



**BALKAN INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL  
LEAGUE**

**OFFICIAL  
REGULATIONS**

**Season 12**

***SEASON 2019-2020***

## **Main purposes and goals:**

- **To promote basketball in the Balkans**
- **To assure more international games for the basketball teams in the area**
- **To support and encourage the relations, contacts and coordination among Federations and basketball people in the area**
- **To develop the officiating and extend the experience of the international and young potential referees from the area**

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## **I. Governing bodies**

### **1.1. Balkan International Basketball League (BIBL)**

1.1.1. The Balkan International Basketball League (BIBL) is an organization, officially recognized by FIBA and FIBA Europe according to Art.30, Annex II from FIBA Europe By-Laws and reconfirmed on March 7<sup>th</sup> 2015.

1.1.2. For the season 2019-2020 the BIBL is an initiative, based on the partnership and cooperation between the Basketball federations in the Balkan region and Balkan International Basketball League Ltd. (BIBL Ltd.), where for season 2019-2020 the BIBL through its subcontractor Beauty and Sport Management Ltd. Registered under the Bulgarian Tax Code under VAT No BG200857600, address 1111 Sofia, Bulgaria, 14 Elisaveta Bagryana str. shall administrate and run all sports and/or financial but not limited to operations connected with managing the competition regarding marketing, media, statistics, TV rights, registration of teams, potential partnerships/sponsorships, daily operations, etc..

An agreement between Balkan International Basketball League Ltd. And Beauty and Sport Management Ltd. with all rights and obligations for both parties shall be executed in writing.

All nominations and administrative penalties/fines shall be done by the BIBL.

1.1.3. Other National Federations affiliated to FIBA/FIBA Europe can be included in the Board with their clubs-participants in the League. The reception of new/other Board members shall be made by the proposal of any Board member and the approval of FIBA and FIBA Europe.

The addition of the new National Federation/Board member shall be recognized only with a voting majority.

For the addition of new National Federations and/or Clubs in the League/Board, the BIBL vote shall be counted as 1 (one) vote.

1.1.4. Beauty and Sport Management Ltd., hereof referred to as BSM Ltd., is a duly registered company under the Bulgarian law which under the above-mentioned agreement to be signed shall undertake the responsibility of negotiating and representing the BIBL with the goal of financing the Balkan League in case of a sponsor/partner for season 2019-2020 and thus is granted the marketing, advertising, statistics and video, TV and Internet rights (incl. lie-streaming or delayed i-net streaming) for season 2019-2020 in accordance with the Official Regulations.

1.1.5. The Headquarters of BIBL shall be in Bulgaria, Sofia,

1.1.6. The official working days of BIBL are Monday to Friday from 10.00 h to 18.00 h (EET) excluding all official non-working days and/or national holidays for the Republic of Bulgaria.

### **1.2. Board**

1.2.1. **In case of having Board** it shall be the main decision-making body and shall consist of 1 (one) representative of each participating Federation and 2 (two) representatives of BIBL Ltd., where in case of voting BIBL shall have (1) vote.

For each season, Board shall be assembled once the registration of clubs is finished but not later than 1<sup>st</sup> September of each calendar year. Board cannot be assembled after 1<sup>st</sup> September and during the running season.

1.2.2. **In case of having The Board**, it shall have the power to change and approve:

- BIBL Official Regulations;
- BIBL Calendar;
- Participating teams;
- The members of the Technical and Competition Commissions;

- The trade mark.

1.2.3. The working language of the Board shall be English.

1.2.4. **In case of having Board** the Board may hold a minimum of one (1) official meeting per season.

If it is necessary, the Board Meeting can be assembled at any time by written request from any Board Member or/and National Federation.

**In case of having Board** the National Federations shall organize the Board meetings in rotation. The Board members will cover all of their own travel and accommodation expenses. The host National Federation will cover the local organizing expenses for the Board members.

In case of urgent situations, the Board can take decisions by a written text document sent by e-mail to the office of BIBL.

1.2.5. **In case of having The Board** the member of the Board is appointed by each National Federation. In case of any absence from the meeting, the National Federation should authorize his/her replacement for the meeting by sending an official representative. The replacement shall be certified by presenting an authorizing document, signed by the President or Secretary General, before the start of the meeting, in order to have the legal right of participation and voting.

1.2.6. Decisions shall be taken by a show of hands, reflecting a simple majority of the votes cast and/or by an official letter stating the Federation's position on the respective voting subject, in case its representative is absent.

### **1.3. Executive Director & Sports Director**

1.3.1. **The Executive Director & Sports Director** will be appointed by the BIBL Ltd. and shall have the following duties:

- To be the legal representative of BIBL through BIBL Ltd.;
- To hire and dismiss the staff as necessary in order to run the administration of BIBL;
- To ensure the implementation of the decisions taken by the Board;
- To ensure the proper implementation of the budget of BIBL, according to the Official Regulations;
- To take the necessary decisions in all cases not covered by the Official Regulations in accordance with FIBA Europe Bye-Laws and Regulations;

### **1.4.**

1.4.1. **The Executive Director & Sports Director** will be appointed by BIBL Ltd. and shall have the following duties:

- To be the legal representative of BIBL through BIBL Ltd.;
- To hire and dismiss the staff as necessary in order to run the administration of BIBL;
- To ensure the implementation of the decisions taken by the Board;
- To ensure the proper implementation of the budget of BIBL, according to the Official Regulations;
- To take the necessary decisions in all cases not covered by the Official Regulations in accordance with FIBA Europe Bye-Laws and Regulations;
- To administer finances and present reports to the Board;
- To nominate the referees and commissioners for the BIBL games;
- To run the competition according to the requirements of the the Official Regulations;
- To impose disciplinary and/or financial sanctions according to the the Official Regulations;
- To appoint and/or dismiss the members of the Competition Commission;
- To appoint and/or dismiss the member of the Disciplinary Commission as per the Bulgaria Law;
- To inform officially the National Federations about sessions of both Competition and/or Disciplinary Commissions;
- To act as Commissioner and Evaluator;

- In case of not having the Board by any means, all rights, decision and finctions stated in Art. 1.2. Board shall be automatically transmitted to the Sports Director who shall possess all the power nad/or obligations written above without any objection for the whole duration of the respective season.
- others.

