

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE **EUROCHALLENGE**



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I. ADMINISTRATION

1. COMPETITION

- 1.1 The [EuroChallenge \(ECM\)](#) is a European Club Competition for men'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 [EuroChallenge](#).

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 FIBA Europe and the clubs participating in the [EuroChallenge](#) 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 [EuroChallenge](#) 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.

It is mandatory to send a representative to the workshop for statisticians for each club in the [EuroChallenge](#).

II. RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2012/2013 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 [EuroChallenge](#).

5.2 The selection of the clubs will be based on the ranking of the national federations in the last **three (3)** seasons, the ranking of the participating clubs in the last **three (3)** seasons of the FIBA Europe Club Competitions and the decision of FIBA Europe.

Should the club(s) of the national federation(s) not use its (their) right to the place(s) in the [EuroChallenge](#), then FIBA Europe shall decide on the allocation of such place(s).

6. CLUBS

6.1 Any club which is registered through the national federation is entitled to participate in the [EuroChallenge](#) 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 5,000 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 **2000** 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 2012/2013 SEASON

7.1 The results are evaluated as follows:

ROUND	PLACE	POINTS		
QR		8	QR	Qualifying Round
RS	4	18	RS	Regular Season
	3	22		
Last 16	4	28	Last 16	Last 16
	3	32		
QF-PO		40	QF-PO	Quarter-Final Play-Offs 4 Clubs eliminated by Play-Offs
F4	4	60	F4	Final Four
	3	80		
	2	100		
	1	128		

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 men'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

The participation fee for the [EuroChallenge](#) is as follows:

- EUR 5,000 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.

8.3 Terms of Payments

8.3.1 Payment for participation shall be made by **Monday, 18th June 2012** at the latest.

A good copy of bank transfer (Financial guarantee EUR 20,000, Registration fee EUR 5,000 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

8.3.2 Registrations for the [EuroChallenge](#) will not be accepted unless accompanied by all documents foreseen in the Regulations for European Club Competitions, Articles 11.1 to 11.4, duly completed and signed.

8.3.3 It is mandatory for each club participating in the [EuroChallenge](#) to be represented by at least one person at this workshop. Failure to do so will result in a penalty of EUR 1,000 being issued to the club (see Article 4.1).

- 8.4 Other Documents from the clubs
 - 8.4.1 Registration form for the workshop of statisticians by [31st August 2012](#)
 - 8.4.2 Details of the press officer and the IT contact person by [21st September 2012](#)
 - 8.4.3 Questionnaires "TV Coverage & Marketing" by [21st September 2012](#)
 - 8.4.4 Plan of the playing hall(s) with the distribution of advertising highlighted, the number of digital or rotating boards, the measurement of the advertising boards in metres by [21st September 2012](#)
 - 8.4.5 A final television broadcast schedule of [EuroChallenge](#) games (to be updated as the season progresses) by [26th October 2012](#)

III. CALENDAR

9. GENERAL CALENDAR EUROCHALLENGE

FIBA Europe date: **Tuesday**

FIBA Europe time: **20:30**

EuroChallenge			
2012	JULY	6	DRAW
	SEPT	25	QR
	OCT	2	QR
	NOV	6	RS-1
		13	RS-2
		20	RS-3
		27	RS-4
	DEC	4	RS-5
11		RS-6	
2013	JAN	15	Last 16 - 1
		22	Last 16 - 2
		29	Last 16 - 3
	FEB	12	Last 16 - 4
		19	Last 16 - 5
		26	Last 16 - 6
	MAR	12	QF-PO
		14	QF-PO
		19	QF-PO ev
	APR	26	FINAL FOUR
27			
28			

QR Qualifying Round (if necessary)

RS Regular Season

QF-PO Quarter-Final Play-Offs

10. DRAW

All clubs taking part in the **EuroChallenge must** have a representative present at the Draw in Munich on

6th July 2012.

