REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE

EUROCUP WOMEN

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I. ADMINISTRATION

1. COMPETITION

1.1 The **EuroCup Women (ECW)** is a European Club Competition for women's clubs, legally and formally organised, governed and administered by FIBA Europe.

2. TROPHY

2.1 FIBA Europe will present a trophy to the winner of the EuroCup Women (ECW).

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 FIBA Europe and the clubs participating in the EuroCup Women (ECW) may contact each other directly, provided that the national federations concerned are informed at the same time.

3.2 For administrative purposes, all correspondence regarding the EuroCup Women (ECW) shall be in **English**.

4. WORKSHOP FOR STATISTICIANS

4.1 The workshop for the clubs' statisticians will be held before the start of the season. The exact date and place will be communicated in due time.

4.2 Each club **may** have a representative responsible for statistics at this meeting.

II. RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2013/2014 SEASON

5. NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

5.1 Any national federation which is a member of FIBA Europe is entitled, in accordance with the provisions set out below and according to the regulations valid for the respective national competitions, to enter a certain number of its clubs in the **EuroCup Women (ECW).**

5.2 One national federation may not have more than **five (5) clubs** in the EuroCup Women (ECW).

Note 1: If more than thirty-two (32) clubs register, then an Elimination Round will be played to reduce the number of clubs to thirty-two (32). In this case there will be eight (8) groups of four (4) clubs.

Note 2: If less than thirty-two (32) clubs register, then an Elimination Round will be played to reduce the number of clubs to twenty-four (24). In this case there will be six (6) groups of four (4) clubs.

6. CLUBS

6.1 Any club which is registered through the national federation is entitled to participate in the EuroCup Women (ECW) provided that the following requirements are guaranteed:

a) The Financial guarantee (deposit) of 20,000 EUR will be transferred by the given deadline in accordance to Article 8 of these Regulations.

b) The registration fee of 500 EUR will be transferred by the given deadline in accordance to Article 8 of these Regulations.

c) The playing hall and all basketball facilities are according to the Official Basketball Rules and FIBA Europe Regulations, in particular clear of all non-basketball lines.

d) The playing hall has to have a seating capacity of a minimum of **800** seats.

e) The club hotel has to be top international standard category.

f) Quality meals in sufficient quantities must be prepared and guaranteed for the visiting club and FIBA Europe Officials.

7. EVALUATION OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATIONS FOR THE 2013/2014 SEASON

7.1 The results are evaluated as follows:

CUP	ROUND	PLACE	POINTS		
ECW	ER		2	QR	Qualifying Round
	QR	4 3	4 6	R1	Round 1 Clubs eliminated in home and away games If 32 clubs (8 groups of 4) If 24 clubs (6 groups of 4)
	EF		10	R2/EF	Eighth-Finals 8 Clubs eliminated in home and away games
	QF		15	R3/QF	Quarter-Finals 4 Clubs eliminated in home and away games
	SF		20	R4/SF	Semi-Finals 2 Clubs eliminated in home and away games
	Finals	2 1	30 40	R5/F	Finals home and away games

7.2 Each club will only receive the maximum number of points obtained during the season in question as per above.

7.3 Each national federation will accumulate the number of points for all its women's clubs for the season in question.

7.4 The final ranking will always be based on the results of the last **three (3)** European Club Competition seasons.

8. REGISTRATION OF CLUBS

8.1 Registration Fee

8.1.1 The participation fee for the **EuroCup Women (ECW)** is as follows:

- EUR 500 Registration fee
- EUR 100 Single insurance premium

8.1.2 The registration fee and the single insurance premium will **not be reimbursed** to the club, if the club withdraws or forfeits after having registered. In such a case the FIBA Europe Regulations for Club Competitions, Articles 59 to 62 will be applied in full.

8.2 Financial guarantee (deposit)

- EUR 20,000 Financial guarantee (deposit)

8.2.1 The club **must** submit an irrevocable bank transfer confirmation of EUR 20,000 as a financial guarantee (deposit) to ensure the proper organisation of the competition.

8.2.2 This amount **will be reimbursed** to the club after the completion of the competition:

- **Totally,** if the club has fulfilled its obligations according to the FIBA Europe Regulations,
- **Partially**, if the club has not fulfilled its obligations according to the FIBA Europe Regulations. The portion of the amount retained will be determined by FIBA Europe according to the actual "damage" caused.
- **Partially**, if the club has any outstanding debts with FIBA Europe.
- **No reimbursement**, if the club withdraws or forfeits after having registered. In such a case the FIBA Europe Regulations for Club Competitions, Articles 59, 60 and 62 will be applied in full.