### **1.5. Office Manager**

1.5.1. The Office Manager shall be appointed by the Executive Director and shall have the following duties:

- To organize and direct the work of the office of BIBL;
- To draft and circulate official communications with National Federations and Clubs;
- To maintain the archives of the office of BIBL;
- To control the eligibility of players;
- To prepare under the leadership of the Executive and Spotrs Directors the sessions of the Board;
- To act as Commissioner and Evaluator.

### **1.6. Technical Commission**

1.6.1. **In case of** Technical Commission, it shall consist of three (3)members, one of which is the Sports Director and shall have the following duties:

- To approve the list of referees;
- To evaluate the referees on BIBL games;

For each season, Technical Commission shall be assembled once the registration of clubs is finished but not later than 1<sup>st</sup> September of each calendar year. Technical Commission cannot be assembled after 1<sup>st</sup> September and during the running season except for special/urgent situations where the Sports Director has requested it by the National Federations of the participating clubs.

### **1.7. Competition Commission**

1.7.1. **In case of** Competition Commission, it shall consists of three (3) members one of which is the Competition Manager and shall have the following duties:

- To control the smooth running of the games according to FIBA Official Basketball Rules and the Official FIBA Interpretations;
- To take decisions concerning protests and appeals within three (3) days after receiving the official documents of the game in the office of BIBL.

For each season, Competition Commission shall be assembled once the registration of clubs is finished but not later than 1<sup>st</sup> September of each calendar year. Competition Commission cannot be assembled after 1<sup>st</sup> September and during the running season except for special/urgent situations where the Sports Director has requested it by the National Federations of the participating clubs.

### **1.8. Disciplinary Commission**

**1.8.1. In case of,** The Disciplinary Commission shall consist of three (3) regular members and 1 (one) stand-by in case of force-major.

1.8.2. The members of the Disciplinary Commission shall be appointed by the Sprots Director solitary either before the start of the season with official annotation or whenever throughout the season if necessary, considered as an Annex to the Official Regulations. The National Federations shall be informed accordingly.

1.8.3. The mandate of the Disciplinary Commission is 1 (season) and cannot be substituted unless voluntarily resigning due to personal reasons. In such case the 4<sup>th</sup>

stand-by member will automatically become active and new stand-by shall be appointed within 5 days afterwards.

1.8.4. The members of the Disciplinary Commission shall not be connected either with BIBL Ltd. individuals or with any of the participating clubs.

1.8.5. It is recommendatory the members of the Disciplinary Commission are with legal education and good spoken English.

1.8.6. The Disciplinary Commission is gathered for sessions in case a fine and/or other disciplinary event occurs and the held responsible club/s object.

1.8.7. The Disciplinary Commission is called upon by the Sports Director in case an objection or appeal by any club is received in the officed of the League within the initially confirmed deadlines.

1.8.8. The Sports Director has the rights to initiate a meeting of the Disciplinary Commission on his own decision should he consider and act or event of high severity.

1.8.9. In case of urgent situations, the Commission can take decisions by a written text document, duly signed by all members, scanned and sent by e-mail to the office of BIBL, afterwards to all parties involved respectively.

1.8.10. Decisions shall be taken by a show of hands, reflecting a simple majority of the votes cast and/or by an official letter stating the decision shall follow, sent to all involved parties by email or post.

1.8.9. The Disciplinary Commission shall meet and decide on all matters connected to appeals and/or objections on fines imposed by the Sports Director, in cases of serious acts of violance, racism, intolerance, severe misbehaviour of club members and/or fans, etc. The decisions of the Disciplinary Commission are final.

## **II. Registration**

### **2.1. General principle**

*Each National Federation mentioned in Art. 1.1.1. is entitled to present a minimum of one (1) and maximum of four (4) clubs to participate in BIBL competition. The presented clubs must be registered and to participate in their national championships during season 2018/19.*

2.1.1. The four (4) participating teams final stage (Semifinal and Final games) may have the right to participate in the following season's competition, regardless their position in the final standings of their local championships.

2.1.2. The two (2) teams that finish in the last place in the regular season, may lose the right to participate in the next season.

2.1.3. The management of BIBL together with the Board (in case any) have the rights to approve two (2) wild cards for the each season, according to marketing requirements, sponsors' preferences, etc. The wild card spots will be granted with financial obligation of minimum EUR 20 000 payment from each team.

### **2.2. Procedure**

2.2.1. The office of BIBL shall send to each National Federation a registration form and all the necessary documents for registration of the clubs. The decision regarding the participating teams must be taken no later than **FRI July 19<sup>nd</sup> 2019.**

2.2.2. The participating teams must be registered by their respective National Federation and shall send a duly completed registration documents so as to reach the office of BIBL by mail no later than **FRI July 26<sup>th</sup> 2019** (if sent by fax the original must follows by post).

