



# **Competition Regulations**

**Season 2019-20**

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## **I. GENERAL**

### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 These Competition Regulations shall govern the Basketball Champions League 2019-20, along with any other rules, regulations, manuals, circulars and decisions referenced to herein or adopted by the Board of Directors of the Basketball Champions League S.A.
- 1.2 These Competition Regulations enter into force on 6 May 2019. They may be amended by the Organiser from time to time, in which case the changes will be communicated to the Clubs concerned without undue delay.
- 1.3 For administrative purposes, all communication arising from or in relation to the Basketball Champions League and these Competition Regulations shall be in English.
- 1.4 These Competition Regulations apply equally to both genders, and all references in this text to one gender (he, his etc.) shall be considered to apply also to the other gender (e.g. she, her etc.) and shall be read accordingly.

### **2. Definitions**

Admission Form	The form (or a renewal thereof) for a Club's participation in the BCL.
Article	An article of these Competition Regulations.
BCL	The European Men's Club competition called "Basketball Champions League". Unless otherwise stipulated herein, it shall mean the 2019-20 season's Qualification Rounds, Regular Season, Play-Offs and Final Four.
BCL Club Manual	The manual issued by the Organiser, as it may be amended from time to time, setting forth requirements for the participation in and organisation of the BCL.
BCL Logo	The official logo of the BCL.
BCL Marks	The BCL Logo together with any other logo (e.g. the Final Four logo) or emblem used by the Organiser to identify the BCL or parts or activities thereof.
BCL Officials	The Technical Delegates, the Organiser Representatives, the Referees, the Referee Observers, the table officials, the Supervisory Doctor, the Single Judge, the Ad-hoc Judge and persons holding an office within the Organiser.
BCL Regulations	Any and all regulations, rules, circular letters, guidelines, manuals (including the BCL Club Manual) and decisions of the Organiser relating to the BCL.

BCL Sponsor(s)	Any entity entering into a sponsorship agreement with the Organiser concerning the commercial exploitation of some or all of the rights and opportunities relating to the BCL (e.g. BCL Presenting Sponsor, BCL Official Sponsor, BCL Technical Supplier etc.).
Calendar	The official calendar of the 2019-20 season, as set out in Annex 1 of these Competition Regulations.
Club(s)	Any and all clubs participating in the BCL.
Club Delegation Roster	The list of approved Players, coaches and accompanying team delegation members registered for the BCL (see Article 8).
Club Official(s)	The Clubs' players, coaches, assistant coaches and other accompanying team delegation members (including without limitation: manager, doctor, physiotherapist, statistician, interpreter, Club mascots etc.), any accredited members of a Club's delegation, any member of the Club (directors, managers, staff), or any person linked (whether legally or de facto) with a Club.
European Club Competitions	The BCL and the FEC.
FEC	The European Men's Club competition called "FIBA Europe Cup". Unless otherwise stipulated, it shall mean the Qualification Rounds (if any), the Regular Season, the Play-Offs and the Finals of the 2019-20 season.
FEC Option	A Club's decision to continue (or not) in the FEC if it does not qualify to the BCL Regular Season (see Article 4.3.c).
Final Four	The semi-finals and the finals of the BCL, as detailed under Article 19 of these Competition Regulations.
Home Grown Player(s)	Player(s) registered with the NF of the Club in question for at least three (3) seasons between the age of 12 and 20.
NF	A National Federation member of FIBA.
NL	A national league, whether organised as a separate legal entity or not, recognised by the respective NF(s).
Official Draw(s)	Any and all BCL official draw ceremonies.
Organiser	The legal entity Basketball Champions League S.A., a joint-stock corporation with legal seat and offices in Mies, Switzerland, owned 50% by FIBA and 50% by National Leagues (Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Spain, Turkey) and ULEB.

Play-Offs	All games of the play-offs of the BCL, as detailed under Article 18 of these Competition Regulations.
Player(s)	Any and all players registered with a Club at any time between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020.
Qualification Rounds	All games of the qualification rounds of the BCL, as detailed under Article 16 of these Competition Regulations.
Regular Season	All games of the regular season of the BCL, as detailed under Article 17 of these Competition Regulations.
Signage	The digital (LED) and static communication and advertising spaces in the Venues as set forth in Annex 3 to these Competition Regulations.
Single Judge	A legally qualified person with experience in sports, appointed by the Organiser and entrusted with the task to adjudicate cases as provided for in the BCL Regulations.
Venue	The registered basketball hall and basketball facilities of each Club as well as any other basketball hall where a game of the BCL is organised with the approval of the Organiser.

## **II. CLUBS**

### **3. Participation**

- 3.1 The Organiser shall determine the number of clubs per country that are entitled to participate in the BCL. In principle, this decision will be based on the ranking of NFs and Clubs (Article 5).
- 3.2 Subject to Article 3.3, the primary criterion for participation in the BCL are the sporting results of clubs in their domestic competitions, as decided by the Organiser.
- 3.3 The Organiser may grant access to the BCL through the attribution of up to four (4) invitations, as follows:
  - a) one (1) invitation to the Regular Season to the title holder of the BCL, if it has not otherwise qualified directly to the Regular Season;
  - b) up to three (3) (and, if the invitation under 3.3.a above is not used, up to four (4)) invitations either to the Regular Season or to the Qualification Rounds.
- 3.4 A maximum of fifty-six (56) clubs will participate in the BCL.
- 3.5 If one or more clubs do not exercise their right to participate in the BCL, the Organiser may decide to allocate the respective place(s) to other clubs of the same or other NF(s).

3.6 In order to participate in the BCL, a club shall:

- a) Have earned the right to participate in BCL through
  - i) its sporting results in the domestic competitions (see Article 3.2); or
  - ii) an invitation (see Article 3.3);
- b) Have the right to use a basketball hall which
  - i) meets the requirements of the Official Basketball Rules (including the rules on Basketball Equipment) and of the BCL Regulations;
  - ii) meets the requirements for a TV-production in accordance with the Organiser's standards (8-camera-plan) and has a seating capacity of minimum 3,000 seats (unless otherwise decided by the Organiser in exceptional circumstances); and
  - iii) is clear of all non-basketball lines (see Official Rules of Basketball). Clubs shall use in their basketball halls equipment for FIBA Level I competitions.
- c) Comply with the requirements of the admission process set out in Article 4.

#### 4. Admission Process

- 4.1 The Organiser will send to the respective NF the documentation that is necessary for its clubs to be registered with the BCL (see Article 4.3 below). Additionally, the Organiser will provide the Clubs with access to its online platform in order for the Clubs to submit necessary information for the registration (see Article 4.4 below).
- 4.2 The Clubs and the NF shall ensure that the necessary documentation and information reaches the offices of the Organiser by email (for the documents under Article 4.3, duly completed) or through the online platform (for the information under 4.4, fully submitted) before midnight Geneva time on 14 June 2019. The original documents under Article 4.3, confirmed by the NF with the NF stamp and signature of the NF President or NF Secretary General, must follow by courier.
- 4.3 The Clubs will complete and sign the following documents:
  - a) the Admission Form, which will include, without limitation:
    - i) The agreement to comply with the BCL Regulations;
    - ii) The agreement to license to the Organiser certain marketing, media and other intellectual property rights;
    - iii) An arbitration agreement stipulating that any dispute between the Organiser on the one hand and Clubs and/or Club Officials on the other will be submitted exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, and will be resolved definitively in accordance with the Code of Sports-related Arbitration through an expedited procedure. Recourse to ordinary courts shall be excluded;

- b) the Club information form;
- c) (applicable only to Clubs participating in the Qualification Rounds) The FEC Option Form, i.e. the Club's signed and irrevocable declaration on whether (or not) it wishes to continue to the FEC if it does not qualify to the Regular Season of the BCL.
- d) any other documents required by the Organiser.

4.4 In addition, the Clubs will complete and submit through BCL's online platform certain necessary information regarding their Club, their Venue (including the plan of the playing hall(s) with the distribution of advertising highlighted, the number of LED boards, the measurement of the advertising boards in metres etc.) and a digital copy of the Club's logo.

4.5 Clubs will not be required to pay a registration fee or a deposit at the beginning of the season. Each NF will be jointly liable with its Club(s) for any liability caused by or in connection with its Clubs' participation in (or withdrawal from) the BCL.

#### 4.6 Non-admission

The Organiser has the right to not admit to the BCL a club that would be entitled to participate in the BCL as per Article 3, if

- a) in the Organiser's reasonable opinion, the club does not fulfil or will not be able to fulfil during the season all requirements provided for in these Competition Regulations and the Club Manual; or
- b) the club is not in good financial standing with the Organiser; or
- c) the club is subject to a ban from participating in international competitions.

#### 4.7 Withdrawal

If a Club that has signed an Admission Form (or any other document stating that it will participate in the BCL) withdraws from the BCL, it shall pay to the Organiser within seven (7) days from the latter's written notice an amount of liquidated damages calculated based on the time of withdrawal:

- a) before or during the Qualification Round, an amount equal to the Regular Season participation fees multiplied by five (see Article 26), unless otherwise agreed between the Club and the Organiser in writing;
- b) between the end of the Qualification Round and the end of the Regular Season, an amount equal to the Quarter-Finals participation fees multiplied by five (see Article 26.1.b), unless otherwise agreed between the Club and the Organiser in writing;
- c) between the end of the Regular Season and the end of the Play-Offs, an amount equal to the 4<sup>th</sup> place team participation fees multiplied by five (see Article 26.1.b);
- d) between the end of the Play-Offs and the end of the season, an amount equal to the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team participation fees multiplied by five (see Article 26.1.b).

### 5. Ranking

5.1 The sporting results of the Clubs in BCL will be evaluated by the Organiser through a specially designed ranking system.

- 5.2 A Club-ranking and a NF ranking will be established.
- 5.3 The rankings will be considered when determining
- a) the number of places per NF in the BCL;
  - b) the allocation of Clubs to the Regular Season or the Qualification Rounds;
  - c) the seeding of Clubs in the Official Draws.

### **III. PLAYERS**

#### **6. Players' Eligibility**

- 6.1 Each Club shall enter on the score-sheet:
- a) in the case of twelve (12) or eleven (11) players, at least five (5) Home Grown Players;
  - b) in the case of ten (10) or fewer players, and subject to Article 7.1.1 of the BCL Disciplinary Code, at least four (4) Home Grown Players.
- 6.2 The Club and its NL and NF are jointly responsible for the eligibility of the Club's Players at all times and will bear the consequences of any infractions of the BCL Regulations or of the FIBA Internal Regulations governing Eligibility, the National Status, the International Transfer and the Age of Players.

#### **7. Players' Registration**

- 7.1 The registration of Players is subject to the following conditions:
- a) the signature of the official BCL entry form; and
  - b) the payment of the player's registration fee, as set forth in Article 29.1.
- 7.2 If a Club does not qualify for the BCL Regular Season and
- a) continues in the FEC, the registration documents will be used by FIBA Europe for the issuance of a "B" Licence (as per the applicable FIBA Internal Regulations), which shall be valid for the FEC without additional charge;
  - b) does not continue in the FEC, an "A" Licence for Foreign Players may be requested. This procedure is valid only as long as the Player continues to play with the Club.

