



**LATVIAN - ESTONIAN BASKETBALL LEAGUE**  
**REGULATIONS**  
**SEASON 2021/2022**

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## 1. GENERAL INTRODUCTION

- 1.1.** These Tournament Regulations shall govern the Estonian Latvian Basketball League 2021/2022, along with any other rules, regulations, manuals, circulars and decisions referenced to herein or adopted by the Management Board of the Estonian Latvian Basketball League.
- 1.2.** Any matters which are not regulated with this regulations or other regulations and principles which are approved by Management Board of Organiser shall be conducted according to Official FIBA Rules.
- 1.3.** These Tournament Regulations enter into force on 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2021. They may be amended by the Organizer, in which case the changes will be communicated to the Clubs concerned without undue delay. Changes made enter into force after ten (10) days period from the moment of sending the amendments.
- 1.4.** For administrative purposes, all communications arising from or in relation to the Tournament and these Tournament Regulations shall be in English.
- 1.5.** These Tournament Regulations apply equally to both genders, and all references in this text to one gender (he, his etc.) shall be considered to apply also to the other gender (e.g. she, her etc.) and shall be read accordingly.
- 1.6.** The goals:
- to promote basketball in Estonia and Latvia;
  - to determine Champions of the Tournament;
  - to be a valuable tool for the federations and the Clubs of the region for the player development;
  - to help sportive and organizational development;
  - to promote the Tournament;
  - to achieve the widest possible TV and media exposure of the League and its participants.
- 1.7.** Definitions:
- Appeal Commission** - The body which deals with appeals from decisions of the Technical Commission.
- Article** - An article of these Tournament Regulations.
- Club(s)** - Any and all clubs participating in the Tournament.
- Coach(es)** - Any and all coaches registered to the Clubs in Tournament. Must own licence either from national federation or FIBA.
- FIBA** - International Basketball Federation
- Final Four** - The semi-finals and the finals of the Tournament, as detailed under Article 5 of these Tournament Regulations.

**Foreign player(s)** - Any and all players not in a possession of Estonian or Latvian citizenship

**General meeting** - General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company that is the highest management body of the Organizer.

**Head Referee** - Person, who is coordinating the referees' work in national federation's country.

**License** - Any and all registered Players and Coaches participating in the Tournament shall be issued an electronical licence by the Organizer. No player can participate in a game without being licensed and inserted in the tournament webpage.

**Management Board** - Executive body of the Company and of the Tournament.

**National Federation** - Latvian or Estonian Basketball Association in the respective country.

**Officials** - Referees, commissioners and table officials. Any and all Officials must be in possession of a license from National Federation or FIBA.

**Company** - The legal entity EST-LAT BL OÜ established jointly by Latvian or Estonian Basketball Association

**Organizer** – Management Board, Tournament directors and administration workers

**Local player(s)** - Any and all players with Estonian or Latvian citizenship

**Player(s)** - Any and all players registered with a Club at any time between 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2021 and 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2022.

**Qualification games** - Games played after the regular season to determine the four (4) teams which shall participate in the Final Four.

**Tournament Regulations** - Rules and regulations that contain main principles for organising the Tournament.

**Regular Season** - All games of the regular season, as detailed of the Article 5 of these Tournament Regulations.

**Team member** - Any and all Players, Coaches, representatives, doctors and any other persons directly related to the team.

**Technical Commission** - body that deals with all the complaints related to the game situations and the situations, which are not regulated by Official FIBA Rules.

**Tournament** - Joint league containing Estonian and Latvian Clubs that has its own entity and budget.

**Venue** - The registered basketball hall and basketball facilities of each Club as well as any other basketball hall where a game of the Tournament is organised with the approval of the Organizer.

## 2. COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

2.1. The Estonian-Latvian Basketball League (hereinafter referred to as the “**EST-LAT BL**” or **League**) is the organization which is based on the partnership agreement between two organizations (shareholders):

- the Estonian Basketball Association (hereinafter referred to as “**EBA**”);
- the Latvian Basketball Association (hereinafter referred to as “**LBA**”).

### 2.2. Structure.

2.2.1. **General Meeting** is the highest management body of the Company. The competence of the meeting being:

- 2.2.1.1. altering of statutes;
- 2.2.1.2. increasing and decreasing of share capital;
- 2.2.1.3. clearance of annual accounts and deciding of distribution of profits;
- 2.2.1.4. election and removal of members of the Management Board;
- 2.2.1.5. deciding of the amount of remuneration paid to Management Board members and arrangements for payment;
- 2.2.1.6. deciding upon dissolution, merger, division and alteration of the Company;
- 2.2.1.7. deciding upon other matters placed within the competence of the General Meeting by the law.

2.2.2. **Management Board.** EST-LAT BL is ran by Management Board which is made out of four (4) Board Members, Board Members are elected for an indefinite period and they can be recalled by the General Meeting decision.

2.2.3. Management Board is responsible for the approval of:

- 2.2.3.1. the Tournament strategy;
- 2.2.3.2. the Tournament budget and the control of the EST-LAT BL budget;
- 2.2.3.3. the Tournament Regulations;

- 2.2.3.4.** the Tournament Director in Estonia
- 2.2.3.5.** the Tournament Director in Latvia
- 2.2.3.6.** the Tournament Technical Commission;
- 2.2.3.7.** the Tournament Appeal Commission.
- 2.2.4.** Management Board is naming the Tournament administration members from Estonian Basketball Association and Latvian Basketball Association and assigning work tasks for them. The list of administration members includes Tournament Marketing Directors, Tournament Media & Communication Directors, Tournament Head of Referees in Estonia, Tournament Head of Referees in Latvia and other necessary administration workers).
- 2.2.5.** Management Board is responsible for the coordination and control of the administration work overall. Resolution of the EST-LAT BL Management Board may be adopted with votes of three Management Board members.
- 2.2.6. Tournament Directors and administration workers** are responsible for:
- the work out of Tournament Regulations in cooperation with Tournament Marketing Director;
  - the work out of the Tournament Game Schedule;
  - the control of team applications and rosters;
  - the run of the competition according to the Official Basketball Rules, Fair-play principals, requirements of the Tournament Regulations;
  - other duties set in the Tournament Regulations;
  - the appointment of evaluators (in cooperation with the Director), referees and commissioners for the Tournament games;
  - the control of work quality of referees and commissioners;
  - the control of the run of games according to the Tournament Regulations, FIBA Official Basketball Rules and the FIBA Interpretations;
  - the setting of penalty sanctions according to the Tournament Regulations;
  - the approval of the official list of players of each team;
  - the preparation of the Project of Tournament budget;
  - the work out of marketing, advertising, public relations issues in the Tournament Regulations;
  - the work out and the implementation of communication and media strategy;
  - the work out and the implementation of marketing and public relations plan;
  - the implementation of sponsors' agreements conditions;
  - the administration of the official website of Tournament;

- the coordination of the broadcasting of the games in TV and internet;
- the communication with the team managers concerning a fulfilment of the Tournament Regulations.

**2.2.7. Technical Commission** deals with all the complaints related to the game situations and the situations which are not regulated by Official FIBA Rules. The Technical Commission can assess game related situations and issue fines even if there are no complaints from the involved parties.

**2.2.8. The Appeal Commission** is the highest instance, where it is possible to appeal the decisions of Technical Commission.

**2.2.9. Participants of the Tournament.**

2.2.9.1 Participating Club teams of the Tournament in the season 2021/2022 are listed in Tournament Regulation (Article 3.12).

2.2.9.2. Players, Coaches, assistant Coaches, other team staff, administration members of team and Club. They must be registered according to the Tournament Regulation (Article 4).

2.2.9.3. Referees, commissioners and table officials (Tournament Regulation Article 6). They must be licenced by the Estonian Basketball Association, the Latvian Basketball Association or FIBA licenced Officials (QF, F4).

2.2.9.4. The Tournament administration and Staff. They must have corresponding identification cards issued by the Tournament administration.

