

# ***European Women's Basketball League***

## ***Season 2017/2018***

### ***STATUTES - Project***

#### **1.GOALS AND TASKS**

1. To strengthen the development of the women's basketball.
2. To give a chance for the teams to compete against the best, while preparing for the National Championships, the EuroBasket Women, the FIBA World Championship for Women and the Olympic Games.
3. To develop basketball in the EEWBL (Eastern European Women's Basketball league) member countries – Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden, Netherland, Bulgaria, Turkey, Lebanon.
4. To share experience for sports and educational purposes.
5. To develop international relations.
6. To determine the best European women's basketball club.

#### **2.ORGANIZATION**

1. EEWBL competitions are organized and managed by the EEWBL board, led by the EEWBL president and Secretary General.
  - 1.1.EEWBL front office is located in Riga.
  - 1.2.EEWBL contact information: Tērbatas iela 83b, Rīga, LV-1001, Latvia, phone: +371 20 60 60 17; +371 29 64 00 11, e-mail: eewbl@eewbl.eu ; www.eewbl.eu
  - 1.3.EEWBL competitions are organized according to the official FIBA Basketball rules.
2. Every team must organize the home stage and the play off home game(s), unless the clubs home playing arena is located further than 1200 KM from EEWBL's office in Riga, Latvia. In this case EEWBL will organize the stage or play off games.
3. Every stage must be organized according to the rules, as explained in Annex No.1., Annex No.2. and Annex No.3. Every club and national federation may organize stage according to procedure explained in Annex No.1., Annex No.2 and Annex No.3.
4. Every team must ensure participation of one referee in every stage that the team is participating in and also in every play off game that the team is playing. The third referee will be ensured by EEWBL.
  - 4.1.A referee must possess a valid National championship licence and must be registered in a FIBA database.
5. Organizers of every stage must ensure necessary administrative personnel and staff for the organization of games.
  - 5.1. Stage organizers must assign the game secretariat, including 24 second official, table officials and announcer (4-6 persons).
  - 5.2. Organizers of stage must guarantee internet connection, in order to provide live stats (online) and live video streaming broadcast.
  - 5.3. Stage organizer is responsible for the publication of game statistics in the www.eewbl.eu website, while using FIBA LiveStats program.
  - 5.4. Organizers of stage must send complete game statistics (LOG file and PDF) to the following e-mail: web@eewbl.eu
  - 5.5. EEWBL must provide the access to FIBA LiveStats program for every club/team.
  - 5.6. The stage or play off game organizers must follow Annex No.3 for all the marketing activities in arena (banner placement, sponsors product placement etc.)
6. Any costs relating to organization of the respective stage will be charged to the organizer, including accommodation, catering and transportation from the hotel to the gym.
7. Organizers of the stage or play of games must cover accommodation for up to 18 persons in every delegation (17 team members + 1 referee).
8. Transportation costs to and from the stages or play of games are covered by the visiting team itself.
9. Stage or game organizers cover accommodation and catering costs for the EEWBL member. In every stage up to 6 persons, in play off games up to 4 persons.
10. During the games it is not allowed to make photos or videos without a permission from EEWBL.

#### **3.LOCATION AND TIME**

1. EEWBL season will start in September 2017 and will continue until April 2018 according to official schedule.

- 2.EEWBL opening ceremony and the first stage will take place on September 2017.
- 3.Regular season will happen from 20.09.2017 until 14.01.2018.
- 4.Play off games will happen from 15.01.2018 until 01.03.2018.
5. Final 4 will happen in year 2018, March 16. – 18.
- 6.Game days and the length of the season might be changed if the EEWBL board decides so, while informing the teams in advance.

#### **4.PARTICIPANTS**

- 1.The EEWBL 2017/2018 regular season will feature 16 teams divided into two groups of eight (8) teams.
- 2.Teams can participate in the 2017/2018 season if they fulfill all obligations mentioned in these Statutes.
- 3.Depending on number of the participating teams, number of the teams from one country might get limited.
4. Every team may include unlimited foreign players in their EEWBL roster list, but in each game, can participate till four foreign players.
- 5.Disqualified coaches/players can't participate in the next game.
- 6.The club/team may register new players until January 20, 2018.
- 7.EEWBL may renounce the participation of team in the next season, if it hasn't followed the EEWBL Statutes or has unfulfilled financial obligations with EEWBL.