#### **8. Club Delegation Roster**

- 8.1 The Club must register a minimum of twelve (12) Players by no later than 30 August 2019. The request for Players' registration, accompanied by all necessary individual documents and forms should be submitted to the Organiser by the NF of the Club, through the FIBA Management & Administration Platform (FIBA MAP).
- 8.2 The Club Delegation Roster is considered as being "Final":
- a) for the Clubs participating in the Qualification Rounds, on the day before the start of the first Qualification Round (16 September 2019);



- b) for the Clubs participating in the Regular Season, including, for the avoidance of doubt, Clubs qualified through the Qualification Rounds, on the day before the start of the Regular Season (14 October 2019).

8.3 The Final Club Delegation Roster shall contain a minimum of twelve (12) Players and a maximum of sixteen (16) Players. The Final Club Delegation Roster shall contain a minimum of five (5) Home Grown Players during the entire BCL season.

8.4 The Organiser may require also the Club's coaches and other accompanying team delegation members to register within the same deadlines as Players. In such case, Article 7.1 (signature of the official BCL entry form) shall apply also to such persons.

#### 9. Changes of Players

9.1 Any changes should be made by the Club through its NF. When submitting the request to the NF, the Club should send a copy to the Organiser.

9.2 For the Clubs participating in the Qualification Rounds, no change will be allowed during the Qualification Rounds.

9.2.1 Clubs qualified for the Regular Season through the Qualification Rounds may make an unlimited number of changes between the day following the end of the last Qualification Round (30 September 2019) and the day before the start of the Regular Season (14 October 2019).

9.3 For the Clubs participating in the Regular Season, up to four (4) Players of any given nationality can be changed on the Final Club Delegation Roster from the start of the Regular Season (15 October 2018) until the day before the start of the Play-Offs (2 March 2019).

9.4 Any of the four (4) additions/replacements to the Final Club Delegation Roster must be finalised, i.e. the necessary documentation must have been received by the Organiser, by no later than the Monday before the first game of the additional/replaced Player, regardless if such game is to take place on Tuesday or Wednesday of the same week.

9.6 Players who have played for two (2) Clubs during the BCL season are ineligible to play for a third Club during the same season.

### **DEADLINES FOR REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS**

	<b>Until 30.08</b>	<b>30.08 to 16.09</b>	<b>17.09 to 29.09</b>	<b>30.09 to 15.10</b>	<b>15.10 to 02.03</b>	<b>As of 03.03</b>
<b>QR Clubs</b>	Minimum 12 players	Unlimited Changes	No Changes	Unlimited Changes	Up to 4 Changes*	No Changes
<b>RS Clubs</b>	Minimum 12 players	Unlimited changes			Up to 4 Changes*	No Changes

\*By no later than the Monday before the first game of the additional/replacement Player

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**10. Protests regarding the eligibility of Players**

- 10.1 Any Club may submit a protest concerning the eligibility of another Club's Player(s).
- 10.2 Such protest must be received by the Organiser at the latest on the following working day of the alleged occurrence.
- 10.3 A deposit of EUR 1,000 (or a written declaration authorising the Organiser to deduct such amount from the Club's financial benefits under these Competition Regulations) shall accompany the protest. If the deposit or proof thereof has not been received on the following working day of the occurrence, the protest shall be deemed withdrawn.
- 10.4 The Organiser may investigate the eligibility of Players ex officio at any time.
- 10.5 The Single Judge has exclusive competence to rule on violations of the rules applicable to the eligibility of Players, in accordance with these Competition Regulations.

**IV. OFFICIALS**

**11. General**

- 11.1 The Organiser will appoint BCL Officials for each game of the BCL. Annex 4 (Officiating) to these Competition Regulations shall apply.
- 11.2 A game form with the place and date of the game and name of the Technical Delegate (and, optionally, the Referees and the Referee Observer, if any) is sent by e-mail to both Clubs and to the Technical Delegate.
- 11.3 The NF of the appointed BCL Official(s) is responsible for
  - a) conveying all details to the BCL Official(s);
  - b) confirming to the Organiser without delay and in writing the BCL Officials' availability;
  - c) providing all necessary assistance to ensure the BCL Officials' timely presence at the Venue.
- 11.4 If a BCL Official cannot accept his appointment for any reason, the NF must inform the Organiser without delay by e-mail or fax. The NF may suggest a possible replacement.
- 11.5 If a BCL Official appointed by the Organiser is prevented at the last moment from executing his duties at the game for reasons beyond his control, he may be replaced by another BCL Official from the country where the game will take place. In this case, the Technical Delegate shall immediately contact the Organiser to obtain its approval for the replacement.

**12. Appointments**

**12.1 Technical Delegate**

The Organiser will appoint one (1) Technical Delegate for each game. The Organiser will endeavour to appoint, particularly for the Regular Season, a Technical Delegate from the same region/country where the game is played.

12.2 Supervisory Doctor

The Organiser may appoint a Supervisory Doctor for certain games of the BCL in order to coordinate and monitor the doping control procedure.

12.3 Referees

The Organiser will appoint three (3) Referees for each game.

12.3.1 Referee Observer

The Organiser may appoint a Referee Observer for certain games of the BCL.

12.4 The Organiser Representatives

The Organiser may appoint one (1) or more Organiser Representatives for certain games of the BCL, who shall undertake specific supervising duties assigned to them by the Organiser.

12.5 Judges

12.5.1 The Organiser will appoint a Single Judge for the BCL.

12.5.2 If deemed necessary, the Organiser will appoint an Ad-hoc Judge for the Final Four.

13. Duties

13.1 Duties of the Judges

13.1.1 The Single Judge and the Ad-hoc Judge shall perform their duties in accordance with the BCL Regulations.

13.2 Duties of the Technical Delegate

13.2.1 The Technical Delegate shall

- a) ensure that the BCL games are played under regular conditions and in accordance with the BCL Regulations;
- b) inspect and approve all equipment to be used during the game;
- c) collaborate with the Referees in the exercise of their duties;
- d) supervise the work of the table officials and ensure a smooth running of the game;
- e) participate in all meetings organised for the preparation of the game.

The Organiser will provide the necessary guidelines to the Technical Delegates.

13.2.2 The Technical Delegate shall sit at the scorer's table directly between the scorer and the timekeeper.

13.2.3 The Technical Delegate is responsible for sending to the Organiser, by e-mail no later than the midnight of the game day

- a) the Technical Delegate Game Report;
- b) the Game Lists of Players and Coaches;

- c) if requested by the Organiser, the Referee Report (within two (2) days following the game).
- 13.2.4 The Technical Delegate must ensure that the hosting Club sends the Digital Scoresheet and statistics by e-mail to the Organiser within one (1) hour from the end of the game.
- 13.2.5 All reports shall be written in English and shall contain details on the game according to the respective template. Should any serious incident occur (such as a protest against the result of the game, the disqualification of a Player, bad behaviour of the spectators, etc.) the Technical Delegate must send a detailed report describing the incident within one (1) hour from the end of the game by e-mail to [competition@championsleague.basketball](mailto:competition@championsleague.basketball) using the Organiser's official form.
- 13.2.6 Any matters which, in the Technical Delegate's opinion, could constitute a violation of the BCL Regulations, the Official Basketball Rules, the FIBA Internal Regulations governing Betting & Corruption, or of the general rules of behaviour and sportsmanship, must be included in detail in his report.
- 13.3 Duties of the Referees
  - 13.3.1 The Referees shall conduct the game in accordance with the Official Basketball Rules and the official FIBA interpretations of these rules.
  - 13.3.2 The Organiser will provide a pre-paid travel service to the appointed Referees, in accordance with the provisions of Annex 4 (Officiating).
  - 13.3.3 The provisions of Annex 4 (Officiating) apply to the relation between Clubs and Referees / Technical Delegates / Referee Observers.
  - 13.3.4 Besides the Club obligations described in Annex 4 (Officiating), no other involvement or interference (e.g. entertainment program) by a Club in the Referees', Technical Delegate's and Referee Observer's schedule and logistics is allowed.
- 13.4 Duties of the Referee Observers
  - 13.4.1 The Referee Observer shall provide expert support to the Referees as well as monitor and evaluate the quality of officiating at a BCL game.
  - 13.4.2 The hosting Club shall provide the Referee Observer with
    - a) a seat in the arena with unhindered and full view on the basketball court during the game; and
    - b) an accreditation pass to the referee locker rooms.
  - 13.4.3 The Referee Observer is responsible for sending the BCL Officiating Evaluation Form to the Organiser by e-mail no later than the midnight of the game day, in accordance with Organiser's guidelines.

## **V. COMPETITION SYSTEM**

### **14. General Principles**

- 14.1 The BCL shall be organised in accordance with the Calendar approved by the Organiser (Annex 1 to these Competition Regulations), as it may be amended from time to time.
- 14.2 The BCL competition system is determined by decision of the Organiser, based on a proposal of its Competitions Committee.
- 14.3 In principle, games of the Regular Season and of the Play-Offs are played on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. In exceptional cases, the Organiser may decide that such games will also be played on Thursdays. The games of the Final Four will be played on Friday and Sunday (see Article 19.3).
- 14.4 Qualification Rounds - “Home and away” and point difference format
  - 14.4.1 Subject to Article 14.4.4, the winner of the series shall be the Club that has scored at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> game the greater number of aggregate points over the two (2) games.
  - 14.4.2 If the score is tied
    - a) at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> game, or
    - b) at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> game but the aggregate score is not tied,no extra period shall be played.
  - 14.4.3 If the aggregate score of the two (2) games is tied at the end of playing time of the fourth period of the 2<sup>nd</sup> game, this game shall continue with as many extra periods of five (5) minutes as is necessary to break the tie.
  - 14.4.4 A Club that loses by forfeit or by default in the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> game shall lose the series.
- 14.5 Play-Offs - “Best of three (3)” and home-court advantage
  - 14.5.1 Subject to Article 14.5.4, the winner of the series shall be the Club that has won two (2) games in the BCL Play-Offs tie.
  - 14.5.2 A Club with home-court advantage is the host of the first and potential third game in the Play-Offs series and will be
    - a) in the Round of 16, the first- and second-placed Clubs in the Regular Season groups,
    - b) in the quarter-finals, a Club that has won the Round of 16 series in which the first-placed Club in the Regular Season groups played.
  - 14.5.3 If the score after forty (40) minutes is tied in any games in the Play-Offs series, this game shall continue with as many extra periods of five (5) minutes as is necessary to break the tie.
  - 14.5.4 A Club that loses any game by forfeit or by default in the Play-Offs shall lose the series.

