

# FIBA INTERNAL REGULATIONS

# BOOK 2 COMPETITIONS

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#### **CHAPTER 1: 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 eSport Competitions;
  - e. FIBA-Recognised Competitions; and
  - f. FIBA Masters Competitions
- 3. The FIBA National Team Competitions are:
  - a. The FIBA Basketball World Cup;
  - b. The FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers and Pre-Qualifiers:
  - c. The FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup;
  - d. The FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup Qualifying Tournaments and Pre-Qualifying Tournaments:
  - e. The FIBA Continental Cups;
  - f. The FIBA Continental Cup Qualifiers;
  - g. The FIBA Women's Continental Cups;
  - h. The FIBA Women's Continental Cups Qualifying Events;
  - i. The Olympic Basketball Tournaments;
  - j. The FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments, FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournaments, FIBA Olympic Pre-Qualifying Tournaments and FIBA Women's Olympic Pre-Qualifying Tournaments;
  - k. The FIBA U19 Basketball World Cup and the FIBA U19 Women's Basketball World Cup;
  - The FIBA U17 Basketball World Cup and the FIBA U17 Women's Basketball World Cup
  - m. All FIBA Continental Cups for Youth Categories (e.g. U20, U18, U16 etc.); and
  - n. 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 and FIBA 3x3 Competitions.

Any reference to the "Competitions of FIBA" shall be understood as referring to the FIBA National Team Competitions, FIBA Club Competitions, FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions and FIBA eSport 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 recognised by FIBA. For leagues, please refer to the relevant Internal Regulations governing



Leagues (Book 1, Chapter 3) or to the relevant Zone Regulations, as applicable. Recognised 3x3 competitions are governed exclusively by the respective 3x3 regulations enacted by FIBA.

- 7. FIBA Masters Competitions are age-group based international competitions organised by FIBA for players aged between thirty-five (35) and seventy-five (75) years old. FIBA Masters Competitions are defined and governed exclusively by the relevant FIBA Masters Regulations enacted by FIBA and/or by special Handbooks for the FIBA Masters Competitions that FIBA may enact from time to time to regulate the FIBA Masters Competitions in detail.
- 8. FIBA eSport Competitions are all international competitions organised by FIBA or its Regional Offices involving any electronic or virtual discipline of the sport of basketball. FIBA eSport Competitions are defined and governed exclusively by the relevant FIBA eSport Regulations enacted by FIBA and/or by special Handbooks for the FIBA eSport Competitions that FIBA may enact from time to time to regulate the FIBA eSport Competitions in detail.
- 9. All Official Basketball Competitions, except the FIBA 3x3 Competitions, FIBA eSport Competitions and FIBA Masters 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.
- 10. FIBA is competent to take any decision with respect to any Official Basketball Competition, including without limitation, imposing sanctions (Book 1, Chapter 6 Sanctions; Book 2, Chapter 6, article 2-100.c), restricting the participation in or removing teams from a competition, cancelling, relocating or postponing a competition or game(s) thereof, or withdrawing FIBA recognition, whenever a conflict or any other issue arises that, in FIBA's discretion, could reasonably jeopardise the reputation of FIBA, the sport of basketball, the integrity or successful staging of a competition, or the health, safety and/or security of the participants.
- 11. The dates of all Official Basketball Competitions are defined in the FIBA Calendar. Other basketball competitions shall respect the FIBA Calendar (see article 1-1).

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# CHAPTER 2: BIDDING TO HOST A FIBA NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITION

- 12. 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 5-41 for continental competitions, the Central Board appoints the organiser of a Competition.
- 13. 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.
- 14. 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 regard 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.
- 15. 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.
- 16. 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 that undertakes to respect all applicable provisions.
- 17. FIBA will use its best efforts to assist the Host. FIBA may require reimbursement from the Host of expenses incurred through providing such assistance.

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# **CHAPTER 3: HOSTING A FIBA NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITION**

#### RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE HOST

- 18. 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.
- 19. 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.
- 20. 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.

#### **TECHNICAL PROVISIONS**

- 21. Hosts shall respect and apply the FIBA Official Basketball Rules, in particular the Appendix "Basketball Equipment".
- 22. Competitions shall be held only in venues that 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. FIBA may decide that the technical equipment for a Competition shall include an Instant Replay System (IRS), which shall meet FIBA's requirements and for which the Host shall bear all expenses.

#### **COMPETITION DRAW**

- 23. 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; and
  - d. An official representative 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.

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#### FLAGS AND ANTHEMS

- 24. 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.
- 25. The flags shall be produced and placed in a manner that will be equal for all, in line with the respective Hosting Documentation and/or the FIBA Flag Manual.

#### PROTOCOL PROVISIONS

- 26. The highest representative of FIBA shall rank immediately after the highest authority of the host country.
- 27. 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.
- 28. 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

- 29. FIBA and/or the Host shall allocate a maximum of twenty-five (25) accreditations for youth category competitions and twenty-eight (28) for senior category competitions (unless decided otherwise by FIBA) to each team delegation (hereinafter "Team Delegation"), but only twenty-one (21) of the Team Delegation Members may have access to the playing court. In addition, FIBA and/or the Host will allocate two (2) accreditations/VIP passes with access to the team areas, VIP tribune and hospitality area to each Team Delegation.
- 30. A sufficient number of seats must be reserved in a special tribune for all accredited participating Team Delegation members.

#### **CEREMONIES**

- 31. 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.
- 32. Any ceremony or official function organised by the Host shall be approved by FIBA.
- 33. 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

- 34. FIBA is solely responsible for developing and providing the official trophy of each Competition.
- 35. 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.
- 36. 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.
- 37. The FIBA Officiating Team shall, under no circumstances, receive any awards other than as provided under article 2-.36.b above.

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# **FINAL REPORT**

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



# CHAPTER 4: PARTICIPATING IN A FIBA NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITION COOPERATION WITH FIBA AND THE HOST

- 39. 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.
- 40. National Member Federations shall ensure that their teams facilitate the task of the Host, including by avoiding unnecessary expenses.

#### QUALIFICATION

- 41. 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 that have withdrawn from a Competition or have been sanctioned by FIBA or are otherwise unable to participate.
- 42. 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 that 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.
- 43. In the event that a team that is not recognised 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**

44. The Internal Regulations governing the Eligibility and the National Status of Players apply to all Competitions (see Book 3, Chapter 1).

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#### REGISTRATION

45. 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 OR FAILURE TO APPEAR

- 46. FIBA may impose sanctions on a National Member Federation that, after having sent its registration, cancels its participation or fails to participate in one or more games of the Competition or in any other official activity of the Competition (e.g. opening or closing ceremony, award ceremony etc.).
- 47. In addition to any sanctions imposed under articles 2-44 and 2-45, a National Member Federation that 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 seven (7) days following the last day of the Competition.

#### DUTIES OF THE PARTICIPATING NATIONAL MEMBER FEDERATIONS

- 48. 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 6 Sanctions; Book 2, Chapter 6, article 2-100.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.
- 49. 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.
- 50. 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.
- 51. 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 FIBA Code of Conduct (see article 1-93);
  - e. Violate the FIBA Internal Regulations governing Anti-Doping (Book 4);

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- f. Refuse to participate in an official meeting; or
- g. Refuse to respect the Media Requirements (as per article 2-56).