8.2 Terms of Payments

8.2.1 Payment for participation shall be made by **Monday, 24th June 2013** at the latest.

- A good copy of bank transfer (Financial guarantee EUR 20,000, Registration fee EUR 500 and EUR 100 single insurance premium) and identification details in English **must** accompany the registration form.
- The amount **must** be credited to FIBA Europe's bank account:

UniCredit Bank AG Munich

Account-number:	658 505 238
Bank code:	700 202 70
IBAN:	DE 79 7002 0270 0658 5052 38
Swift address:	HY VE DE MM

8.2.2 Registrations for the EuroCup Women (ECW) will not be accepted unless accompanied by all documents foreseen in Art. 11.1 to 11.4 of the Regulations for European Club Competitions duly completed and signed.

III. CALENDAR

9. GENERAL CALENDAR EUROCUP WOMEN (ECW)

FIBA Europe date: **Thursday** FIBA Europe time: **20:30**

ECW			
2013	July	5	DRAW
	OCT	10	QR
		17	QR
	NOV	7	R1 - 1
		14	R1 - 2
		21	R1 - 3
		28	R1 - 4
	DEC	5	R1 - 5
		12	R1 - 6
2014	JAN	16	R2/EF
		23	R2/EF
	FEB	6	R3/QF
		13	R3/QF
		27	R4/SF
	MAR	6	R4/SF
		20	FINAL I
		27	FINAL II

QR Qualifying Round
R1 Round 1
R2/EF Eighth-Finals
R3/QF Quarter-Finals
R4/SF Semi-Finals

10. DRAW

10.2 All clubs taking part in the EuroCup Women (ECW) **must** have a representative present at the Draw on **Friday, 5th July 2013** in Munich, Federal Republic of Germany.

IMPORTANT: At the Draw the following will be decided:

1. Date of the game
2. Time of the game

IV. SYSTEM OF COMPETITION

11. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

11.1 The system of competition for the **EuroCup Women (ECW)** is determined by the decision of FIBA Europe based on the proposal of the Competitions' Commission.

11.2 The EuroCup Women (ECW) will be officiated by three (3) Referees.

11.3 In principle, the games of the EuroCup Women (ECW) are played on **Thursday** (FIBA Europe date).

11.4 The exact dates of the games for the **Qualification Round** will be established at the respective draw.

Note: No date changes will be accepted 20 days or less before a game is scheduled.

The system of competition for the EuroCup Women (ECW) is as follows:

12. QUALIFYING ROUND

12.1 **Option 1:**

If **more** than 32 clubs register, then a Qualifying Round will be played to reduce the number of clubs to thirty-two (32) with direct elimination according to the ranking of the national federation and clubs.

12.2 **Option 2:**

If **less** than 32 clubs register, then a Qualifying Round will be played to reduce the number of clubs to twenty-four (24) with direct elimination according to the ranking of the national federation and clubs.

12.3 Each club will play the same opponent twice in home and away games before being eliminated or qualifying for **Round 1**.

12.4 The clubs with the higher ranking shall play the second game at home.

13. ROUND 1

Option 1

13.1 The **32 clubs** will be divided into eight (8) groups (A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H) of four (4) clubs each. Each club will play the other clubs in its own group in home and away games (6 games for each club).

13.2 The groups will be established to the maximum extent on geographical proximity. Clubs from the same country may be in the same group, however, with a limit of a maximum of two (2) clubs from the same country in the same group.

The order of the games will be as follows:

Game Day:	**1.**	**2.**	**3.**	**4.**	**5.**	**6.**
	1-4	3-1	1-2	4-1	1-3	2-1
	2-3	4-2	3-4	3-2	2-4	4-3

The numbers above will be given to the participating clubs by draw.

13.3 The two (2) best-placed clubs in each group (16 clubs) will qualify for the **Eighth-Finals**.

Option 2

13.4 The **24 clubs** will be divided into six (6) groups (A, B, C, D, E and F) of four (4) clubs each. Each club will play the other clubs in its own group in home and away games (6 games for each club).

13.5 The groups will be established to the maximum extent on geographical proximity. Clubs from the same country may be in the same group, however, with a limit of a maximum of two (2) clubs from the same country in the same group.

