

European North Basketball League
Season 2023/2024
STATUTES

1. GOALS AND TASKS

1. To strengthen the development of the men's basketball.
2. To give a chance for the teams to compete, while preparing for the National Championships, the Euro Basket, the FIBA World Championship and the Olympic Games.
3. To develop basketball in the ENBL (European North Basketball league) member countries 2023/2024 – Czechia, Estonia, Israel, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, United Kingdom, The Netherlands, Belgium, Bulgaria, Romania, and other places in the Europe.
4. To share experience for sports and educational purposes.
5. To develop international relations.
6. To determine the best team in European North Basketball league.

2. ORGANIZATION

1. ENBL competitions are organized and managed by the ENBL board, led by the ENBL president and Secretary General.
 - 1.1. ENBL front office is located in Riga.
 - 1.2. ENBL contact information: Terbatas street 83b, Riga, LV-1001, Latvia, phone: +371 20 60 60 17; +371 29 64 00 11, e-mail: enbl@enbleague.eu; www.enbleague.eu
 - 1.3. ENBL competitions are organized according to the official FIBA basketball rules and any other currently approved FIBA annexes, rules and ethical documents related to basketball.
 - 1.4. ENBL will decide questionable situations within ENBL board throughout season.
 - 1.5. ENBL will ask the teams to be represented of one member from each team for committee for technical matter questions before and during season.
 - 1.6. Decisions for ENBL future are going to be decided within ENBL board or within committee of team representatives (from point 1.4.).
2. Every team must organize four (4) or three (3) home games and will have three (3) or four (4) away games in regular season. Best four (4) teams from each group will have two (2) playoff home games, one (1) at home and one (1) away.
3. Every home game must be organized according to the rules, as explained in Annex No.1., Annex No.2.
4. Three Referees for each game will be approved from ENBL head referee.
 - 4.1. For regular season will be delegated by priority two local and one guest referee. If not possible for any reasons there might be delegated one local and two guest referees. All expenses (salary per game 300 EUR, hotel, meals, trip to game (petrol payments, transportation ticket to city etc.) for referees must be covered by home team.
 - 4.2. Home team needs to approve guest referees trip plan before the trip.
 - 4.3. There will be delegated official ENBL referee observer to each ENBL game (on spot or virtual). Home team needs to provide 100 EUR salary for observer for each game. If the observer arrives to the game, home team needs to provide accommodation + meals.
 - 4.4. A referee and observer must possess a valid National championship license. Game referees must be registered in a FIBA database.

5. Organizers of every home game must ensure necessary administrative personnel and staff.
 - 5.1. Home games organizers must assign the game secretariat (table officials), including 24 second official, table officials and announcer (6-8 persons).
 - 5.2. Organizers of home games guarantee internet connection, to provide live stats (online) and live video streaming broadcast.
 - 5.3. Home games organizer is responsible for the publication of game statistics in the www.enbleague.eu website, while using FIBA Live Stats program.
 - 5.4. Organizers of home games must send complete game statistics (LOG file and PDF) to the following e-mail: web@enbleague.eu
 - 5.5. ENBL must provide the access to FIBA Live Stats program for every club/team.
 - 5.6. The home game organizers must follow Annex No.2 for all the marketing activities in arena (banner placement, LED boards, sponsors product placement etc.)
9. Home game organizers must cover accommodation, meals and transfers for the ENBL members. In every regular season home game and playoff game up to 4 persons. In Final Four up to 8 persons.
10. Home game organizers keep the rights for ticket incomes.
11. The home team is responsible for the safety of players, referees, ENBL representatives, table officials, coaches, and other employees during the home game and in a time slot of one (1) hour until the beginning of the game and one hour after the end of it. To accomplish this function, the home team must ensure the presence of a qualified security guard team.
12. The home team ensures civil liability for acts or omissions that could result in damage to the life and health of a third party during the event, damage to the property of a third party, or loss of third-party property.
13. Each team is responsible to provide nationally registered doctor/medical personnel (physiotherapist profession) at the game. In case of serious accidents where the teams certified medical staff cannot help, home team is obliged to call medical emergency services and ensure their access to the venue. ENBL does not take responsibility for accidents or injuries during the games.
13. Home games organizers shall provide shows, entertainment, DJ and music. (Annex No.2)
14. During the game it is not allowed to make photos or videos without a permission from ENBL and/or home team. Media passes must be approved with home team and/or ENBL. (Media seats and press conference rules Annex No.2)

3.LOCATION AND TIME

1. ENBL season will start in September 2023 and will continue until April 2023.
2. Regular season will happen from 19.09.2023 until 07.02.2024.
3. Playoff games will happen from 08.02.2024 until 20.03.2024.
4. Final Four will happen 9-10. of April 2024.
5. Game days and the length of the season might be changed if ENBL has an absolute need for the ENBL according to special conditions/occasions, while all teams must be informed in advance.