2.2.3. The duly completed registration documents of the participating teams shall consist of the following and should be sent to the offices of BIBL:

- Application form – to arrive no later than **FRI July 26<sup>th</sup> 2019.**

- Contract between the club and BIBL Ltd. regarding the deposit, registration fee for season 2019-2020, clearly stating the obligations of both parties and consequences for the club in case of withdrawal before the end of the season.
- Player's personal details: copy of valid passport, name, surname, nationality, date of birth, place of birth, height, position and name of the last club to arrive no later than **MON September 16<sup>th</sup> 2019.**
- Digital photo of the whole team, individual photo (headshot) of each player, head coach and assistant coach to arrive no later than **MON September 23<sup>th</sup> 2019.**
- Name of the playing gym, confirmed by the National Federation to arrive no later than **MON September 16<sup>th</sup> 2019.**
- Hotel not far than 20 (twenty) km from the playing gym to arrive no later than **MON September 16<sup>th</sup> 2019.** If the hotel is located further than this distance, then it must to be approved in written by the League;

2.2.4. The pre-season workshop with one or two (1 or 2) representatives of each club will be held before the start of the season. The exact date and place will be communicated in due time and it is mandatory to send the representatives to the workshop. Each club shall be responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses where the BIBL shall provide a preferential price at a hotel of their choice.

**Failure to send one or two (1 or 2) representatives will result in a fine of EUR 500 and in addition all possible additional fines to the club during the season will be at the maximum value according the Official Regulations.**

### **2.3. Financial Deposit**

2.3.1. The club must submit a bank deposit in the amount of **EUR 5,000 (Five thousand)** as a financial guarantee to ensure the proper organisation of the competition. The deposit will be held on account at the bank for period of twelve (12) months starting from the day that it is deposited at the bank. **The Tax Code Procedure according to Bulgarian Law shall apply. During the season club can not continue to play in case the accumulated fines and/or not paying the referee's fees for 2 consecutive games result in leaving the amount of the deposit of below EUR 2,500 (two Thousand Five hundred euro). Should such a situation occur, the Club must submit the difference until EUR 2, 500 (two thousand five hundred) immediately. If they fail to do so, they shall be considered expelled from the league.**

2.3.2. This amount may be reimbursed to the club after the completion of the competition, as follows:

- **Totally**, if the club has fulfilled its obligations, according to the BIBL Official Regulations;
- **Partially**, if the club has not fulfilled its obligations, according to the BIBL Official Regulations. The portion of the amount retained will be determined by the Sports Director according to the actual damage caused and/or invoices issued throughout the season;
- **No reimbursement**, if the club withdraws or forfeits after having registered and/or has fines throughout the season amounting the value of the deposit itself, where registration means officially sent application form and paid deposit. In such a case the BIBL Official Regulations, Article 11.2. and Article 11.5. shall apply in full.

If the club continues to participate during the season 2020-2021, the financial deposit or what is left from it shall remain on account at the bank and a new contract shall be signed.

2.3.3. THE CLUB must submit a registration fee of **EUR 3,750** (three thousand seven hundred and fifty euro) excluded VAT, which shall cover the issuing of official registration licenses until 18 (eighteen) members of each club (players and coaches) and production of advertising materials, maintaining of FTP server and all technical equipment needed for running the competition, including i-net, office, usage of telephones, etc.. This registration fee is non-refundable and non-transferable, and is valid for season 2019-2020 only.

Exceeding the number of 18 (eighteen) licences per club per season, each additional licence shall cost 50 EUR (fifty euro) per piece. The fee will be deducted in the end of the playing season accumulatively from the CLUB's deposit by invoice issued and sent to the CLUB by email and by post. Copy will be sent to the National Federation.

## **2.4. Terms of Payment**

2.4.1. Payments according Art. 2.3.1. and 2.3.3. shall be made respectively no later than **WED August 07<sup>th</sup> 2019 (Registration fee)** and **TUE September 03<sup>th</sup> 2019 (Deposit)**. A good copy of the bank transfer and identification details in English must be sent to the offices of BIBL. The amount, **must** be paid in full, i.e. without any deductions (bank charges, etc.) in EURO, credited to BSM bank account:

### **Beneficiary: Beauty and Sport Management Ltd.**

Address: Bulgaria, 1111 Sofia, 14 Elisaveta Bagryana str.

**Bank name: Piraeus Bank**

Branch: Sofia Sitnyakovo

Bank address: Bulgaria, Sofia

**SWIFT: PIRBBGSF**

**IBAN: BG15 PIRB 8003 1606 3009 66**

**Currency: EURO**

**Note: ALL BANK CHARGES MUST BE FOR SENDER!**

## **2.5. Administration**

2.5.1. For administration purposes, all correspondence regarding BIBL shall be in English. All clubs are obliged to adhere to the deadlines for any official letter sent by the management of the league. Failure to adhere to any deadline mentioned in any specific letter shall be considered as an **infraction and the fine of 50 (fifty) EURO per infraction will be imposed immediately.**

**2.5.2. Official correspondence methods for all types of communication/discussions/agreements/etc. cases will be considered and limited to the following:**

- **emails sent/received to/by the BIBL (*documents that require validation and verification shall be duly stamped, signed or both and scanned*).**
- **national post services.**
- **international courier companies.**

**2.5.3. After the end of each game, within 5 (five) days, or after the end of the season during May 2020, the Sports Director shall impose all fines (if any) connected to the respective game/s. Invoices shall be issued by the accounting department of BIBL within 7 days after and send to the parties involved by: scanned by email and official national post services as letters "personally delivered with priority".**

**2.5.3.1. Scanned copies shall be send by email to the National Federation of each team fined.**

**2.5.3.2. The fined clubs have the rights to object the imposed fine/s within 7 (seven) days after receiving the scanned copy of the invoice by email. The official working days and hours of BIBL shall be taken into consideration.**

**2.5.3.3. Objections are addressed in front of the Competition Commission after:**

- **Duly paying a service fee of EUR 250 (two hundred and fifty). The fee cannot be deducted from the participation deposit but must be paid to the League bank account in the deadline determined. An invoice issuing shall follow afterwards.**
- **An objection letter in English, signed and stamped attached to the copy of the bank transfer and emailed to the official email of the League as per the deadlines stated in Art. 2.5.3.2.**

- For each objection (per fine imposed) a separate objection fee is due.

