve (12) teams from the First Round (eight (8) teams placed fourth in each group from FIBA Basketball World Cup European Qualifiers and four (4) best placed teams from FIBA EuroBasket Pre-Qualifiers) shall be divided into four (4) groups (M, N, O, P) of three (3) teams. Each team shall play home and away games against the other teams in its group (total of four (4) games per team).

- Group M: 4A, 4B, one (1) team from FIBA EuroBasket Pre-Qualifiers
- Group N: 4C, 4D, one (1) team from FIBA EuroBasket Pre-Qualifiers
- Group O: 4E, 4F, one (1) team from FIBA EuroBasket Pre-Qualifiers
- Group P: 4G, 4H, one (1) team from FIBA EuroBasket Pre-Qualifiers

The best placed team from each group (total of four (4) teams) shall qualify for FIBA EuroBasket Qualifiers for the following FIBA EuroBasket Cup Cycle.

The remaining teams shall continue to play in a Third Round taking place during the summer of the FIBA Basketball World Cup to qualify for the following FIBA EuroBasket Cup Cycle.

Third Round - Qualifications for the FIBA EuroBasket Qualifiers

The Third Round games shall be played in the summer of the FIBA Basketball World Cup (2019, 2023, 2027, and so forth)

All teams which did not qualify for the FIBA EuroBasket Cup Qualifiers from the previous rounds shall be divided into four (4) groups of three (3) or four (4) teams. Each team shall play home and away games against the other teams in its group (total of four (4) or six (6) games per team). In the event that home and away games cannot be organised due to logistical or other reasons, these groups shall play tournaments hosted by one (1) of the participating national member federations according to the specific system of competition approved by FIBA.

The best placed team from each group (total of four (4) teams) shall play in the FIBA EuroBasket Qualifiers for the following FIBA EuroBasket Cup Cycle.

The remaining teams shall not continue to play further in the qualifications and shall play in the FIBA Basketball World Cup European Pre-Qualifiers for the following FIBA EuroBasket Cup Cycle.

FIBA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL WORLD CUP

129. The FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup shall be held every four (4) years (2018, 2022, 2026, etc.).
130. For the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2018, sixteen (16) teams, representing all continents, are eligible to participate as follows:

A.	Directly Qualified	
	The Host Nation(s)	1
	Previous Olympic Champion	1
B.	From each Continent through the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers	
	Africa	2
	Americas	3
	Asia	3
	Europe	5
	Oceania	1
	Total	16

131. Any qualifying competitions must be completed by the 30th of October of the year preceding the year of the Competition.
132. In the event a qualified team withdraws, is suspended or is otherwise unable to participate, FIBA has the right to invite another team which has participated in the FIBA Continental Cup. It is desirable, but not mandatory, to maintain an equitable balance between all continents.
133. Registration forms for participation in the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup shall be sent by FIBA to the qualified teams at least ten (10) months prior to the starting date of the Competition.
134. The duly completed registration forms must be returned to FIBA no later than nine (9) months prior to the starting date of the Competition. In the event that a qualified team fails to meet this deadline, FIBA may revoke this national member federation's right to participate and replace it in accordance with article 2-132.
135. The following Competition System shall be applied to the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup.

Group Phase

- a. 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 the other teams in its own group (total of three [3] games for each team). A total of twenty-four (24) games will be played in the Group Phase.
- b. The final standings of each group will be established after the Group Phase as follows:

- Group A: 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A
- Group B: 1B, 2B, 3B, 4B
- Group C: 1C, 2C, 3C, 4C
- Group D: 1D, 2D, 3D, 4D

The team placed first in each group will qualify directly for the Quarter-Finals. The teams placed second and third in each group will play the Quarter-Final Qualifications.

Final Phase

- a. Quarter-Final Qualifications

The eight (8) teams placed second and third in each group at the end of the Group Phase will play direct elimination games as follows:

- Game 25: 2A v 3B
- Game 26: 2B v 3A
- Game 27: 2C v 3D
- Game 28: 2D v 3C

The winners qualify for the Quarter-Finals, the losers are eliminated and return home.

- b. Quarter-Finals

The eight (8) teams qualified either directly from the Group Phase or from the Quarter-Final Qualifications will play as follows:

- Game 29: A1 v Winner 27
- Game 30: B1 v Winner 28
- Game 31: C1 v Winner 25
- Game 32: D1 v Winner 26

The four (4) winners advance to the Semi-Finals. The four (4) losers play Classification Games for places 5-8.