### **3. CLUBS**

- 3.1 The Organizer shall determine the Clubs per country that are entitled to participate in the Tournament. In principle, this decision will be based on the ranking of NFs.
- 3.2 The primary criterion for participation in the Tournament is the sporting results of Clubs in their domestic competitions and other factors, such as the level of the game-venue, marketing activities, youth academy, financial discipline and others, which may be decided by the Organizer.
- 3.3. The Organizer may grant access to the Tournament through the attribution of invitations.
- 3.4 If one or more Clubs do not exercise their right to participate in the Tournament, the Organizer may decide to allocate the respective place(s) to other Clubs of the same or other NF(s).
- 3.5 The Clubs shall ensure that the necessary documentation and information reaches the Organizer by email on 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2021 17:00. The original documents can arrive until 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2021.
- 3.6 The Clubs must complete and sign the following documents:
  - The Club information form (must be delivered by 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2021).
  - The agreement to comply with the Tournament Regulations (deadline regarding delivery will be updated)
  - Any other documents required by the Organizer
- 3.7. The official name of the team may have no more than three legal names in it.
- 3.8. In case of information about the Club changes (contact information, officials, Coaches, Player deduction from the team composition, etc.), the information must be submitted to the Organizers written within 24 hours.
- 3.9. From season 2019/2020, - Club licensing will take place. All Clubs will have to meet the approved criterion set by the Organizers (game hall, equipment, PR and communication capabilities, junior teams, etc.)
- 3.10. A maximum of 16 Clubs can participate in Tournament.
- 3.11 Non-admission - the Organizer has the right to not admit a Club which would be



entitled to participate in the Tournament, if

- In the Organizer's reasonable opinion, the Club does not fulfil or will not be able to fulfil all requirements provided for in these Competition Regulations during the season; or
- The Club is not in good financial standing with the Organizer; or
- The Club is subject to a ban from participating in international competitions.

### 3.12. List of Clubs

Will be updated after July 20th

## 4. PLAYERS AND STAFF

- 4.1. An initial List of Players, accompanied by all necessary documents (Data Protection form and Fair Play declaration) for the registration of all Players must be submitted signed by the Clubs to the Organizer by no later than 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2021.
  - 4.1.1. The necessary documents to register a Player include a signed and filled player information/addition form, fair play declaration and data protection form. The information form includes segments such as: full name, date of birth, nationality, height, weight, jersey number, position, full name of the Player's agent and agent's FIBA license number.
- 4.2. The List of Players can contain a maximum of twenty five (25) Players.
- 4.3. Each Club shall enter on the score-sheet a minimum of eight (8) Players and a maximum of twelve (12) players.

If, at the beginning of the game, a Club presents less than eight (8) Players:  
First violation: a fine of **150 EUR** for each Player not present.  
Further violations during the same season: the fine shall be doubled each time.
- 4.4. On the score-sheet, each Club is required to have a minimum of six (6) Players with Latvian or Estonian nationality.
- 4.5. Home Grown Player Rule – Foreign player (Not Latvian or Estonian) who have been registered and played in Latvian National Championship or Estonian National Championship 3 consecutive seasons between the age of twelve (12) to nineteen (19) is considered as a local player.
- 4.6. During the game, a maximum of nineteen (19) people, who are registered in the game sheet, are allowed to sit on the team's bench. All of them have to be listed in the official team list, submitted to the Organizer.
- 4.7. If a Player and/or member of a staff has been disqualified and has been suspended for the respective game, he/she may not be included in the score-sheet and be present in the team's bench area.
- 4.8. Teams can add and change Players on the roster unlimited amount of times up until 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2022.
- 4.9. An extra player can be added to the list of Players until 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2022.

- 4.10. Any of the additions to the list of Players must be finalized (all the necessary documentation must be received by the Organizer and the license fees must be paid) by no later than the previous day's 17:00 before the additional Players first game. Example given: if the new player and the team is scheduled to play on Saturday, documents must be finalized until 17:00 Friday.
- 4.11. Players who are born no later than in 2005 are eligible to participate and be licensed in the Tournament.
- 4.12. All Coaches must present a coaching license certificate in order to be licensed and included in the team sheet.
- 4.13. The medical personnel must present a certificate that states that they are licensed to operate as a medical worker in the Club's respective country. This must be submitted to the Organizer with the list of Players until the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2021.

## 5. COMPETITION SYSTEM

- 5.1. Clubs will participate in the Regular Season from October 2021 till March 2022.
- 5.2. During the regular season, each Club will play with each opponent 1 game home and 1 game away.
- 5.3. Competition system may include weekends with double games.
- 5.4. Play-off format
  - 5.4.1. Qualification to Final Four (best of three (3) games). The best eight (8) placed Clubs after regular season will compete for qualification to Final Four from 22<sup>nd</sup> March till 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2022. Lower placed team host the second game in series and higher placed team host the first game and third game in series (third game only if necessary).
    - 5.4.2.1 A Club that loses by forfeit or by default in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> game shall lose the series.
    - 5.4.2. The 1<sup>st</sup> place finishers will play against 8<sup>th</sup> place finishers; A
    - 5.4.3. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers will play against 7<sup>th</sup> place finishers; B
    - 5.4.4. The 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers will play against 6<sup>th</sup> place finishers; C
    - 5.4.5. The 4<sup>th</sup> place finishers will play against 5<sup>th</sup> place finishers; D
    - 5.4.6. Final Four.

### **Day one:**

Semi-final –

A series winner against D series winner; E

B series winner against C series winner; F

Host club can play the 2<sup>nd</sup> game on Day one.

Team with the higher regular season ranking will be the TEAM A and

Team with lower regular season ranking will be the TEAM B.

### **Day two:**

E series loser will play against F series loser for the 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

E series winner will play against F series winner for the 1<sup>st</sup> place;

## **6. OFFICIALS**

- 6.1.** Tournament games are officiated according to the Official Basketball Rules and these Tournament Regulations.
- 6.2.** Tournament games must be officiated by licensed referees, table officials and game commissioners.
- 6.3.** During the regular season, games in Estonia are officiated by Estonian referees and in Latvia - by Latvian referees.
- 6.4.** Quarterfinals may be officiated by mixed referee crews from Latvia and Estonia. Final Four will be officiated by mixed referee crews from Latvia and Estonia. The nominations will be made in cooperation with LBA and EBA.
- 6.5.** Each Tournament game is officiated by three (3) referees, game commissioner (only in Latvia)/ referees observer (only in Estonia) and table officials (table officials nominated by the hosting Club).
- 6.6.** Travel expenses of the referee crew are paid according to the following principle: when using a car, fuel compensation – 10l/per 100km.
- 6.7.** When attending games, referee crew and the commissioner must be dressed in a suit and tie (during hot weather shirt and tie is allowed).
- 6.8.** Table officials must be dressed in the same clothing at the top (jackets/t- shirts issued by the Organizer).
- 6.9.** Referees are paid by the Organizer based on Club membership fees. In the absence of a Club and after finalizing the scoresheet for a technical loss, referees, game commissioner and table officials are paid for a regular game. Payment is done by the Club that was absent from the game. If these rules are not enforced till the next Club game, then next games result is registered as 0:20. A Club with two technical losses is eliminated from the Tournament.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF A GAME COMMISSIONER**

- 6.10.** Game commissioner is the representative of the League during the specific game.
- 6.11.** Game commissioner must cooperate with the Clubs in fulfilling the requirements of the Regulations.

- 6.12.** Duties of commissioner are listed below.
- 6.13.** Designated game commissioner needs to know the Official Basketball Rules and Regulations of the Tournament. During the game he has to be seated at the scorer's table between the timekeeper and the scorer.
- 6.14.** Game commissioner oversees the game in accordance with the Official Basketball Rules and the spirit of Tournament Regulations. He cooperates with referees, Organizers, as well as people responsible for team participation in the game.
- 6.15.** Game commissioner must control and coordinate the work of the table officials (paying particular attention to the work of the timekeeper, shot clock operator and score keeper).
- 6.16.** Game commissioner must monitor and assess the quality of game officiating as well as assist and advise referees in accordance to Official Basketball Rules.
- 6.17.** Control that all players and spectators comply with the Official Basketball Rules and the requirements of this Tournament Regulation.

#### **Before the start of the game**

- 6.18.** When the Game Commissioner arrives in the gym, the home Club introduces it to the head of security, from which the game commissioner receives all information regarding the safety of the game participants.
- 6.19.** In case the Club has reasonable grounds for claiming that the hosting Club does not comply with the requirements of the Regulations, the game commissioner and the home Club shall take actions to prevent violations.
- 6.20.** Before the beginning of the game, the game commissioner carries out the following actions:
- Verifies that the requirements of the chapter "Game Organization" and the section "Use of advertising and promotional materials" are followed;
  - Checks the functionality of the game area and technical equipment in compliance with the "Official Basketball Rules" and the requirements of the Regulations;
  - Checks the presence of Medical staff;
  - Checks the availability of the necessary equipment so that referees can

watch video games in situations when it is provided for in the FIBA Official Basketball Rules;

- Checks the presence of the table officials;
- Checks if the score sheet is correctly filled out by the table officials;
- In the case of any deviation from the "Official Basketball Rules" and the requirements of the Tournament Regulation, the game commissioner shall note it in his report and take actions to eliminate it together with the Home Club.