**2.5.4. After the end of the playing season, an official letter with all the fines imposed shall be sent to each club and its National Federation. The letter shall be informative and no appeals on already duly imposed and non-objected fines can be done.**

### **III. System of competition for Eight (8) teams**

*The system of competition is according to the FIBA principles. Due to the FIBA World Cup Qualifiers and the change of the Calendar, BIBL will go directly from the regular season to Playoffs and Final games.*

- 1. System of competition for Eight (8) teams: According to the FIBA principles. Regular season of 14 rounds - 7 home games and 7 away games, total of 54 games.**
- 2. The First Four (1-2-3-4) teams after the regular season will play as follows: 1 vs. 4 and 2 vs. 3 home and away to decide the 2 teams for the Final games.**
- 3. The two winners from the Playoff series will play home and away 2 games. The winner of the Final series will be named BIBL Champion. The team that will have the most winning games during the regulars season will have the home advantage in the Final games.**

#### **3.1. First Stage**

3.1.1. Eight (8) teams are forming a league with a round-robin-system where each team will play against the other teams twice during the regular season - home and away games.

#### **3.2. Playoffs**

3.2.1. **The First Four (1-2-3-4) teams after the regular season will play as follows: 1 vs. 4 and 2 vs. 3 home and away to decide the 2 teams for the Final games.**

Game 1	T4 vs T1	Game 2	T1 vs T4
Game 3	T3 vs T2	Game 4	T2 vs T3

#### **3.3. Final 2 Games - home and away**

3.3.1. **The two winners from the Playoff series will play home and away. games. The winner of the Final series will be named BIBL Champion. The team that will have the most winning games during the regulars season will have the home advantage in the Final games**

3.3.2. The winner of the Final game shall be named BIBL Champion.

### **IV. Calendar**

#### **4.1. General Calendar**

4.1.1. Playing days of the games of BIBL are: **Tuesday and Wednesday.**

The General Calendar of Eight (8) teams, regular season, Play-Offs – home and away games and Final games, shall be as follows:

**Calendar season 2019-20, 8 teams:**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Game</b>
<b>15.10.2018 - TUE</b>	<b>Opening Game</b>
15-16.10.2019	RS, Round 1
22-23.10.2019	RS, Round 2
29-30.10.2019	RS, Round 3
12-13.11.2019	RS, Round 4
19-20.11.2019	RS, Round 5
26-27.11.2019	RS, Round 6
10-11.12.2019	RS, Round 7
17-18.12.2019	RS, Round 8
14-15.01.2020	RS, Round 9
21-22.01.2020	RS, Round 10
04-05.02.2020	RS, Round 11
11-12.02.2020	RS, Round 12
03-04.03.2020	RS, Round 13
10-11.03.2020	RS, Round 14
<b>24.03-25.03.2020</b>	<b>Play Offs, Round 1</b>
<b>31.03-01.04.2020</b>	<b>Play Offs, Round 2</b>
<b>07.04.2020</b>	<b>FINAL Game 1</b>
<b>14.04.2020</b>	<b>FINAL Game 2</b>

***The Balkan League has the right, in cooperation with the National Federations/Leagues, to make changes and/or exchanges in the calendar at any time due to marketing reasons, contractual obligations with TV stations etc. and to inform the clubs and Federations of such changes no later than at least fourteen (14) calendar days before the game.***

4.1.2. The Opening Game of the **2019-20** Season shall be on **TUE October 15<sup>th</sup> 2019.**

4.1.3. For all rounds, the dates and time of the games can be changed due to TV stations' request. The Sports Director has the rights to either confirm or reject the change.

### **III. System of competition for ten/twelve (10/12) teams**

***The system of competition is according to the FIBA principles.***

#### **3.1. First Stage/Group Stage**

3.1.1. Ten (10)/twelve (12) teams shall be divided into two (2) groups (A and B) consisting of five (5)/six (6) teams each. Each team shall play against the other teams in its own group on a home and away basis 4/5 home games and 4/5 way games = 8/10 games per team. The teams from the same country shall be divided in different groups (if possible).

3.1.2. The teams placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from each group will form two (2) new groups C and D, in the TOP EIGHT stage. The teams placed 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in each group will terminate their participation in the competition.

3.1.3. The allocation of the teams shall be decided by the management of BIBL according to geographical location, travel costs and foreign-affairs matters.

#### **3.2. Second and Third Stage**

**3.2.1. TOP EIGHT**

The eight (8) teams qualify for groups C and D. The results between the teams from the same groups in the First/Group Stage shall be carried forward into the TOP EIGHT. Games will be played with the two (2) teams from the other group on a home and away basis.

**Groups will be formed as follows:**

- **Group C: A1; B2; B3; A4.**
- **Group D: B1; A2; A3; B4.**

3.2.2. The first teams in the final standing in groups C and D will qualify directly for the Semifinals. Teams ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> will play Quarterfinal games on a home and away basis to qualify to the Semifinal games. Teams ranked 4<sup>th</sup> will finish the participating.

Game 1	C3 vs D2	Game 2	D3 vs C2
Game 3	D2 vs C3	Game 4	C2 vs D3

The games shall be played over two legs with the aggregate score deciding the winner.

NOTES:

1. 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.
2. The teams ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> after TOP EIGHT shall host the first Quarterfinal and the teams ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> after TOP EIGHT shall host the second Quarterfinal.

**3.3. Semifinals – home and away games**

3.3.1. The first teams from groups C and D and the winners of Third stage – Quarterfinals - will play on home and away games basis Semifinals.

3.3.2. Semifinals shall be played, as follows:

Game 5	Winner games 1 and 3 vs C1	Game 6	Winner games 2 and 4 vs D1
Game 7	C1 vs Winner games 1 and 3	Game 8	D1 vs Winner games 2 and 4

1. If there are two (2) clubs from the same country, qualified for the Semifinal Play-Offs and they are scheduled to play each other according to the system of competition, no changes are required. If there are two (2) clubs from the same country qualified for the Semifinal Play-Offs and they are not scheduled to play each other according to the system of competition, then they will be ranked according to their results from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of the season. The 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked club will then play against the 1<sup>st</sup> ranked club from the same country and the 1<sup>st</sup> ranked team will host the second game.
2. The better-ranked club from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of the season in the other Semifinal will also host the second game.
3. In case of equal ranking, then points-difference shall apply.
4. 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.