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The numbers above will be given to the participating clubs by draw.

13.6 The two (2) best-placed clubs (12 clubs) in each group and the four (4) clubs placed 3rd in the groups with the highest ranking according to the Official Basketball rules, section D, will qualify for the **Eighth-Finals**.

14. FINAL ROUNDS

14.1 The two games of the Eighth-Finals, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals will be played on **Thursday**.

14.2 The games of the Finals will be played on **Thursday.**

14.3 Each qualified club will play two (2) games (home and away games).

14.4 The higher ranked team in **Round 1** plays first game away.

Note: The two games (home and away) are considered as one match. If at the end of the first game there is a tie, the score will stand and no extra period will be played. If at the end of the second game there is a tie after adding together the points in both games, an extra period will be played as provided for in the Official Basketball Rules of FIBA to determine the winner.

15. EIGHTH-FINALS

15.1 The ranking of the 16 clubs from 1st to 16th place will be determined as follows:

1. Win/Loss percentage.
2. If more clubs have the same win/loss percentage, goal average, as stated in Section D of the Official Basketball Rules, will be used as the next criteria.

15.2 The 16 clubs qualified from **Round 1** will play home and away games as follows:

1.	1st vs 16th
5.	5th vs 12th

2.	2nd vs 15th
6.	6th vs 11th

3.	3rd vs 14th
7.	7th vs 10th

4.	4th vs 13th
8.	8th vs 9th

15.3 The winners of the Eighth-Finals will qualify for the **Quarter-Finals**.

16. QUARTER-FINALS

16.1 The eight (8) clubs qualified from the Eighth-Finals will play home and away games as follows:

9.	Winner 1 vs Winner 8
10.	Winner 2 vs Winner 7
11.	Winner 3 vs Winner 6
12.	Winner 4 vs Winner 5

16.2 The winners of the Quarter-Finals will qualify for the **Semi-Finals**.

17. SEMI-FINALS

17.1 The four (4) clubs qualified from the Quarter-Finals will play home and away games as follows:

13.	Winner 9 vs Winner 12
14.	Winner 10 vs Winner 11

17.2 The winners of the Semi-Finals will qualify for the **Finals**.

18. FINALS

18.1 The two (2) clubs qualified from the Semi-Final will play home and away games as follows:

15.	Winner 13 vs Winner 14
16.	Winner 14 vs Winner 13

18.2 The Winner of the EuroCup Women **will be considered as a candidate** for a wildcard in the EuroLeague Women 2014/2015.

V. PLAYERS

All provisions in the Regulations of FIBA Europe apply unless stated otherwise in these regulations.

19. LICENCES

19.1 "B" Licences for Players are subject to a payment.

19.2 If a club does not qualify for the next round of the competition, an "A" Licence for Foreign Players may be requested upon return of the "B" Licence for Players. This procedure is valid only as long as the player continues to play with the club.

20. FINAL LIST

20.1 The Official List of Players accompanied by all necessary documents to establish the eligibility of players **must** be received at the Offices of FIBA Europe by Monday, 9th September 2013 for the Qualifying Round or by Friday, 4th October2013 for the Round 1 (if the QR will not be played).

The Official List of Players is considered as being "final" at noon three (3) working days before the first game in the Qualifying Round or in Round 1 (if the QR/Qualifying Round will not be played).

20.2 Only the FIBA Europe date is valid for the above-given deadlines regardless of whether the club changed the date of the first game at the Draw.

20.3 Any late document will be considered as a replacement or addition to the Official List of Players.

20.4 Under **no circumstances** will any documents, regardless of whether a player is on the list or not, as well as additions or replacements to the Official List of Players be accepted after the following deadlines: **Qualifying Round**: Friday, 4th October 2013

Round 1: Friday, 1st November 2013 **Quarter-Finals**: Friday, 31st January 2014

21. PROCEDURE FOR CHANGES

21.1 Any changes must be made by the club through its national federation.

21.2 From Monday, 9th September 2013 up to Friday, 4th October2013 unlimited amendments (subject to fines) can be made to the Official List of Players in the Qualifying Round.

From Friday, 4th October2013 up to Friday, 1st November 2013 unlimited amendments (subject to fines) can be made to the Official List of Players in Round 1.

21.3 Four (4) players of any given nationality can be changed on the Official List of Players from Friday, 8th November 2013 up to Friday, 31st January 2014 three (3) working days before the first game of the Quarter-Finals.