4. PARTICIPANTS

1. ENBL 2023/2024 regular season will have 16 teams.
2. Teams can participate in the 2023/2024 season if they fulfill all obligations mentioned in these Statutes and has no debt or other unethical issues from previous played season at ENBL.
3. Depending on the amount of the participating teams, number of teams from the same country might get limited by ENBL.
 - 3.1. One National Federation may not have more than two (2) teams in this season the ENBL.
 - 3.2. In other seasons there might be up to four (4) teams from one National Federation.

3.2. In case, there are no more than two (2) countries which are represented by three teams, each group shall only have one country that is represented by two teams.

3.3. In case, there are three or more countries which are represented by three (3) clubs, one group will have a maximum two countries that is represented by two (2) teams.

4. In ENBL tournament every team can include only by local championship licensed national and foreign players in their ENBL roster list.

5. If there are disqualified foul for coaches, players or any club members then it will be considered and discussed in ENBL Ethical Technical commission, and the team members will be informed of the decision and possible penalties.

6. The club/team may register new players until each local championship allow it by calendar date.

7. ENBL may decline the participation of a team in the next season if it has not followed ENBL Statutes or has unfulfilled financial obligations with ENBL.

8. All teams are allowed to play in uniforms from their local National Championships. The playing uniforms must be by the Official Basketball Rules.

9. The home team has an advantage to play in their main color uniforms. If otherwise - the teams must agree directly with each other in what color uniforms the game is going to be played in.

10. Coaches and assistant Coaches must be formally dressed during games. Team name branded and represented clothes also are acceptable.

5. COMPETITION FORMAT

1. The regular season, playoff and Final Four schedule will be made taking into consideration National Tournaments, Venue availabilities and terms with TV/Internet provider. In Force Majeure (unforeseeable circumstances) there can be made changes in competition format.

2. ENBL guarantees for each team minimum seven (7) regular season games. Best four (4) teams from each group will have two playoff games during the 2023/2024 season (if club/team fulfills all obligations as explained in the ENBL statutes).

3. Four best teams from playoffs will qualify for the Final Four tournament.

4. The home game and playoffs will be held for two (2) days' time included arrival day.

5. If team does not participate (refuses to participate) in any of the ENBL games, it receives 0 points. In this case, ENBL can decide other penalties as well considering the reasoning and circumstances.

6. The teams that participate in Final Four will be measured by playoff game results, +/- system.

6. THE FINAL FOUR (SUPERFINAL)

1. Final Four organized by the one of the teams that will be one of the best four (4) teams after playoffs results. If the team is organizing the Final Four, it should cover all the costs for Final Four stage as mentioned in these statutes.

1.1. Teams shall express their interest and capability to organize ENBL Final Four within 24 hours post last Play Off game.

1.2. The interest from team must be provided in written form to ENBL from teams representative.

2. If the best four (4) teams are not willing to organize Final Four:

2.1. It can be organized by ENBL and each participation team needs to pay costs for themselves (accommodation, meals, trip to Final Four city).

2.2. It can be decided by ENBL which team shall organize Final Four. Each participation team needs to pay costs for themselves (accommodation, meals, trip to Final Four city).

2.3. If there are multiple teams willing to organize Final Four then:

2.3.1. Teams must request that to ENBL

- 2.3.2. Teams shall determine the number of finances they are willing to pay in ENBL to receive Final Four
- 2.3.3. Considering these conditions, ENBL will announce which team will receive the organization rights for Final Four
3. In Final Four will participate teams that will have the best results after playoff games, +/- system.
4. Playing system in the Final Four: Semifinals in Day One:
Game A: winners of the pairs A1/B4 and B2/A3;
Game B: winners of the pairs A2/B3 and B1/A4;
Finals in Day Two:
Game C: losing teams of the games A and B
Game D: winning teams of the games A and B
5. The games in each day can be changed other way around by the ENBL board, considering the home team benefits, audience availability broadcast times or other reasons that will be good for the leagues Final Four.
6. The winner of the Final Four is titled as THE CHAMPIONS OF ENBL SEASON 2023/2024.