3.3.3. Final games shall be played, as follows:

Game 9	Winner games 5 and 7 vs Winner game 6 and 8	Game 10	Winner game 6 and 8 vs Winner game 5 and 7
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The games shall be played under the same conditions as Semifinals.

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.

## **IV. Calendar**

### **4.1. General Calendar**

4.1.1. Playing days of the games of BIBL are: **Tuesday and Wednesday.**

4.1.2. The General Calendar for ten/twelve (10/12) teams and Play-Offs – home and away games, shall be as follows:

#### **5. Calender season 2019-20, Two (2) groups of five/six (5/6) teams:**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Game</b>
<b>15.10.2019 - MON</b>	<b>Opening Game</b>
15-16.10.2019	First Stage, Round 1
22-23.10.2019	First Stage, Round 2
29-30.10.2019	First Stage, Round 3
12-13.11.2019	First Stage, Round 4
19-20.11.2019	First Stage, Round 5
26-27.11.2019	First Stage, Round 6
10-11.12.2019	First Stage, Round 7
17-18.12.2019	First Stage, Round 8
14-15.01.2020	First Stage, Round 9
21-22.01.2020	First Stage, Round 10
<b>28-29.01.2020</b>	<b>Second Stage, Round 1</b>
<b>04-05.02.2020</b>	<b>Second Stage, Round 2</b>
<b>26-27.02.2020</b>	<b>Second Stage, Round 3</b>
<b>03-04.03.2020</b>	<b>Second Stage, Round 4</b>
<b>10-11.03.2020</b>	<b>Third Stage, Round 1</b>
<b>17-18.03.2020</b>	<b>Third Stage, Round 2</b>
<b>24-25.03.2020</b>	<b>Semifinals, Round 1</b>
<b>31.03-01.04.2020</b>	<b>Semifinals, Round 2</b>
<b>07.04.2020</b>	<b>Final, First game – WED</b>
<b>14.04.2020</b>	<b>Final, Second game – WED</b>

### **4.2. Change of date, time and playing gym requested by the clubs**

4.2.1. The game date can be changed in request by either of the 2 teams for valid reasons no later than 20 days before the game with the written approval of the opposing team and with the approval of the Competition Manager/Sports Director of BIBL.

4.2.2. The game time can be changed for valid reasons no later than 48 hours before the game without the approval of the opposing team but with the approval of the Competition Manager of BIBL.

4.2.3. The playing venue can be changed for valid reasons no later than 20 days before the game without the approval of the opposing team but with the approval of the Competition Manager and Sports Director of BIBL. The new gym must be approved by the national federation and this approval must be given in writing.

The Sports Director can approve a request for change of the playing venue for valid reasons (ex. bigger hall – higher attendance) less than 20 days before the game, but only if the requested playing venue is located not more than 70 km from the city where the club is registered before the start of the competition.

4.2.4. The Sports Director of BIBL reserves the right not to approve or refuse changes to the game date, game time and/or playing venue without the objection of the club requesting it.

4.2.5. The Sports Director of BIBL reserves the rights to change game date, game time and/or playing venue due to TV channels requests, sponsors and/or marketing-wise reasons, flying tickets for which BIBL Ltd. pays and is responsible with coordination with the National Federations/Leagues.

## **V. Eligibility of players**

### **5.1. General Principles**

5.1.1. Each club is responsible to ensure the the eligibility of its players from its respective National federation/National league at all times. Only players duly registered for their club in the National championship/National league are entitled to participate in BIBL.

5.1.2 Each club participating in BIBL may include in the team's list for the particular game **a minimum of 7 (seven) domestic/local players in case of 12 registered; a minimum 6 (six) domestic/local players in case of 11 registered; and a minimum of 5 (five) domestic/local players in case of 10 registered. Domestic/local player is considered each player eligible to play for the national team of the club's country.**

5.1.3. During game, on the court must be present at least **one (1) player eligible to play for the national team of the club's country at all times.**

The Coach is responsible for applying this principle. In case of any infraction during the game, an immediate substitution must be administered followed by a technical foul charged to the Coach, **marked with "B" in the scoresheet. A fine of EUR 5000 shall be imposed.**

If second infraction from the same team occurs during the game, immediate an substitution must be administered followed by technical foul charged to the Coach, **marked with "B" in the scoresheet: A fine of EUR 10 000 shall be imposed.**

If a single infraction is discovered after the game, a fine of **EUR 5000** shall be imposed to the team involved. If there is repetition of infraction from the same team during one or more games, a fine of **EUR 10 000** shall be imposed and the team shall lose by forfeit the game during which the second infraction occurred.

### **5.2. Licences and List of approved players**

5.2.1. The Competition Manager issues a List of Approved Players and licenses of players and coaches of each team.

5.2.2. The requested documents listed below are to be received for the initial registration before the start of the season by the the Offices of BIBL no later than **MON September 16<sup>th</sup> 2019.** They can be sent either by post or scanned and sent by e-mail:

- Official list of players from the National federation/National league, which includes all names, date of birth and nationality of the players, duly registered for that team in the national championship of the respective federation. This list has to be signed and stamped by the authorised person. With the dispatch of that list the national federation guarantees that all players included have no contractual obligations with other club and have the right to be registered in the respective club according to the requirements and limitations of the eligibility rules of the respective national championship;
- Official roster of the team with minimum twelve (12) and maximum sixteen (16) players (SIGAL-UNIQA BIBL form);
- Entry form of Compliance with Anti-Doping and Arbitration Regulations;

- Letters of clearance (must be translated into English) for the international transfers ONLY;
- Photocopy of passport, showing the player's full names, legal nationality and date of expiry;
- Photo of the players and coaches (1280 x 852 pixels; 72 dpi; jpg format);
- Team photo (1280 x 852 pixels; 72 dpi; jpg format);
- Team logo (any vector format).