21.4 However, of those four (4) additions/replacements to the Official List of Players must be three (3) working days before the first game of the additional/replaced player.

21.5 Players will be allowed to change from one club to another within the European Club Competitions.

DEADLINES FOR REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

Qualifying Round:	09.09.2013	04.10.2013		Quarter-Finals:	**Finals**
Round 1:	**04.10.2013**	**01.11.2013**	**08.11.2013**	**31.01.2014**	**27.03.2014**
List of Players and necessary documents	Unlimited amendments to the List of Players (subject to fines)	**No changes**	**4** more additions/replacements		**NO MORE CHANGES**
→	↔	↔	↔		

VI. FINALS

1. The Secretary General and the Commission for European Club Competitions are responsible for supervising the organisation of the games of the Finals both before and after they have taken place. The representatives of the national federation shall assist them.

2. FIBA Europe will provide organisational details and a list of equipment regarding the Finals for the EuroCup Women (ECW). All requirements are obligatory for the organising club.

VII. FINANCES

22. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

22.1 Officiating fee (net of all deductions) for commissioner, referees and single judge

▪	**Qualifying Round**	Referee	EUR	200
		Commissioner	EUR	150
▪	**Round 1**	Referee	EUR	250
		Commissioner	EUR	200
▪	**Eighth-Finals to Finals**	Referee	EUR	350
		Commissioner	EUR	250
		Single Judge	EUR	250

22.2 "B" Licences for Players are subject to a payment to FIBA Europe

"B" Licences for Players (per player)	EUR	75

22.3 The club will be subject to a fine if failing to meet the given deadline, payable to the Offices of FIBA Europe:

1.	Replacements or additions of players (per player)	EUR	200
2.	Each late Letter of Clearance	EUR	150

22.4 All participating clubs shall pay to FIBA Europe:

1.	Registration fee	EUR	500
2.	Single insurance premium	EUR	100

22.5 Terms of Payment to FIBA Europe and/or the entity designated by FIBA Europe.

22.5.1 In accordance with the tax regulations in force in the Federal Republic of Germany, invoices may be subject to German Value Added Tax (VAT).

22.5.2 Moreover, fees and dues, rights, participation fees, fines or any other amounts invoiced must be paid to FIBA Europe and/or the entity designated by FIBA Europe in full, i. e. **without any deductions** (bank charges, etc.) and on receipt of invoice (except registration fees and insurance fees which are due on the given dates).

22.5.3 Any redistribution of income to the participants will be made in accordance with the present German tax regulations.

22.5.4 The host club is responsible for customs clearance and all related costs of shipments from FIBA Europe. The host club must also provide FIBA Europe with all the necessary information and/or documentation for the customs clearance. Any costs relating to missing information or incomplete information/documentation will be charged to the host club.

23. DVD'S OF GAMES/ONLINE PLATFORM

23.1 The home team will hand over to the opponent the DVD of the game before they leave the venue.

23.2 The home team will upload the game video within 24 hours to the online platform provided by FIBA Europe.

23.3 Third parties will be able to download game videos from the online platform provided by FIBA Europe

23.4 There will be a fine of EUR 500 if the video is not uploaded within 24 hours. The fine will be doubled with further delays.

Note: As of the season 2012/2013 using this platform is mandatory for all clubs

24. TELEVISION

The semi-final and the final play-off games of the competition must be produced for TV.

In such case the international TV signal for these games should be given free of any fees to FIBA Europe and the FIBA Europe Regulations for Club Competitions are fully applicable.

VIII. GENERAL NOTE

In addition to these Regulations, all provisions of the FIBA Europe Regulations and Bye-Laws, the Regulations governing the FIBA Europe Club Competitions and the Official Basketball Rules are valid for this competition.

IX. SUMMARY OF DEADLINES

	17.06.2013	Registration of club by national federation
Art. 8.2.2	**24.06.2013**	Registration of club: Arbitration Agreement Playing hall information **Club Logo via e-mail to: web@fibaeurope.com**
Art. 8.1, 8.2	**24.06.2013**	Payment of: 1. Financial guarantee (deposit) 2. Registration fee 3. Single insurance premium
	02.09.2013	Official name of club and colours for home and away uniforms
Art. 21	**9.09.2013** **4.10.2013**	Qualifying Round - Official List of Players Round 1 - Official List of Players
Art. 21, 22	**4.10.2013** **1.11.2013**	Qualifying Round - No changes to the Official List of Players Round 1 - No changes to the Official List of Players
Art. 22	**from: 8.11.2013** **up to:31.01.2014**	**Four (4)** players can be changed on the Official List of Players
Art. 21, 22	**1.02.2014**	**No more** changes to the Official List of Players