### **15. Pre-season Official Draw and Game Dates**

- 15.1 The pre-season Official Draw will take place at a time and place to be decided and announced by the Organiser. The Organiser will also announce guidelines for the conduct of the pre-season Official Draw.
- 15.2 All Clubs taking part in the BCL shall have at least one (1) representative attending the pre-season Official Draw.

- 15.3 The exact dates of the Qualification Rounds games and the Regular Season games shall be confirmed by the Organiser and will be announced by 31 July 2019. The negotiations with the broadcasting partners will have a significant bearing on the establishment of the calendar. In addition:
- a) Requests for a date change may be accepted only in exceptional cases and only if filed at least twenty (20) days before a game is scheduled.
  - b) For the last “game day” in the Regular Season, the Organiser may decide that certain games (e.g. two or more games of the same group) shall be played on the same day and shall start, where feasible, at the same time.

#### 16. Qualification Rounds

- 16.1 Following the results of the pre-season Official Draw, Clubs participating in the Qualification Rounds will face each other in elimination rounds played on a “home and away” and point difference format.
- 16.2 Up to eight (8) Clubs can qualify for the Regular Season through the Qualification Rounds. All other Clubs of the Qualification Rounds will, depending on their decision as declared in the FEC Option Form, either qualify for the FIBA Europe Cup regular season or be eliminated.

#### 17. Regular Season

- 17.1 A total of thirty-two (32) Clubs will participate in the Regular Season, of which a minimum of twenty-four (24) Clubs will have a direct place.
- 17.2 The Regular Season will be composed of four (4) groups, A to D, of eight (8) Clubs each. During the pre-season Official Draw, the qualification places will be assigned to specific groups.
- 17.3 Each Club will play the other Clubs in its own group “home and away” in a round-robin system over fourteen (14) game days.
- 17.4 The four (4) best-placed Clubs in each group will qualify for the Play-Offs.
- 17.6 The remaining four (4) teams in each group of the Regular Season will be eliminated.
- 17.7 Ranking
- In determining the ranking of Clubs within the same group for the purposes of this Chapter V (Competition System), the Official Basketball Rules Chapter D (Classification of Teams) shall apply.

#### 18. Play-Offs

- 18.1 The Play-Offs will comprise a Round of 16 and the quarter-finals. The Play-Offs Official Draw will determine the pairings by applying a seeding system and the principles laid down in Articles 18.1.1 and 18.1.2.
- 18.1.1 In the Round of 16:
- a) The 1<sup>st</sup> place finishers will be drawn against 4<sup>th</sup> place finishers (Games 1-4);
  - b) The 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers will be drawn against 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers (Games 5-8);
  - c) Clubs from the same group of the Regular Season cannot be drawn against each other

in the Round of 16;

d) The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers will play the first and potential third game at home.

The 8 winning Clubs will qualify for the quarter-finals.

18.1.2 In the quarter-finals:

a) The winners of Games 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be drawn against winners of Games 5, 6, 7 and 8.

b) The winners of Games 1, 2, 3 and 4 will play the first and potential third game at home.

18.2 The four (4) winning Clubs of the quarter-finals will qualify for the Final Four.

## 19. Final Four

19.1 The semi-finals will be played as a “direct elimination” format. The pairings will be determined at a separate BCL Final-Four Official Draw which will take place at the location of the Final Four.

19.2 The winning Clubs of each semi-final will qualify for the final. The losing Clubs will play for the 3<sup>rd</sup> place game.

19.3 The four (4) games of the Final Four will be played on Friday (2 x semi-finals) and Sunday (final and 3<sup>rd</sup> place game).

19.4 All European NFs and the Clubs participating in the quarter-finals are entitled to submit a candidature to organise the Final Four.

19.5 The Organiser will select, in its sole discretion, the host of the Final Four.

19.6 The terms and conditions regarding

a) the organisation of the Final Four; and

b) the participation in the Final Four

will be sent to the interested parties by the Organiser.

19.7 The Final Four is considered as a tournament on its own. Therefore, the four (4) qualified Clubs shall be composed of the same twelve (12) Players for both games of the Final Four.

## **VI. GAME ORGANISATION**

### **20. Venue**

- 20.1 The basketball hall of the game shall be the one registered with the Organiser (see Articles 3.6.b and 4.4). The Organiser will use its best efforts to visit every Venue before the start of the BCL.
- 20.2 The home Club shall provide two (2) practice sessions to the visiting Club at the game Venue:
- a) One (1) practice session of ninety (90) minutes on the day before the game at the same time as the tip-off time of the game; and
  - b) One (1) practice session of sixty (60) minutes on the morning of the game, with a start no later than 11:00 AM.
- 20.2.1 For each practice session, the home Club shall provide the visiting Club with a minimum of twelve (12) official BCL basketballs, a fully equipped game court with uniform lightning of minimum 1,500 lux and fully equipped team locker room.
- 20.3 A game may take place in another basketball hall, in another city of the same country or even in another country
- a) Upon a Club's request and subject to the Organiser's approval in its sole discretion;
  - b) Upon the Organiser's decision, in its sole discretion (including, without limitation, reasonable concerns regarding the hosting Club's ability to guarantee adequate level of safety/security or compliance with the BCL Club Manual requirements for Venues; reasons constituting force majeure; etc.);
  - c) Upon decision of the Single Judge (see Article 3.7.1.k of the BCL Disciplinary Code).
- The Organiser's approval or decision under paragraphs a. and b. of this Article shall be final and binding upon the Clubs concerned.
- 20.4 If the game is to take place in a basketball hall other than the one registered with the Organiser, the hosting Club must send this information immediately by email to the visiting Club, after having received the approval (Article 20.3.a) or the decision (Article 20.3.b or c.) by the Organiser, as well as to the NFs of all parties involved, the Technical Delegate and the three (3) Referees.
- 20.5 If the game is to take place in a city other than that registered by the hosting Club, this Club must cover all expenses incurred by the Organiser, the visiting Club, the Game Officials or any of their contractual partners through this change. If additional travel is involved, this will be made by first-class train/bus or by air, at the expense of the hosting Club.

### **21. Game**

- 21.1 All games of the BCL will be played in accordance with the Official Basketball Rules in force at the time of the game. The Organiser has, with the agreement of FIBA, enacted the following specific rules on protests.
- 21.1.1 Protests
- The provisions of the Official Basketball Rules (Annex C – Protest Procedure) shall apply.
- Subject to Article 10 (protests regarding eligibility), the competent body to decide finally on



any protests is the BCL Referee Committee.

## 21.2 Technical Equipment

21.2.1 The hosting Club shall ensure that all technical equipment conforms to the applicable rules and it is available at the Venue in good working order.

21.2.2 The hosting Club shall ensure that the following additional equipment, which shall be fully equipped, operational and compliant with the BCL Regulations, is available at the Venue before and during all BCL games:

- a) at least one (1) spare Backstop Unit;
- b) at least one (1) spare portable scoreboard which can operate and show at a minimum the game score and the game clock; and
- c) at least two (2) spare connected shot-clocks ready to be placed on the court end-lines. The game clock and the shot-clocks must be synchronised with relevant sound signalisation for the end of period and the possession.

## 21.3 Table Officials

- a) The table officials (scorer, assistant scorer, timekeeper, 24-second operator, statisticians) shall be appointed by the NF of the country where the game is to take place. The NF shall ensure that the table officials are qualified and impartial. The Organiser, either on its own initiative or after a motivated request by a Club, may request that certain individual(s) be excluded from such appointments. The hosting Club shall bear strict liability towards the Organiser for all actions and omissions of the table officials.
- b) The table officials must be dressed in a uniform (shirt, sweater, etc.) provided to the Clubs by the Organiser.

## 21.4 Digital Scoresheet

The use of the Official FIBA Digital Scoresheet is mandatory in all games of the BCL.

## 21.5 Players

21.5.1 The playing uniforms must conform to the Official Basketball Rules, to the provisions of Annex 2 (Advertising on Team Uniforms) and shall bear the BCL Logo or BCL composite logo as per the Organiser's instructions. The hosting Club's team shall wear light coloured uniforms (e.g. white, yellow) and the visiting Club's team shall wear dark coloured (e.g. red, green, blue, black) uniforms. If the two teams and the Organiser agree, the teams may interchange the colours of the uniforms.

21.5.2 Undergarments permitted under the Official Basketball Rules could be white, black or of the dominant uniform colour, but in any event of the same colour for all players of the team during the entire game. The Players' socks, wristbands, headbands or any other part of the player accessories or undergarments must be clean of any logo of the NL, the NF or of any other competition.

21.5.3 When introduced at the start of a game, all Players of the same Club must be uniformly dressed (all with track suits, all without track suits, etc.).

21.5.4 Players may only wear the uniform of the Club.

21.5.5 Coaches and assistant coaches must be formally dressed during games. The Organiser may

issue more detailed, binding instructions.

**21.6 Medical Doctor**

Each hosting Club is responsible for providing a registered medical doctor at each game.

The medical doctors must identify themselves to the visiting Club before the game and inform the Club representative where they can be easily located.

**21.7 Doping Controls**

**21.7.1 The FIBA Internal Regulations governing Anti-Doping shall apply.**

**21.7.2 The Organiser will mandate, through FIBA, a third-party (National Anti-Doping Organisation, doping control service provider etc.) to carry out doping controls during games of the BCL. FIBA shall be the results management authority in relation to all doping controls at games of the BCL.**

**21.7.3 Unannounced doping controls may take place before, during and after any game of the BCL. The hosting Club is responsible for providing a doping control station which shall be equipped in accordance with the FIBA Internal Regulations governing Anti-Doping.**

**21.7.4 All costs for announced and unannounced doping controls are covered by the Organiser.**

**21.7.5 Clubs shall comply with the obligation to provide their team whereabouts or the whereabouts of individual Players, if so requested by FIBA.**

**21.8 Additional Personnel**

Personnel must be available to dry wet spots which may occur on the court during the game. They should kneel or sit during the game so as not to obstruct the television cameras and/or referees.

**21.9 Electronic Transmission of Game Information**

**21.9.1 For all games of the BCL, the official FIBA statistics software must be used. The Organiser will provide this software free of charge to all Clubs.**

**21.9.2 Statisticians responsible for collating game statistics shall be seated close to the court, preferably on the scorers' table. They shall have broadband internet connection available for transmission of live data.**

a) Statisticians shall be connected via Skype with the BCL Stats Support service, starting no later than 60 minutes before the game tip-off and up until confirmation from the BCL Stats Support service after the end of the game;

b) Statisticians must have been trained and licensed by FIBA and/or by the NF of the hosting Club prior to performing their role in BCL games. The Organiser will provide Clubs with the list of licensed Statisticians in their respective countries.