**6.21.** No less than thirty (30) minutes before the start of the game, the Commissioner checks the team documents on which they are allowed to participate in the game.

**6.22.** In case of any uncertainty regarding the participation of the Players, Coaches and / or accompanying persons in the game, the game commissioner shall contact the Organizer immediately.

**6.23.** In case when Player, Coach or accompanying person is not recorded in the team application, they cannot participate in the game.

**6.24.** Together with team Coaches, the game commissioner is responsible for complying with the rules that determine the player's permission to participate in the game.

#### **During the game:**

**6.25.** The game commissioner is responsible for the quality of the work of the table officials. During the game, the Commissioner coordinates and verifies the work of the table officials.

**6.26.** The game commissioner verifies that all the table officials consider the work discipline strictly before the start of the game, during and after the game. In case of gross violation, the game commissioner may request the removal of any table official.

**6.27.** In the case when referee asks for help or the necessary information, the game commissioner will do everything possible to help them. However, the final decision is taken by the crew chief of the game.

#### **After the end of the game:**

**6.28.** In case of violence, acts of aggressive Players and Coaches, in the case of non-

official actions of officials and accompanying staff, the Commissioner of the game and, if necessary, one or more referee compile written report and inform the Leagues Head Referee within 1 (one) hour after the end of the game, as well as send a written report to the Organizer within twenty four (24) hours.

- 6.29.** After completing all necessary actions after the game, the commissioner returns to the Coaches to give a copy of the score sheet.
- 6.30.** The game commissioner fills in the standard report, indicating the points violated, as well as the shortcomings in the activities of the table officials. In the report, the commissioner gives an opinion on the activities of referees and assigns marks for the last game. The game commissioner presents the marks to referees.
- 6.31.** Forty-eight (48) hours after the end of the game, the game commissioner sends or receives the first copy of the official game score sheet, statistical protocol, reports (if any), and "Game Commissioner's report".



## 7. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

**7.1.** EST-LAT BL OÜ (Paldiski mnt.104B, 13522, Tallinn, Estonia) account no. in SEB bank: IBAN EE281010220274354226. Bank name: AS SEB Pank, Bank address: Tornimäe 2, 15010, Tallinn, Estonia. Bank SWIFT (BIC): EEUHEE2X

**7.2.** EST-LAT BL is an autonomy Project, which has its own incomes and expenses.

**7.3.** For each Club registering to participate in EST-LAT BL in season 2021/2022, the participation fee has to be paid to local Basketball Association account at the set deadlines. The participation fee is **7200 EUR**:

**7.3.1.** together with Registration documents, to Organizers, each Club shall pay participation fee - **7200 EUR**, latest, on July 20<sup>th</sup> 2021;

**7.4.** The participation fee will not be reimbursed to the Club if the Club will withdraw from the Tournament after they have paid the participation fee or if the Club will not meet the requirements for playing in the Tournament, set by the Management Board.

### **7.4.1. Withdrawal**

If a Club which has signed an Admission Form (or any other document stating that it will participate in the Tournament) withdraws from the Tournament, shall pay to the Organizer within seven (7) days from the latter's written notice an amount of liquidated damages calculated based on the time of withdrawal:

a) During the regular season, an amount equal to the Regular Season participation fees multiplied by three, unless otherwise agreed between the Club and the Organizer in writing;

b) Between the start of the Qualification for Final Four and the end of the Final Four, an amount equal to the Regular Season participation fees multiplied by six, unless otherwise agreed between the Club and the Organizer in writing.

**7.5.** Tournament players and Coaches licence fees are:

**7.5.1.** Local Players licence fee is **400 EUR** per/team. All Estonian and Latvian Players are considered as local Players. This fee is included in participation fee.

**7.5.2.** Foreign players licence fee is **600 EUR** for the first (1.), second (2.), third

(3.) and fourth (4.) Foreign player on the score-sheet.

**7.5.3.** Foreign players licence fee is **7000 EUR** for the fifth (5.) and sixth (6.) Foreign player on the score-sheet.

## **7.6. Financial Benefits for Clubs**

**7.6.1.** The Organizer will:

- cover, directly or through its partners, TV/ Internet production costs for Tournament games of the Regular Season, Play-Off and Final Four in Estonia in 3 days of each week;
- cover, directly or through its partners all TV/ Internet production costs for Tournament games of the Regular Season and Play-Off games and Final Four in Latvia;
- cover, directly or through its partners, the costs for Tournament brand and Tournament sponsor floor stickers as well as for EST-LAT BL Media backdrops, for all Tournament games of the Regular Season, Play-Off and Final Four;
- cover all Officiating fees, national and international transportation expenses, accommodation and lodging expenses for the Referees, the Commissioner and the Referee Observers, for all Tournament games of the Regular Season, Play-Off and Final Four. The Organizer will dedicate the necessary staff and hire external service providers required to administer the related process.

## **7.7. Other expenses**

**7.7.1.** Each hosting Club shall cover all game organisation expenses, unless otherwise provided in the Tournament Regulations.

**7.7.2.** The visiting Club will cover its own accommodation, entry visas, National/International travel and local travel expenses in the City of the venue. Two Clubs may agree to deviate from the provisions of this Article for their respective home games. In such case, the Clubs need to inform the Organizer about the terms of their agreement.

## **7.9. Protests**

**7.9.1.** Any protest or claim shall be accompanied by a deposit of **700.- EUR** by bank transfer to the account of Company. In case of the satisfaction of protest, deposit will be returned to the mentioned Club. Claim to the Technical Commission **100.- EUR** and to the Appeal **Commission 700.- EUR**.

## **8. GAME ORGANIZATION**

### **8.1 Game venue and equipment**

- 8.1.1. The basketball hall of the game must be registered with the Organizer. The Organizer will use its best efforts to visit every Venue before the start of the Tournament.
- 8.1.2. Along with registering the hall of the game, each team must register a reserve gym where the games can be played when the main game Venue is unavailable due to technical reasons.
- 8.1.3. If the game is to take place in the reserve basketball hall, the hosting Club must send this information immediately by email to the visiting Club, after having received the approval by the Organizer, as well as to the NFs of all parties involved and the three (3) Referees.
- 8.1.4. The Clubs have the right to use a basketball hall which meets the requirements of the FIBA Official Basketball Rules (including the rules on Basketball Equipment) and the Tournament Regulations.
- 8.1.5. The Venue must have a minimum seating capacity of 500 (unless otherwise decided by the Organizer in exceptional circumstances).
- 8.1.6. Game halls are approved by the Head Referees.

### **8.2. Game Court**

- 8.2.1. The size of the game court must be twenty-eight (28) meters long and fifteen (15) meters wide (Official Basketball Rules).
- 8.2.2. Any obstacles, including the team bench, must be at least two (2) meters from the game court (Official Basketball Rules).
- 8.2.3. Game court flooring must be made of wood with boundary lines being five (5) centimetres wide.
- 8.2.4. Lighting of the playing area must have a minimum intensity of 1500 lux evenly distributed across the entire playing area.  
**Violation - a fine of 500 EUR.**
- 8.2.5. Height of the ceiling or the distance towards the closest object upwards from the playing area must not be less than seven (7) meters.

- 8.2.6. Air temperature in the game venue during the game must be between sixteen (16) – twenty-eight (28) degrees Celsius.

**Violation - a fine of 300 EUR.**

### **8.3. Equipment**

- 8.3.1. Hosting Club must ensure that all technical equipment conforms to the applicable rules of Tournament, is available at the venue in good working order and complies with the Official Basketball Rules.

- 8.3.2. Game Venue and technical equipment must be in the same condition as it was at the time of approval. If any changes are made in the equipment, the Club must inform the Organizer at least three (3) days before the next home game.

**Violation - home Club loses the game by forfeit twenty to zero (0:20) without any rights to continue the game.**

- 8.3.3. Backstop units must comply with FIBA Official Basketball Rules, issued in year 2014.

- 8.3.4. Hosting Club must ensure that at least one (1) spare backstop unit, fully equipped and operational, is available at the venue before and during the Tournament games.

- 8.3.5. In case of a technical problem regarding the backstop units, the hosting Club is responsible for replacing the damaged unit within thirty (30) minutes. If this requirement is not met, the **home Club is issued with a technical loss twenty to zero (0:20).**

- 8.3.6. Starting from season 2022./2023., all Tournament participant's game venues must be equipped with backstop units that comply with FIBA Official Basketball Rules with regards to FIBA Level 1 competitions.