X. ANNEX I: COURT LAYOUT OF THE EUROCUP WOMEN (ECW)

DIAGRAM "A" - EUROCUP WOMEN
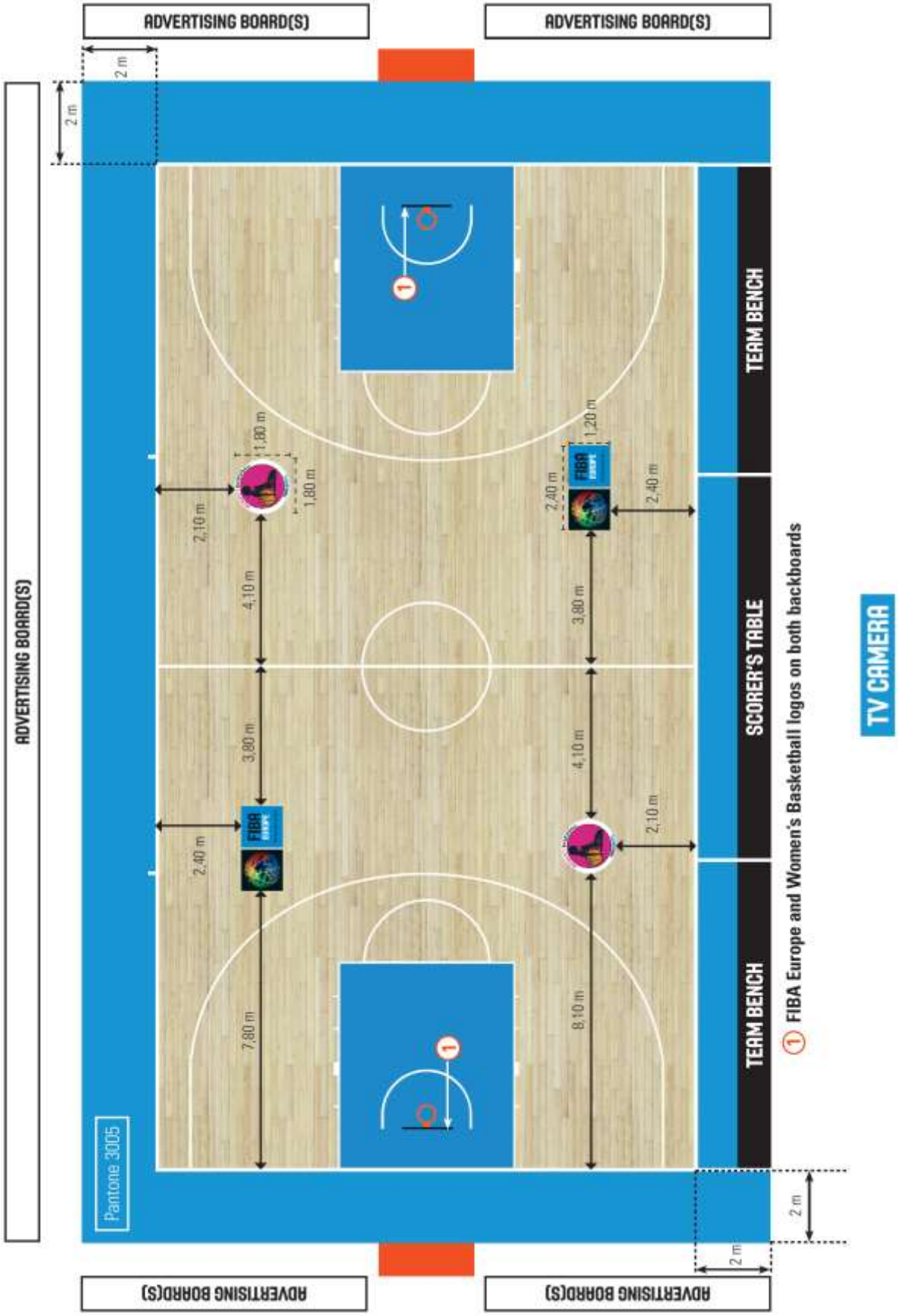
DIAGRAM "B" - EUROCUP WOMEN 'FINALS'