#### **INSURANCE**

- 52. National Member Federations shall provide adequate insurance, as determined by FIBA, for all persons appearing on a Preliminary and/or Final Team Delegation roster (as relevant) or otherwise participating in any national team activity to cover all medical expenses (not covered by any insurance FIBA may provide pursuant to article 2-53) associated with the following circumstances::
  - a. Injury or illness that may occur during a time whilst the relevant person is participating in the national team activity (for players, during the entire Release Period as defined in Book 3 or during any time in which he or she is otherwise staying with the national team and for non-players, for the entire period during which the relevant person is staying with the national team), including during travel to and from the location of the national team activity: and
  - b. Injury or illness that may occur during a Competition and for which the Host is not responsible (e.g. sports injuries that are not due to equipment's malfunction or the Host's fault or negligence).
- 53. For certain Competitions, FIBA may offer limited insurance coverage to players on the Preliminary and/or Final Team Delegation Roster (as relevant) for the duration of the Competition and a preparation period defined by FIBA as set forth in the relevant handbook, competition regulations, circular letter, or other communication from FIBA.
- 54. When FIBA offers insurance as referenced in article 2-53, National Member Federations shall enter all information for any player participating in any national team activity as requested by FIBA in the FIBA Information System and ensure that any information entered is accurate and kept up to date. For the avoidance of doubt, FIBA may not provide insurance coverage for any player for whom complete and accurate information is not provided in the FIBA Information System.
- 55. If a National Member Federation fails to provide the information as required by article 2-54 for any of its players or otherwise fails to provide adequate insurance as set forth in article 2-52:
  - a. The National Member Federation shall be liable for any medical or other expenses incurred by that player that would have been covered by the insurance offered by FIBA; and
  - FIBA may determine the player is not eligible for Competitions of FIBA (see article 3-3)

#### MEDIA REQUIREMENTS

56. Participating National Member Federations and Team Delegation members shall respect the media requirements and deadlines in effect for the Competition, as outlined in Competitionspecific media requirements as set forth in the relevant Handbooks, guidelines and/or circulars related to the Competition and communicated in due time by FIBA to the participating National Member Federations.

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57. For the avoidance of doubt, any violation of the media requirements set forth in article 2-56 shall in principle be an Administrative Offence, however, depending on the circumstances, FIBA may treat any such violation as a Disciplinary Offence (see also articles 1-161 and 1-171).



# **CHAPTER 5: 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**

- 58. Advertising on game/playing uniforms, warm-up shirts and tracksuits must be identical for all players of a team.
- 59. The manufacturer's trademark (logo) on uniforms, warm-up shirts, tracksuits and Team Delegation uniforms (if applicable) must be the same.
- 60. The country/badge/name symbol may be integrated as part of the design of the uniforms (playing shirts, shorts, tracksuits, warm ups, socks), subject to FIBA approval.
- 61. 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). The two sets of game/playing uniforms may differ in design from each other, subject to FIBA approval, so long as each set bears the same markings (identical advertising messages and manufacturer's trademark, etc.)
- 62. 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.
- 63. A maximum of four (4) sponsorship messages are allowed on the game/playing uniform. The same sponsor can appear on a maximum of two (2), out of the four (4) available, advertising messages' spaces.
- 64. A maximum of three (3) sponsorship messages are allowed on the warm up shirts and tracksuits. The sponsorship messages may be different from those that appear on the game/playing uniform but the sponsorship message on the warm up shirt and tracksuit top must be identical.
- 65. All advertising is subject to the same restrictions set out for advertising in Book 1 of these Internal Regulations.
- 66. Areas of applicable markings are measured by multiplying the maximum height by the maximum length of the marking (e.g. advertising / manufacturer logo).
- 67. 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 that 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.

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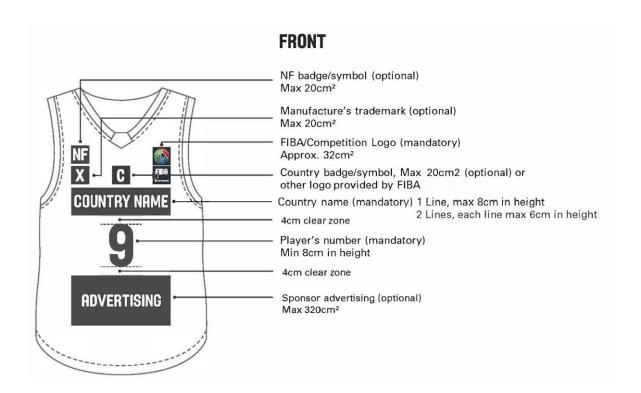
- 68. The uniforms to be worn by the team during the Competition shall be identical to the submitted drawing/design or pre-production sample, and will be verified prior to the starting date of the Competition at the Technical Meeting. Once approved at the Technical Meeting, no changes may be made to any of the team uniforms, including in regard to advertising.
- 69. All players shall be uniformly dressed during the team presentation in a Competition (for example, during the team introduction and national anthems).
- 70. Failure to comply with any article in this Chapter 5 shall in principle be an Administrative Offence, however, depending on the circumstances, FIBA may treat any such violation as a Disciplinary Offence (see also articles 1-161 and 1-171), including without limitation in cases involving repeat or multiple violations.
- 71. During FIBA Competitions, participating National Member Federations are solely responsible for ensuring that their uniforms respect all laws applicable to the place of the Competition. For the avoidance of doubt, in giving approval pursuant to articles 2-67 and 2-68, FIBA does not guarantee compliance with applicable laws and accepts no liability whatsoever in that regard.
- 72. 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**

- 73. Playing shirts must conform to the Official Basketball Rules.
- 74. 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) cm<sup>2</sup>;
  - b. Any logo provided by FIBA, including without limitation, the FIBA Competition logo (portrait version) and/or other additional logo (for example, a winner's badge) must appear on the front of the playing shirt, unless FIBA provides other instructions as to the placement. The size of any such logo may change at FIBA's discretion;
  - c. The player's number must appear and be clearly visible. It must have a height of minimum eight (8) cm and must be placed below the country name or badge, at a distance of four (4) cm. Any other markings on the front of the playing shirt must be at a distance of minimum four (4) 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;
    - iii. The country badge/symbol must occupy an area of maximum twenty (20) cm<sup>2</sup> and shall be placed in the middle of the chest, between the FIBA logo and the manufacturer logo. For the avoidance of doubt, the country badge/symbol cap



- 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; and
- iv. Any additional logo provided by FIBA (for example, a winner's badge) that replaces the country badge/symbol shall be placed in the middle of the chest, between the FIBA/Competition logo and the manufacturer logo, unless FIBA provides other instructions as to the placement of any logo provided by FIBA pursuant to article 2-74.b
- e. The National Member Federation badge/symbol may appear, but must occupy an area of maximum twenty (20) cm<sup>2</sup>; and
- 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) cm<sup>2</sup>; and
  - ii. The advertising must be placed below the player's number.



- 75. 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 five (5) cm and maximum eight (8) cm. No two (or more) players on the same team may have identical names on their uniforms. 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 sixteen (16) cm; any other markings on the back of the playing shirt must be at a distance of minimum four (4) cm from the player's number;



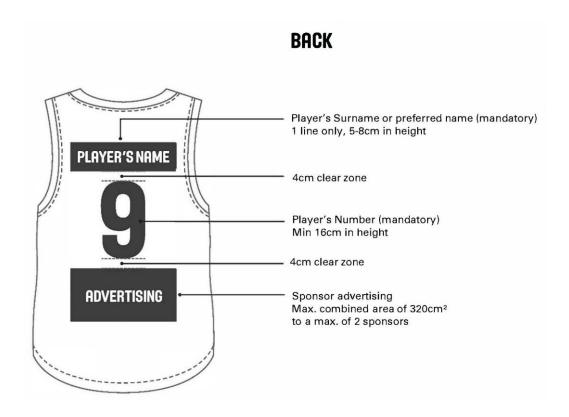
c. Advertising is permitted provided that it occupies an area of maximum three hundred and twenty (320) cm<sup>2</sup>. The advertising space shall be used as follows:

Option 1: in one (1) block of maximum three hundred and twenty (320) cm<sup>2</sup> with one (1) sponsor's written text or logo; 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) cm<sup>2</sup>

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.

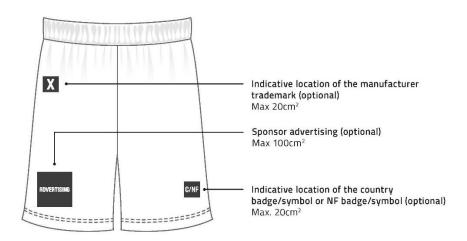


#### **PLAYING SHORTS**

- 76. Playing shorts must conform to the Official Basketball Rules (article 4.3).
- 77. 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) cm<sup>2</sup>;
  - 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) cm<sup>2</sup>;



- 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;
- f. The country badge/symbol or National Member Federation crest may also appear once on the shorts on the left leg opposite the sponsor's messages (if any) and must occupy an area of maximum twenty (20) cm<sup>2</sup>; and
- g. The country name may be integrated as part of the design of the shorts, subject to FIBA approval.