- 8.3.7. The games are played with size seven (7) balls matching the Official Basketball Rules guidelines. Games in Latvia are played with “MOLTEN” branded balls. Games in Estonia are played with “Spalding” branded balls. This may change depending on the dialogue with the mentioned suppliers.

- 8.3.8. During the warm-ups, at least four (4) balls must be provided for the opposing team. The ball model must match the one of game ball.

**Violation - a fine of 500 EUR.**

- 8.3.9. Scorers table must be at least six (6) meters wide and no less than eighty (80) centimetres high with a placement next to the mid-point of the side-line. On both sides of the table, no less than two chairs are placed for substituting players.
- 8.3.10. Hosting Club shall ensure that the table officials are qualified and licensed by the respective National Federation. Table officials must be provided with computer, printer and Internet connection by the Club.
- 8.3.11. Table officials must be dressed in a uniform provided by the Organizer.  
**Failure to wear the uniform - a fine to the Organizing Club of 500 EUR.**
- 8.3.12. Game venue must be equipped with a scoreboard that shows downplaying game time with a loud signal (measuring from one (1) meter – one hundred twenty (120) decibels) signalling the end of each period.  
**Violation - a fine of 400 EUR.**
- 8.3.13. The scoreboard must feature information regarding team names, team points, team fouls, period number and the requested time outs, as a minimum. Player surnames and Player points scored are recommended.  
**If the scoreboard doesn't match the requirements listed above - a fine of 400 EUR. If the scoreboard doesn't work till the start of the game or scoreboard doesn't exist - a fine of 400 EUR.**  
**For the disturbance in scoreboard during the game - a fine of 150 EUR.**  
**In case of repeated violation the amount of fine is doubled.**
- 8.3.14. Game clock must match the requirements of the Official Basketball Rules. In case the main scoreboard is located in the center of the playing area, it must be duplicated with two synchronous game clocks at the end of each part of the playing area. These game clocks must be located above the basket unit and clearly seen by team members and spectators.  
**If game clock doesn't work till the start of the game or it doesn't exist - a fine of 400 EUR.**  
**For the disturbance in game clock during the game - a fine of 150 EUR.**
- 8.3.15. The 24-second device must be capable of turning on for twenty four (24) or fourteen (14) seconds, stop and display the remaining seconds in the

display, continue the time report from the stop point and, if necessary, not show anything (Official Basketball Rule annex "Basketball Equipment").

- 8.3.16. The shot clock device along with the back-up game clock and the red-light signal must be attached to each backboard no less than thirty (30) cm above the shield and behind it; or attached to the ceiling (Annex to the Official Basketball Rules "Basketball Equipment").

If shot clock doesn't work till the start of the game or it doesn't exist - a fine of **400 EUR**.

For the disturbance in shot clock during the game - a fine of **150 EUR**.

- 8.3.17. The electric light signal on the display of the shot clock device must be in bright red colour and synchronized with the game clock in a way that it will light up when the signal of the end of the period sounds.

Violation - a fine of **150 EUR** for each game.

- 8.3.18. Hosting Club is required to provide separate locker rooms for the visiting team, visiting team Coaches and the referees. All locker rooms must be equipped with shower rooms with hot water, seats and hangers.

- 8.3.19. Hosting Club is required to provide water for the opposing team in an amount of twenty seven (27) litres (18 pieces of 1,5l bottles or 54 pieces of 0,5l bottles).

Violation - a fine of **300 EUR**.

- 8.3.20. Media members are to be seated in a separate area with tables, chairs and electricity outputs provided (minimum five (5) seats required).

Violation - a fine of **350 EUR**.

- 8.3.21. Starting from the Qualification games, hosting Club must reserve a room for press conference to be held in.

- 8.3.22. Hosting Club is required to provide practice time for visiting club at game arena on the morning of the game day (one (1) hour) upon request.

#### **8.4. Game Start Times**

- 8.4.1. Game tip-off time during weekdays: between 17:30 - 20:30 local time.  
Weekends: between 14:00 - 20:30 local time.

- 8.4.2. The tip-off time for individual games can be determined by the Organizers based on TV/Internet broadcaster(s) requirements.
- 8.4.3. Hosting Club is responsible for the game to start on time, according to the official game schedule which is issued by the Organizer.  
**Violation - a fine of 700 EUR.**  
**Repeated violation during the season - a fine of 1000 EUR.**
- 8.4.4. The game schedule draft will be made available for Clubs no later than twenty-five (25) days before the first game listed in the project.
- 8.4.5. The regular season and playoff schedule can be made taking into consideration International Tournaments the Club participation in those, Venue availability and contract terms with TV/Internet provider.

## **8.5. Players**

- 8.5.1. The playing uniforms must conform to the Official Basketball Rules and must bear the Tournament logo in the front and the country's flag and surname in the back as per Organizer's instructions. The teams agree directly in what colour uniforms the match is going to be played in.  
**Violation - a fine of 100 EUR for each game.**
- 8.5.2. Undergarments permitted under the Official Basketball Rules can be white, black or of the dominant uniform colour, but in any event of the same colour for all the players of the team during the entire game.  
**Violation - a fine of 50 EUR for each Player.**
- 8.5.3. When introduced at the start of the game all players of the same Club must be uniformly dresses (all with track suits, all without track suits, etc.).  
**Violation - a fine of 100 EUR for each Player.**
- 8.5.4. Players may only wear the uniform of the Club.
- 8.5.5. Random or scheduled assignments for doping control can be issued by the respective governmental doping control agency or the respective NF. In this case, Clubs must comply with the regulations regarding doping controls.

## 8.6. Coaches, Staff Members

- 8.6.1. Coaches and assistant Coaches must be formally dressed during games. Wearing a suit is mandatory (recommended - dark), preferably a tie, no denim clothing allowed and formal footwear is mandatory.  
**Violation - warning or a fine of 150 EUR for each Coach and each game.**
- 8.6.2. No later than thirty (30) minutes before the tip-off, coaches must hand-in the team roster for the upcoming game. No less than ten (10) minutes before the tip-off the Coaches must submit the starting-fives.
- 8.6.3. During the game, only one of the Coaches is allowed to stand on his feet. Official Basketball Rules apply to all of the staff throughout the game.
- 8.6.4. In order to be licensed in the Tournament, the head Coach must present his coaching education documents (FIBA certificate or a binding certificate obtained in either Latvia or Estonia).
- 8.6.5. Each Club is responsible to provide nationally registered doctor/medical personnel (physiotherapist profession) at the game. The medical certificate from each Club must be to the Organizer on the same day when submitting the team roster.
- 8.6.6. In case of serious accidents where the Club's certified medical staff cannot help, hosting Club is obliged to call medical emergency services and ensure their access to the venue.  
**Violation - a fine of 1400 EUR.**
- 8.6.7. The Organizer does not take responsibility for accidents or injuries during the games.
- 8.6.8. Hosting Club provides at least two (2) people to clean the flooring of the playing area with the necessary equipment. During the game, staff should be located at least two (2) meters from the playing area without covering the view of broadcast cameras and referees. The staff must wear matching uniforms.  
**Violation - a fine of 50 EUR.**  
**Further infractions during the same season: the fine shall be doubled each time.**
- 8.6.9. Music one (1) hour before the game and during game breaks is



mandatory. Playback is only allowed when the ball is inactive.

**Repeated violation during the game - a fine of 400 EUR.**

- 8.6.10. Game hosting through a microphone is mandatory. Introducing both team rosters, referee crew and commissioner is a part of the pregame introduction segment. The host cannot use the microphone to distract the players during the game (e.g. free throw attempts).

**First infraction: a fine of 200 EUR.**

**Further infractions during the same season: the fine shall be doubled each time.**

- 8.6.11. Hosting Club is responsible for providing entertainment during the games (e.g. cheerleaders, fan contest, etc.). Team mascots are recommended.

**Violation - a fine of 150 EUR**

## **8.7. Game Filming**

- 8.7.1. Video provider is required to record the game from team introductions till the end of the game. If a conflict escalates after the final buzzer sounds, the taping must continue till the conflict is solved.

- 8.7.2. Video provider has an obligation to upload the game video until midnight of the same day.

- 8.7.3. Hosting Club or the video provider has an obligation to upload the game video after the game, if the visiting team has given them a USB stick.

- 8.7.4. Both competing teams have the right to film the game. The hosts must provide the guests with a vantage point to do so.

**Violation - a fine of 400 EUR.**

- 8.7.5. The video must be uploaded to the server provided by the Organizer in the respective team folder. The video cannot be split up in to more than two (2) files and must be formatted as an .mp4 file.

