



**LATVIA – ESTONIA
BASKETBALL LEAGUE**

Season 2015-2016

Regulations of the Championship

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 the Board of Latvian Basketball Association (LBA) and between EWBL’s basketball teams which participation has been approved by the Board of Estonian Basketball Association (EBA) Board that takes place in compliance with the approved schedule of **The Championship** 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 Estonia and performs instructional / training, competitive, sportive and educational activities, and that has a basketball team (teams).

Team – participating team from a specific club.

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 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.

Penalties - If any of regulation rules are not executed then Leagues management can impose penalties.

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 League's Champions.
- To popularize and to develop basketball, organizing competition of the highest level for the best Latvian and Estonian women basketball 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:

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Official website: www.basket.lv

3.1.2. Location of Estonian Basketball Association:

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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.

4.2. The board of the LBA and EBA approve the regulations and they can be amended and supplemented at any time, based on the resolution of the board of the LBA and EBA 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 board of the LBA and EBA is obligated to ask a written point of view from 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 team is not allowed to take part in the competition of the season 2015/2016 if it has not settled all the financial obligations from former seasons with the LBA or EBA.

4.5. The team who takes part in Latvian – Estonian Basketball Leagues season 2015/2016 has to pay the participating fee **250 Euros**.

4.5.1. Any other expenses that are not fixed in Latvian – Estonian Basketball League's Regulations are fixed according to each country's approved Women's Basketball League's regulations.

Requirements for all the teams who are participating in the Championship:

4.6. To comply with the requirements of the Regulations and the Official Basketball Rules.

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

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

4.9. Club/Team registration for the Championship is until the **July 10, 2015**

4.10. Players can be added no later than February 29, 2016.

4.11. One extra player can be added until March 15, 2016.

4.12. Game changes (*Game time change - considered only if the games date is changed, not the starting time)

4.12.1. Game time can only be changed between Estonian, Latvian or other international teams if both teams and federations agree on the change and it has been done 30 days prior to the original game time. Otherwise there will be a **penalty fee 100 EUR**.

4.12.2. Game time can be changed between two teams from the same country if both teams and Federations agree on the change and it has been done 14 days prior to the original game time. Otherwise there will be **penalty fee 50 EUR**.

4.12.2.1. In 4.12.1. and 4.12.2. the games can be changed without a penalty fee due to an international tournaments if it is confirmed by the League's organizers.

4.13. Starting times for the games

4.13.1. Week days – no earlier than 17:00 and no later than 20:00. Weekends – no earlier than 12:00 and no later than 18:00.

4.13.2. In the 2nd round for the TOP 6 teams, the home team has to provide the weekend games starting time no earlier than **16:00**.

4.14. Each team is required to have sponsor's logo on each uniform. The Logos of the Championship are provided by the organizer of the Championship.

5. REQUIREMENTS FOR HOME TEAM:

5.1. The home club/team provides the guest club a separate locker room.

5.1.1. The locker room must be provided 40 minutes before the game starting time and 40 minutes after the game has finished.

5.1.2. If it is not possible for the home team to provide a separate locker room before, after and during the game, the home team has to provide a separate room for team meetings if it is required by the guest team.

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

Penalty fee for 5.1. and 5.2. is 100 EUR.

5.3. The home club/team must provide the visiting team and the referees with still drinking water. For visiting team 12 bottles (1,5L) and 1 bottle (1,5L) for each referee.

Penalty fee for 5.3. is 50 EUR.

5.4. During the warm up the home club/team provides the guest club with at least 4 (four) game balls.

5.4.1 In Estonia the official game ball is from the company "Spalding"

5.4.2. In Latvia the official game ball is from the company "Molten"

5.5. The home club/team covers the rental expenses of the sport complex.

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

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

5.8. Accommodation

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

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

5.8.3. There should be provided **double** rooms for players and **double or single** rooms for coaches as requested.

5.8.4. In case of special cases – home club/team can offer the visiting club/team to stay in triple or other kind of rooms, but only if it is arranged with the visiting club/team in a written form before.

5.8.5. There should be provided breakfast for every person who is accommodated, but not for more than 7 rooms.

Penalty fee for each 5.8.1. – 5.8.5. is 100 EUR.

5.9.4. Any extra room or extra bed will be paid by the visiting club/team.

5.9.5. Visiting club/team will pay for their own accommodation if it is needed when coming for one game (not double games in two days).

5.10. Videotaping the games.

5.10.1. Videotaping of the games is a must for home club/team. The videos have to be uploaded on the League's server within 48 hours after the game has finished.