IV. SYSTEM OF COMPETITION

11. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

11.1 The system of competition for the EuroChallenge is determined by the decision of FIBA Europe based on the proposal of the Competitions' Commission.

11.2 In principle, the games of the EuroChallenge are played on **Tuesday** (FIBA Europe date) or on **Wednesday**.

11.3 The exact dates of the games for the **Regular Season** will be established at the draw.

Note 1: No date changes will be accepted **20 days or less** before a game is scheduled.

Note 2: For the last "game date" in the Regular Season and the Last 16 the games will be played on the same day and **must** start at the same time.

The system of competition for the EuroChallenge is as follows:

12. QUALIFYING ROUND, REGULAR SEASON AND LAST 16

12.1 Qualifying Round

If more than 32 clubs register for the competition a Qualifying Round will be necessary. The qualifying games will be played on a home and away basis with the aggregate score deciding which team qualifies for the Regular Season.

12.2 Regular Season

32 clubs will be divided by draw into 8 groups (A to H) of 4 clubs each. Each club will play the other clubs in its own group in home and away games (6 games for each club).

The order of the games will be as follows:

<u>Game Day:</u>	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.

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

The **last games on the last game day (6)** will all be played on the same date (11.12.2012) and the same time as determined by FIBA Europe.

12.3 Last 16

16 clubs will be divided into 4 groups (I, J, K, and L) of 4 clubs each. Each club will play the other clubs in its own group in home and away games (6 games for each club) as follows:

	I	J	K	L
1	A1	E1	A2	E2
2	B2	F2	B1	F1
3	C1	G1	C2	G2
4	D2	H2	D1	H1

Note: It is possible for two (2) clubs from the same country to be in the same group.

- 12.4 The **two (2) best-placed clubs (8 clubs)** in each group and will qualify for the **Quarter-Final Play-Offs**.

The **last games on the last game day (6)** will all be played on the **same date (26.02.2013)** and the **same time** as determined by FIBA Europe.

13. PLAY-OFFS

- 13.1 For all play-offs, each qualified club will play two (2) or three (3) games, and the better placed teams in the groups following the **Last 16** will play the 1st game and the eventual 3rd game **at home**.

- 13.2 The two games of the Play-Offs will be played according to the Official FIBA Europe Calendar.

14. QUARTER-FINAL PLAY-OFFS

- 14.1 The 8 clubs qualified from **Last 16** will play 'best of three' (max. 3 games) as follows:

1.	I 1 vs J 2	2.	J 1 vs I 2	3.	K 1 vs L 2	4.	L 1 vs K 2
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- 14.2 The winners of the Quarter-Final Play-Offs will qualify for the Final Four.

Note 1: If there are three (3) clubs from the same country qualified for the Quarter-Final Play-Offs and two (2) of these clubs are scheduled to play each other according to the system of competition, no changes are required.

If none of the three (3) clubs are scheduled to play each other according to the system of competition, then they will be ranked according to their results from the Last 16 Round. The 2nd ranked club will then play against the 3rd ranked club.

If there are four (4) clubs from the same country qualified for the Quarter-Final Play-Offs and the clubs are scheduled to play each other according to the system of competition, no changes are required.

If any two (2) of these clubs are scheduled to play each other, the pairings of the other two (2) clubs **only** will be changed in order for them to play each other.

If any of the four (4) clubs are not scheduled to play each other according to the system of competition, then they will be ranked according to their results from the Last 16 Round and play as follows:

1st vs. 4th and 2nd vs. 3rd

Note 2: Should any switch/switches take place the remaining clubs from those switch/switches will play each other according to those pairings.

15. FINAL FOUR

- 15.1 The 4 clubs qualified from the **Quarter-Final Play-Offs** will play as follows:

5.	Winner 1 vs Winner 4	6.	Winner 2 vs Winner 3
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- 15.2 The winners of these games will qualify for the Final (Winner 5 vs Winner 6). The losers will play for the 3rd place (Loser 5 vs Loser 6).