**21.9.3 During the game, the score and statistical data has to be sent to the Organiser's official website [www.championsleague.basketball](http://www.championsleague.basketball) in real time.**

**21.9.4 Immediately after the end of the game the results (DSS file with the final result) must be sent to the Organiser also via email to [competition@championsleague.basketball](mailto:competition@championsleague.basketball).**

**21.10 Visiting Fans**

**21.10.1 Unless otherwise decided by the Organiser, the hosting Club shall reserve in all cases 5% of the total number of tickets for visiting Club spectators, as detailed in the BCL Club Manual. If the**

visiting Club does not confirm that it will use the 5% ticket allocation (or a lower percentage) in writing at the latest seven (7) days before the game in question (or within twenty-four (24) hours from the Organiser's notice with the exact date and time of the game, whichever comes last) the hosting Club will be free to use the above-mentioned 5% of the tickets at its discretion.

**21.11 Game delay or interruption**

If for any reason whatsoever (including without limitation: equipment malfunction, violent incidents etc) a game is delayed or interrupted, and unless the Official Basketball Rules or the present Competition Regulations provide otherwise, the Organiser shall have the right at its sole and entire discretion to issue any binding instructions it considers appropriate to Game Officials and participating Clubs.

**22. Other Requirements**

Further requirements for the organisation of BCL games will form part of the BCL Club Manual. In case of conflict or discrepancy, these Competition Regulations shall prevail.

**VII. TV & MARKETING RIGHTS**

**23. Media**

The Organiser is the exclusive owner of any and all media rights to BCL (games, interviews etc.). Upon request, the Organiser may allow hosting clubs to commercialise the media rights to games of the Qualification Rounds.

**24. Marketing**

The Organiser and the Clubs shall share the marketing rights to the BCL games as per the provisions of Annex 3 (Inventory of BCL Sponsoring Rights) to these Competition Regulations and the terms of the Admission Form.

**VIII. MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS**

**25. General principles**

- 25.1 Every game organised under the auspices of the Organiser must adhere to the same standards with regard to media operations and services.
- 25.2 The Clubs shall comply with the provisions of the BCL Club Manual with respect to Media Operations & Services.

**IX. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

**26. Financial Benefits for Clubs**

- 26.1 The Organiser will
  - a) cover, directly or through its partners, all TV production costs for all BCL games of the

Regular Season, Play-Offs and Final Four;

- b) cover, directly or through its partners, the costs for BCL brand and BCL sponsor floor stickers as well as for BCL Media backdrops, for all BCL games of the Regular Season, Play-Offs and Final Four;
- c) cover all officiating fees (see Article 27.1), international transportation expenses, accommodation and lodging expenses for the Referees, the Technical Delegates and the Referee Observers, for all BCL games of the Regular Season, Play-Offs and Final Four. The Organiser will dedicate the necessary staff and hire external service providers (e.g. travel agency) required to administer the related process; and
- d) effect the following payments to Clubs on account of expenses incurred by Clubs for their participation in BCL:

	<b>Aggregate per Club (EUR)</b>	<b>Number of Clubs</b>
BCL Regular Season	50,000	16
BCL Play-Offs: Round of 16	70,000	8
BCL Play-Offs: Quarter Finals	100,000	4
Final Four: 4 <sup>th</sup> placed team	140,000	1
Final Four: 3 <sup>rd</sup> placed team	200,000	1
Final Four: 2 <sup>nd</sup> placed team	400,000	1
BCL Winner	1,000,000	1

**Total BCL Prize Money  
= EUR 3,500,000**

- 26.2 Clubs will be responsible for any and all taxes or deductions of any kind on these amounts, as applicable in their country (see also Article 30).
- 26.3 The above-mentioned payments are conditional upon the Club's full collaboration with the Organiser as regards payment modalities and procurement of necessary documentation, as applicable in the Organiser's country (e.g. forms for avoidance of double taxation etc.).

## 27. Officiating Fees and Expenses

### 27.1 Officiating Fees

The officiating fees for the Referees, the Technical Delegates and the Referee Observers will be covered by the Organiser.

### 27.2 Officiating Expenses

- a) The Organiser shall cover the accommodation expenses, all international travel expenses and related administration.

- b) The hosting Club shall cover all local transportation expenses of the Referees, the Technical Delegate and the Referee Observer.

Annex 4 (Officiating) to these Competition Regulations applies.

28. Other expenses

28.1 Each hosting Club shall cover all game organisation expenses, unless otherwise provided in the BCL Regulations.

28.2 The visiting Club will cover its own accommodation, entry visas, international travel and local travel expenses in the city of the Venue.

Two Clubs may agree to deviate from the provisions of this Article for their respective home games. In such case, the Clubs need to inform the Organiser about the terms of their agreement.

29 Player Registration and Change Fees

29.1 For the registration of Players, the applicable fee is EUR 300 per Player.

29.2 For a permissible change to the Club Delegation Roster, the applicable fee is EUR 500 per Player.

30. Terms of Payment to/by the Organiser and/or the entity designated by the Organiser

30.1 Each Club entitled to a payment under Article 26 above shall complete, sign and stamp Annex 6 (Payment Form) to these Competition Regulations and send it by email and courier to the Organiser within the deadline set by the Organiser.

30.2 Fees, dues, rights, fines or any other amounts invoiced must be paid to the Organiser and/or the entity designated by the Organiser in full, i.e. without any deductions (bank charges, etc.), upon receipt of invoice and only through wire transfer. Amounts due to the Organiser (player registration fees, fines, liquidated damages etc), whether emanating from the same or previous season, may be deducted from the payments to the Club. Alternatively, the Organiser may freely assign the respective claim to one of its shareholders. In accordance with the tax regulations in force in Switzerland, invoices may be subject to Swiss Value Added Tax (VAT).

30.3 Any payment by the Organiser will be made in accordance with the applicable Swiss tax regulations. Each individual or legal entity is responsible to declare any income in their respective country as applicable.

30.4 The hosting Club is responsible for customs clearance of shipments from the Organiser (e.g. balls, floor stickers). The hosting Club must also provide the Organiser with all the necessary information and/or documentation for the customs clearance. Any costs relating to missing information or incomplete information/documentation will be charged to the hosting Club.

## Annex 1

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## **Annex 2 – Advertising on Team Uniforms**

### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The present Annex applies to all games of the BCL.
- 1.2 Advertising of the Club's sponsors is permitted in a maximum three (3) different advertising spaces of the playing uniform:
  - a) On the front of the playing shirts;
  - b) On the back of the playing shirts; and
  - c) On the right leg of the playing shorts.
- 1.3 A maximum of four (4) Club sponsorship messages are allowed on the playing uniform.
- 1.4 The same sponsor can appear a on maximum of two (2) out of the four (4) available messages' spaces.
- 1.5 At least fifteen (15) days prior to the first game of the Qualification Rounds of the BCL, all Clubs must submit to the Organiser for approval a drawing/design of the complete uniform set that will be worn during the BCL. Designs can be sent by mail, email or fax. The Organiser may require a pre-production sample to be sent as well for final validation before the uniforms' production starts. The uniforms to be worn by the Club's team during the BCL shall match the submitted drawings or pre-production samples.
- 1.6 Once approved by the Organiser, no changes may be made to the team uniforms, including with regard to any advertising. If a Club wishes to make a change, a written request explaining the exceptional circumstances shall be submitted to the Organiser including a drawing/design of the complete uniform set which that given team wishes to wear during the remaining games of the BCL.
- 1.7 Areas of all applicable markings are measured by multiplying the maximum height by the maximum length of the advertising / manufacturer logo.

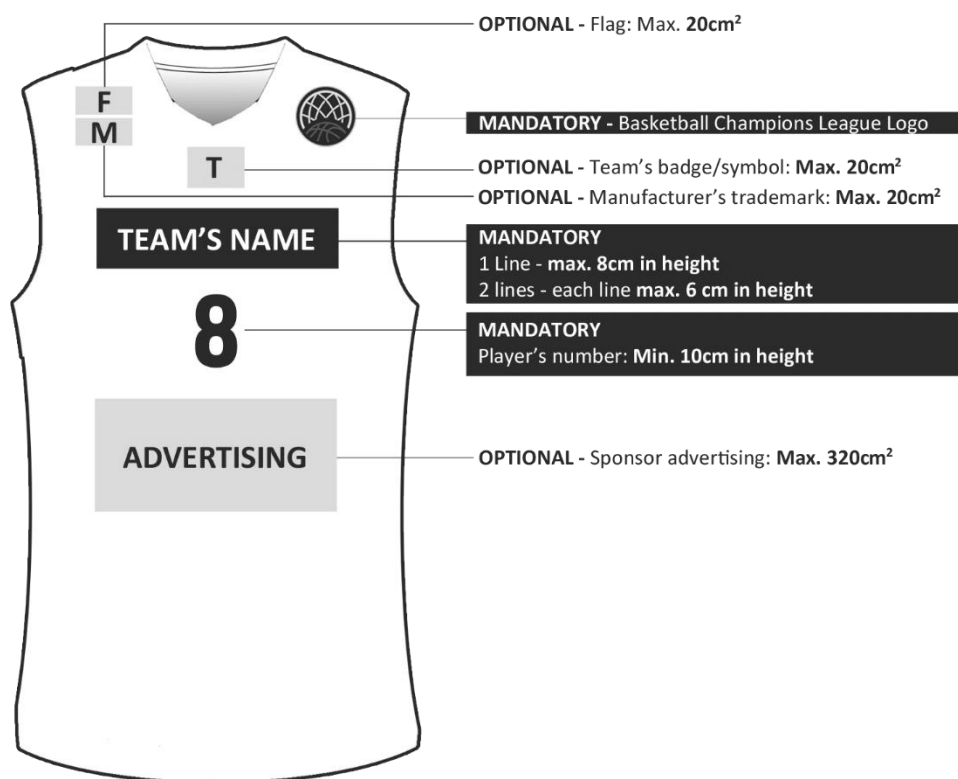
### **2. Playing Shirts**

- 2.1 Playing shirts must conform to article 4.3 of the Official Basketball Rules.
- 2.2 The front of the playing shirt shall conform to the following provisions (see 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>. Alternatively, it may be placed above the Player's number (see d.i. below).
  - b) The BCL Logo or BCL composite logo (as provided to teams by the Organiser) must appear on the front of the playing shirt.
  - c) The Player's number must appear and be clearly visible. It must have a height of minimum ten (10) cm and must be placed below the team's name or badge, at a distance of five (5) cm.

Any other markings on the front of the playing shirt must be placed in a manner and place which, in the Organiser's reasonable opinion, allows for the Player's number to appear clearly visible.