## **PLAYING SOCKS**

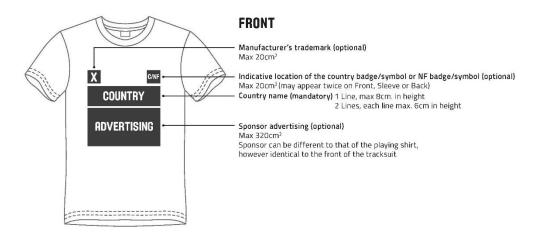
- 78. Playing socks shall conform to the following provisions:
  - a. The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear, provided that it occupies an area of maximum twenty (20) cm<sup>2</sup>; and
  - b. Advertising is prohibited.

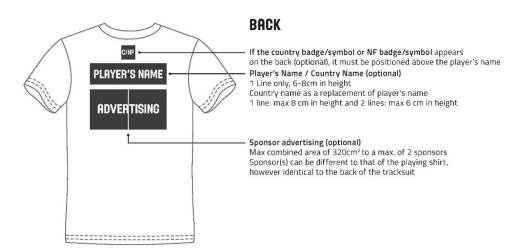
#### WARM-UP SHIRTS

- 79. 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) cm<sup>2</sup> and is identical (same size, place etc.) to the manufacturer's trademark (logo) on the front of the playing shirt:
  - 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. The country name may appear on the back as a replacement of the player's name (size 1 line: max 8 cm in height and 2 lines: max 6 cm in height). In case of doubt or controversy regarding the country name to appear on the uniform, FIBA shall decide;
  - c. An additional country badge/symbol or National Member Federation badge/symbol may appear twice on the front, sleeves or back of the warm-up shirt (only once in either of these locations) and must occupy an area of maximum twenty (20) cm<sup>2</sup>. If the country



- badge/symbol or National Member Federation badge/symbol appears on the back, it must be positioned above the player's name. 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; and
- e. Advertising is permitted as follows:
  - On the front of the warm up shirts: the size of the advertising space must be identical to that of the playing shirts, but the sponsor may be different to that of the playing shirts. However, the advertising must be identical (same sponsor, logo, design) to that of the tracksuits;
  - ii. On the back of the warm up shirts: the size of the advertising space must be identical to that of the playing shirts, but the sponsor(s) may be different to those of the playing shirts. However, the advertising must be identical (same sponsor(s), size, logo, design) to that of the tracksuits.





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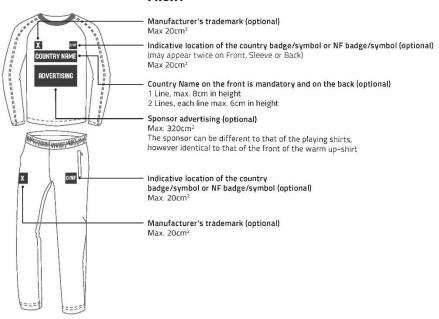


#### **TRACKSUITS**

- 80. 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) cm<sup>2</sup> on each piece of tracksuit;
  - b. The country name must appear on the front and may also appear additionally on the back of the tracksuits and be identical (same size, place etc.) to the country name on the front of the playing shirt. If the country name appears on the back, it must replace the Player's name (size 1 line: max eight (8) cm in height and 2 lines: max six (6) cm in height). In case of doubt or controversy regarding the country name to appear on the tracksuits, FIBA shall decide;
  - c. An additional country badge/symbol or National Member Federation crest may appear twice on the front, sleeves or back of the tracksuit top and must occupy an area of maximum twenty (20) cm² (only once in either of these locations). If the country badge/symbol or National Member Federation crest appears on the back, it must be positioned above the player's name. The country badge/symbol or National Member Federation crest may also appear on the trousers 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: the size of the advertising space must be identical to that of the playing shirts and be a size of maximum three hundred and twenty (320) cm<sup>2</sup> (as per the front of the playing shirt); but the sponsor may be different to that of the playing shirts. However, the advertising must be identical (same sponsor, logo, design) to that of the warm up shirts; and
    - ii. On the back of the tracksuits: the size of the advertising space must be identical to that of the playing shirts, but the sponsor(s) may be different to those of the playing shirts. However, the advertising must be identical (same sponsor(s), size, logo, design) to that of the warm up shirts; and



#### **FRONT**

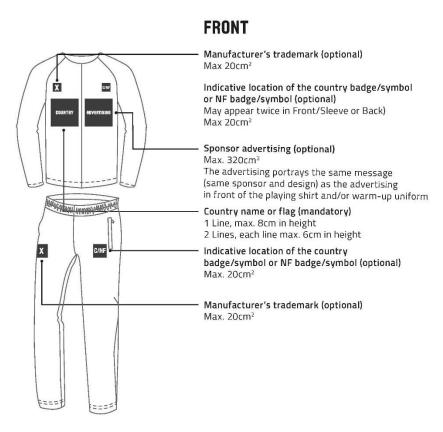




f. When the front part of the tracksuit has a zipper, the country flag or country name must appear on the front. Should the country flag appear on the front of a tracksuit with a zipper, the country name shall replace the player's name on the back. The rest of the



above provisions shall apply in conjunction with the special design below, subject to FIBA approval.



#### **PLAYING SHOES**

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

#### **ACCESSORIES**

- 82. All accessories must conform to the Official Basketball Rules (article 4.4).
- 83. The following provisions shall apply to eyewear, wristbands, headgear, headbands, knee braces, knee pads, and arm and leg compression garments:
  - a. Advertising is prohibited; and
  - b. The manufacturer's trademark (logo) is permitted, provided that it occupies an area of maximum twelve (12) cm<sup>2</sup>.
- 84. No advertising or manufacturers' trademark (logo) is allowed on all other accessories.



#### TEAM DELEGATION UNIFORMS

- 85. All other Team Delegation members who are entitled to sit on the team bench during the game must be dressed in a neat and presentable manner that appropriately represents their respective national member federation and the sport of basketball, in accordance with the following guidelines:
  - a. Head coaches and assistant coaches do not need to dress in a uniform manner, but shall be neatly dressed, wearing business or smart casual attire, as follows:
    - i. Dress jacket, sport coat/blazer, sweater, collared dress shirt, quarter-zip top or polo-shirt (short or long-sleeved). T-Shirts, blouses or other non-collared shirts under a dress jacket, sport coat/blazer are allowed if the outer layer is worn at all times. Any shirt in male- or unisex-style shall be tucked in at all times; and
    - ii. Dress trousers, slacks or skirt; and
    - iii. Dress shoes or casual shoes (i.e. not athletic shoes).
    - iv. Smart or business casual dresses are permitted.
  - b. All other Team Delegation Members must be uniformly dressed and shall wear neat casual or athletic casual attire, as follows:
    - Dress jacket, sport coat/blazer, sweater, dress shirt, blouse, tracksuit top, quarter-zip top or polo-shirt (short or long-sleeved). Any shirt in male- or unisexstyle shall be tucked in at all times;
    - ii. Dress trousers, slacks or tracksuit bottoms; and
    - iii. Dress shoes or casual shoes.
  - c. The following is prohibited by any Team Delegation Member
    - i. Jeans of any kind, bermuda-pants or shorts, athletic or activewear (with the exception of tracksuit bottoms as set forth in 2-85.b.i), above), jogging pants, jumpsuits, sweatpants, or sport leggings;
    - ii. Sweatshirts and hoodies, or singlets;
    - iii. Torn, revealing or ripped clothing, or denim shirts or jackets;
    - iv. Athletic shoes, basketball shoes, work boots, sandals, flip-flops, or similar; and
    - v. Hats, caps or beanies of any kind.
  - d. Any variations to the above must be approved by FIBA in writing in advance, and will only be approved if, in FIBA's sole discretion, the variation conforms with the spirit of this article.
- 86. Upon FIBA's prior written approval, the following items are permitted on the clothing of the Team Delegation Members:
  - a. The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear once, provided that it occupies an area of maximum twenty (20) cm<sup>2</sup>;
  - b. Advertising, provided that the advertising is identical to that on the team's uniforms;
  - c. The country name and/or badge symbol.