- 15.3 Should two (2) clubs from the same country qualify for the Final Four, then these two (2) clubs will meet in the Semi-Final.

- 15.4 The games of the Final Four will be played on **Friday** and **Sunday**.

V. PLAYERS

All provisions in the Regulations of FIBA Europe apply unless stated otherwise in these regulations.
Exception: For the 2012/2013 season, the participating clubs will apply the eligibility rules in force in their respective national championship.

16. LICENCES

- 16.1 "B" Licences for Players are subject to a payment.
16.2 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.

17. FINAL LIST

- 17.1 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 for clubs registering in the:
Qualifying Round: [by Friday, 31st August 2012](#). Regular Season: [by Friday, 28th September 2012](#)
17.2 The Official List of Players is considered as being "final" at noon [three \(3\) working days](#) before the first game in the Qualification Round and the Regular Season.
17.3 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.
17.4 Any late document will be considered as a replacement or addition to the Official List of Players.
17.5 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: [by Wednesday, 19th September 2012](#)
Regular Season: [by Wednesday, 31st October 2012](#)
Quarter-Final Play-Offs: [by Wednesday, 6th March 2013](#)

18. PROCEDURE FOR CHANGES

- 18.1 Any changes must be made by the club through its national federation
18.2 For all clubs participating in the Qualifying Round, unlimited amendments (subject to fines) can be made to the Official List of Players from up to [Friday, 31st August 2012](#) till [Wednesday, 19th September 2012](#) and from [Wednesday 3rd October 2012](#) until [Monday, 31st October 2012](#).
For all clubs qualified directly for the Regular Season, unlimited amendments (subject to fines) can be made to the Official List of Players from [Friday, 28th September 2012](#) till [Monday, 31st October 2012](#).
18.3 [Four \(4\)](#) players of any given nationality can be changed on the Official List of Players from [the given deadlines \(see graphic\)](#) from and up to [Wednesday, 7th November 2012 until Wednesday, 6th March 2013](#), three (3) working days before the first game of the Quarter-Final Play-Offs.
18.4 However, any of those [four \(4\) additions/replacements](#) to the Official List of Players must be made [three \(3\) working days](#) before the [first game](#) of the additional/replaced player.
18.5 Players will be allowed to change from one club to another within the European Club Competitions.

DEADLINES FOR REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

Qualifying Round:	31.08.2012	19.09.2012		
Clubs qualified:	03.10.2012	31.10.2012	<u>Quarter-Final Play-Offs:</u>	Final 4
Regular Season:	28.09.2012	31.10.2012	07.11.2012	06.03.2013
				26.04.2013

List of Players and necessary documents	Unlimited amendments to the <u>List of Players</u> (subject to fines)	No changes 3 working days before the 1st game	4 more additions/replacements	NO MORE CHANGES
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VI. FINAL FOUR

19. ORGANISER

- 19.1 All European national federations and the participants of the Final Four are entitled to submit their candidature to organise the Final Four.
- 19.2 FIBA Europe will assign the Final Four.
- 19.3 In principle, the Final Four will be played on **Friday** and **Sunday**.
- 19.4 The sports hall must have a seating capacity of a minimum of **3 000**.
- 19.5 All organisational details regarding the Final Four are contained in the “EuroChallenge Final Four Event Manual” which can be downloaded from www.fibaeurope.com.

Note: The Final Four is considered a tournament; therefore, the team will be composed of the **same 12 Players** for all games of the Final Four.

No changes to the “Official List of Players” are accepted after the given deadlines (please see page 11).