5.2.3. Each club shall be responsible for the full and valid initial registration of its players/coaches.

### **5.3. Procedure for changes**

5.3.1. Any change must be made by the club if the regulations of the national championship of the respective federation allow such a change at that moment and the new player has been registered for participation in the national championship.

5.3.2. Each club shall be responsible for the full and valid registration of the new players/coaches.

5.3.3. In case of registering new player/coach, the club shall follow the procedure as per Art.5.2.2. where all the requested documents remain the same and are obligatory to be presented. Failure to present either 1 (one) or more of the requested documents, shall reflect into a NO registration of the player/coach. In case a non-registered player/coach takes part into a game, the same club shall lose the game by forfeit and a **penalty of EUR 2000 (two thousand euro) shall be imposed**. The information will be sent to FIBA.

5.3.4. The new player/coach are be entitled to play in the next BIBL game of the team if the official change is made not later than two (2) full official working days, according to the official working calendar in Bulgaria, before that game. (eg. If the game is scheduled to be played on Tuesday at 18.00 h, all the required documents **MUST** be sent to BIBL office not latter than 18.00 h EET on Friday of the previous week).

Failure to register a player/coach in the stated period of time prior to a game shall reflect into a NO registartion of the player/coach. In case a non-registered player/coach takes parti into a game, the same club shall lose the game by forfeit and a **penalty of EUR 2000 (two thousand euro) shall be imposed**. The information will be sent to FIBA.

5.3.5. No more changes in the List of Approved Players can be made less than 2 (two) full official working days before the last 1 (One) round of regular season. **Round 14** (8 teams system) **or First Semi Final Round 1** (10/12 teams system)

5.3.6. A player/coach may be removed from the List of approved players issued by the league at any time. The club shall be responsible to officially inform the BIBL Offices.

5.3.7. The Competition Manager of the BIBL issues a new List of approved players after every new addition or removal of a player/coach.

### **5.4. Checking the eligibility of players before the game**

5.4.1. Before every game the participating teams have to present to the game commissioner the following documents:

- List of approved players, issued by BIBL;
- Licences, issued by BIBL;
- Team list of players and coaches (BIBL form).

If there is an addition or replacement of a player/coach and the licence of that player/coach has not reached the club yet, but the player is included in the list of approved players, the club has to show to the commissioner the passport or ID card of that player where his photo, name, birth date and nationality could validated. This rule

applies also before the first game of the team if the licences of the players have not yet reached the club.

## **VI. Finances**

### **6.1. General financial provisions**

6.1.1. The clubs will cover the following expenses either in cash or by bank transfer in exchange to an official invoice by each referee personally:

- Officiating fees for Regular season per referee per game:
- Referee's fee: **EUR 250 (two hundred and fifty euro)**,
- Officiating fees for Playoffs and Finals per referee per game:
- Referee's fee – **EUR 300 (three hundred euro)**;
- Travel expenses of the referees – 0.20 euro/km (twenty euro-cents per km).
- In case of club not paying to the referees on day game or up to 7 days after the game, the league will pay to the referees, directly to the bank account (officiating fee and travel expenses under their official invoices) where the full amount plus all bank charges added shall be withdrawn from the Club's financial deposit to the BIBL. Moreover, a fine of **EUR 500 (five hundred euro) per infraction** shall be imposed on the hosting club. In case of second, third or multiple infractions occur during the season, fine shall be respectively doubled, tripled, etc.

- Instructor's fee (*if any*) **will be paid by the league EUR 150(one hundred and fifty)**

6.1.2. Official's fee and travel expenses are paid to the official's bank accounts or to the referees on day game, directly by the clubs. upon duly issued and registered invoice/s from each of the officials.

6.1.3. The Tax Code Procedure according to country Law shall apply regarding all incoming and outgoing invoices and financial operations in connection with deposits, registration fees, commissioner and referee invoices and payments, purchasing air tickets, fines, bank charges, etc.

### **6.2. Host team**

6.2.1. Each host team will cover the expenses for:

- Officiating fee as Art, 6.1
- Playing venue.
- Table officials and statisticians.
- Doctor, ambulance and security.
- Internet for LIVE streaming broadcast and internet for media and/or BIBL representatives.
- LIVE streaming broadcast as per the requirements described in these regulations and in the manual.
- Local transportation of the visiting team and the officials (if necessary).
- Staying expenses of the referees – 3 SGL rooms either for 1 or 2 nights as written in the official nominations for the game.
- Staying expenses of the visiting team for sixteen (16) team members and 1-2 driver/s for 2 days (1 night) – 6 DBL and 4 SGL rooms for team and room for driver/s.
- Staying expenses in case of visit by BIBL Management.
- Other necessary expenses not covered by BIBL.

### **6.3. Visiting team**

6.3.1. Each visiting team will cover the expenses for:

- Own travel expenses to the venue of the game and back including visas if required.
- Staying expenses for additional person/s (more than 16 team members and 1-2 driver/s).

### **6.4. Money Prize**

6.4.1. In case that the league finds a sponsor/s for the Final stages separately, 40% of the net amount (*after VAT and state taxes*) of the sponsorship will be divided between the 4 first teams:

- 1 Place – 40%.
- 2 Place – 30%.
- 3 Place – 20%.
- 4 Place – 10%.

## **6.5. Terms of payment to Balkan International Basketball League Ltd.**

6.5.1. In accordance with the tax regulations in force in Bulgaria, invoices may be subject to Bulgarian Value Added Tax (VAT).