# **CHAPTER 6: OTHER COMPETITION ASPECTS**

#### REGISTRATION OF TEAM DELEGATION MEMBERS

87. 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**

- 88. 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 the delegate of the highest-ranked FIBA representative).
- 89. Unless otherwise specified in specific Competition regulations, the Technical Meeting shall be held for the following purposes:
  - a. For Team Delegations to officially submit the Final Team Delegation Roster (see articles 3-134 et seq.) as follows:
    - i. A list of the maximum twelve (12) players, and their uniform numbers, as well as the required personal details and passports for each player;
    - ii. A list of the maximum thirteen (13) (unless decided otherwise by FIBA, see article 2-29) FIBA-approved accompanying Team Delegation members (including coaches), as well as the required personal details and passports for each of the FIBA-approved accompanying Team Delegation members; and
    - iii. The Entry Form provided by FIBA, fully completed and duly signed.
  - 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 verify that the other Team Delegation members respect the requirements set forth in article 2-85.
    - iv. To brief Team Delegations on all organisational aspects of the Competition and related procedures and outline the expectations in regard to the teams' participation.
- 90. 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; and
  - A detailed list of the documents and materials that each Team Delegation is required to bring to the Technical Meeting.
- 91. 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.

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92. Once the Technical Meeting is declared closed, FIBA may officially communicate the final rosters to the public.

#### **CLASSIFICATION OF TEAMS**

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

## **DOPING CONTROLS**

94. 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**

- 95. 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.
- 96. In addition to the provisions of this Book 2, the procedure set out in these Internal Regulations (Book 1, Chapter 6 Sanctions & Chapter 7 Procedural Provisions) shall apply. In case of discrepancy, the former shall prevail.

#### **PROTESTS**

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

#### **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

- 98. A Technical Committee may be formed at the beginning of each Competition. It shall consist of three (3) persons, namely the Secretary General or the Secretary General's representative, who shall be chairman of the Committee, a delegate of the Host and a third member selected by them.
- 99. If the Competition is organised in different cities, there shall be an equivalent number of Technical Committees.
- 100. 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 Code of Conduct (see article 1-93), (including, without limitation, the FIBA General Statutes and the FIBA Internal Regulations, and in particular the FIBA Code of Ethics and Integrity (articles 1-114 to 1-152) and the FIBA Code of Fair Play (articles 1-104 to 1-107). 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; and
- d. Decisions concerning any other unsportsmanlike behaviour and/or rule violation that may occur during the Competition.

#### JURY OF APPEAL

- 101. A Jury of Appeal must be formed at the beginning of each FIBA Competition.
- 102. 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.
- 103. 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 8).
- 104. 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 2-103), there shall be five (5) appointed members, one (1) of whom shall be elected by the other members of the Jury of Appeal to preside over the Jury of Appeal.
- 105. 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.
- 106. 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 the Chairman with the approval of the Technical Committee that will be responsible for making the formal announcement.
- 107. 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.

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#### SAFETY AND SECURITY MATTERS

- 108. FIBA may appoint one or more persons or entities with experience in law enforcement and event organisation as Security Adviser(s). The Security Adviser(s) shall, either individually or collectively, and upon FIBA's request:
  - a. perform inspection visits at Competition venues as well as any other location to be used for the purposes of a Competition;
  - b. prepare risk assessment reports in relation to a Competition;
  - c. advise FIBA on any measures required for safety and security in a Competition; and
  - d. co-operate with the Host in implementing safety and security measures.
- 109. The Host shall strictly comply with the safety and security requirements of the Hosting Documentation and take any other or further measures required to ensure the safety and security of the team delegations, officials and spectators. FIBA, after consultation with the Security Adviser (as relevant) and depending on the circumstances of each case, may issue binding instructions to the Host and/or require guarantees, failing which it may decide to take any measures deemed appropriate in FIBA's sole discretion, including without limitation to cancel, postpone (fully or partially) the Competition, play on neutral ground/a neutral venue (at the cost of the Host), or to unilaterally exercise its rights under article 2-10 or 2-14.

#### **GAMES BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**

- 110. The following provisions apply to games played behind closed doors in connection with a sanction (see, for example, article 1-168) or in any other circumstances.
- 111. Unless the competent FIBA body decides otherwise, no one may attend a game played behind closed doors, with the exception of:
  - a. the maximum number of people per team delegation, including the players, as set forth in article 2-29;
  - b. a number of persons holding valid media accreditations, not to exceed the number of issued accreditations during the previous home game;
  - c. a number of persons holding accreditations for the host broadcaster, not to exceed the average number of issued accreditations during the previous International Window Periods:
  - d. police officers and security staff that are assigned specific tasks related to security at the relevant game;
  - e. a maximum number of people carrying out functions related to event delivery and the arena infrastructure, as defined by FIBA;
  - f. a maximum of fifteen (15) FIBA representatives (including, for example, FIBA Referees, the FIBA Technical Delegate, the FIBA TV Operations Manager, FIBA Photographers, FIBA Security Advisor, etc.); and
  - g. a maximum of fifty (50) representatives of FIBA Commercial partners, provided that attendance requests are submitted and approved by FIBA at least two (2) weeks in advance of the game (or as required by FIBA's written instructions).
- 112. The Host shall also observe the following provisions:
  - a. The game shall take place in a venue registered within the relevant deadlines and approved by FIBA and/or its Regional Office;



- b. The venue shall fulfil the requirements of the applicable regulations (including, Competition Regulations, FIBA Internal Regulations, any applicable Handbook, Circular Letter and other official documents or decisions of FIBA), including with respect to branding, TV production, services and protocol obligations;
- c. The Host shall provide the visiting team and the FIBA Game Officials all services as reasonably requested for the Competition (e.g. local transportation, access to training facilities, inspection visit, etc.);
- d. The Host shall provide a tentative list of all persons in attendance as set forth in article 2-111, including last name, first name, functions, photo at the latest seven (7) days before the game, unless provided otherwise; and
- e. The Host shall submit the final list at the Technical Meeting prior to the game for approval by the FIBA Technical Delegate;
- f. The playing area, spectators' area, team changing rooms, and referee changing rooms shall have a temperature between 16°C and 28°C.

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# **CHAPTER 7: SPECIAL COMPETITION PROVISIONS**

113. This Chapter complements the provisions set out in the Chapters 1 to 6 of this Book. In the 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

- 114. The FIBA Basketball World Cup shall be held every four (4) years (2023, 2027, 2031, etc.). Unless otherwise decided by the Central Board, the FIBA Basketball World Cup shall have a minimum duration of sixteen (16) days.
- 115. 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. The Host of the Final Round shall be directly qualified. Any other Host(s) shall only directly qualify if the Central Board so decides. If granted, the spot(s) will be deducted from the relevant continental quota.

- 116. In the event a qualified team withdraws, is suspended or is otherwise unable to participate, FIBA has the right to invite another team that participated in the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers. It is desirable, but not mandatory, to maintain an equitable balance between all continents.
- 117. 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 or by the deadline set by FIBA.
- 118. 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 2-116.
- 119. The following system of competition shall apply for the FIBA Basketball World Cup.

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#### 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:	11 –	2J
•	Game 82:	1J –	21
•	Game 83:	1K –	2L
•	Game 84:	1L –	2K

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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 83	(5-8)
•	Game 86:	Loser 82	_	Loser 84	(5-8)
•	Game 87:	Winner 81	_	Winner 83	(1-4)
•	Game 88:	Winner 82	_	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 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 120. The FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers shall be held during the period of two (2) years before a FIBA Basketball World Cup (2025-2027, 2029-2031, 2033-2035, etc.).
- 121. The FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers shall take place during six (6) International Window Periods, in line with the FIBA Calendar.
- 122. Participation in the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers shall comply with the provisions specific for each continent as defined in these Internal Regulations.
- 123. 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.
- 124. Together with the invitation to National Member Federations to register for the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers, FIBA shall:
  - Issue the applicable FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers National Member Federations Handbook (hereinafter "WCQ 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 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 six (6) months prior to the starting date of the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers.
- 125. 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 2-116.