5.10.2. When a club violates point 5.10.1. the 1st time, they will get a warning, on the 2nd time the penalty is **70EUR** and on the 3rd and every other violation the penalty is **100 EUR**.

5.10.3. The quality of the video from the game has to allow having a video analysis. Therefore, all the games have to be filmed from the middle of the court. When a club violates point 5.10.3. the 1st time, they will get a warning, on the 2nd time the penalty is **70EUR** and on the 3rd and every other violation the penalty is **100 EUR**.

5.11. Club/team have to place banners with the League's sponsor's logo in the gym in a visible place if it is asked by the Championship organizers. The Championship organizers provide the banners.

6. THE RIGHTS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZERS

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

6.1. To broadcast Championship's games on television and / or on the Internet;

6.2. Has the marketing and licensing rights of logos, symbols, official names, trademarks and trade name;

6.3. Has the rights on advertising opportunities as poligraphic material, souvenirs and other goods;

6.4. 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 club/team to the materials that are on their own websites.

6.5. Has the rights to disposition advertisement materials – stands, posters etc. – during the games.

6.6. Has the rights to organize advertisement activities of the sponsors at the game locations, informing the respective club/team in advance (at least 5 days before the game).

6.7. Has the rights to use the approved symbols of clubs/teams, coordinating everything beforehand with the clubs.

6.8. All the regulations of organized activities by the Championship organizers are an integral part of the Regulations.

7. THE RIGHTS OF THE TEAMS

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

7.1. Has the right to organize home games at the home court that complies the requirements of the Regulations.

7.2. Has the right to make profit through ticket sales to the home games.

7.3. Has the right 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).

7.4. Has the right to sign a contract with a third party about use of the available opportunities of the club/team.

7.5. Has the right to use The Championship logo and logo of sponsors agreeing on it beforehand with The Championship.

7.6. Has the right to use the assets independently that are gained from the use of the rights.

7.7. Has the right to start contractual relations with sponsors of the team of different categories (general sponsor, official sponsor, technical sponsor etc.).

7.8. Has the right to have the information about LWBL's sponsors in such scale as much is allowed by the LWBL and EWBL and as much as it is needed for the implementation of the liabilities that are defined in the contracts between the sponsors and LWBL and EWBL.

7.9. Has the right to sign individual sponsorship contracts with the electronic and press media.

8. AWARDS FOR TEAMS, PLAYERS, COACH, ASSISTANT COACHES AND ACCOMPANYING STAFF

8.1. Club/team that wins the 1st (first) place in the Championship is awarded with following title: **Champion of Latvian – Estonian Basketball League.**

8.2. Club/team is awarded with the 2015/2016 Champions' cup and gold medals.

8.3. Club/team that wins the 2nd (second) and 3rd (third) place are awarded with cups and medals for second and third place.

9. CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT SYSTEM

9.1. The tournament consists of regular season, qualification round and Final6.

9.2. Regular season

9.2.1. In the 1st round all teams play 1 (one) round with all the teams. – According to FIBA Rules of the playing system frame example (*Regulations 2014./2015. - IV System of Competition, 13.Regular season.*)

9.2.2. After the 1st round the teams are divided into 2 groups taking into consideration the final ranking of the 1st round. The teams are divided to top 6 teams and other teams. There are guaranteed places in top 6 group - 2 for Latvian teams, 2 for Estonian teams, 1 for one team from Finland.

9.2.3. In the 2nd round all teams will play 2 (two) rounds within their group (home-and-away)

9.2.4 Top 6 will not take the results of the 1st round with them however the bottom group will take the results from the 1st round with them to the 2nd round.

9.2.5. In the 2nd round the top 6 teams will play the 2nd round with 3 referees.

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

9.2.7. In qualification games the winners will be found out in sum of 2 games (home and away).

9.3. Final6 system

9.3.1. 6 (six) best teams will qualify for Final6.

9.3.2. 1st and 2nd placed team will qualify to semifinals.

Semifinals

9.3.3. 1st placed team will play with the winner of the game between 4th-5th placed teams (C series).

9.3.4. 2nd placed team will play with the winner of the game between 3rd-6th placed teams (D series).

Finals

9.3.5. 3rd place game will be against the losers from the C and D series.

9.3.6. 1st place game will be against the winners from the C and D series.

9.4. Financial conditions for Final 6

9.4.1. The teams will be informed about the financial conditions of Final 6 no later than February 15, 2016.

10. CHAMPIONSHIP TECHNICAL COMMISSION

10.1. Championship's Technical commission examines cases that relate to appeals, conflict situations or disciplinary cases.

10.2. Championship's 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 Association;

Secretary General of Finnish Basketball Association;

10.3. Resolutions of Championship's 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.

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