**Failure to meet the requirements regarding video settings: a warning or a fine of 100 EUR.**

## **8.8. Security**

- 8.8.1. The hosting Club is responsible for the safety of Players, referees, commissioner, League's representatives, table officials, Coaches and

accompanying persons, as well as the provision of public order games 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 hosts ensure the presence of a qualified security guard team.

8.8.2. The home Club 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.

8.8.3. Objects that must be protected/secured include playing area, referees, dressing rooms for referees, spectator seats and the members of public listed in clause 8.4.27. of EST-LAT league regulations.

**Violation - a fine of 700 EUR and prevention works of a violation.**

8.8.4. It is prohibited to use banners, flags and posters with wooden or any other hard material elements, throw objects on the court, offend or threaten members of public listed in clause 8.4.27 of EST-LAT league regulations.

**Violation - a fine of 400 EUR and prevention works of a violation.**

8.8.5. Security guards can approach the game area closer than two (2) meters or go to the playing area only after the invitation of the referees. In case when spectators, Players, Coaches or accompanying persons go to the playing area with a clear intention to perform violent acts, the security guard immediately intervenes to protect the team members and spectators.

8.8.6. Failure to comply with the rules of security can result in the following penalties issued by the Organizers:

- **playing the next game(s) without spectators;**
- **playing the next game on a neutral court or in the opponent's court;**
- **The Organizer ensure personal security guards for officials, and the expenses are covered by the offending Club.**

## **8.9. Ticket sales**

8.9.1. It is recommended that all spectators in the game hall sit no closer than five (5) meters from the playing area.

8.9.2. If the ticket sales are done online, the hosting Club must provide to opportunity for tickets to be publicly available forty five (48) hours before the tip-off. If ticket sales are done in the venue, they have to be available

for purchase no less than one (1) hours before the scheduled tip-off.

**Violation - a fine of 600 EUR for each game.**

8.9.3. Hosting Club must ensure that at least 2/3 of the total seats are publicly available for purchasing.

**Violation - a fine of 1400 EUR for each game.**

8.9.4. Minimum ticket price for adults must be **1,5 EUR**. For promotional purposes one (1) game per regular season can be free of charge.

## **9. TV AND MARKETING RIGHTS**

### **Regulations for Estonian Clubs**

#### **9.1. TV rights**

- 9.1.1.** Organizer is the exclusive owner of any and all media/ AV video / Data rights to EST-LAT BL (games, interviews etc.).
- 9.1.2.** Organizer owns the exclusive rights to sign contracts with companies which produce television and Internet broadcast
- 9.1.3.** All about the TV and Internet games is regulated by EST-LAT BL TV-manual.

#### **9.2. TV and Internet broadcasting**

- 9.2.1.** TV advertisements seconds are divided between the Organizer and the home team – six (6) minutes for Organizer and four (4) minutes for home team. Home team must send their advertisement clip plan and clips one (1) week before their TV game. Manual for TV advertisement has been added to Annex. No.2.
- 9.2.2.** During the Internet broadcasts the home team has two (2) minutes advertisement time – two times sixty (2x60) seconds. Home team must send their advertisement clip plan and clips one (1) week before their game what is being broadcasted. Manual for Internet broadcast advertisement has been added to Annex. No.2.

#### **9.3. Marketing rights inside and outside of the arena**

- 9.3.1.1.** EST-LAT BL advertisement banners are located on the right side of table officials behind the court lines (during TV games in the sight of the TV-cameras). Organizer will submit the plan of advertisement banners twenty-one (21) days before the start of the season.
- 9.3.1.2.** Home team advertisement banners are located on the left side of table officials behind the court lines (during TV games in the sight of the TV-cameras).
- 9.3.1.3.** In the LED-stands home team must exhibit Tournament sponsors. Organizer will submit the plan of LED playlist and LED clips two (2) weeks before the start of the season.
- 9.3.1.4.** Tournament advertisements will be produced and sent to the Clubs by the Organizer.

- 9.3.1.5.** Tournament advertisements storage, maintenance, exhibition and setting up will be provided by the Clubs.
- 9.3.1.6.** Substitute cubes will be branded by the title sponsor of the Tournament. Cubes will be sent to the Clubs by Organizer.
- 9.3.1.7.** Organizer will inform the Clubs twenty-one (21) days before the start of the season which advertisements must be around the court.
- 9.3.1.8.** Advertisements on the court:
- Title sponsor logo must be in the center circle of the court
  - Home team advertisements are located in the free-throw line circles
- Eight positions for court stickers (four on one side, four on the other side) can be used by the fifty-fifty (50-50) principle for Organizer and for the home team. In the eight positions there can be four different stickers.
- 9.3.1.9.** In case where home team cannot place Tournament title sponsor logo in the center circle of the court, it has to be in the free-throw line circles.
- 9.3.1.11.9.3.1.10** On the backboard there must be Tournament logo or title sponsor logo and there may be one additional international league logo. Tournament logo or title sponsor logo must be in the right or left bottom corner.
- 9.3.1.12.** The ball stand which is branded by the title sponsor of the Tournament must be on the circle-line of the court before the game until the referee picks the ball up.
- Repeated violation – a fine of **200 EUR**.
- 9.3.1.13.** It is forbidden to cover up the center circle or free-throw line circles depending on the placement of Title sponsor logo during the breaks of the game.
- Violation – a fine of **5000 EUR**.
- 9.3.1.14.** It is forbidden to cover any Organisers advertisement before, during and after the game
- Violation – a fine of **5000 EUR**.
- 9.3.1.15.** In case where team wants to move their home game to another arena, they must cover all costs of advertisement materials made specifically for this game – center circle, backboard stickers.

Violation – a fine of **5000 EUR**.

9.3.1.16. In the arena there cannot be advertisements with the height over 3 (three) metres over the surface of the court, unless it they are not home team or Organizer advertisement or there is no special agreement between the parties.

9.3.1.17. Home team and Organizer has the right to place other advertisements which is based on a special agreement between interested parties.

9.3.1.18. Home team and Organizer has the right to claim compensation for the advertisements placed in the arena by third-parties.

- Advertisement on the surface of the court - **320 EUR** for one (1) game;
- Advertisement over three (3) metres over the surface of the court - **160 EUR** for one game.
- Demanded compensations will be divided equally between home team and Organizer

9.3.1.19. The title sponsor of the Tournament has the right to share leaflets and promotional materials at every game. The title sponsor also has the right to send their own people to arena to share promotional material.

9.3.1.20. The title sponsor of the Tournament has the right to place additional advertisements inside and outside of arena (banners, cars, flags etc.)

9.3.1.21. Organizer has the right to draw tickets to the games notifying the home team before doing it.

9.3.1.22. All advertisements materials related to the Tournament must include Tournament logo (print materials, digital advertisements, advertisement banners).

Repeated violation – a fine of **200 EUR**.

9.3.1.23. All the participating teams and the Organizer must use league name and participating team names correctly.

9.3.1.24. The advertisement rights between the Organizer and home club are shared by the principle of solidarity fifty percent (50%) for Organizer and fifty percent (50%) for home team. All the activities inside and outside of the arena are divided equally between the two parties.

9.3.1.25. Tournament sponsors have rights to do promotional activities during the games, if they have an agreement with the home team three (3) days before the game. It can be done with a shorter notice if the Organizer and home team can reach an agreement.

- 9.3.1.26. All concerning advertisement placement and output is regulated by the Tournament advertisement manual.
- 9.3.1.27. Clubs have the right to promote their home games in Delfi by sending advertisement four (4) days before the game.
- 9.3.1.28. All additional actions and special cases that are not reflected in the manual must be approved by the Organizer.
- 9.3.1.29. Pause between First (1) and Second (2) quarter and between Third (3) and Fourth (4) quarter will be extended to three (3) minutes. This time must be used by the Home team for organising promotional activities, spectator games or other show elements
- 9.3.1.30. Half-time pause will be Fifteen (15) minutes. First Eight (8) minutes the game court can be used by the Home team for organising promotional activities, spectator games or other show elements. Rest of the Seven (7) minutes the Game-court must be available for teams for warm-up.

## **TV and Marketing Rights - Regulations for Latvian Clubs**

### **9.4. TV**

- 9.4.1. The League is the exclusive owner of any and all media rights (games, interviews etc.).
- 9.4.2. The Club must ensure the availability of the team representatives both - during the game and after the game for interview to the Leagues co-operation partner that provides the game broadcasts.
- 9.4.3. The Club must provide everything necessary for the game venue to be suitable for TV and online broadcasting, including a minimum Internet upload speed of five (5) Mbit / sec.
- 9.4.4. A Club with its own activities must not delay filming or obscure the camera, recording the time-out or any other situation during the game.  
**Violation to comply any point of clause 9.1. of EST-LAT league regulations- a fine of 1000 EUR.**

### **9.5. Marketing**

#### **General terms:**

- 9.5.1. Within its legal boundaries, League and Clubs carry out promotional activities on the basis of contracts with advertisers and sponsors.