- 126. FIBA may require games that could influence the qualification of other teams to be played on the same day and at the same time.
- 127. Participating National Member Federations shall comply with the WCQ Handbook and the following articles.
- 128. Games may be played only in venues that have been inspected, registered and approved in accordance with the WCQ 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 WCQ Handbook. All basketball equipment shall comply with the Official Basketball Rules Basketball Equipment. Wooden floors shall not display any advertising or graphic elements other than those allowed in the FIBA Internal Regulations and/or Handbook or otherwise approved by FIBA.
- 129. The Host of a WCQ shall appoint a National Member Federation game director in compliance with FIBA guidelines.
- 130. 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 (1) approved venue for the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers cycle.
- 131. The Host shall cover all organisational costs as per the WCQ Handbook.

#### FIBA BASKETBALL WORLD CUP PRE-QUALIFIERS

132. As a general principle, all teams qualified to participate in the FIBA AfroBasket (sixteen [16] teams) for the African Region or the FIBA Asia Cup for the Asian Region (sixteen [16] teams), are automatically qualified for the following FIBA Basketball World Cup Regional Qualifiers. No FIBA Basketball World Cup Pre-Qualifiers will be organised for those regions.

For the Americas and Europe Zones, all teams qualified for the FIBA AmeriCup (twelve [12] teams) or FIBA EuroBasket (twenty-four [24] teams) shall be automatically qualified for the following FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers. Additional FIBA Basketball World Cup Pre-Qualifiers shall be organised to qualify four (4) teams for the FIBA Basketball World Cup Americas Qualifiers and eight (8) teams for the FIBA Basketball World Cup European Qualifiers through regional Pre-Qualifiers rounds.

- 133. As such, all registered National Member Federations that are not qualified to participate in their respective FIBA Continental Cups Qualifiers in Europe and Americas shall play home and away games in the International Window Periods for the FIBA Basketball World Cup Pre-Qualifiers.
- 134. All FIBA Basketball World Cup Pre-Qualifiers games shall be played according to the relevant regulations.
- 135. FIBA Basketball World Cup Americas Pre-Qualifiers

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- The FIBA Basketball World Cup Americas Pre-Qualifiers shall be played in two (2) rounds.
- b. The FIBA Basketball World Cup Americas Pre-Qualifiers First Round
  - i. The games shall be played in the window defined in the FIBA Calendar.
  - ii. For the FIBA Basketball World Cup Americas Pre-Qualifiers, the remaining registered teams that are not playing the FIBA AmeriCup 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 (a total of six [6] or four [4] games for each team). In the event that home and away games are not possible to organise due to logistical or other reasons, the group(s) shall be played in a tournament format, hosted by one (1) of the participating National Member Federations, and according to the specific system of competition approved by FIBA.
  - iii. The four (4) highest-placed teams shall qualify for the FIBA Basketball World Cup Americas Pre-Qualifiers Second Round to be played in the same Summer than the FIBA AmeriCup.

The remaining teams shall not play any further in the qualification and shall play the FIBA AmeriCup Pre-Qualifiers during the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers cycle

- c. FIBA Basketball World Cup Americas Pre-Qualifiers Second Round
  - i. All teams that did not qualify for the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers through the FIBA AmeriCup Qualifiers (total of four [4] teams) and the four (4) highest-placed teams qualified from the FIBA Basketball World Cup Americas Pre-Qualifiers First Round shall be divided into two (2) groups of four (4).
  - ii. Each team shall play home and away games against the other teams in its group (a total of six [6] games per team). In the event that home and away games cannot be organised for logistical reasons, the affected groups shall play in tournaments hosted by one (1) of the participating teams according to the specific competition system approved by FIBA and the Regional Office.
  - iii. The two (2) best-placed teams from each group (a total of four [4] teams) shall play in the following FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers.
  - iv. The remaining teams shall not play any further in the qualification and shall play the FIBA AmeriCup Pre-Qualifiers during the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers cycle.

#### 136. FIBA Basketball World Cup European Pre-Qualifiers

- a. The FIBA Basketball World Cup European Pre-Qualifiers shall be played in two (2) rounds.
- b. The FIBA Basketball World Cup European Pre-Qualifiers First Round
  - i. The games shall be played in the windows defined in the FIBA Calendar.
  - ii. For the FIBA Basketball World Cup European Pre-Qualifiers, the remaining registered teams that are not playing the FIBA EuroBasket 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 (a total of six [6] or four [4] games for each team).
  - iii. The four (4) highest-placed teams shall qualify for the FIBA Basketball World Cup European Pre-Qualifiers Second Round to be played in the same Summer than the FIBA EuroBasket.

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The remaining teams shall not play any further in the qualification and shall play the FIBA EuroBasket Pre-Qualifiers during the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers cycle.

- c. FIBA Basketball World Cup European Pre-Qualifiers Second Round
  - i. All teams that did not qualify for the FIBA Basketball World Cup European Qualifiers through the FIBA EuroBasket Qualifiers (total of eight [8] teams) and the four (4) highest-placed teams qualified from the FIBA Basketball World Cup European Pre-Qualifiers First Round shall be divided into four (4) groups of three (3) teams.
  - ii. Each team shall play home and away games against the other teams in its group (a total of four (4) games per team). In the event that home and away games cannot be organised for logistical reasons, the affected groups shall play in tournaments hosted by one (1) of the participating teams according to the specific competition system approved by FIBA and the Regional Office.
  - iii. The two best-placed teams from each group (a total of eight [8] teams) shall play in the following FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers.

The remaining teams shall not play any further in the qualification and shall play the FIBA EuroBasket Pre-Qualifiers during the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers cycle.

#### FIBA BASKETBALL WORLD CUP AFRICAN QUALIFIERS

- 137. All registered National Member Federations from Africa shall play home and away games (or tournaments as applicable) during the International Window Periods established for the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers.
- 138. 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.
- 139. 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) International Window Periods, which means that each of the teams will play in two (2) of the three (3) International Window Periods and will therefore have one (1) International Window Period 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 International Window Period one (1) or International Window Period two (2); the second tournament shall be played in International Window Period three (3).



The three (3) highest placed teams from each group shall qualify for the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) round of the FIBA Basketball World Cup African Qualifiers.

The teams placed fourth in each group will not play further in the FIBA Basketball World Cup African Qualifiers.

#### 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 twice in two (2) tournaments 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 (including the games played against teams not qualified for the Second Round) are carried over to the Second Round. In case one or more teams are withdrawn or disqualified during the First Round, their results will be nullified. In such a case, only the results of the games played against teams who qualified from the concerned First Round Groups to the second round will be carried over to the Second Round.

The two (2) tournaments will be organised in the last three (3) International Window Periods. For the sake of clarity, each team will play in two (2) of the three (3) International Window Periods and will therefore have one (1) International Window Period 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, the first (1st) tournament shall be played in International Window Period four (4). The second (2nd) tournament shall be played in International Window Period five (5) for Group E and in International Window Period six (6) for Group F.

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.

#### FIBA AfroCAN Qualifiers

All National Member Federations shall be invited to participate in the FIBA AfroCAN Qualifiers. The format of such FIBA AfroCAN Qualifiers shall be proposed by the FIBA Regional Offices in Africa for FIBA Approval. Specific restrictions in terms of player participation in the FIBA AfroCAN Qualifiers shall be applied.

Games of FIBA AfroCAN Qualifiers shall be played during the International Window Periods.

The best twelve (12) teams of the FIBA AfroCAN Qualifiers shall qualify for the FIBA AfroCAN. The FIBA AfroCAN shall be played during the summer of the FIBA Basketball World Cup.

#### FIBA BASKETBALL WORLD CUP AMERICAS QUALIFIERS

140. All registered National Member Federations from Americas shall play home and away games during the International Window Periods for the FIBA Basketball World Cup Americas Qualifiers



- 141. 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.
- 142. The following system of competition shall be applied for 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 FIBA AmeriCup Pre-Qualifiers to qualify for the FIBA AmeriCup Qualifiers.

# FIBA AmeriCup Pre-Qualifiers

The FIBA AmeriCup Pre-Qualifiers, all registered teams that 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 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 own group (total of six (6) games per team). The results of all games played in the First Round (including the games played against teams not qualified for the Second Round) are carried over to the Second Round. In case one or more teams are withdrawn or disqualified during the First Round, their results will be nullified. In such a case, only the results of the games played against teams who qualified from the concerned First Round Groups to the second round will be carried over to the Second Round.