- c. Semi-Finals and Classification Games for Places 5-8

- Game 33: Loser 29 - Loser 30 (Classification 5-8)
- Game 34: Loser 31 - Loser 32 (Classification 5-8)
- Game 35: Winner 29 - Winner 30 (Semi-Final)
- Game 36: Winner 31 - Winner 32 (Semi-Final)

- d. Final, Third-Place Game and Classification Games for Places 5-8

- Game 37: Loser 33 - Loser 34 (Classification 7-8)
- Game 38: Winner 33 - Winner 34 (Classification 5-6)
- Game 39: Loser 35 - Loser 36 (Third-Place Game)
- Game 40: Winner 35 - Winner 36 (Final)

FIBA CONTINENTAL CUPS

136. FIBA Continental Cups and their Qualifiers shall be played in accordance with the FIBA International Competitions Calendar and governed by the respective Zone Competitions Regulations, approved by the FIBA Executive Committee.

OLYMPIC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

137. The Men's Olympic Basketball Tournament and Women's Olympic Basketball Tournament (hereinafter jointly referred to as "**Olympic Basketball Tournaments**") are part of the Games of an Olympiad, organized by the International Olympic Committee.
138. Only teams whose national federations are members of FIBA with full rights at the time of the Olympic Basketball Tournaments and whose National Olympic Committees are recognised by the International Olympic Committee are entitled to participate in the Olympic Basketball Tournaments.
139. Twelve (12) teams, representing all continents, are eligible to participate in the Men's Olympic Basketball Tournament as follows:

A.	Directly Qualified	
	The Host Nation*	1
B.	Qualified from the previous FIBA Basketball World Cup**	
	1 Best Africa	1
	2 Best Americas	2
	1 Best Asia	1
	2 Best Europe	2
	1 Best Oceania	1
C.	Qualified from the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments	4
	Total	12

** Subject to Central Board decision. In the event that the Central Board does not award a direct spot to the Host Nation, the number of teams qualified from the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament shall be increased accordingly.*

*** Based on the final official classification of the previous FIBA Basketball World Cup.*

140. Twelve (12) teams, representing all continents, are eligible to participate in the Women's Olympic Basketball Tournament as follows:

A.	Directly Qualified	
	The Host Nation*	1
	The winner of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	1
B.	Qualified from Each Continent	
	1 Best Africa	1
	2 Best Americas	1
	1 Best Asia	1
	2 Best Europe	1
	1 Best Oceania	1
C.	Qualified from the FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament	5
	Total	12

** Subject to Central Board decision. In the event the Central Board does not award a direct spot to the Host Nation, the number of teams qualified from the FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament shall be increased accordingly.*

141. The deadline for registration for the Olympic Basketball Tournaments will be determined by the regulations of the International Olympic Committee and shall be indicated in the regulations published for each sport.
142. The system of competition for the Olympic Basketball Tournaments will be determined by the Central Board and will be subject to final approval by the International Olympic Committee. It shall be communicated to all national member federations by FIBA.

FIBA OLYMPIC QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

143. The FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments and FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament shall be held every four (4) years (2016, 2020, 2024, etc.).

Participation in the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments

144. Twenty-four (24) teams, representing all continents, are eligible to participate in the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments as follows :

A.	Directly Qualified from the previous FIBA Basketball World Cup	
	The 16 best placed teams not directly qualified for the Olympic Basketball Tournament	16
B.	Additional Teams	
	Africa	2
	Americas	2
	Asia-Pacific	2
	Europe	2
	Total	24

145. The sixteen (16) best placed teams not directly qualified for the Olympic Basketball Tournament from the previous FIBA Basketball World Cup, regardless of their continent of origin, will be invited to participate in the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments. Eight (8) additional teams selected by FIBA upon proposal by the relevant Regional Offices and consideration also of their sporting results will be invited to participate in the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments as follows:
- Africa: 2 teams
 - Americas: 2 teams
 - Asia-Pacific: 2 teams
 - Europe: 2 teams
146. Should any of the invited teams not accept the invitation, the next best team(s) who have not directly qualified from the same continent will be invited to participate unless otherwise decided by the FIBA Central Board.

System of competition

147. The system of competition of the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments is determined by the FIBA Central Board and is subject to final approval by the International Olympic Committee. In the event it deviates from the following articles, it shall be communicated to all concerned national member federations by FIBA.
148. The twenty-four (24) participating teams will be divided into four (4) tournaments of six (6) teams each.
149. Each tournament shall be hosted by one (1) of the six (6) participating national federations.
150. The draw for the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments shall be made before the hosting national federations are defined.
151. In principle, each continent shall host one (1) FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament.

152. The following System of Competition shall be applied for the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament.

Group Phase

- a. The six (6) teams in each tournament are divided into two (2) groups (A, B) 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). A total of six (6) games will be played in the Group Phase of each tournament.
- b. The final standings of each group will be established after the Group Phase as follows:
 - Group A: 1A, 2A, 3A
 - Group B: 1B, 2B, 3B
- c. The teams placed first and second in each group will play in the Semi-Finals; the teams placed third in each group will return home.

