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Regulations of The Championship.

LATVIA-ESTONIA WOMEN BASKETBALL

CHAMPIONSHIP.

Season 2013./2014.

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1. CONCEPTS AND TERMS

The meaning of the concepts and terms used in the regulations are following:

The championship (henceforward - Championship) – a competition between LWBL's basketball teams which participation has been approved by Latvian Basketball Association's (LBA's) Board and between EWBL's basketball teams which participation has been approved by Estonian Basketball Association's (EBA's) Board that takes place in compliance with **The Championship** approved schedule and taking into consideration the Regulations, FIBA Official basketball rules and other documents that are related to the process of this tournament.

Latvian Women Basketball league (henceforward - LWBL) – an executive establishment of Latvian Basketball Association (henceforward - LBA) that organizes the championship of LWBL.

Estonian Women Basketball league (henceforward - EWBL) - an executive establishment of Estonian Basketball Association (henceforward - EBA) that organizes the championship of EWBL.

FIBA – The International Basketball Federation (*Fédération Internationale de Basketball*).

The Official basketball rules – an approved document by FIBA.

Club – a legal person that is formed and operates in compliance with the legislation of the Republic of Latvia and performs instructional / training, competitive, sportive and educational activities, and that has a basketball team (teams).

Club's officials – people who are officially (in written form) empowered to represent the club.

Participant of the championship – every person that is mentioned in the official club's / team's application, as well as all LBA's and EBA's licensed referees, commissioners, referees of the officials' table and the LBA and EBA staff.

Regulations – the manual that determines the procedure of organization and the process of competition of **the Championship**.

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2. THE GOALS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF CHAMPIONSHIP

2.1. The goals of the organization of championship are following:

- To determine LATVIA-ESTONIA WOMEN BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP Champions.
- To popularize and to develop basketball, organizing competition of the highest level for the best Latvian and Estonian women basketball clubs / teams;

3. THE MANAGEMENT OF ORGANIZATION OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

3.1. The Championship is organized and managed by LBA and EBA.

3.1.1. Location of Latvian Basketball Association:

Address: Skanstes iela 54, LV – 1013, Rīga

Tel.: (+371) 67296014

Fax: (+371) 67292086

E-Mail: lasma.zandere@lbs.lv

Official website: <http://www.basket.lv>

3.1.2. Location of Estonian Basketball Association:

Address: Pirita Tee 12, 10127 Tallinn, EST

Tel.: +372 6031540

Fax: +372 6031543

Email: info@basket.ee, kerdu@basket.ee

Official website: www.basket.ee

4. THE RULES OF THE OF CHAMPIONSHIP

4.1. **The Championship** is organized in compliance with the Official basketball rules, taking in consideration all official amendments, adjustments, additions and interpretations in connection with particular articles of the Official basketball rules, as well as accordingly to the Regulations and its appendices.

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4.2. The Regulations, as well any other regulations are approved by the LBA's and EBA's board and it can be amended and supplemented at any time, based on the resolution of the LBA's and EBA's board. If it is anticipated to alter the rules that affect the procedure of the game process of **The Championship**, then before making the decision the LBA and EBA board is obligated to ask a written point of view from clubs / teams.

4.3. All participants of **The Championship** are obligated to keep to the Official basketball rules and the requirements of the Regulations.

4.4 The club / team are not allowed to take part in the competition of the season 2013/2014 if it has not settled all the financial obligations from former seasons with the LBA or EBF.

4.5. The club / team who take part in the season 2013/2014 have to pay the membership fee and any other expenses as it is according to each country's approved Woman Basketball Leagues regulations.

Each club / team, while organizing the Championship's games, have to fulfill following requirements:

4.6. To comply with the requirements of the Official basketball rules and of the Regulations.

4.7. To provide the court with all necessary sports and technical equipment in excellent working condition, so it's compliance corresponds with the requirements of the Official basketball rules and of the Regulations.

4.8. To guarantee that during **The Championship** competition the players, coaches, assistant coaches, officials and accompanying staff of the club / team, as well as the audience keeps to the generally accepted behavior and public policy.

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Home club rules:

Taking into consideration the home-and-away-game principle the home club covers the expenses:

4.9. The home club provides the guest club with access to the game court for the warm up not later than 30 (thirty) minutes before the game.

4.10. During the warm up the home club provides the guest club with at least 4 (four) game balls from the company „MOLTEN”.

4.11. The home club covers the rental expenses of the sport complex.

4.12. The home club covers all expenses that are following: payment for the doctor or the emergency medical care's team.

4.13. The home club pays the referees, officials' table and support staff in compliance with the approved rates in the Regulations.

4.14. The home club / team cover domestic expenses (hotel) for the guest club / team. Accommodation for guest team shall be at no less than a three star hotel.

