

European Women's Basketball League

Season 2018/2019

STATUTES

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 Euro Basket Women, the FIBA World Championship for Women and the Olympic Games.
3. To develop basketball in the EWBL (European Women's Basketball league) member countries – Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden, Netherland, Hungary, Czech Republic and other places in the world.
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. EWBL competitions are organized and managed by the EWBL board, led by the EWBL president and Secretary General.
 - 1.1. EWBL front office is located in Riga.
 - 1.2. EWBL contact information: Terbatas street 83b, Riga, LV-1001, Latvia, phone: +371 20 60 60 17 (English); +371 29 64 00 11(Russian), e-mail: ewbl@ewbl.eu ; www.ewbl.eu
 - 1.3. EWBL 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 then 1200 KM from EWBL office in Riga, Latvia. In this case EWBL will organize the stage or playoff games.
3. Every stage must be organized according to the rules, as explained in Annex No.1., Annex No.2., Annex No.3. Every club and national federation may organize stage according to procedure explained in Annex No.1., Annex No.2, Annex No.3
4. Every team must ensure participation of one referee in every stage that the team is participating, also in every playoff game that the team is playing. The third referee will be ensured by EWBL.
 - 4.1. A referee must possess a valid National championship license 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.ewbl.eu website, while using FIBA Live Stats program.
 - 5.4. Organizers of stage must send complete game statistics (LOG file and PDF) to the following e-mail: web@ewbl.eu
 - 5.5. EWBL must provide the access to FIBA Live Stats program for every club/team.
 - 5.6. The stage or playoff 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 and playoff games are covered by the visiting team itself.
9. Stage or game organizers cover accommodation and catering costs for the EWBL member. In every stage and Final Four up to 6 persons, in playoff games up to 4 persons.
10. During the games it is not allowed to make photos or videos without a permission from EWBL.

3. LOCATION AND TIME

1. EWBL season will start in October 2018 and will continue until April 2019 according to official schedule.
2. EWBL opening ceremony and the first stage will be in October 2018.
3. Regular season will happen from 04.10.2018 until 13.01.2019.
4. Playoff games will be played from 15.01.2019 until 01.03.2019.
5. Final 4 will happen in year 2019, March 16.– 17.
6. Game days and the length of the season might be changed if the EWBL board decides so, while informing the teams in advance.

4. PARTICIPANTS

1. The EWBL 2018/2019 regular season will feature 16 teams divided into two groups of eight (8) teams.
2. Teams can participate in the 2018/2019 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 EWBL 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 February 1, 2019.
7. EWBL may renounce the participation of team in the next season, if it hasn't followed the EWBL Statutes or has unfulfilled financial obligations with EWBL.

5. COMPETITION FORMAT

1. EWBL guarantees three (3) regular season stages + playoff games (from 1st – 8th placed team games) during the 2018/2019 season (if club/team fulfills all obligations, as explained in the EWBL statutes).
2. Four best teams from playoffs will qualify for the Final Four 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 playoff 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 EWBL or the one of the teams that will be one of the best 4 teams after playoff 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 playoff games, +/- system.
3. 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
4. The games in each day can be changed other way around by the EWBL 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 EWBL SEASON 2018/2019.

7. AWARDS

1. The best player will be awarded from each team after every game in regular season.
2. Organizers may add another individual or team prizes.
3. The Final Four organizers will award the teams with individual and team prizes.
4. EWBL 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. EWBL champions will receive EUR 5000, silver medalist's 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 EWBL season 2019/2020.

8. REGISTRATION AND DEADLINES

1. The official letter from the club about participating in the 2018/2019 season must be received **by May 1, via e-mail: ewbl@ewbl.eu** letter must guarantee team 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 **1 September 2018, via e-mail: ewbl@ewbl.eu**
3. The official list of players includes up to 17 players (15 players must be registered officially until 31.12.2018, two other players must be registered 01.01.2019 - 01.02.2019.), 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 is 17 team members + 1 referee. That 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 7600** (EUR 7000 – stage costs, **EUR 600** – membership fee).
2. For the team that has paid the guarantee payment EUR 7000 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 guarantee payment.
3. For the team that has paid the guarantee payment EUR 7000 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 guarantee payment.
4. Payment for a new player's license after 31.12.2018. is EUR 200 and the payer can participate only when the payment is done.
5. The membership/guarantee fee must be received by **May 15, 2018**.
6. If team arrives to the stage without a referee, team must pay EUR 100 for each stages day. The payment must be paid before the first day of the stage.
7. If team arrives to the playoff games without a referee, team must pay EUR 200 for game day that must be paid until the game.
8. EWBL will refund to the club EUR 1000 for every organized game in regular season, if it will be organized by the regulations and the Annex No1., No2., No3., No4.
9. If the team chooses to organize The Final Four stage – the team is responsible of all the costs in organizing The Final Four stage.
10. From the guarantee and participation fees are covered all the EWBL administrative costs, prize money for fist 4 placed teams in Final Four + broadcasts during the season.
11. If team for any reason is not arriving and participating in any stage, qualification games or playoff games – will be disqualified and will not be able to participate in EWBL further games in the season.
12. If any team does not fulfill financial provisions, it cannot compete in EWBL competition.

10. DISPUTES AND ARBITRATION

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

President of the EWBL :

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