9.5.2. Before the season Clubs make agreement with Organizer on the location of labels, signs, flags, billboards and other advertising materials.

9.5.3. League and Clubs offer sponsors the following advertising options during the games:

- Advertisement on the backboard construction;
- Billboards located around the game court;
- Stickers on the game court;
- Written signs on game uniforms;
- Advertising flags, signboards and other forms of advertising at indoor sports complexes, including advertising on the scoreboard;
- Advertising on polytrophic works, souvenirs and other articles made by League and Clubs;
- Advertising and promotion events, texts and videos on the scoreboard;

9.5.4. Clubs can use television, video and photo materials for advertising and marketing purposes from other Club/team home games or Club/team events.

9.5.5. Clubs must collaborate to promote the image of the League.

9.5.6. Leagues Sponsors shall have the right to use the Clubs' name and marks in advertising and promotional campaigns and other intellectual property rights as agreed by the League.

## **9.6. Rights of the Organizer:**

9.6.1. Marketing and licensing rights to Leagues logos, symbols, official brand names, signs and trademarks;

9.6.2. The right to use television, video and photographic material that displays separate Leagues games or images of Players, Coaches, cheerleaders or mascots.

9.6.3. The right to place advertising materials - stands, posters, handouts, flags and other promotional materials during the games (the placement must be coordinated with the League):

- six (6) Leagues sponsor billboards (minimum size two and half square metre (2.5m<sup>2</sup>) placed at the side line of the court during each home game.
- four (4) of them must be placed in TV camera zone;
- two (2) of them must be positioned along the side line, one of them,



marked as the main advertising billboard by League, must be located at the central location of the TV camera's zone.

- Sticker with logo of the Leagues General sponsor, covering the jump circle of the court.

9.6.4. If during the game rotating billboards or LED ads are used, League is entitled to display the sponsor's advertisement for fifteen (15) minutes per hour at the maximum size of the stand.

9.6.5. League has the right to provide a visual info graph of the LED billboards that the Club can use in its games during Leagues sponsors' reflection.

9.6.6. League has the right to place four (4) additional square promotional stickers on the floor (size 400x200 cm).

9.6.7. League has the right to make sponsor advertising activities in game venues, in advance to ((at least three (3) working days before the game)) notify the respective Club.

9.6.8. The right to use the approved logo/symbol of the Club.

9.6.9. During the season, Clubs will own and manage the whole advertising materials. All the materials will be produced and sent to the Clubs by League, covering the technical expenses.

**For non or incorrect placement of ads - a fine up to 1000 EUR.**

## **9.7. Club Rights:**

9.7.1. The right to use advertising options for game and warm-up uniforms without covering certain graphic positions:

- On the front: Leagues logo in size seven and five (7x5) cm. Player number which is placed not less than ten (10) cm in height;
- On the back: Latvian or Estonian flag in size six and half and four (6,5x4) cm. Player number which is placed not less than twenty (20) cm in height. PLAYERS SURNAME

9.7.2. The right to place promotional materials (billboards, advertising posters, etc.) in the home game hall and court side line.

9.7.3. In agreement with the League, Clubs have the right to use the logo of the

League and sponsors.

9.7.4. The right to enter into contractual relations with different categories of Club sponsors (general sponsor, official sponsor, technical sponsor, etc.).

9.7.5. The right to conclude individual sponsorship contracts with electronic and printed media.

## 10. MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

### General terms:

- 10.1.1.** Each game organized under the auspices of the League must adhere to the same standards in regard to media operations and services.
- 10.1.2.** All the Clubs prior to the season must provide the Organizers with accurate information about the Club, Players, personnel, playing arena, media contacts. Should any of this information change during the season, the Organizers must be informed immediately.  
**Violation - a fine of 100 EUR.**
- 10.1.3.** When the Organizers considers it necessary, it may request additional information from the Clubs. It is compulsory for the Clubs to respond to these requests in a timely and accurate manner.
- 10.1.4.** All information submitted to the Organizers will be held in strict confidence and will be used for analysis and evaluation purposes and, where applicable, to verify compliance with the Tournament Regulations. The Organizers may summarize the information for purposes of internal analysis and may present summaries, without identifying data and information provided by individual Clubs, to other Tournament Clubs on a confidential basis. The Organizers may not release such information to any third-party, including third-parties that have contracts with the EST-LAT BL.
- 10.2. Obligations for Media Representative**
- 10.2.1.** The Club must have a representative of the team working with the mass media recorded in the team application and is responsible for journalists' accreditation, reception and holding press conferences.
- 10.2.2.** The media must be accredited by the Club representatives for the season and/or individual games in accordance with the rules set by the Club, setting quotas for accredited journalists if necessary.  
**Violation - a fine of 150 EUR.**
- 10.2.3.** 5-6 photos (preferable horizontal format) of the game has to be sent to the Tournament organizer immediately by email for the adding to the

article of the game in Tournament official website. Organizers grants to mention the author of the photo.

**Violation - a fine of 100 EUR.**

10.2.4. Collection of the photos (photo gallery) of the game would be sent to the Tournament Media Communication Director in twenty-four (24) hours after the game for the adding to the Photo Gallery of the Tournament official website (recommended). Organizers grants to mention the author of the Club's name of the photos.

10.2.5. Each team will make available, if requested, at least two (2) Players and (one (1) Coach per season for two (2) public appearance.

**Violation – a fine of 150 EUR.**

### 10.3. **Media Facilities**

**10.3.1.** Media Working Area: a large area where the media can find all the infrastructural elements they need for their job. This area must be outfitted with the following equipment:

- desks and chairs for up to ten (10) ((up to fifteen (15) during the playoff games)) people working at the same time;
- Internet access for media;
- Power Sockets for each media representative

**10.3.2.** The official scoresheet must be available to the media after the end of each game period after their request.

**Violation - a fine of 150 EUR.**

**10.3.3.** Representatives of the media must have at least ten (10) ( ) seats reserved for each game.

**Violation to comply any point of clause 10.3. of EST-LAT league regulations - a fine of 150 EUR**

### 10.4. **Obligations for post-game press conference:**

**10.4.1.** The post-game press conference should take a place in a dedicated room.

**10.4.2.** Press conference should take a place if no less than five (5) journalists

has arrived to the game. It has to begin no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the end of the game.

**Violation - a fine up to 350 EUR.**

**10.4.3.** During the finals - press conferences are mandatory, regardless of how many journalists are arrived.

**Violation - a fine up to 350 EUR.**

**10.4.4.** The presence of each team Coach and one Player at the press conference is obligatory. Press conference is organized by inviting guest team Coaches and Players first, then home team coaches and players.

**If a coach or a player fails to participate in the after game press conference - a fine of 300 EUR.**

**10.4.5.** Press conference must fulfill the following requirements:

- speakers' table ((with a minimum of three (3) chairs));
- English speaking translator;
- chairs for a minimum of ten (10) people;
- a sponsors' logos wall behind Players and Coaches during a press conference. This wall must include logos of Tournament and Tournament sponsors. Logos of Club and Club sponsors are permitted.

10.4.6 If the press conference is not held, team Coach and Players give interviews to accredited media representatives after the end of the game.

## **10.5. Aftergame interviews in the mixed zone area**

10.5.1 All non-broadcasted interviews must be taken in the mixed zone area.

10.5.2 All the Players and Coaches must walk through the mixed zone right after the game is over.

10.5.3 Mixed zone must be located near the media working places.

10.5.4 Home team media representative is responsible of the work in the mixed zone.

10.6. The Tournament Clubs Relations with Mass Media.

**10.6.1.** Each arisen problem has to be solved between the Tournament Clubs and the Tournament administration according to the Tournament

Regulations and FIBA Official Basketball Rules, without any interference of the mass media.

- 10.6.2. Any of the Tournament participants have no rights to express negative personal opinions through the mass media and make public statements on the performance and actions of other Tournament participators, referees, the Tournament organization and its employees.
- 10.7. Press Conferences, organised by Organizers:
  - 10.7.1 To promote the ESTLAT BL and Basketball in general, the League administration can organize pre-season press conference, and pre Final 4 press conference.
  - 10.7.2 Each participating team is obliged to make the Head Coach and one (1) player available for pre-season and pre Final 4 Press Conferences upon Organizers request.

## **11. DISCIPLINARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE FINES**

### **11.1. Antidoping**

The process and management of the doping controls is governed by the FIBA and the world antidoping code and the respective National legislation. Any breach of the code may result in additional sanctions issued by the Management Board.