Final Phase

- a. Semi-Finals:
 - Game 7: 1A v 2B
 - Game 8: 1B v 2A
- b. Final:
 - Game 9: Winner 7 v Winner 8

The winner of each tournament shall qualify for the Men's Olympic Basketball Tournament.

Participation in and system of competition of the FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournaments

153. The criteria of participation and the system of competition of the FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournaments is determined by the Central Board and is subject to final approval by the International Olympic Committee.

FIBA U19 & U17 BASKETBALL WORLD CUPS AND FIBA U19 & U17 WOMEN'S WORLD CUPS

154. The FIBA U19 BASKETBALL World Cup and FIBA U19 Women's World Cup ("FIBA U19 World Cups") shall be held every two (2) years (2015, 2017, 2019, etc.).
155. The FIBA U17 World Cup and FIBA U17 Women's World Cup ("FIBA U17 World Cups") shall be held every two (2) years (2016, 2018, 2020, etc.).

156. The provisions listed below shall be applied to all FIBA U19 World Cups and FIBA U17 World Cups (jointly “**FIBA U19/U17 World Cups**”).

157. Sixteen (16) teams, representing all continents, are eligible to participate in the FIBA U19/U17 World Cups as follows:

A.	Directly Qualified	
	The Host Nation	1
B.	From each Continent	
	Africa	2
	Americas	4
	Asia and Oceania	4
	Europe	5
	Total	16

158. The respective qualifying competitions must be completed by the 31st of December of the year preceding the year of the Competition.

159. In the event a qualified team withdraws, is suspended or is otherwise unable to participate, FIBA has the right to invite another team which has participated in the qualifying competitions. It is desirable, but not mandatory, to maintain an equitable balance between all continents.

160. Registration forms for participation in each of the FIBA U19/U17 World Cups shall be sent by FIBA to the qualified teams at least ten (10) months prior to the starting date of the Competition.

161. The duly completed registration forms must be returned to FIBA no later than nine (9) months prior to the starting date of the Competition. In the event that a qualified team fails to meet this deadline, FIBA may revoke this national member federation’s right to participate and replace it in accordance with article 2-159.

162. At the beginning of the Competition, the players’ ages will be verified in accordance with the relevant provisions of Book 3 of these Internal Regulations and/or through any other method decided by FIBA.

163. The following system of competition shall be applied to the FIBA U19/U17 World Cups:

Group Phase

- a. 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 of the other teams in its own group (total of three [3] games for each team). A total of twenty-four (24) games will be played in the Group Phase.

- b. The final standings of each group will be established after the Group Phase as follows:

- Group A: 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A
- Group B: 1B, 2B, 3B, 4B
- Group C: 1C, 2C, 3C, 4C
- Group D: 1D, 2D, 3D, 4D

All teams advance to the Final Phase and play the Round of 16 according to their position in the group.

Final Phase:

- a. Round of 16

All sixteen (16) teams play the Round of 16 for a total of eight (8) games with the following pairings:

- Game 25: 1A - 4B
- Game 26: 2A - 3B
- Game 27: 3A - 2B
- Game 28: 4A - 1B
- Game 29: 1C - 4D
- Game 30: 2C - 3D
- Game 31: 3C - 2D
- Game 32: 4C - 1D

The eight (8) winners advance to the Quarter-Finals.

The eight (8) losers play Classification Games for Places 9-16.

- b. Classification Games for Places 9-16:

- Game 33: Loser 25 - Loser 30
- Game 34: Loser 26 - Loser 29
- Game 35: Loser 27 - Loser 32
- Game 36: Loser 28 - Loser 31

- c. Quarter-Finals:

- Game 37: Winner 25 - Winner 30
- Game 38: Winner 26 - Winner 29
- Game 39: Winner 27 - Winner 32
- Game 40: Winner 28 - Winner 31

- d. Classification Games for Places 9-16:

- Game 41: Loser 33 - Loser 35 (13-16)
- Game 42: Loser 34 - Loser 36 (13-16)
- Game 43: Winner 33 - Winner 35 (9-12)
- Game 44: Winner 34 - Winner 36 (9-12)

- e. Semi-Finals and Classification Games for Places 5-8:
- Game 45: Loser 37 - Loser 39 (5-8)
 - Game 46: Loser 38 - Loser 40 (5-8)
 - Game 47: Winner 37 - Winner 39 (Semi-Final)
 - Game 48: Winner 38 - Winner 40 (Semi-Final)
- f. Classification Games for Places 9-16:
- Game 49: Loser 41 - Loser 42 (15-16)
 - Game 50: Winner 41 - Winner 42 (13-14)
 - Game 51: Loser 43 - Loser 44 (11-12)
 - Game 52: Winner 43 - Winner 44 (9-10)
- g. Final, Third-Place Game and Classification Games for Places 5-8:
- Game 53: Loser 45 - Loser 46 (7-8)
 - Game 54: Winner 45 - Winner 46 (5-6)
 - Game 55: Loser 47 - Loser 48 (Third-Place Game)
 - Game 56: Winner 47 - Winner 48 (Final)

FIBA YOUTH CONTINENTAL CUPS

164. FIBA Youth Continental Cups shall be played in accordance with the FIBA Calendar and be governed by the respective Zone Competitions Regulations approved by the Executive Committee.