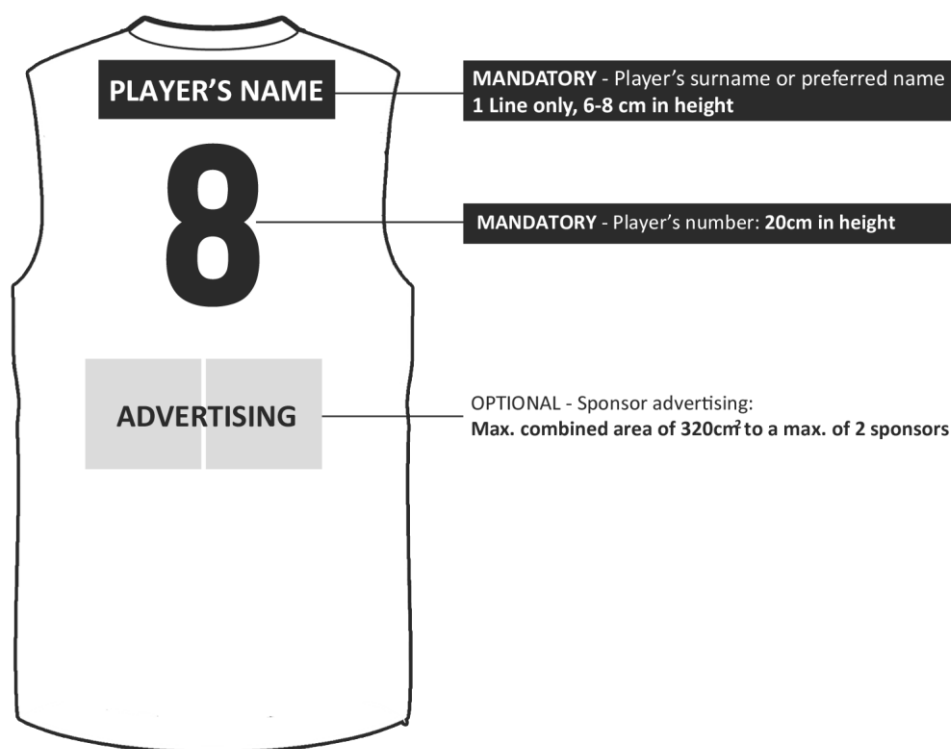
- d) The team's name or its commercial logo must appear, and an additional team's badge/symbol may appear, on the front of the playing shirts as follows:
  - i) Above the Player's number or in the place of the manufacturer's trademark (logo), if the latter is placed above the Player's number;
  - ii) For the team's name or its commercial logo, in case of written text, 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;
  - iii) The team's 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 BCL Logo (or BCL composite logo) and the manufacturer logo.
- e) Country flag of the Club may appear, but must occupy an area of maximum twenty (20) cm<sup>2</sup>.
- 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>;
  - ii) The advertising must be placed below the Player's number, as per the diagram below.





2.3 The back of the playing shirt shall conform to the following provisions (see diagram below):

- a) The Player's name (surname or preferred name) must appear above the Player's number and shall comprise only one (1) line of text. The height of the writing must be of minimum six (6) cm and maximum eight (8) cm.
- b) The Player's number must appear and be clearly visible; it shall have a height of minimum twenty (20) cm. Any other markings on the back of the playing shirt must be at a distance of minimum five (5) cm from the player's number.
- c) Advertising is permitted provided that it occupies an area of maximum three hundred and twenty (320) cm<sup>2</sup>. The advertising space shall be used as follows:
  - i) 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;
  - ii) Option 2: split into two (2) different sponsors' written text or logos, provided that the combined total size does not exceed three hundred and twenty (320) cm<sup>2</sup>;
  - iii) Advertising(s) must be placed below the Player's number, as per the diagram below.



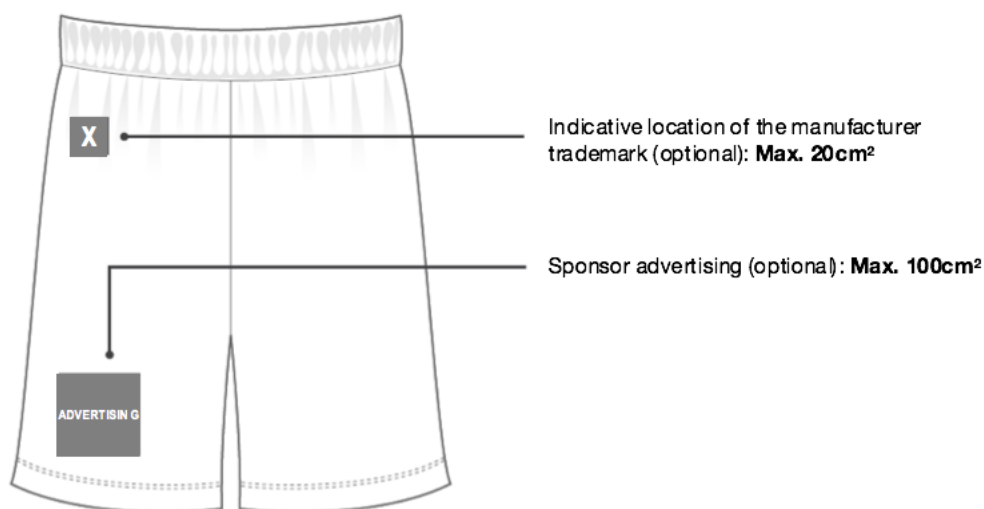
- d) No other marking is permitted on the back of the playing shirt.

### 3. Playing Shorts

3.1 Playing Shorts must conform to article 4.3 of the Official Basketball Rules.

3.2 Playing Shorts shall conform to the following provisions (see 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 (see diagram), provided that:
  - i) The sponsor's written text or logo occupies an area of maximum one hundred (100) cm<sup>2</sup>,
  - ii) The sponsor advertised may be one of those advertised on the playing shirt or differ from them,
  - iii) No other markings may be placed in this area.
- c) The Player's number is not permitted on the shorts.



#### 4. Playing Socks

4.1 Playing Socks shall conform to the following provisions:

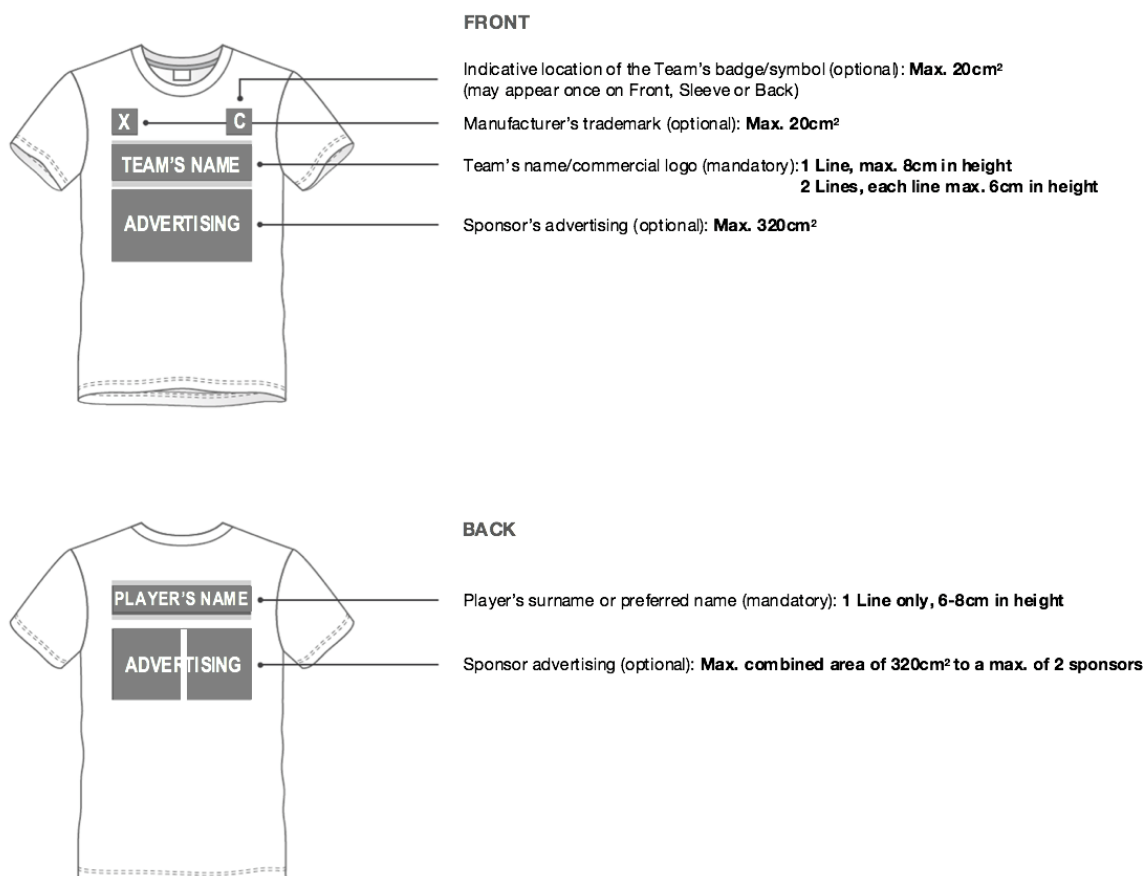
- a) The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear, provided that it occupies an area of maximum twenty (20) cm<sup>2</sup>;
- b) Advertising is prohibited.

#### 5. Warm-up Shirts

5.1 Warm-up shirts shall conform to the following provisions (see diagrams below):

- a) The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear once on the front of the warm-up shirts, whether as depicted in the diagram below or in the centre, provided that it occupies an area of maximum twenty (20) cm<sup>2</sup>.
- b) The team's name or its commercial logo must appear on the front of the warm-up shirts and be identical (same size and same place) to the team's name or its commercial logo on the front of the playing shirt (see article 2.2.d. above).
- c) An additional team's badge/symbol may appear once on the front, sleeves or back of the warm-up shirt and must occupy an area of maximum twenty (20) cm<sup>2</sup>;
- 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 (see article 2.3.a. of this Annex).
- e) Advertising is permitted as follows:
  - i) 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.