4.15. The home club / team covers hotel expenses – 7 rooms (max - 14 people).

5. THE RIGHTS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZERS

When applying for participating in the competition club / team acknowledges that The Championship organizers has following exclusive rights:

5.1. THE CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZERS has the rights to broadcast Championship's games on television and / or on internet;

5.2. THE CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZERS has the marketing and licencing rights of logos, symbols, official names, trademarks and trade name;

5.3. THE CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZERS has the rights on advertising opportunities as poligraphic material, souvenirs and other goods;

5.4. THE CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZERS has the rights to use such television, video and photo materials where separate games or collection of them are portrayed, including the pictures of players. The rights do not cancel the rights of clubs / teams to the materials that are on their own websites.

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- 5.5.** THE CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZERS has the rights to disposition advertisement materials – stands, posters etc. – during the games.
- 5.6.** THE CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZERS has the rights to organize advertisement activities of the sponsors at the game locations, informing the respective club / team in advance (at least 7 days before the game).
- 5.7.** Has the rights to use the approved symbols of clubs / teams, coordinating everything beforehand with the clubs.
- 5.8.** All the regulations of organized activities by THE CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZERS are an integral part of the Regulations.

6. THE RIGHTS OF THE CLUB / TEAM

While organizing the Championship's games each club / team has following rights:

- 6.1.** THE CLUB / TEAM has the rights to organize home games at the home court that complies the requirements of the Regulations.
- 6.2.** THE CLUB / TEAM has the rights to make profit through ticket sales to the home games.
- 6.3.** THE CLUB / TEAM has the rights to use advertising opportunities on the players playing and warming up uniforms without covering the definite positions:

Front: Number of the player not smaller than 10 cm high.

Back: Number of the player not smaller than 20 cm high.

- 6.4.** THE CLUB / TEAM have the rights to sign a contract with a third party about use of the available opportunities of the club / team.
- 6.5.** THE CLUB / TEAM have the rights to use The Championship logo and logo of sponsors agreeing on it beforehand with The Championship.
- 6.6.** THE CLUB / TEAM has the rights to use the assets independently that are gained from the use of the rights.

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6.7. THE CLUB / TEAM has the rights to start contractual relations with sponsors of the club / team of different categories (general sponsor, official sponsor, technical sponsor etc.).

6.8. THE CLUB / TEAM has the rights to have the information about LWBL's sponsors in such scale as much is allowed by the LWBL and as much as it is needed for the implementation of the liabilities that are defined in the contracts between the sponsors and the LWBL.

6.9. THE CLUB / TEAM has the rights to sign individual sponsorship contracts with the electronic and press media.

7. AWARDS FOR CLUBS / TEAMS, PLAYERS, COACH, ASSISTANT COACHES AND ACCOMPANYING STAFF

7.1. The club / team that has won the 1st (first) place in the championship is awarded with following title:

Champion of LATVIA-ESTONIA WOMEN BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

7.2. The club / team is awarded with the 2013/2014 champion's cup and gold medals.

7.3. Clubs / teams that have won the 2nd (second) and 3rd (third) place are awarded with cups and medals for second and third place.

8. CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT SYSTEM

8.1. The tournament consists of regular season and Final6

8.2. Regular season

8.2.1. In the regular season all teams play 1 (one) round to each other

8.2.2. After the 1st round teams are divided in 2 groups – best 6 teams and other 7 teams

8.2.3. Teams divided in two groups plays 2 rounds to each other in every group (home-and-away)

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8.2.4. After regular season from 1st groups 5.and 6.placed team will play qualification games with 2nd groups' 1st and 2nd place (7th and 8th placed teams in all tournament standings).

8.2.5. In qualification games the winners will be found out in sum of 2 games

8.3. Final6 system

8.3.1. Six best teams will qualify for Final6

8.3.2. The 1.and the 2.placed team will qualify to semifinals

8.3.3. The 3.placed team will play with the 6.placed team – A series

8.3.4. The 4.placed team will play with 5.placed team – B series

8.3.5. The 5.place game will play – A series and B series losers

Semifinals

8.3.5. The 1.placed team will play with 4. – 5.placed teams' game winner – C series

8.3.6. The 2.placed team will play with 3. - 6.placed teams' game winner – D series

Finals

8.3.7. The 3.place game will play – C series and D series losers

8.3.8. The 1.place game will play – C series and D series winners

8.4. Financial conditions for Final 6

8.4.1. The financial conditions of Final6 will be approved in board meeting no later than January 30, 2014.

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9. CHAMPIONSHIP TECHNICAL COMMISSION

9.1. CHAMPIONSHIP Technical commission examine cases, that relate to appeals, conflict situations or disciplinary cases.

9.2. CHAMPIONSHIP Technical commission consists of:

_____ - chairman of the commission;

Executive director of Latvian Basketball League;

Executive director of Estonian Basketball League;

Secretary General of Latvian Basketball Federation;

Secretary General of Estonian Basketball Federation;

9.3. Resolutions of CHAMPIONSHIP Technical commission may be adopted with simple majority of votes. In the event of a tie in the votes, Chairman of the commission has the deciding vote.

9.4. In case any of the members of CHAMPIONSHIP Technical commission cannot attend the meeting, he/she can send the decision/vote in a written form (by fax or e-mail).