VII. FINANCES

20. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

20.1	Officiating fee (net of all deductions) for commissioner, referees and single judge			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Qualifying Round, Referee EUR 500 ▪ Regular Season & Last 16, Commissioner EUR 300 ▪ Play-Offs & Final Four <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referee (per game of competition) EUR 650 Commissioner (per game of competition) EUR 400 Single Judge (per day of competition) EUR 400 Stand-by Referee (per day of competition) EUR 650 			
20.2	“B” Licences for Players are subject to a payment to FIBA Europe			
	“B” Licences for Players (per player)		EUR	300
20.3	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	400
	2. Each late Letter of Clearance		EUR	150
20.4	Failure to send a representative to the Statisticians’ Workshop		EUR	1,000
20.5	All participating clubs shall pay to FIBA Europe:			
	1. Financial guarantee (deposit)		EUR	20,000
	2. Registration fee		EUR	5,000
	3. Single insurance premium		EUR	100
20.6	All participating clubs in the Regular Season will cover the costs of the two (2) FIBA Europe floor stickers (EUR 100 per sticker) invoiced by the entity designated by FIBA Europe.		EUR	200
	Any additional set (EUR 200 plus shipping costs) will be invoiced to the club.			
20.7	Terms of Payment to FIBA Europe and/or the entity designated by FIBA Europe.			

- 20.7.1 In accordance with the tax regulations in force in the Federal Republic of Germany, invoices may be subject to German Value Added Tax (VAT).
- 20.7.2 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).
- 20.7.3 Any redistribution of income to the participants will be made in accordance with the present German tax regulations.
- 20.7.4 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.

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

	11.06.2012	Registration of club by national federation
Art. 8, 8.3.2	18.06.2012	Registration of club: Arbitration Agreement Playing hall information Club Logo via e-mail to: web@fibaeurope.com
Art. 8.1, 8.2	18.06.2012	Payment of: 1. Financial guarantee (deposit) 2. Registration fee 3. Single insurance premium
Art. 8.4.1	31.08.2012	Registration form for the workshop of statisticians
	31.08.2012	Official name of club and colours for home and away uniforms
Art. 8.4.2	21.09.2012	Details of the press officer and the IT contact person
Art. 8.4.4	21.09.2012	Questionnaire "TV Coverage & Marketing"
Art. 8.4.5	21.09.2012	Plan of the playing hall with the distribution of advertising highlighted, the number of digital or rotating boards, the measurement of the advertising boards in meters
Art. 8.4.6	26.10.2012	Final television broadcast schedule of games
Art.17	31.08.2012 28.09.2012	Qualifying Round: Official List of Players Regular Season: Official List of Players
Art.17, 18	19.09.2012 31.10.2012	Qualifying Round: No changes to the Official List of Players Regular Season: No changes to the Official List of Players
Art. 18	07.11.2012	Four (4) players can be changed on the Official List of Players
Art. 17, 18	07.03.2013	No more changes to the Official List of Players

X. ANNEX I

21. FIBA EUROPE LOGO

- 21.1 FIBA Europe will deliver one (1) flag to each club. The flag will be free of charge for the club. The [FIBA Europe flag](#) must be displayed prominently in the gym during the game.
- 21.2 FIBA Europe will deliver two (2) floor-stickers, to be placed on the floor to each club. The costs of the floor stickers are covered by the club.
- 21.3 The [fibaeurope.com](#) logo will be displayed on at least 32 meters rotating/digital boards at floor level six (6) minutes before the start of the game and three (3) minutes before the start of the 3rd quarter.
- 21.4 The [FIBA Europe backboard stickers](#) must appear on each backboard.
- 21.5 The [FIBA Europe floor stickers](#) must appear on the playing court.
- 21.6 The players' shirts must bear the FIBA Europe Logo.
- 21.7 The [FIBA Europe logo](#) must be put as a link on every club's website fourteen (14) days prior to the first (1st) game.
- 21.8 The [FIBA Europe logo](#) must appear on the backdrop during press conferences.
- 21.9 All printed material and tickets must bear the [FIBA Europe logo](#).