### **11.2. Use of unlicensed or ineligible player(s):**

First infraction: the game is awarded to the opponents of the offending team. If the offending team lost the actual game by more than twenty (20) points, the result shall stand; if not then the game shall be awarded to the opponents of the offending team by a score of twenty to zero (20:0). In either case, the offending team shall receive zero (0) points in the classification.

Second and/or subsequent infraction: the team shall be disqualified for the remainder of that competition.

### **11.3. Forfeit**

Club team that does not show up for a scheduled game without announcing and without a justified cause will lose the game by forfeit and the score will be 20:0. In addition there shall be a fine of **1500 EUR**.

The team whose actions or inactions during the game result in a forfeit of a game - a fine of **1500 EUR**.

The team that receives a second forfeit during the season shall be disqualified from the Tournament competition. All the game results of the respective team are annulled. In addition there shall be a fine of **20400 or 40800 EUR (Article 7.4.1.)**.

The Boards of National Federations can decide the additional punishments (e.g. starting the next season from the lower league).

### **11.4. Technical deficiencies of the game equipment**

If game Venue is not ready for the game (floor not clean, scoreboard not working, other equipment not in working order) - a warning or a fine to the Club up to **1000 EUR** and/or games to be held in another Venue which must start no later than ninety (90) minutes after originally scheduled tipoff. Referee will make the decision if the game will be played in that Venue. Priority to have is to play the game on scheduled time.

If the hosting team cannot find an applicable gym to move the game in ninety (90) minutes time, then the away team gets awarded with a victory twenty to zero (20:0).

#### **11.5. Disqualifying foul**

In case of a disqualifying foul the Player, Club, referee and commissioner must submit a report with explanation of the incident to the Organizer within twenty four (24) hours, per Organizers request.

Sanctions and penalties shall be applied after the receipt of those reports. In case of a failure of submitting a report, the decision shall be made without it. The decision shall be presented to the Club within three (3) working days.

#### **11.6. Coach disqualifying foul**

In case of a disqualifying foul to Coach the same procedure will apply as disqualifying foul to Player. In addition if Coach is disqualified from a game by receiving second (2) technical fouls the procedure is the same as receiving a disqualifying foul.

#### **11.7. Damaging advertising board**

If a member of the team during the game purposely breaks an advertising board - a fine to the Club of **300 EUR** and the Club is obliged to compensate all the justified costs related to the production and installation of a replacement advertising board.

#### **11.8. Betting**

In case that a member of the team participates directly or indirectly, by himself or through family members or acquaintances in any kind of betting concerning Estonian or Latvian Basketball, his licence shall be suspended. Maximum penalty is suspension of the licence indefinitely. The penalty is issued by the Management Board.

#### **11.9. TV broadcast**

Cancellation of a scheduled TV broadcast by the actions or inactions of the Club or failure to meet the technical requirements necessary for a scheduled TV broadcast - a fine to the Club responsible is **4000 EUR**.

#### **11.10. Disturbing the Camera man**

Interfering the camera man during the timeouts fine of **1000 EUR**



#### 11.11. **Online statistics**

Failure to provide data for live scores and statistics to league's official website: a fine to the organizing Club up to **500 EUR**.

#### 11.12. **Infraction by team member**

Players, Coaches, assistant Coaches and team followers with special responsibilities (e.g. manager, doctor, physiotherapist, statistician, interpreter, team mascots, etc., as defined in the Official Basketball Rules.) or any accredited members of the delegation.

If a Player or one of the persons listed above, commits an infraction for which he could be subject to disciplinary penalties, the commissioner and/or one/or all of the referees shall send a written report to the Organizer as soon as possible.

#### 11.13. **Acts of Violence by team member**

Towards the referees, commissioner, table officials, opponents or spectators during game: a fine up to **10000 EUR** to the Club and/or disqualification of involved team member for a maximum of six (6) consecutive games ((the game is one (1) hour before the tip-off and one (1) hour after the game time is finished)).

- In the case of a second recurrence of an act of violence in the same season: a fine up to **20000 EUR** and/or suspension for up to twelve (12) consecutive games or suspension from the current and future competitions indefinitely.
- In extraordinary cases, Technical Commission can rule on any penalty which is not stated in the regulations

##### **11.13.1. Spectators behaviour**

The Club is responsible for publicly expressed verbal attacks and / or their own home games offensive poster representing EST-LAT BL members' accusations of religious and / or race and / or gender identity and / or violating human dignity. The violations are recorded by the game commissioner, between the quarters informing the security guard

**If the violations are not avoided after the first warning - a fine of 1500 EUR.**

#### 11.14. **Late arrival**

If a team enters the playing court fifteen (15) to thirty (30) minutes late (except Under circumstances beyond its control): the Club shall be fined **500 EUR and game starts**

**immediately.**

If a team enters the playing court more than thirty (30) minutes late (except Under circumstances beyond its control): the Club shall be fined **1000 EUR** and loses the games by forfeit twenty to zero (0:20).

If a team is late for the second time, the team will be disqualified from Tournament and all the results of respective team is annulled.

This sanction shall not be opposed if this is caused by *force majeure*. Club representative must immediately inform the Organizer and the opponent. Club must as soon as possible but no later than twenty-four (24) hours present the Organizer with detailed explanation letter of the conditions with proof.

**11.15. Media**

If a team member makes derogatory remarks in media which may harm the League or the respective national federations, a warning will be imposed to the concerned Club and a fine **500 EUR**.

The Technical Commission can decide if Player's or Coach's licence shall be suspended for a certain amount of time period.

**11.16. Name change**

If a Club changes the team name during the season - a fine **300 EUR**.

**11.17. Other infringements**

Any other infractions of these Tournament Regulations may result in a fine up to **10000 EUR**. The amount of the fine to be determined by the Management Board.

## **12. TECHNICAL COMMISSION AND APPEAL COMMISSION**

### **12.1. Technical Commission**

12.1.1. The Tournament Technical Commission is the body for reviewing violations of Tournament Regulations, Official Basketball Rules, Fair Play, on the basis of Club protests and / or submissions by the head referee and / or commissioner and / or table officials and / or the Secretary- General of each NF. This is the first instance in which Clubs can challenge the penalties issued to them.

12.1.2. The Technical Commission may rule on a case if a Club submits an act of violation and a video attachment to Organizer within seventy-two (72) hours after the game.

12.1.3. The Technical Commission, in cases of intentional violations of the rules, may decide on an additional penalty to the Player, regardless of whether the referee has already punished the team / Player/ team member with any penalty during the game or regardless of any club protests and submissions by any of the clubs and stakeholders.

12.1.4. The Technical Commission consists of four (4) members. Kristaps Janičenoks (Est-Lat BL Director in Latvia), Henri Ausmaa (EST-LAT BL Director in Estonia), Agnis Perkons (Head of Referees in Latvia), Riho Kangur (Lawyer).

12.1.5. The Technical Commission is convened by either one of the League Directors.

12.1.6. The Technical Commission is able to make a decision if at least four (4) commission members participate in the hearing of a case.

12.1.7. In the case when the subject matter of the situation examined by Technical Commission may result in fines exceeding 3000 EUR, representatives of the involved Clubs shall be invited to the meeting of the Technical Commission.

12.1.8. The Technical Commission makes decisions based on consensus.

## 12.2. **The Appeal Commission**

12.2.1. The Appeal Commission is reviewing appeals against the decisions of the Technical Commission.

12.2.2. The composition of the Appeal Commission is approved by Management Board.

12.2.3. The Appeal Commission is composed of four (4) members. In case of an appeal, the Organiser will delegate four (4) independent lawyers, who will represent the appeals commission in any case necessary.

12.2.4. The Appeal Commission makes its decisions by a simple vote majority. A member of the Commission may also vote in favour of expressing his or her opinion in writing by sending an opinion or a decision electronically or by fax to the Chairman of the Commission.

12.2.5. Technical Commission is authorized to make decisions about imposing sanctions for any violations of Tournament Regulations that are not specified in Club protests and / or submissions by the head referee and / or commissioner and are identified after its release, including by viewing photos and/or videos of the games, obtaining information from the media, social networks and studying other evidence of Tournament Regulations' violation. Technical Commission can and are legally authorized to instigate a fine which is not regulated in all Tournament Regulations.