## 6. Tracksuits

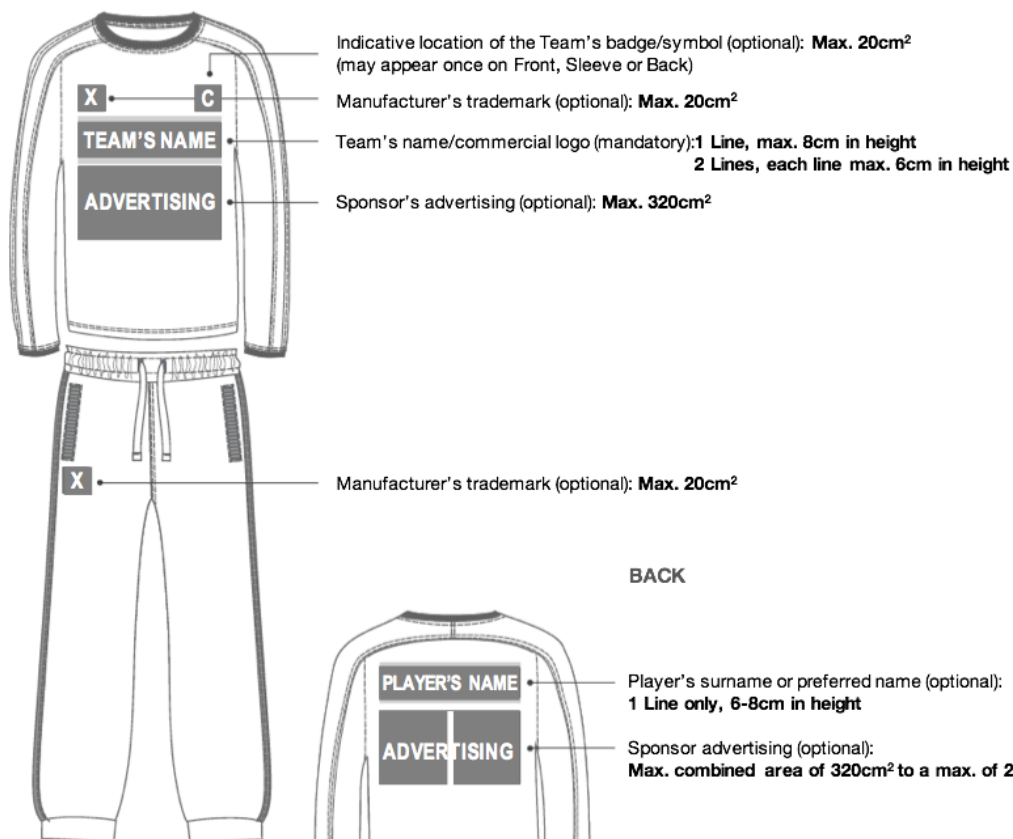
6.1 Tracksuits shall conform to the following provisions (see diagrams below):

- a) The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear once on the tracksuit top, whether as depicted in the diagram below or in the centre, and once on trousers, provided that it occupies an area of maximum twenty (20) cm<sup>2</sup>;
- b) The team's name or its commercial logo must appear on the front of the tracksuits and be identical (same size and same place) to the team's name or its commercial logo on the front of the playing shirt (article 2.2.d. of this Annex).
- c) An additional team's badge/symbol may appear once on the front, sleeves or back of the tracksuit and must occupy an area of maximum twenty (20) cm<sup>2</sup>.

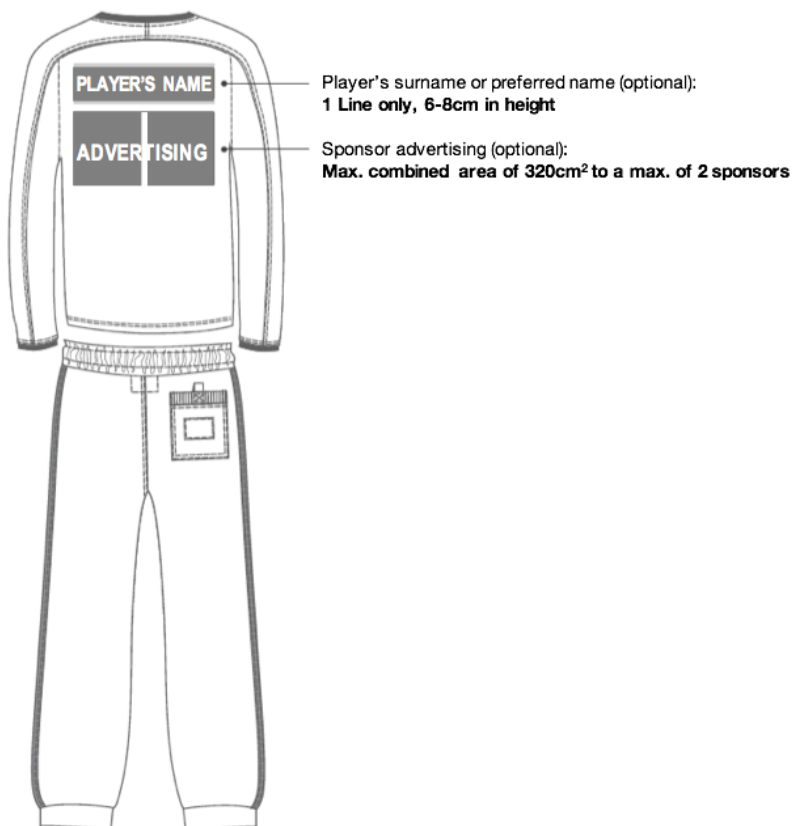
- d) The Player's name (surname or preferred name) may appear on the back of the tracksuit, provided that it is identical (same size and same place) to the Player's name on the back of the playing shirt (article 2.3.a. of this Annex).
- e) Advertising is permitted as follows:
  - i) On the front of the tracksuits: the size of the advertising space must be identical to that of the playing shirts (see article 2.2.f. of this Annex), but the sponsors 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;
  - ii) On the back of the tracksuits: the size of the advertising space must be identical to that of the playing shirts, (see article 2.3.c. of this Annex), 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.

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7. Playing Shoes

7.1 Playing Shoes shall conform to the following provisions:

- a) The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear;
- b) Advertising is prohibited.

8. Accessories

8.1 All accessories must conform to article 4.4 of the Official Basketball Rules.

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

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

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

9. Other Provisions

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

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

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

9.4 All Club Officials who are entitled access to the team bench during the game must be dressed in a uniform manner (each member of a group – e.g. group of players, group of coaches, groups of physiotherapists, group of accompanying delegation members – shall be uniformly dressed) as follows:

- a) Wearing the same tracksuits of the team, as per article 6 of this Annex; or
- b) Wearing a team delegation uniform that shall conform to the following provisions:
  - i) Subject to Organiser's approval, advertising is permitted, provided that the sponsors' messages are identical as the team's uniforms.
  - ii) The country flag may appear;
  - iii) The manufacturer's trademark (logo) is permitted, provided that it occupies an area of maximum twenty (20) cm<sup>2</sup>;

or

- c) Wearing plain clothes free of any advertising or marks.
- 9.5 Advertising for hard alcohol, pornography, tobacco and any substances on the WADA Prohibited List as applicable from time to time (or any product containing such a substance) is prohibited. For the avoidance of any doubt, advertising for a brand of beer or wine is permitted. Advertising space may not be used to transmit any message that is not fit for a sports event, particularly messages that are of a political, ideological, religious, offensive or provocative nature (see also Disciplinary Code).
- 9.6 Unless expressly provided herein, any advertising (including manufacturers' trademarks (e.g. logo)) applied in any form or manner on the Player, either permanently or temporarily, on the skin (e.g. tattoos) or by wearing any accessories, is prohibited.
- 9.7 The Organiser may impose an administrative fine on a Club that fails to comply with the requirements of the present Annex.



## **Annex 3 – Inventory of BCL Sponsoring Rights**

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 For the purposes of this Annex, the marketing and sponsoring rights to the BCL, whether commercially exploited by the Clubs or centralised and commercialised in exclusivity by the Organiser, will be jointly referred to as the “Inventory”.
- 1.2 The Inventory shall be segmented as per the detailed marketing and sponsoring rights set forth in the BCL Club Manual and based on the following general principles:
  - 1.2.1 All Clubs will follow the same rules, and the same Inventory per Club will be granted to the Organiser.
  - 1.2.2 The Inventory shall be allocated as follows:
    - a) Clubs will own and manage the whole Inventory in the Qualification Rounds, under the condition that Clubs will limit the visibility on TV during BCL games of brands (with the exception of the main sponsors and brands included in the playing uniform of the Clubs) that could be reasonably deemed direct competitors of BCL and/or of BCL Sponsors with exclusivity granted in their category, as appreciated by the Organiser on a case-by-case basis.
    - b) The allocation of sponsoring rights between the Organiser and Clubs will follow the same rules for the Regular Season and the Play-Offs and will follow, in principle, a 50% Clubs – 50% Organiser split.
    - c) For the Final Four games and the Final Four event itself, all sponsoring rights will be owned and commercialized exclusively by the Organiser, with the exception of the main sponsors and brands included in the playing uniform of the Clubs. In the event that a Club wishes to use a different playing uniform from the one used in the Regular Season and the Play-Offs (including among others: colours, number of sponsors, size of logos, brands of the sponsors, etc.), such Club shall request the written approval by the Organiser at least ten (10) days prior the first game day of the Final Four.
- 1.3 In relation to the Regular Season and Play-Offs:
  - 1.3.1 BCL Sponsors will be the primary partners of the Clubs for all the BCL games, with Clubs reserving the right to contract with additional partners. The Clubs shall agree to a minimum level of rights for such Sponsors and shall undertake that the rights offered by Clubs to their additional partners do not compromise the BCL Sponsors’ rights, especially in the use of the allocated inventory and, if agreed, in the category exclusivity.
  - 1.3.2 BCL Sponsors shall have the right to use the Clubs’ name and marks in advertising and promotional campaigns and other intellectual property rights as agreed by the Organiser.
  - 1.3.3 The rights allocated to BCL Sponsors will be granted to BCL Sponsors in generic terms for all the concerned Venues, differentiating per competition phase, and in some cases (e.g. Hospitality) subject to availability in the given venue. Some given rights would generate additional costs to BCL Sponsors, in the event that such BCL Sponsors decided to activate them.

#### 1.3.4 BCL Sponsor categories

- a) The Organiser will reserve certain product categories for the exclusive use by the BCL Sponsors (with the exception of a) partners in the playing uniform of the Clubs, b) name or denomination of Clubs and c) naming of the given hosting Venue) and communicate them to the Clubs. At the time of publication of these Competition Regulations, the following product categories are exclusively reserved to the Organiser:
  - Ball, ball carriers and whistles
  - Manufacturer-branded athletic apparel and athletic footwear (Peak)
- b) The Organiser has the exclusive right to appoint BCL's Official Technical Suppliers with category exclusivity as the sole supplier for all games: Official Ball of BCL; Official Whistle of BCL etc.

## **Annex 4 – Officiating**

### 1. Referee Committee

The Organiser will appoint a Referee Committee (“RC”) which shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining an appropriate system of officiating for BCL, under the supervision of the Organiser.

### 2. Referees, Technical Delegates and Referee Observers

#### 2.1 General principles

The Organiser, after consultation with the RC, will

- a) establish a list of FIBA-licensed referees considering the needs of the BCL;
- b) appoint Video Observers for the games of the BCL;
- c) nominate one (1) Technical Delegate (“TD”) and three (3) Referees (together with the TD, the “Officials”) for each game of the BCL.
- d) nominate at its discretion one (1) Referee Observer in certain games of the BCL.

#### 2.2 Non-availability

Officials shall inform the RC without delay about their non-availability and the reasons therefor. In the case of reasons that are considered “ordinary” (business, family travel, etc.) an advance notice of at least four (4) weeks is necessary. For reasons that are considered “extraordinary” (e.g. injury), officials must inform the RC as soon as the reason is known to them.

Referees may not officiate a game with an injury or other health problem.

#### 2.3 Confirmation

Nominations will be sent by email to the respective NFs of the Officials, in principle three (3) weeks before the game in question. The NFs must confirm the nomination or request that it be cancelled, by email within forty-eight (48) hours from receipt.

Nominations for games of the Play-Offs will be made as soon as the games are known.