6.5.2. Moreover, fees and dues rights, participation fees, fines or any other amounts invoiced must be paid to BIBL Ltd. in full, i.e. without any deductions (bank charges, etc.) and on receipt of invoice apart from the deposit for participation where invoice cannot be issued.

6.5.3. Any redistribution of income to the participants shall be made inclusive of such taxes.

## **VII. Marketing, advertising, TV and Internet rights**

**7.1.** All marketing, advertising, TV and internet rights belong to BIBL Ltd. All games must be produced and broadcast by either national or local TV where the broadcasting TV must be able to provide the signal to other TV channels requesting to broadcast either on reciprocity basis, except for the minimum technical charges that shall be covered by each TV separately. ***In case that the club will find TV channels to broadcast the games all the income (if) from the agreement between the club and the TV channels belong to the club. The League will have the advertisement time according the regulations.***

### **7.2. The exact sponsorship and advertising rights inside the gym are presented below.**

7.2.1. BIBL Ltd. owns for the regular season games:

- 50% of the advertising boards around the playing court or LED system time (9 (8)fixed boards);
- 50% of the floor stickers on the playing court (max four (4) not including the two (2) non-charge semi-circle areas under the baskets;
- 0% of the floor circles (one central and two free throw semi-circles).

7.2.2. BIBL Ltd. assigns to the host club for the regular season games:

- 50% of the advertising boards around the playing court, according to the advertising diagram;
- 100% of the floor circles (one central and two free throw semi-circles).

7.2.3. For Final Games – it is obligatory to be used LED System. BIBL Ltd. owns for these games:

- 50% of the advertising time in the LED System;
- central circle of the playing court;
- 50% of the floor stickers on the playing court, max four (4) not including both non-charge semi-circle areas.

7.2.4. BIBL Ltd. shall provide the host club the following advertising materials: two (2) floor stickers, backboards stickers, advertising boards, clips for the LED System, BIBL, ten (10) basketballs. For new clubs season 2018-2019 BIBL team fouls mark, five (5) BIBL personal fouls mark, one (1) BIBL arrow.

7.2.5. In case the club needs to replace the floor stickers or any other of the advertising materials, any additional set/piece will be invoiced to the club at the cost price plus all shipping expenses.

The club is responsible for shipping or transporting the stickers/materials by itself and on time.

7.2.6. In case of damage, loss, etc. of any advertising material, any replacements will be invoiced to the club and sent at the cost price plus all shipping expenses.

### ***Advertising diagram for BIBL games.***

All advertising boards must be at least two (2) metres far from the sidelines and the endlines.

- The clubs must ensure that no obstacles will be placed in front of the fixed boards (cameras, photographers, towels etc.).
- All advertising materials as provided by the office of BIBL must appear on and around the court, according to the advertising scheme, as follows:

### **Schemes will be added later on, after the sponsors and partners for the season are clarified!**

7.2.7. The structure of the advertising boards pre-suppose that the team benches and the scorer's table will be in the opposite side of the playing court. In case that the team benches and the scorer's table will be in the same side with the boards, the club is obliged to remove two of its owned fixed boards, in order to secure enough space for coaches and players to come on and off the court.

7.2.8. No other advertising or promotional material (floor stickers, boards, flags, stickers on baskets, backboards, scoreboards etc.) are allowed to be placed inside the gym in the League's games.

7.2.9. The name of the playing gym can be displayed, at least 50 cm outside the sidelines or endlines.

7.2.10. The BIBL logo must appear on the lower left corner in both backboards [dimensions: 25cm (length) x 15 cm (height)], as presented in the diagram below.



### ***Diagram – Backboard BIBL logo***

7.2.11. BIBL Ltd. assigns to all participating clubs the rights of advertising on the official game uniforms of the players.

7.2.12. All clubs must advertise their games with posters with the names of the sponsors, in their websites and in any other possible way.

7.2.13. All clubs must not advertise or display inside or outside the playing gym companies/sponsors of the same product or services category as the Gold and the Official sponsor of BIBL.

7.2.14. Display of the sponsors' logos on the backdrop board of the press conference in the playing gym press room:

- All the sponsors must have the same number or percentage of logos;

- The maximum number of different sponsors that can be placed in the backdrop boards is eight (four from BIBL and four from the hosting club);
- The BIBL logo should be also displayed with the same number or percentage of logos;
- The name of the Gold sponsor and the extended name of BIBL should be placed on top of the backdrop. **(e.g. XXXXXXXX Balkan International Basketball League).**

7.2.15. For each home game the club must provide the requested number of VIP accreditations and tickets.

7.2.16. For each home game the club must provide the necessary support, in order to complete promotional or other campaigns inside or outside the playing gym.

7.2.17. All contracts with TV and/or internet channels shall be negotiated and signed by the club and BIBL Ltd together. No club has the right to sign contract/s with any channel, either TV or internet, without officially being permitted to do so by BIBL Ltd in writing. In case of a non-permitted broadcast of a game/s, whether on TV or in the internet, the Club shall be penalised.

**First infraction: A fine of EUR 5000**

**Second infraction:** the club shall be disqualified for the remainder of BIBL competition. In addition, the participation deposit shall not be reimbursed to the same club. The BIBL has the rights to claim for losses by sponsors, partners, TV rights, etc. as well as image-damaging compensation.

The clubs are obliged to assist any broadcaster to cover all the games successfully.

7.2.18. The clubs shall respect in full the contracts with sponsors, broadcasters and other partners that BIBL Ltd. enters into for the season and for the marketing and advertising of the games and the competition.

## **VIII. Organization of the game**

### **8.1. Venue**

8.1.1. The venue of the game shall be the town of the host club or another close town as registered in the Office of BIBL.

8.1.2. The games shall take place at the host club's playing gym, approved by the respective Local Basketball Federation and BIBL. It must be clean and the temperature during the game should be between 16 and 25 degrees centigrade.