## **Data Protection Law**

### **Processing of personal data**

1. By submitting the team application to EST-LAT BL, the team representative is responsible for the accuracy and legality of the submitted data, incl. the receipt of consent for the publication of personal data of Players on the website of the Latvian Basketball Association, website of the Estonian Basketball Association and on the website of EST-LAT BL.
2. To ensure the principles of fair play, Latvian Basketball Association and Estonian Basketball Association carries out processing of personal data for licensed Players and team representatives.
3. The processing of personal data is carried out in the following scope: full name, date of birth, nationality, height, weight, photo, jersey number, position, full name of the Player's agent and agent's FIBA license number.
4. The processing of personal data is performed to determine the athlete's belonging to the team and the group, depicting the results of the athlete in relation to the results of other athletes, in accordance with the Tournament Regulations.
5. Based on the principles of sport ethics and fair play, any manipulation of the result is prohibited and the results of the sport (including the performance of the Players) must be published without defect to defend the public interest.
6. Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the Latvian Basketball Association and Estonian Basketball Association can take photographs and / or filming of events for displaying a sports event on a website and social networks, and publishing performance and statistics.

**LATVIAN-ESTONIAN BASKETBALL LEAGUE**  
Latvian - Estonian Club Competitions 2020/2021

**DATA PROTECTION FORM**

According to the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Latvian Basketball Association (LBA)/Estonian Basketball Association (EBA) is required to seek your prior written consent before collecting, storing and processing any of your personal data on LBA/EBA computer system or on LBA/EBA web-page. Collecting, storing and processing of certain personal data is essential for registering you for the competition. Therefore, please consider signing the declaration below in order to allow LBA/EBA to complete the registration process. Please have the signed original returned to the office of Latvian Basketball Association (Ieriku street 3, Riga, LV - 1084) or Estonian Basketball Association (Paldiski mnt 104b, 13522, Tallinn, ESTONIA)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ ),  
(Player's name in capital letters) (Date of Birth)

hereby consent that certain of my personal data is:

- collected, processed and stored by LBA/EBA or an entity working on behalf of LBA/EBA for the purposes of the registration process for LBA/EBA competitions and
- published on LBA/EBA web page for statistical purposes.

LBA/EBA shall not use my personal data for any other purpose and shall not provide my personal data to any third party except with my prior written consent or unless stated in LBA/EBA Privacy policy and required by statute or law.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date and Place

\_\_\_\_\_  
Player's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date and Place

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's/Guardian's signature  
(If Player is minor)

(Please photocopy this form if necessary)

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE OFFICE OF LATVIAN  
BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION OR ESTONIAN BASKETBALL  
ASSOCIATION**

**Player's Declaration of fair and responsible play in the matches organized by  
the Estonian-Latvian Basketball League (EST-LAT BL)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
ID-code \_\_\_\_\_  
represented Club \_\_\_\_\_  
E - mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mob.phone \_\_\_\_\_

I undertake to comply fully with the principles of fair play and FIBA Code of Ethics.  
I undertake to refrain from direct or indirect participation in gambling, totalizators  
and other pursuits related to the matches organized by the Latvian Basketball  
Association (LBA)/Estonian Basketball Association (EBA) and/or other tournaments  
that involve my team.

I undertake not to disclose any information about health conditions of any of my  
teammates or other team Players or any other matters up to my knowledge that may  
directly or indirectly affect the basketball game and its result.

In case I break the rules of this declaration, I realize that the EST-LAT BL Technical  
Commission has the right to impose fine on me. I am aware that I may be fined with  
the prohibition to continue playing in EST-LAT BL and/or national championships of  
the LBA and EBA, as well as I may receive a ban on playing in the Latvian and Estonian  
national basketball teams.

In case of violation, I undertake to attend the EST-LAT BL Technical Commission at a  
certain place and time and I undertake to take the necessary steps to uncover the  
truth.

In case of violation, I undertake not to disclose any kind of public information or  
announcements to the mass media representatives without prior consent from the  
EST-LAT BL Management Board.



By signing below, I certify that I have read this declaration and I will follow these rules.

With my signature I agree with procession of my personal data indicated hereby by the EST-LAT BL needs (including email address and telephone number).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ /full name in capital letters/

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

***In case of juvenile athletes:*** I hereby certify that I as an athlete's parent/guardian agree with provisions of this declaration.

Parent's/guardian's signature \_\_\_\_\_ / full name in block letters /

Relationship to the Player \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

## **UNIFORMS**

**1.** According to the FIBA “Official Basketball Rules”, the uniform of the team members shall consist of:

1.1. Shirts of the same dominant colour front and back as the shorts. Long sleeved shirts are not permitted. All Players must tuck their shirts into their playing shorts.

1.2. Shorts of the same dominant colour front and back as the shirt. The shorts must end above the knee.

1.3. Socks of the same dominant colour for all Players of the team. Socks need to be visible.

1.4. Each team member shall wear a shirt numbered on the front and back with plain numbers, of a colour contrasting with the colour of the shirt. The numbers shall be clearly visible and:

- those on the back shall be at least 20 cm high;
- those on the front shall be at least 10 cm high;
- the numbers shall be at least 2 cm wide,
- teams shall use numbers 0 and 00 and from 1 to 99;
- Players on the same team shall not wear the same number;
- any advertising or logo shall be at least 5 cm away from the numbers.

1.5. Teams must have a minimum of 2 sets of shirts and:

- the first team named in the schedule (home team) shall wear light-coloured shirts;
- the second team named in the schedule (visiting team) shall wear dark-coloured shirts;
- however, if the 2 teams agree, they may interchange the colours of the shirts.

## **2. Other equipment:**

2.1. All equipment used by Players must be appropriate for the game. Any equipment that is designed to increase a Player's height or reach or in any other way give an unfair advantage is not permitted.

2.2. Players shall not wear equipment (objects) that may cause injury to other Players. The following are not permitted:

- finger, hand, wrist, elbow or forearm guards, casts or braces made of leather, plastic, pliable (soft) plastic, metal or any other hard substance, even if covered with soft padding;
- objects that could cut or cause abrasions (fingernails must be closely cut);
- hair accessories and jewellery.

**The following are permitted:**

- shoulder, upper arm, thigh or lower leg protective equipment if the material is sufficiently padded;
- arm compression sleeves of the same dominant colour as the shirts, or black, or white, but all Players on the team must wear the same colour;
- leg compression sleeves of the same dominant colour as the shorts, or black, or white, but all Players on the team must wear the same colour;
- headgear of the same dominant colour as the shirts, or black, or white, but all Players on the team must wear the same colour. The headgear shall not cover any part of the face entirely or partially (eyes, nose, lips etc.) and shall not be dangerous to the Player wearing it and/or to other Players. The headgear shall not have opening/closing elements around the face and/or neck and shall not have any parts extruding from its surface;
- knee braces if they are properly covered;
- protector for an injured nose, even if made of a hard material;
- non-coloured transparent mouth guard;
- spectacles, if they do not pose a danger to other Players;
- wristbands, maximum of 10 cm wide textile material of the same dominant colour as the shirts, or black, or white, but all Players on the team must wear the same colour.

**3. Game uniform shirt must consist of:**

1. On the front: Tournament logo in the size of 7x5 cm. Player's number at height no less than 10 cm.
2. On the back: the country's flag in the size of 6,5x4 cm. Player's surname below the country's flag. Player's number at height no less than 20 cm.

**Procedure for doping control in competitions organised by Estonian-Latvian  
Basketball League**

1. Doping Controller is FIBA or other person authorised by Anti Doping Committee, who informs the Game Commissioner about the fact of the doping control.
2. The Doping Controller and the Game Commissioner goes to the teams and inform about the fact of the control, introducing everyone with the control procedure.
3. The home team ensures Controller with a room for doping control procedure.
4. Before the game, Commissioner gives the Controller technical game application for both teams.
5. On the half-time break, Doping Controller, Game Commissioner and representatives of both teams makes a draw in the room for doping control, where a representative of each team blindly selects the Player of his own team.
6. The Doping Controller, in the presence of a Commissioner and both team doctors, opens the envelopes five (5) minutes before the end of the game at the Player's bench area. The selected Players numbers are written down on the upper part of the doping control questionnaire.
7. In unforeseen cases, derogations from point 1.-6. are allowed, if they are agreed with the Game Commissioner and do not affect the results of doping control.
8. Doping Controller also has the rights to do doping control for other Players.
9. Team doctors take selected Players from their team and go to the doping control area.
10. Doping control procedure is performed according to FIBA "Anti- Doping Rules" and Regulation No. 820 "Procedure for doping control" by Cabinet of Ministers on 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2011.
11. The decision of infringement of anti-doping rules is taken by the Latvian Basketball Association Board in accordance with the FIBA "Anti-Doping Rules" and based on documents provided by FIBA or Anti Doping Committee of Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia, or evidence obtained from Latvian Basketball Association.