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

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The three (3) best placed teams from each group and the best fourth (4<sup>th</sup>)-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 (3<sup>rd</sup>) and fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) 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

- 143. All registered National Member Federations from Asia and four (4) teams from Oceania shall play home and away games during the International Window Periods for the FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers.
- 144. 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.
- 145. 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 2023 Asian Qualifiers, the three (3) best placed teams from each group, except the group that includes the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Host, shall qualify for the Second Round of the FIBA Basketball World Cup Asian Qualifiers. For the group of the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Host, the two (2) best placed teams and the relevant FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Host shall qualify for the Second Round.

The teams placed fourth (4th) in each group will not play further in the qualifications.

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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 (including the games played against teams not qualified for the Second Round) are carried over to the Second Round. In case one or more teams are withdrawn or disqualified during the First Round, their results will be nullified. In such a case, only the results of the games played against teams who qualified from the concerned First Round Groups to the second round will be carried over to the Second 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 2023 Asian Qualifiers, the results of the games played by the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Host shall be taken into account for the final standings and qualification criteria but the Host's team 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 (2<sup>nd</sup>) 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 (2<sup>nd</sup>) 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.

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### FIBA BASKETBALL WORLD CUP EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS

- 146. All registered National Member Federations from Europe shall play home and away games in the International Window Periods for the FIBA Basketball World Cup European Qualifiers.
- 147. 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.
- 148. 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 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 (including the games played against teams not qualified for the Second Round) are carried over to the Second Round. In case one or more teams are withdrawn or disqualified during the First Round, their results will be nullified. In such a case, only the results of the games played against teams who qualified from the concerned First Round Groups to the second round will be carried over to the Second Round.:

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

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

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 (2023, 2027, 2031, etc.).

All teams that 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

149. The FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup shall be held every four (4) years (2026, 2030, etc.).

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150. For the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2026, sixteen (16) teams, representing all continents, are eligible to participate as follows:

A.	Directly Qualified	
	The Host Nation(s)	1 (2)
	Winner of the latest FIBA Women's AfroBasket	1
	Winner of the latest FIBA Women's AmeriCup	1
	Winner of the latest FIBA Women's Asia Cup	1
	Winner of the latest FIBA Women's EuroBasket	1
В.	Qualified from the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup Qualifying Tournaments	11 (10)
	Total	16

- 151. In the event a qualified team withdraws, is suspended or is otherwise unable to participate, FIBA has the right to invite another team that has participated in the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup Qualifying Tournaments.
- 152. Registration forms for participation in the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup shall be sent by FIBA to the qualified teams at least seven (7) months prior to the starting date of the Competition or by the deadline set by FIBA.
- 153. The duly completed registration forms must be returned to FIBA no later than six (6) 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 2-151.

#### System of competition

- 154. The system of competition for the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup is determined by the FIBA Central Board
- 155. The following Competition System shall be applied to the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup.

# **Group Phase**

The sixteen (16) teams will be divided into four (4) groups (A, B, C, D) of four (4) teams each. Each team will play the other three (3) teams in its own group. There will be one rest day between Game Day 2 and Game Day 3. A total of 24 games will be played in the Group Phase

- The teams placed 1st in each group will qualify directly for the Quarter-Finals.
- The teams placed 2nd & 3rd in each group will play qualification for the Quarter-Finals.
- The teams placed 4th in each group will be eliminated.

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

- Game 25: A2 B3
- Game 26: B2 A3
- Game 27: D3 C2
- Game 28: C3 D2



### FINAL PHASE

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

## **Quarter-Finals**

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

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

# Semi-Finals

- Game 33: Winner 29 Winner 32
- Game 34: Winner 30 Winner 31

### <u>Final</u>

- Game 35: Winner 33 Winner 34 (1st and 2nd place)
- Game 36: Loser 33 Loser 34 (3rd and 4th place)

### FIBA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

- 156. The FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup Qualifying Tournaments shall be held every four (4) years (2024-2026, 2028-2030, etc.).
- 157. The system of competition of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup Pre-Qualifying Tournaments and Qualifying Tournaments is determined by the FIBA Central Board.

<u>Participation in the qualification process</u> for the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup

### FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup Pre-Qualifying Tournament

Participation in the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup Pre-Qualifying Tournaments

158. A total of sixteen (16) teams shall participate in the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup Pre-Qualifying Tournaments as follows:

Regional distribution of the participating teams:				
Africa	4			
Americas	4			
Asia and Oceania	4			
Europe	4			
Total	16			

159. The four (4) teams that did not qualify for the Olympic Games through the previous FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournaments shall directly qualify for the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup Pre-Qualifying Tournaments. The number of slots awarded to the relevant region shall be reduced by these four (4) slots.



- 160. Twelve (12) additional teams that did not participate in the FIBA Women's Qualifying Olympic Tournaments will be qualified based on the final standings at the edition of the FIBA Women's Continental Cups immediately prior to the Olympic Games and according to the number of slots remaining for each region.
- 161. Should any of the invited teams not accept the invitation, the next best-placed team(s) at the relevant competition that has(ve) not directly qualified from the same continent will be invited to participate unless decided otherwise by the FIBA Central Board.
- 162. A National Member Federation that has been invited to participate in the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup Pre-Qualifying Tournaments must confirm their participation in the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup Tournament to FIBA at the same time as registering their team for the First Round of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup Qualifying Tournaments by the deadline set by FIBA.

# System of competition

163. The following System of Competition shall be applied for the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup Pre-Qualifying Tournaments.

# Group Phase

- a. The sixteen (16) participating teams will be drawn into two (2) tournaments each one of them with two (2) groups (A and B) of four (4) teams. There will be one team from each of the four (4) continent/geographic regions (i.e. Africa, Americas, Asia/Oceania, and Europe) in every group. Each team will play all the other teams in its own group (total of three [3] games for each team, and a total of twelve [12] games per tournament in the Group Phase).
- b. The final standings of each group of the two (2) tournaments will be established after the Group Phase as follows:

• Group A: 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A

Group B: 1B, 2B, 3B, 4B

c. The teams placed first and second in each group will play in the Final Phase of each tournament. The teams placed third and fourth in each group will return home.

#### Final Phase

a. Semi-Finals:

Game 13: 2B – 1A
Game 14: 1B – 2 A

b. Final:

• Game 15: Winner 13 - Winner 14

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- c. The Winner of each Tournament (2 in total) shall qualify for the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup Qualifying Tournament.
- 164. The draw for the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup Pre-Qualifying Tournaments shall be made after the hosting National Member Federations are defined.

# FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup Qualifying Tournaments

165. The Host(s) of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup, the two (2) teams qualified from the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup Pre-Qualifying Tournaments and the twenty-one (21) or twenty (20) best-ranked teams from the FIBA Women's Continental Cups shall be represented as follows:

Directly Qualified	
Host Nation(s) of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup	1 (2)
Qualified from the FIBA Women's Olympic Pro Tournaments	e-Qualifiers
Winners of each Tournament	2
Qualified from the FIBA Women's Continental Cups	*
Africa	4
Americas	6
Asia and Oceania	6
Europe	8
Total	24

- \* The slot for the Host or Hosts of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup and the slots for the winners of the FIBA Women's Pre-Qualifying Tournaments will be deducted from the number of slots awarded to teams to be qualified from the relevant FIBA Women's Continental Cup. The winners of each of the FIBA Women's Continental Cups, while already qualified to the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup, shall participate in the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup Qualifying Tournaments.
- 166. The twenty-four (24) teams shall be divided into four (4) tournaments of six (6) teams each. The winners of the latest edition of each Continental Cup (i.e. FIBA Women's AfroBasket, FIBA Women's AmeriCup, FIBA Women's Asia Cup and FIBA Women's EuroBasket) shall each participate in a different tournament.
- 167. Each tournament shall be hosted by one (1) of the participating National Member Federations.
- 168. In principle, each continent/geographic region should host one (1) FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup Qualifying Tournament.
- 169. The draw for the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup Qualifying Tournaments shall be made after the hosting National Member Federations are defined.