7. AWARDS

1. The best player will be awarded from each team after every game in regular season.
 - 1.1. Home team must provide prizes (teams sponsor gifts, city souvenirs and/or others) and organize the process that after every game each team's Most Valuable Player is known and receives an award.
2. Organizers may add another individual or team prizes.
3. The Final Four organizers will award the teams with individual and team prizes.
4. ENBL will guarantee the following awards: The Champions cup (on year-to-year traveling basis), cups for the first, second and third place winners, gold, silver and bronze medals (20 medals in each category), prizes for the All-Star team and the Most Valuable Player.
5. ENBL champions will receive EUR 10000, silver medalist's EUR 5000, bronze medalists 3000 EUR, fourth placed team EUR 2000. This money will be considered as part of participation payment for the team for ENBL season 2024/2025 or send to club after receiving from club participation payment for the team for ENBL season 2024/2025.

8. REGISTRATION AND DEADLINES

1. The official letter from the club about participating in the 2023/2024 season must be received by **August 1st**, via e-mail: **enbl@enbleague.eu** letter must guarantee team participation and obligation to fulfill the rules of the financial conditions.
2. The official list of players, coaches and managers, as well as player photos and team logos must be received **10 September 2023**, via e-mail: **web@enbleague.eu, enbl@enbleague.eu**
3. The official list of players includes up to 20 players, including their Year of Birth, height and jersey numbers and the playing position.
 - 3.1. In special circumstances ENBL can decide that team is allowed to register more than 20 players.
4. The official list of players and accompanying personnel for every game is 17 team members + 1 referee. That must be submitted to the stage organizers ten (10) days before the game.
5. Any change in the official list of players is considered as being "final" three (3) working days before the start of game.
6. Payment for a new players license in regular season is free of payment.
7. After the regular season, in Playoff and Final Four is EUR 500 and the player can participate only when the payment is done.
8. ENBL has the right to accept team/teams on special conditions or timeline if ENBL sees the fit and need for ENBL development.
9. ENBL has the rights to give special conditions to already any of previously year playing team.

10. ENBL has the right to define home and away game count based on point 8.9.

9.FINANCES

1. Participation/Membership fee for a season **EUR 15000** (EUR 14000 – participation costs, **EUR 1000** – membership fee).
2. For the team that has paid the participation payment EUR 14000 to the league, but for any reasons cancels the participation for the season up to two months before the first stage – the organizers will refund 50% of the participation payment.
3. For the team that has paid the participation payment EUR 14000 to the league, but for any reasons cancels the participation for the season less than two months before the first stage – the organizers will not refund participation payment.
4. Each participation team need to pay to the ENBL seasonal membership fee of EUR 1000.
5. Payment for a new players license after the regular season is EUR 500 and the player can participate only when the payment is done.
6. The Participation/Membership fee of EUR 15000 must be received **by 15th of August**.
7. All neutral referee get paid (home game, playoffs or Final Four organization team) EUR 300 for regular seasons game, EUR 350 for playoffs game and EUR 400 for Final Four game.
8. ENBL will pay bonus to the club **EUR 2000** for every home game in regular season and it will be paid for the team after the season, if it will be organized by the regulations and the Annex No1., No2.,
9. If the team chooses to organize The Final Four – the team is responsible of all the costs in organizing The Final Four stage.
10. From the participation membership fees are covered all the ENBL administrative costs.
11. If team for any reason is not arriving and participating in any ENBL seasons game – will be disqualified and will not be able to participate in ENBL further games and will not get back Participation/Membership fee.
12. If any team does not fulfill financial provisions, it cannot compete in ENBL competition and can be disqualified.
13. Teams who play in first three seasons (2021/22; 2022/23 and 2023/24) in ENBL will never be obligated to pay **EUR 1000** – membership fee for upcoming season and always will be free entrance fee in ENBL.
14. ENBL has the rights to hold finances of teams previously paid invoices, if the team fails to pay any other invoice for ENBL competition within 30 days (Referees salary, transfers, meals and any other costs).

10. DISPUTES

1. Any dispute arising from these Statutes, every team/club has a right to inform the ENBL, by sending a written letter.
2. ENBL board must answer every official letter in 30 days after receiving it.
3. Every other situation not written in these Statutes will be settled by the ENBL Board or Ethical Technical competition committee. The Commission deals with all the complaints related to the game situations and out of the court situations that are unacceptable to ENBL, also the situations which are not regulated by Official FIBA Rules. The commission can decide and assess game related situations and issue fines even if there are no complaints from the involved parties.
4. ENBL has the right to decide any unsolved/unclear situations between teams themselves or team and ENBL in best manner towards teams and ENBL interest.
5. ENBL has the right to change/upgrade/update any rule/statement within ENBL in the best manner towards teams and ENBL interest, always informing the teams of any changes.

6. Each participant team from ENBL must sign the regulations/statutes/annex in order to agree to participate in ENBL.

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