#### 2.4 Cancellation

Reasons for the cancellation of a nomination can be an injury, other health problem, non-availability or bad performance of an Official.

In any event, the RC has the discretion to cancel nominations at any time without giving reasons, in particular for bad performance in a previous game.

## 2.5 Travel

### 2.5.1 Travel and Documents

The Organiser will provide the Officials with pre-paid travel tickets directly or via the travel agency authorised by the Organiser.

### 2.5.2 Planning the routing

Routing of the Officials will be planned in a way that minimises the total time of absence from work for the Officials and considering the following guidelines:

- Ensuring that the referees arrive rested before the game;
- Amount of the travel expenses;
- Arrival at Officials' accommodation at the latest by midnight before the game;
- Minimising logistics by travelling with own car - 0,30 EUR per km.

### 2.5.3 Local transportation

The Officials will be responsible for arranging their own local transportation for the home/airport/home itinerary.

The Officials are recommended to use public means of transportation (bus, train etc.) for the home/airport/home itinerary.

The hosting Club will provide the local transportation for the airport/hotel/airport and hotel/game venue/hotel itineraries of the Officials.

In all cases, the transportation schedule shall allow the Officials enough time for their individual game preparation.

### 2.5.4 Accommodation and meals

The Organiser will be responsible for selecting and covering the Officials' accommodation. Hotels should be situated in the city where the game takes place or immediate vicinity. The selected accommodation shall always include breakfast. It is recommended that Officials have all meals inside the hotel.

## 2.6 Locker rooms

Locker rooms for referees shall be equipped with showers and be lockable. Female and male referees shall have separate facilities.

The locker room shall be tidied up regularly. Refreshments and fruits shall be made available.

The hosting Club may provide towels for the Referees.

3. The Organiser will provide the Officials with the following standard forms, as applicable:

- BCL Nomination Form
- BCL Cancellation Form
- BCL Officials Expense Form
- BCL Video Observers' Regulations
- BCL Referees' Self-evaluation Form
- BCL Officiating Evaluation Form

4. FIBA Regulations

Any matters not covered herein are regulated by the applicable FIBA and FIBA Europe regulations. In case of discrepancy, the Organiser shall decide.

## **Annex 5 – Disciplinary Code**

### **I. General**

#### **1. Scope**

- 1.1 The present Disciplinary Code (“Code”) forms part of the BCL Competition Regulations.
- 1.2 It applies to all BCL games and official activities, including without limitation the Official Draw(s).

#### **2. Persons subject to the Organiser’s jurisdiction**

- 2.1 The following natural and legal persons are subject to the jurisdiction of the Organiser under the terms herein established:
  - a) Clubs
  - b) Club Officials
  - c) BCL Officials
  - d) Persons having used or in possession of a ticket or accreditation or invitation to BCL games.
- 2.2 The Organiser may provide information at its disposal regarding the behaviour of any person to an authority with jurisdiction over such person (e.g. FIBA, WADA, NF, NL, NADO, public authorities etc.).

#### **3. Governing Principles**

- 3.1 Violations of the BCL Regulations or of the FIBA Internal Regulations may be sanctioned as provided herein. This applies also to acts amounting to attempted offences or to any type of complicity involving an offence or attempted offence.
- 3.2 Violations of the Official Basketball Rules may be sanctioned as provided in such rules but may also constitute a disciplinary offence, sanctionable also under this Code.
- 3.3 Exceptionally, violations of the FIBA Internal Regulations governing Anti-Doping shall be sanctioned exclusively in accordance with said provisions.
- 3.4 Unless otherwise specified, offences are sanctionable regardless of whether they have been committed intentionally or negligently.
- 3.5 Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated at the latest ten (10) years from the date the offence occurred or, in case of continuous offences, from the date the offence ended.

3.6 In addition to personal responsibility, Clubs are strictly liable, and may be sanctioned accordingly, for the conduct of Club Officials as well as of their supporters.

3.7 Disciplinary measures

3.7.1 The following disciplinary measures may be imposed on Clubs:

- a) warning;
- b) reprimand;
- c) fine
  - i) up to EUR 1,000 (“administrative fine”)
  - ii) from EUR 1,001 to EUR 300,000 (“disciplinary fine”);
- d) ban from selling tickets to supporters for away BCL games;
- e) annulment of the result of a BCL game;
- f) order that a BCL game be replayed;
- g) deduction of points (for the current and/or a future BCL season);
- h) order that a BCL game be forfeited;
- i) playing of a BCL game behind closed doors;
- j) full or partial venue closure;
- k) playing of a BCL game in a third-party venue, city or country;
- l) withholding of financial benefits from BCL;
- m) prohibition on registering new players in BCL;
- n) restriction on the number of Players that a Club may register for participation in BCL;
- o) disqualification from a BCL season in progress and/or exclusion from future BCL season(s);
- p) withdrawal of a title or award;
- q) withdrawal of a license or registration;
- r) service to the benefit of basketball community;

- s) reimbursement of expenses incurred by the Organiser or opposing Club as a direct result of the violation;
- t) a combination of the above measures.

3.7.2 The following disciplinary measures may be imposed on individuals:

- a) warning;
- b) reprimand;
- c) fine
  - i) up to EUR 1,000 ("administrative fine")
  - ii) from EUR 1,001 to EUR 100,000 ("disciplinary fine");
- d) suspension for a specified number of BCL games or for a specified period of time;
- e) suspension from carrying out a function for a specified number of BCL games or for a specified period of time;
- f) ban on all BCL-related activities;
- g) withdrawal of a title or award;
- h) service to the benefit of basketball community;
- i) a combination of the above measures.

3.7.3 Disciplinary measures may be

- a) limited to a geographical area or to one or more specific categories of BCL games (e.g. Qualification Rounds, Play-Offs etc);
- b) suspended for a probationary period of no less than one (1) year and no longer than five (5) years. If the same or similar offence is committed during the probationary period, the competent BCL body will order that the original disciplinary measure be enforced. This may be added to the disciplinary measure imposed for the new offence.

3.7.4 Recidivism

The otherwise applicable disciplinary measure may be increased (up to double) in case of a recurrence of the same or similar offence. Recurrence occurs if a disciplinary measure has to be imposed again within five (5) years of a previous offence of a similar nature.



#### 3.7.5 Provisional suspension

Pending resolution of a disciplinary matter, the competent BCL body may impose a provisional suspension or other provisional disciplinary measure.

#### 3.7.6 Adopting disciplinary measures imposed by third parties

- a) The Organiser may, either *ex officio* or at the request of an affected person, decide that a disciplinary measure taken by other organisations (e.g. FIBA, NF, NL, NBA, other leagues etc.) is to be applied to BCL. In taking its decision, the Organiser shall consider whether the affected person's right to be heard has been respected and if the disciplinary measure complies with general principles of law and with the BCL Regulations.
- b) Disciplinary measures imposed under this Code are without prejudice to the disciplinary measures that a third party may impose under its own regulatory framework for the same offence.

### 4. Implementation of disciplinary measures

#### 4.1 Payment of fines

In the event of a fine, and unless otherwise stipulated in the decision, the applicable amount shall be paid within thirty (30) days from notification of the decision to the bank account of the Organiser without any deductions (e.g. bank charges). Delayed payment shall involve a 5% per annum interest and, at the Organiser's discretion, prohibition from participation until the entire amount has been paid.

#### 4.2 Disqualification of Players and coaches

Unless otherwise stipulated in the decision:

- a) Disqualification must be applied to the BCL game immediately following notification of the decision.
- b) If a coach or Player participates in a BCL game while he is suspended or disqualified, article 7.2 of this Code (forfeiture) shall apply and the sanction on the coach or Player will be doubled or restart, as decided by the body which imposed it.

#### 4.3 Suspension

Unless otherwise stipulated in the decision, a suspension starts from the day after receipt of the written notification of the sanction.

#### 4.4 Unless otherwise stipulated in the decision, the Organiser may issue mandatory directions regarding the implementation of disciplinary measures (e.g. conduct of a BCL game behind closed doors) within the spirit and letter of the decision.

#### 4.5 Forfeiture

4.5.1 In the event that the competent BCL body decides that a Club shall lose a BCL game by forfeit, and unless otherwise stipulated in the decision or in this Code, the following shall apply:

- a) If the BCL game is awarded to the Club that won the same BCL game (or, in case of stoppage, was leading the score at the time of stoppage) by more than twenty (20) points, then said score shall remain valid.
- b) In the event that paragraph (a) above does not apply, then the score shall be recorded as twenty to zero (20-0) against the Club that lost the BCL game by forfeit.
- c) In cases of point classification (e.g. Group Phase), the offending Club shall receive zero (0) points in the classification. In cases of home and away format with point difference (e.g. Qualification Rounds), Article 14.4.4 of the Competition Regulations shall apply. In the case of the best of three (3) series (e.g. Play-Offs), Article 14.5.4 of the Competition Regulations shall apply.

4.5.2 In case the forfeiture of the BCL game is a result of default, the following shall apply:

- a) If the BCL game is awarded to the Club that was at the time of stoppage in the lead, then the score when the BCL game was stopped shall remain valid.
- b) If the game is awarded to the Club that was at the time of stoppage not in the lead, then the score shall be recorded as two to zero (2-0) in that Club's favour.
- c) In cases of point classification (e.g. Group Phase), the offending Club shall receive one (1) point in the classification. In cases of home and away format with point difference (e.g. Qualification Rounds), Article 14.4.4 of the Competition Regulations shall apply. In the case of the best of three (3) series (e.g. Play-Offs), Article 14.5.4 of the Competition Regulations shall apply.

#### 4.6 Non-observance of disciplinary measures

Subject to article 4.2 of this Code, non-observance of disciplinary measures imposed hereunder constitutes a separate disciplinary offence and shall be subject to the sanctions provided under article 3 of this Code.

4.7 Disciplinary measures may not be implemented more than five (5) years from the date of the final decision.

4.8 Unless otherwise stipulated in the decision, disciplinary measures are carried over to the following BCL season(s), until they are fully served.

## **II. Offences**

### **5. Administrative Offences**

- 5.1 The Organiser may impose a warning, a reprimand or an administrative fine on a person that does not act in accordance with the Competition Regulations or the BCL Club Manual, including without limitation for the following:
  - 5.1.1 Failing to comply with the various deadlines set out in the BCL Regulations, such as late or incomplete submission of documents for the registration of Players.
  - 5.1.2 Failing to send the final score, the score at the end of each period and any extra periods within fifteen (15) minutes from the end of the BCL game or to confirm the final score electronically through the FIBA Live Stats software.
  - 5.1.3 Failing to send the coaches' and Player quotes within one (1) hour from the end of the BCL game.
  - 5.1.4 Failing to send the photos within one (1) hour from the end of the BCL game.
  - 5.1.5 Failing to provide data for live scores and statistics to the Organiser's official website.
  - 5.1.6 Failing to follow the BCL Corporate Identity Guidelines (BCL Logo, Court Design, Print Material, Prizes, etc.).
  - 5.1.7 Failing to administer the bank transfer payments to BCL Officials within the given deadlines after the end of the game.
  - 5.1.8 Failing to participate in a press conference or on-court flash interview after the end of a BCL game.
  - 5.1.9 Entering the playing court for the start of the first or third period of a BCL game more than fifteen (15) minutes late (except under circumstances of force majeure).
  - 5.1.10 Violation of the Official Basketball Rules on uniforms and/or other equipment.