System of competition

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170. The following System of Competition shall be applied for the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup Qualifying Tournaments.

# **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 (three (3) per group) will be played in the Group Phase of each tournament.
- b. The final standings of each group will be established after the Group Phase of each tournament as follows:
  - Group A: 1A, 2A, 3AGroup B: 1B, 2B, 3B
- c. At the end of the Group Phase of each tournament, the best two (2) teams from each of the groups shall play classification games to determine the ranking from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> place in each tournament, as follows.

# Classification games

- a) Game 7: 1A 1B (to determine the  $1^{st}$  and  $2^{nd}$  place of each of the tournaments)
- b) Game 8: 2A 2B (to determine the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place of each of the tournaments)
- 171. Four (4) teams from each tournament shall qualify to the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup, as follows:
  - For the tournament containing two of these teams: winner of a Continental Cup and a Host of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup, the following teams will qualify for the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup:
    - o the winner of a Continental Cup;
    - o the host of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup: and
    - o the two best ranked teams in the tournament.
  - b. For the remaining tournaments, the winner of a Continental Cup and the three (3) best-placed teams shall qualify to the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup.

#### FIBA CONTINENTAL CUPS

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

#### **OLYMPIC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS**

173. 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, organised by the International Olympic Committee.



- 174. 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.
- 175. 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

<sup>\*</sup> Subject to Central Board decision. In the event that the Central Board does not award a direct spot to the Host Nation or in case the Host Nation declines such spot, the number of teams qualified from the FIBA Basketball World Cup shall be increased accordingly. In such case, the next best ranked team among the teams not directly qualified to the Olympic Basketball Tournament, regardless of the continent, will qualify to the Olympic Basketball Tournament.

176. 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
	Qualified from the FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournaments	10
	Total	12

<sup>\*</sup> Subject to Central Board decision. In the event the Central Board does not award a direct spot to the Host Nation or in case the Host Nation declines such spot, the number of teams qualified from the FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament shall be increased accordingly.

177. 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.

<sup>\*\*</sup> In case the winner of the most recent edition of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup is also the Host Nation (and subject to the direct qualification of the Host Nation), only this one (1) team shall be directly qualified and eleven (11) teams shall qualify from the FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament.



## **Group Phase**

- 178. The twelve (12) teams will be divided into three (3) groups (A, B and C) of four (4) teams each. Each team will play all the other teams in its own group (a total of three [3] games for each team). A total of eighteen (18) games shall be played in the Group Phase.
- 179. The teams placed first and second in each group and the two (2) best third-placed teams in the Group Phase will qualify for the Final Phase. The remaining four (4) teams shall take no further part in the competition. The classification of teams from 9th to 12th place shall be established according to the FIBA Official Basketball Rules, Chapter D Classification of Teams.

### Final Phase

### 180. Final Phase

a. Quarter-Finals

The draw to determine pairings of the Quarter-Finals shall be made after the last Group Phase game. The following rules shall be applied to the draw:

- The qualified teams shall be divided into four (4) pots. The cumulative ranking between the three (3) groups, established according to the FIBA Official Basketball Rules, Chapter D – Classification of Teams, will be used to determine the teams in different pots as follows:
  - Pot D shall consist of the two (2) best ranked teams in the cumulative ranking;
  - Pot E shall consist of the 3rd and 4th ranked teams in the cumulative ranking;
  - Pot F shall consist of the 5th and 6th ranked teams in the cumulative ranking;
     and
  - Pot G shall consist of the 7th and 8th ranked teams in the cumulative ranking.
- ii. The teams from Pot D will be drawn against the teams from Pot G and the teams from Pot E will be drawn against the teams from Pot F;
- iii. Teams from the same group in the Group Phase cannot be drawn against each other in the Quarter-Finals.

The Quarter-Finals shall be played as follows:

- Game 19: D1 G1
- Game 20: F1 E1
- Game 21: E2 F2
- Game 22: G2 D2

The four (4) winners will qualify for the Semi-Finals (places 1-4). Winners of the Quarter-Finals played by the teams from Pot D cannot play each other in the Semi-Final games. The four (4) losers shall take no further part in the competition. The classification of team from 5th to 8th place shall be established according to the FIBA Official Basketball Rules, Chapter D – Classification of Teams.

b. Semi-Finals

• Game 23: Winner 20 – Winner 19 (1-4)

• Game 24: Winner 22 – Winner 21 (1-4)



c. Final and Third Place Game

Game 25: Loser 23 - Loser 24
 Game 26: Winner 23 - Winner 24
 (3-4)
 (1-2)

### FIBA OLYMPIC PRE-QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

- 181. Forty (40) teams from the first and second round of the previous FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers are eligible to participate in the FIBA Olympic Pre-Qualifying Tournaments as follows:
  - The twenty-eight (28) teams that played in the second round of the previous FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers but did not qualify for the FIBA Basketball World Cup; and
  - The best-ranked twelve (12) teams from the teams that did not qualify for the second round of the previous FIBA Basketball World Cup Qualifiers.
- 182. The competition format for each region shall be decided by the FIBA Central Board upon proposal by the respective Regional Office. The distribution across the regions of the forty (40) teams will be as follows:

Africa: 8 teams
Americas: 8 teams
Asia-Pacific: 8 teams
Europe: 16 teams

- 183. Should any of the invited teams not accept the invitation, the next best placed team(s) who has(ve) not directly qualified from the same continent will be invited to participate unless otherwise decided by the FIBA Central Board.
- 184. The draw for the FIBA Olympic Pre-Qualifying Tournaments shall be made before the hosting National Member Federations are defined.

### FIBA OLYMPIC QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

185. The FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments shall be held every four (4) years (2024, 2028, 2032, etc.).



## Participation in the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments

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

A.	Directly Qualified from the previous FIBA Basketball World Cup	
	The next best-ranked team from each of the following three regions: Africa, Americas, Asia-Pacific	3
	The 16 best placed teams not directly qualified for the Olympic	16
B.	Directly Qualified from the FIBA Olympic Pre-Qualifying Tournaments	
	Africa	1
	Americas	1
	Asia-Pacific	1
	Europe	2
	Total	24

- 187. In particular, these twenty-four (24) teams shall comprise the following:
  - a. The next best-ranked team from the previous FIBA Basketball World Cup from each of the following three (3) regions: Africa, Americas, and Asia-Pacific.
  - b. 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.
  - c. Five (5) additional teams will qualify directly from the FIBA Olympic Pre-Qualifying Tournaments as follows:

Africa: 1 team
Americas: 1 team
Asia-Pacific: 1 team
Europe: 2 teams

188. Should any of the invited teams not accept the invitation, the next best team(s) who has not directly qualified from the same continent will be invited to participate unless otherwise decided by the FIBA Central Board.

#### System of competition

- 189. 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.
- 190. The twenty-four (24) participating teams will be divided into four (4) tournaments of six (6) teams each.
- 191. Each tournament shall be hosted by one (1) of the six (6) participating National Member Federations.



- 192. The draw for the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments shall be made before the hosting National Member Federations are defined.
- 193. In principle, each continent shall host one (1) FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament.
- 194. 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: 2B – 1A
 Game 8: 1B – 2A

b. Final:

Game 9: Winner 7 – Winner 8

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

### FIBA WOMEN'S OLYMPIC PRE-QUALIFYING AND QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

195. The system of competition of the FIBA Women's Olympic Pre-Qualifying and 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.

# FIBA Women's Olympic Pre-Qualifying Americas Tournament

- 196. The four (4) teams ranked from 3rd to 6th place from the latest edition of the FIBA Women's AmeriCup will qualify to the FIBA Women's Olympic Pre-Qualifying Americas Tournament. If the winner of the latest edition of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup is from the Americas region and not among the two (2) best ranked teams of the latest edition of the FIBA Women's AmeriCup, then the four (4) best ranked teams, excluding the FIBA Women's AmeriCup winner and the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup winner will qualify to the FIBA Women's Pre-Olympic Qualifying Americas Tournament.
- 197. A National Member Federation that has been invited to participate in the FIBA Women's Olympic Pre-Qualifying Americas Tournament must confirm their participation in the Women's Olympic Basketball Tournament to FIBA at the same time as registering their team for the First Round of the FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournaments by the relevant deadline communicated by FIBA.