22. STANDARDS

- 22.1 The first (1st) home game will include a short ceremony to launch the new season.
- 22.2 No official national anthems will be played at the games.
- 22.3 Coach, assistant coaches and all other people on the bench other than the players and any person having specific working duties such as a physiotherapist, are required to be formally dressed.
- 22.4 Head coach and one of the best players must attend the press conference.
- 22.5 Players and coaches are required to speak English or to bring a translator.
- 22.6 The host club will pay staying expenses only for the 19th member of the visiting delegation appointed as a journalist.
- 22.7 Hotels and hospitality must be of good quality.
- 22.8 The Commissioner will contact the opponents to ensure accommodation and food standards are appropriate.
- 22.9 The Arenas must fulfil the required standards according to the Regulations.
- 22.10 A FIBA Europe Representative will visit the facilities to ensure the high level required.
- 22.11 FIBA Europe statistics software must be used for all games.
- 22.12 The FIBA Europe "official song" must be played during all games according the official protocol as provided by the Offices of FIBA Europe.

23. OFFICIAL SPONSORS

- 23.1 Each club, which does not already have access to rotating or digital boards, will acquire them for [EuroChallenge](#) games as stated in the Regulations.
- 23.2 Every arena must have a minimum of 32 meters of advertising boards. The camera must be positioned opposite the advertising boards to give maximum exposure for sponsors.
- 23.3 The clubs agree to guarantee at least three (3) lines for FIBA Europe sponsors. If the sponsors have not been secured, the lines will be available for the Clubs' own use.

24. TELEVISION RIGHTS

- 24.1 TV rights of home games belong to the clubs (National Rights). All international broadcasting rights may be exploited by FIBA Europe.
- 24.2 If the club broadcasts a game, they are obliged to provide an uplink to a satellite for any of the clubs or third parties wishing to televise the game and who should pay related technical costs. This satellite feed shall be given free of charge to FIBA Europe if requested.
- 24.3 If an uplink is made available, then the information about satellite parameters must be communicated to FIBA Europe at media@fibaeurope.com.
- 24.4 Clubs are obliged to send information about all their television games (schedules, name of broadcaster) to FIBA Europe Communications (media@fibaeurope.com).

25. DVD'S OF GAMES / ONLINE PLATFORM

- 25.1 The home team will hand over to the opponent the DVD of the game before they leave the venue.
- 25.2 The home team will upload the game video [within 24 hours](#) to the online platform provided by FIBA Europe.
- 25.3 Third parties will be able to download game videos from the online platform provided by FIBA Europe
- 25.4 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: Using this platform is mandatory for all clubs

26. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- 26.1 The [EuroChallenge](#) games will be officiated by three (3) referees.
- 26.2 There will be a standard presentation of players at all [EuroChallenge](#) games according to the standard of FIBA Europe.
- 26.3 A Player of the Week will be determined by FIBA Europe during the [EuroChallenge](#) season.
- 26.4 There will be a standard form of entertainment during time-outs, at half-time, and between quarters. The clubs will send to FIBA Europe a list of the types of entertainment the clubs use in order to gather ideas for [EuroChallenge](#) entertainment.

27. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

27.1 The EuroChallenge net income derived by the entity designated by FIBA Europe from any official EuroChallenge sponsors will be distributed as follows:

- **20%** to the entity designated by FIBA Europe
- **65%** to be divided equally among the **16 clubs of the Last 16 Round**
- **15%** to be divided among the **8 clubs of the Quarter-Final Play-Offs**

27.2 Final Four

The EuroChallenge Final Four net income derived by the entity designated by FIBA Europe will be distributed as follows:

- **30%** to be divided equally among the 16 clubs which participated in the Last 16
- **70%** to be divided as follows
 - **10%** to the entity designated by FIBA Europe
 - **11%** to the organisers
 - **7%** to the 4th placed team
 - **10,5%** to the 3rd placed team
 - **14%** to the 2nd placed team
 - **17,5%** to the 1st placed team

XI. ANNEX II: COURT LAYOUT OF THE EUROCHALLENGE (ECM)

DIAGRAM "A" - EUROCHALLENGE (ECM)