### **6. Offences relating to the organisation of BCL games**

- 6.1 Insufficient organisation of a BCL game by a hosting Club.
  - 6.1.1 Venue does not comply with the requirements of the BCL Regulations.
  - 6.1.2 Lack or malfunction of equipment essential to the organisation of the BCL game.
  - 6.1.3 Equipment does not comply with the requirements of the Official Basketball Rules or BCL Regulations.
  - 6.1.4 In the event that a violation of this Article 6.1 causes the BCL game

- a) to be delayed or interrupted, it shall be considered an aggravating circumstance;
  - b) to be stopped and for any reason whatsoever not resumed, it shall be considered a particularly aggravating circumstance, incurring as a minimum a monetary fine of EUR 100,000 and at least one (1) BCL game behind closed doors.
- 6.1.5 Articles 6.1.2, 6.1.3 and 6.1.4 of this Code also apply mutatis mutandis to replacement equipment.
- 6.1.6 Lack of adequate security measures in or around the venue.
- 6.1.7 Circumstances threatening or violating the safety of Club Officials or BCL Officials or spectators in or around the venue during or immediately before/after the BCL game.
- 6.1.8 Failure to comply with hosting Club obligations as per the BCL Club Manual.
- 6.2 Advertising
  - Use of advertising which does not comply with the requirements of the BCL Regulations.
- 6.3 Music during a BCL game
  - 6.3.1 Musical instruments played by a live band during a BCL game in a place of the venue other than the permitted area. The permitted area is behind the end lines and on the side of the playing court opposite the scorer's table and the Club bench areas.
  - 6.3.2 Music played over the public announcement system (electronically or by a live band).
  - 6.3.3 The use of a microphone in a non-neutral way (e.g. to encourage the Club's team or incite the hosting Club's supporters).
- 7. Offences relating to the participation in BCL games
  - 7.1 Team composition
    - 7.1.1 Presenting less than ten (10) Players at the beginning of a BCL game shall incur a disciplinary fine.
  - 7.2 Use of unregistered Player(s) or violation of Article 6.1 (minimum number of Home Grown Players on the score sheet) shall result in forfeiture of the BCL game. In the event of a second offence, the Club shall be disqualified from the BCL and a monetary fine may additionally be imposed.
  - 7.3 Unsportsmanlike behaviour of the public towards Club Officials, BCL Officials or third parties.
    - 7.3.1 Inciting violence towards another Club's Officials or supporters, or BCL officials.
    - 7.3.2 Throwing of objects which may or may not cause injury.

- 7.3.3 Lighting of fireworks or any other objects.
- 7.3.4 Otherwise endangering and/or threatening another Club's Officials or BCL Officials (e.g. threatening chants, using laser pens, etc.).
- 7.3.5 In the event that a violation of this article 7.3 causes the BCL game to be delayed or interrupted, it shall be considered an aggravating circumstance.
- 7.3.6 In the event that a violation of this article 7.3 causes the BCL game to be stopped and for any reason whatsoever not resumed, it shall be considered a particularly aggravating circumstance, incurring as a minimum the forfeiture of the BCL game by the Club which bore sole or higher responsibility for the violation and at least one (1) BCL game behind closed doors.
- 7.3.7 In the event that a violation of this article 7.3 causes an injury, it shall be considered a particularly aggravating circumstance, incurring as a minimum one (1) BCL game behind closed doors.
- 7.3.8 Entrance or intrusion of unauthorised persons into the playing court before, during or after a BCL game.
- 7.3.9 Aggression or attempted aggression on or off the playing court against another Club's Officials or supporters, or against BCL Officials.
- 7.3.10 In principle, responsibility for ensuring the proper behaviour of the public lies with the hosting Club. However, disciplinary measures may be imposed on the visiting Club in the event of unsportsmanlike behaviour by its supporters or Club Officials.
- 7.4 Unsportsmanlike behaviour by Club Officials
  - 7.4.1 Any type of unsportsmanlike behaviour or behaviour that tarnishes the image of BCL and/or of basketball, including without limitation threatening, intimidating, insult, verbal or physical abuse, by Club Officials towards another Club's Officials or supporters, BCL Officials, the public or third parties (e.g. media representatives etc.).
  - 7.4.2 Use of gestures, words, objects or any other means to transmit any message that is not fit for a sports event, particularly messages that are of a political, ideological, religious, offensive or provocative nature.
  - 7.4.3 Abuse of equipment in the venue or other BCL-related facility (on-court equipment, dressing rooms, hotel, etc.).
  - 7.4.4 Derogatory remarks against another Club's Officials or supporters, BCL Officials, the Organiser, FIBA, a NF, a NL, the public or third parties.
  - 7.4.5 The substantive provisions of the FIBA Code of Ethics and of the FIBA Code of Conduct and Fair Play apply mutatis mutandis.

## 7.5 Betting and Corruption

The substantive provisions of the FIBA Internal Regulations governing Betting and Corruption apply mutatis mutandis.

### **III. Procedural Provisions**

#### **8. Competent BCL bodies**

- 8.1 The Organiser, acting through its CEO, is competent to impose a warning, a reprimand or an administrative fine for Administrative Offences only. It may delegate such authority to the Single Judge, in particular when a person is accused of having committed also other offences.
- 8.2 The Single Judge is exclusively competent to impose disciplinary measures in the first instance, subject to the provisions of article 8.3 of this Code.
- 8.3 The Single Judge's competence extends also to the Final Four, unless an Ad-hoc Judge is appointed by the Organiser, in which case the Ad-hoc Judge shall be exclusively competent to impose disciplinary measures during the Final Four. His competence is limited to the period of the Final Four and he cannot impose disciplinary measures extending further to the end of the Final Four. For this reason, he must transmit to the Single Judge, within three (3) days from the end of the Final Four a detailed report of the facts and circumstances of the offence, together with all the official documents and evidence necessary for a complete evaluation.
- 8.4 The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) is exclusively competent to impose disciplinary measures in the second and final instance.

#### **9. Disciplinary Procedure**

- 9.1 Except for urgent matters and Administrative Offences, a sanction may not be imposed before the person concerned has had the opportunity to be heard and to present his case. The competent BCL body is free to decide whether the right to be heard may be exercised solely in writing (ordinary mail, facsimile, email), or also orally. It may authorise the use of telephone or video conference. Proceedings shall be conducted in English unless otherwise decided by the competent BCL body.
- 9.2 Evidence in disciplinary proceedings may include official reports and records, the examination of witnesses, the examination of parties, on-site inspections, expert opinions, television and video recordings, personal confessions, and other records and documents.

- 9.2.1 Facts contained in reports of BCL Officials are presumed to be accurate. Any party may prove their inaccuracy on a balance of probabilities, in which case the burden of proof shall revert to the Organiser.
- 9.3 Notices shall be accomplished directly to the person concerned. In case of Club Officials, notices may be accomplished by delivery of the notice to the respective Club.
- 9.4 Any person may provide to the Single Judge or the Ad-hoc Judge information relating to a possible violation of this Code by another person. Notices to the Single Judge or the Ad-hoc Judge may take place only through the Organiser. However, unless allowed by the competent BCL body as a witness or expert, no person other than the accused person may participate in disciplinary proceedings under this Code.
- 9.5 All persons under BCL's jurisdiction are obliged to comply with a summons to appear as a witness. Anyone failing to comply with a summons may be sanctioned in accordance with this Code. The competent BCL body may take due account or even draw adverse inference (the latter only if mentioned together with the summons) of any refusal to appear at a hearing and/or provide evidence on the part of a party, a party's representative or a witness.
- 9.6 Parties shall be responsible for and bear the expenses of their representatives, experts, witnesses, legal counsel, etc.
- 9.7 The competent BCL body shall evaluate the evidence, take into consideration the specific conditions under which the events occurred, the previous conduct of the person(s) concerned and generally all the circumstances in order to determine whether and to what extent a disciplinary measure is required.
- 9.8 Proceedings before the Organiser, the Single Judge and the Ad-hoc Judge shall be free of charge. However, if the competent BCL body decides that a hearing shall be organised under this Code, it may make the organisation of such hearing dependent upon one or more of the parties paying to the Organiser reasonable administrative costs.
- 9.9 The competent BCL body will issue a decision which shall include a summary of its findings. The decision will provide sufficient information or a reference to the provisions applicable to the appeal process, if any. Decisions on Administrative Offences may be delivered without reasons.
- 9.10 Decisions issued in accordance with this Code may be published on the BCL official website and/or the official BCL publications.
- 9.11 Members of the competent BCL bodies and the staff of the Organiser are not liable for any actions or failures to act in connection with disciplinary proceedings, except for cases of serious negligence or unlawful intent.

## 10. Appeals

- 10.1 Appeals against decisions of the Single Judge or the Ad-Hoc Judge may be filed only by the person being subject to a disciplinary measure and exclusively before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, within three (3) days from notification of the decision by email or facsimile.
  - 10.1.1 Decisions imposing a reprimand, a warning or a fine of up to EUR 2,500 per person involved or a combination thereof, are final and not subject to appeal before CAS.
  - 10.1.2 Decisions on the interpretation or implementation of the Official Basketball Rules by BCL Officials are final and not subject to review by any other party, including the Organiser, the Single Judge or the CAS.
- 10.2 The CAS shall appoint a Sole Arbitrator who will adjudicate the dispute in accordance with this Code and the Code of Sport-Related Arbitration.
- 10.3 The CAS proceedings shall be conducted in English.
- 10.4 If so requested by the Organiser, the CAS shall establish an expedited procedural calendar in order to ensure the smooth running of the BCL.
- 10.5 The decision of the CAS shall be final and binding.
- 10.6 No person subject to this Code shall institute any claim, arbitration or litigation, or seek any other form of relief, provisional or not, in any other court or tribunal.



## Annex 6 – Payment Form

In accordance with the Admission Form and Art. 26 of the BCL Competition Regulations:

<b><u>Name and address of the Club</u></b>	
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### **Bank account details**

<u>Beneficiary name</u>	
<u>IBAN Number</u>	
<u>BIC Code (Swift)</u>	
<u>Clearing</u>	

### **Details of the receiving Bank**

<u>Name of the bank</u>	
<u>Agency, if applicable</u>	
<u>City &amp; Postal Code (ZIP code)</u>	
<u>Country</u>	

On behalf of the above-mentioned club, I confirm that the information contained herein is correct.

Date: .....

Full name of signatory: .....

Signature and Club stamp:

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