- 198. The draw for the FIBA Women's Olympic Pre-Qualifying Americas Tournament shall be made before the hosting National Member Federation is defined.
- 199. The tournament shall be hosted by one (1) of the participating National Member Federations.
- 200. The following System of Competition shall be applied for the FIBA Women's Olympic Pre-Qualifying Americas Tournament.
  - a. The four (4) teams shall play each of the other teams in its own group (a total of three (3) games for each team).
  - b. A total of six (6) games shall be played in this tournament.
  - c. The teams placed first and second at the end of the tournament shall qualify for the FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournaments (total of two (2) teams)
- 201. Exceptionally, should any of the qualified teams from the Americas not accept the invitation to participate in the FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournaments, the next best placed team(s) from the Americas who has(ve) not directly qualified will be invited to participate, unless otherwise decided by FIBA.
- 202. The clauses related to the FIBA Women's Olympic Pre-Qualifying Americas Tournament are only applicable to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games qualification process.

## FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournaments

# Participation in the FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournaments

203. The Host of the Women's Olympic Basketball Tournament\* and the winner of the latest edition of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup\*, the two (2) teams qualified from the FIBA Women's Olympic Pre-Qualifying Americas Tournament, the two (2) best-ranked teams from the FIBA Women's AfroBasket, the two (2) best-ranked teams from the FIBA Women's Asia Cup, and the six (6) best-ranked teams from the FIBA Women's EuroBasket shall be as follows:

Directly Qualified*					
Host of the Women's Olympic Basketball Tournaments					
Winner of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup					
Qualified from the Continental Cups and the FIBA Women's Olympic Pre-Qualifying Americas Tournament					
FIBA Women's AfroBasket	2				
FIBA Women's AmeriCup	2				
FIBA Women's Olympic Pre-Qualifying Americas Tournament	2				
FIBA Women's Asia Cup					
FIBA Women's Asia Cup	4				
FIBA Women's Asia Cup FIBA Women's EuroBasket	6				

<sup>\*</sup>The slot for the Host of the Women's Olympic Basketball Tournament (subject to Central Board decision) and the slot for the winner of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup will be deducted from the number of slots awarded to teams qualified from the relevant FIBA Women's Continental Cup.

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- 204. The sixteen (16) teams shall be divided into four (4) tournaments of four (4) teams each.
- 205. The draw for the FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournaments shall be made before the hosting National Member Federations are defined. In order to implement the universality principle, at least one (1) of the tournaments shall contain two (2) teams of the same continent/geographical region, as decided by FIBA. The Host of the Women's Olympic Basketball Tournament and the winner of the latest edition of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup cannot be drawn in the same tournament.
- 206. Each tournament shall be hosted by one (1) of the participating National Member Federations.
- 207. In principle, each continent/geographic region should host one (1) FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament.
- 208. Should any of the invited teams not accept the invitation, the next best placed team(s) who has(ve) not directly qualified from the same continent will be invited to participate unless otherwise decided by the FIBA Central Board.

# System of competition

- 209. The following system of competition shall be applied for the FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournaments:
  - a. The sixteen (16) participating teams will be distributed into four (4) groups (A, B, C and D) of four (4) teams each.
  - b. Each team will play all the other teams in its own group (total of three (3) games for each team).
  - c. 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
- 210. The three (3) best placed teams from each tournament shall qualify for the Women's Olympic Basketball Tournament. For the tournament in which the winner of the latest edition of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup plays, the two (2) best placed teams and the winner of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup, shall qualify. In case the FIBA Central Board decides that the Host of the Women's Olympic Basketball Tournament shall directly qualify to the Women's Olympic Basketball Tournament, then the tournament in which the Host of the Women's Olympic Basketball Tournament plays, the two (2) best placed teams and the Host of the Women's Olympic Basketball Tournament, shall qualify.
- 211. The clauses related to the FIBA Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament are only applicable to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games qualification process.

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

- 212. The FIBA U19 Basketball World Cup and FIBA U19 Women's Basketball World Cup ("FIBA U19 Basketball World Cups") shall be held every two (2) years in odd-numbered years.
- 213. The FIBA U17 Basketball World Cup and FIBA U17 Women's Basketball World Cup ("FIBA U17 Basketball World Cups") shall be held every two (2) years in even-numbered years.
- 214. The provisions listed below shall be applied to all FIBA U19 World Cups and FIBA U17 World Cups (jointly "FIBA U19/U17 World Cups").
- 215. 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

- 216. The relevant qualifying competitions must be completed by 31 December of the year preceding the year of the Competition.
- 217. In the event a qualified team withdraws, is suspended or is otherwise unable to participate, FIBA has the right to invite another team that has participated in the qualifying competitions. It is desirable, but not mandatory, to maintain an equitable balance between all continents.
- 218. 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.
- 219. 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 2-217.
- 220. 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.
- 221. 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.

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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

# 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)

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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 (3rd-Place Game)

• Game 56: Winner 47 – Winner 48 (Final)

# FIBA YOUTH CONTINENTAL CUPS

222. 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.



## **CHAPTER 8: FIBA CLUB COMPETITIONS**

- 223. 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.
- 224. FIBA Club Competitions within the geographic region of a continent (e.g. Basketball Champions League Americas (BCLA), FIBA Europe Cup) are governed by the respective Zone Competitions Regulations approved by the Executive Committee.
- 225. Clubs registered with National Member Federations of FIBA are obliged, subject to the ordre public, to participate in FIBA Club Competitions if qualified through the applicable sporting criteria, unless otherwise provided for in the applicable competition regulations or decided by the competent Regional Office.
- 226. Clubs participating in FIBA Club Competitions are obliged to register and field their highest-level team with the strongest possible roster.
- 227. Clubs participating in FIBA Club Competitions may not have the same owner or otherwise have the same management or administration as another club participating in the same competition, unless decided otherwise by the competent Regional Office.

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## **CHAPTER 9: FIBA-RECOGNISED COMPETITIONS**

- 228. The provisions of this Chapter 9 are subject to the provisions of the General Statutes and Internal Regulations governing Leagues and the Internal Regulations governing 3x3 competitions.
- 229. The FIBA Central Board shall apply objective criteria for the recognition by FIBA of international cups, games and tournaments.
- 230. 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.
- 231. 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 recognised by their National Member Federation shall be allowed to participate in said competition.
- 232. 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.
- 233. The hosts of the following competitions are encouraged to seek the recognition of, and work in close cooperation 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.; and
  - b. Specific interest events such as Universiade, Mediterranean Games, Francophonie Games, Lusofonia Games, World Masters Games, Maccabiah Games, World Military Games, etc.
- 234. FIBA may charge an administrative/solidarity fee for its recognition.
- 235. 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 active FIBA Technical Delegates, Commissioners and Referees at the Host's costs:
  - d. FIBA will designate the FIBA Competitions Supervisor at the Host's cost to supervise the tournament(s); and
  - e. The Host will respect other FIBA requirements, if any.
- 236. 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 the FIBA General Statutes and Internal Regulations as per the FIBA Code of Conduct (see article 1-93), including without limitation FIBA's Code of Fair Play (articles 1-104 to 1-107) and FIBA's Code of Ethics and Integrity (articles 1-114 to 1-152), and in particular FIBA's regulations governing betting and corruption (articles 1-147 to 1-152) 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; and
- 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.
- 237. 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.

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# **CHAPTER 10: FIBA ESPORT COMPETITIONS**

238. In accordance with its mission as set forth in Article 4 of the FIBA General Statutes, FIBA may develop, regulate, and promote FIBA eSport Competitions, as well as oversee the development of electronic or virtual disciplines of the sport of basketball ("eSport") worldwide.

# **CHAPTER 11: FIBA MASTERS COMPETITIONS**

239. In accordance with its mission as set forth in Article 4 of the FIBA General Statutes, FIBA may develop, regulate, and promote FIBA Masters Competitions, as well as oversee the development of age-group based tournaments for players aged between thirty-five (35) and seventy-five (75) years old worldwide.

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