#### **5.COMPETITION FORMAT**

- 1.EEWBL guarantees three (3) regular season stages + play off games (from 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> placed team games and from 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> placed team games) during the 2017/2018 season (if club/team fulfills all obligations, as explained in the EEWBL statutes).
- 2.Four best teams from season will qualify for the Final 4 tournament.
- 3.The stages will be held for two (2) or (3) three days' time plus arrival day.
- 4.If team does not participate(refuses to participate) in any of the stages, it receives 0 points for the respective stage.
- 5.The teams that participate in Final Four will be measured by play off game results , +/- system.
- 6.If any team does not participate in any of the stages, organizers may invite other team to compete without ranking it.

#### **6.THE FINAL FOUR (SUPERFINAL)**

1. Final Four organized by EEWBL or the one of the teams that will be one of the best 4 teams after play off results. If the team is organizing the Final Four, it should cover all the costs for Final Four stage as mentioned in these statutes.
2. In Final Four will participate teams that will have the best results after play off games, +/- system.
3. Playing system in Final Four:  
Semifinals in Day 1:  
Game A: 1<sup>st</sup> placed team after play off results – 4<sup>th</sup> placed team after play off results;  
Game B: 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team after play off results – 3<sup>rd</sup> placed team after play off results;  
Finals in Day 2:  
Game C: A and B games losing teams  
Game D: A and B games winning teams
4. The games in each day can be changed other way around by the EEWBL board, considering the home team benefits, audience availability, broadcast times or other reasons that will be good for the leagues Final Four.
5. The winner of the Final Four is titled as THE CHAMPIONS OF EEWBL SEASON 2017/2018.

#### **7.AWARDS**

- 1.The best player from every regular seasons team will be awarded after every game in every stage.
- 2.Organizers may add another individual or team prizes.
- 3.The Final Four organizers will award the teams with individual and team prizes.
- 4.EEWBL 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 (18 medals in each category), prizes for the All-Star team and the Most Valuable Player.
- 5.EEWBL champions will receive EUR 5000, silver medalists EUR 2500, bronze medalists 2000 EUR, fourth placed team EUR 1000. This money will be considered as part of guarantee payment for the team for EEWBL season 2018/2019.

#### **8.REGISTRATION AND DEADLINES**

- 1.The official letter from the club about participating in the 2017/2018 season must be received **by July 15, via e-mail: eewbl@eewbl.eu**. The letter must guarantee teams participation and possibility to comply 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 **by 1<sup>st</sup> of September, 2017, via e-mail: eewbl@eewbl.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.
- 4.The official list of players and accompanying personnel for every stage(18 persons) - (17 team members + 1 referee) must be submitted to the stage organizers ten (10) days before the first game of the stage.
- 5.Any change in the official list of players is considered as being "final" three (3) working days before the start of the respective stage.

## **9.FINANCES**

- 1.Membership/guarantee fee for a season **EUR 6300** ( EUR 6000 – stage costs , EUR 300 – membership fee).
- 2.The payment for players licence is **EUR 20**, after 01.10.2017. – **EUR 50**, after 31.12.2017. – **EUR 100**.
- 3.The membership fee must be received by July 15, 2017.
- 4.The payment for licences must be received by September 15, 2017.
- 5.If team arrives to the stage without a referee, team must pay EUR 100 for each stages day.
6. If the team arrives to the play off game or Final Four stage without a referee, team must pay EUR 200 for every game day. The penalty must be paid to the EEWBL before the game starts.
- 7.Approximate costs per 4 teams participating in stage for one day EUR 2000. Before the season teams may decide which stages to organize:  
three days, 4 teams (approximate costs EUR 6000, EEWBL repays EUR 6000), two days, 4 teams (approximate costs EUR 4000, EEWBL repays EUR 6000),  
EEWBL repays the costs in five (5) days, if the team has fulfilled all obligations, as explained in Annex No. 1. And Annex No.2.
- 8.If the team is willing to organize stage for 8 teams – EUR 1200 or EUR 800, EEWBL repays the costs in five (5) days, if the team has fulfilled all obligations, as explained in Annex No. 1. And Annex No.2.
- 9.If team is willing to organize Final Four stage, the team will not receive back the guarantee fee.
- 10.Prize money for first 4 placed teams is made of membership/season fees.
8. If the team is applied for the season 2017/2018, but if the team refuses to participate in any of the stages in season 2017/2018, it must pay penalty fee EUR 1000 for every game day. The payment must be submitted before the start of the next stage.
- 9.If the team does not fulfill financial provisions, it cannot compete.

## **10.DISPUTES AND ARBITRATION**

- 1.Any dispute arising from these Statutes, every team/club has a right to inform the EEWBL, by sending a written letter.
- 2.EEWBL 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 EEWBL Board.

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