VIII. FIBA CLUB COMPETITIONS

165. FIBA Club Competitions extending beyond the geographic region of a continent (e.g. FIBA Intercontinental Cup) are governed by the respective competition regulations approved by the Central Board.
166. FIBA Club Competitions within the geographic region of a continent (e.g. Liga de las Americas, FIBA Europe Cup etc.) are governed by the respective Zone Competitions Regulations approved by the Executive Committee.

IX. FIBA-RECOGNISED COMPETITIONS

167. The provisions of this Chapter IX are subject to the provisions of the General Statutes and Internal Regulations governing Leagues and the Internal Regulations governing 3x3 competitions.
168. The FIBA Central Board shall apply objective criteria for the recognition by FIBA of international cups, games and tournaments.
169. International friendly games and tournaments between teams representing national member federations must be authorised by the national member federations concerned, including the national member federation of the country where the game or tournament is played.
170. The host(s) of the competition or the host national member federation may invite teams from any national member federation, on condition that the invited national federation is a FIBA national member federation and its affiliation is not suspended. Only teams officially recognized by their national member federation shall be allowed to participate in said competition.
171. Teams from a national member federation may not participate in any international competition in which a team from an entity not affiliated to FIBA is participating, unless prior written approval from FIBA has been obtained.
172. The hosts of the following competitions are encouraged to seek the recognition of, and work in close co-operation with, FIBA in the organising and running of the basketball tournaments.
- a. Continental or regional events such as the All-African Games, Pan-American Games, Asian Games, European Games, South-East Asian Games, Pacific Games, Commonwealth Games, Pan Arab Games, etc.
 - b. Specific interest events such as Universiade, Mediterranean Games, Francophonie Games, Lusofonia Games, World Masters Games, Maccabiah Games, World Military Games, etc.
173. FIBA may charge an administrative fee for its recognition.
174. In case recognition is granted by FIBA, the organiser and the host of the FIBA-Recognised Competition shall ensure that:
- a. FIBA's technical requirements will be observed;
 - b. FIBA's player eligibility rules will apply;
 - c. FIBA will designate the active FIBA Commissioners and Referees at the Host's costs;

- d. FIBA will designate the FIBA Technical Delegate at the Host's cost to supervise the tournament(s); and
 - e. The Host will respect other FIBA requirements, if any.
175. Participation in FIBA-Recognised Competitions shall not be subject to the provisions applying to participating in the FIBA National Team or FIBA Club Competitions, however:
- a. Participants and host(s) of the competition shall observe the FIBA Official Basketball Rules;
 - b. The host of the competition, the host national member federation and all participants shall observe the FIBA Calendar;
 - c. The host of the competition, the host national member federation and all participants shall respect FIBA's Code of Ethics, FIBA's regulations governing betting and corruption and FIBA's Code of Conduct and Fair Play and act accordingly at all times on and off the court;
 - d. 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;
 - e. The host of the competition or the host national member federation shall send a game/tournament report at the end of the game(s) or tournament(s). Upon request, FIBA will provide national member federations or third parties with the appropriate forms and deadlines. The host of the competition or the host national member federation shall use best efforts to use the Live Statistics software and provide the technical link to FIBA.
176. FIBA is competent to make any decision and to impose sanctions if the above provisions are not respected or if disciplinary offences occur during FIBA-Recognised competitions.

X. THE FIBA CODE OF CONDUCT AND FAIR PLAY

PREAMBLE

177. The FIBA Code of Conduct and Fair Play for basketball encapsulates 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.

THE "GOLDEN RULES"

178. The following golden rules not only serve as a philosophy for the members of the worldwide basketball family, but they also reinforce the sense of fraternity and co-operation within that family.
- I. 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.
 - II. 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.
 - III. 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.
 - IV. 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.

V. 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 shall 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.

VI. 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.

VII. 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 court.

VIII. 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".

IX. 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

179. 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

180. National member federations are authorised and encouraged to draw up their own Code of Conduct and Fair Play based on the FIBA Code of Conduct and Fair Play or any model document prepared by FIBA.
181. A Code of Conduct and Fair Play enacted by a national member federation is applicable within its own jurisdiction but does not override the FIBA Code of Conduct and Fair Play.



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