8.1.3. The host club is obliged to provide the visiting club a one and half hour practice in the playing gym at approximately the time of the game (possible tolerance is 30 minutes earlier or later) on the day before the game and a one hour practice on the morning in the day of the game (if requested).

### **8.2. Transportation of the visiting team**

8.2.1. Each team is responsible for its transportation to and from the venue.

### **8.3 Hotel accommodation**

8.3.1. Each home team is responsible for the accommodation of the visiting team and the referees according to Art. 6.2.1. and 6.3.1.

Two different hotels **CAN** be used. The hotels must be approved by the league according to Art. 2.2.3. (Minimum three (3) international stars hotel with a sufficient quantity and quality of food).

**The rooms provided to the clubs and referees in the hotel/s have to be either SGL or DBL rooms. Triple rooms are not allowed.**

**Infraction: A fine shall refer to Art. 11.3. Poor organization of the game.**

#### **8.4. Game**

8.4.1. All games will be played in accordance with the current FIBA Official Basketball Rules with Official FIBA Scoresheet and official ball of the League.

8.4.2. List of approved players and licenses of the players, issued by the League and List of players and coaches (BIBL form), must be presented to the Crew Chief.

- Teams cannot participate in the game with less than ten (10) duly registered players;
- In case of injury or illness of players, club can register up to two (2) players from their junior teams, but not younger than **18 years old**;

NOTE: Each team must play with its best roster of players. Breach shall reflect into the following fines:

- **First infraction: A fine of EUR 2 000.**
- **Second infraction: A fine of EUR 4 000 and forfeit of the game 20-0.**
- **Third infraction: Loss of club's deposit in full and forfeit of the game 20-0.**

8.4.3. The host club guarantees that all technical equipment meet the Official Basketball Rules and Basketball equipment and it is available at the playing gym in good working order.

8.4.4. The table officials (scorer, assistant scorer, timer, 24-second operator) shall be appointed by the national federation of the country where the game is to take place and shall be competent and absolutely impartial. At least one must be experienced and speak good English. They must be uniformly dressed (uniforms used during the national championships of their own countries). **Any infraction of this regulation will result in a fine of EUR 250.**

Technical support must be close to the official's table during the whole game. **Any infraction of this regulation will result in a fine of EUR 250.**

8.4.5. The host club is responsible for providing sufficient security – either police forces or officially licensed security company as per the laws in the respective country. **Any infraction of this regulation will result in a fine of EUR 250. Fine shall be doubled and tripled in case of repetition.**

8.4.6. The host club is responsible for providing a registered medical doctor at each game, also ambulance in case of need of transportation for injured player to/from the hospital. **Any infraction of this regulation will result in a fine of EUR 250 in addition to the FIBA Basketball Rules.**

8.4.7. The host club is responsible for providing a personnel to dry wet spots which may occur on the playing court during the game. **Any infraction of this regulation will result in a fine of EUR 250.**

8.4.8 The host club must provide live statistics, keeping all Requirements for LiveStats Program. Ten (10) minutes before the game the person responsible for statistics shall check his connection to the BIBL statistics server and shall inform the Commissioner for proper functioning of the statistics. This person shall be present in the gym minimum 1 (one) hour before the starting hour of the game and MUST be available for a phone call and/or skype connection by the BIBL Statistics Manager from 30 (thirty) minutes before the start of the game, throughout the whole game, until 15 (fifteen) minutes after the game. **Any infraction of this regulation will result in a fine of EUR 1500. Fines shall be doubled and tripled in case of repetition.**

8.4.10. The host club must send at least 5 (five) high resolution professional photos from each game to the following e-mail addresses: [lneshev@balkanleague.net](mailto:lneshev@balkanleague.net) and [office@balkanleague.net](mailto:office@balkanleague.net) not later than **1 (one) hour** after the end of the game. Photos taken with tablets/smart phones/other non-professional devices shall not be considered as sent. **Any infraction of this regulation will result in a fine of EUR 500 and it shall be doubled, respectively tripled each consecutive time if an infraction occurs again.**

8.4.11. At least one player and/or a coach must give an interview after the game and the club's PR/journalist must send video and/or transcript of it to the following e-mail addresses: [lneshev@balkanleague.net](mailto:lneshev@balkanleague.net) and [office@balkanleague.net](mailto:office@balkanleague.net) not later than **two (2) hours** after the end of the game. **Any infraction of this regulation will result in a fine of EUR 500 and it shall be doubled, respectively tripled each consecutive time if infraction occurs again.**

8.4.12. Before, during or after each game that is **LIVE on TV**, any interviews with players, coaches, management etc. must be given in front of the official BIBL press panel (if provided by BIBL). In case of a press conference held before, during or after the game, the official BIBL press panel must be placed (if provided by BIBL) facing the TV cameras. **Any infraction of this regulation will result in a fine of EUR 1000 and it shall be doubled, respectively tripled each consecutive time if infraction occurs.**

8.4.13. The playing uniforms and all other equipment must conform to the Official Basketball Rules. In addition:

- Balkan League Logo (7 cm x 5 cm), provided by the League, must be displayed on the upper left part of the front side of the shirts.

- The name or logo of the team **MUST** appear under the player's number of the front side of the shirt. If there is advertising, it may appear under the name of the team.

- The player's surname **MUST** appear above the player's number of the back side of the shirt. If there is advertising, it may appear under the player's number:

- The numbers of the players on the playing shirts, which will be used, shall be according to the official FIBA basketball rules and regulations.

**An infraction of one or more requirements for "Uniforms" and/or "Other equipment" according to Official Basketball Rules and BIBL Regulations is a fine up to EUR 1000.**

- The players must be identical dressed during the official pre-game presentation. **Any infraction of this regulation will result in a fine of EUR 250 for each player involved.**

8.4.14. The home team shall wear light colored uniforms and the visiting team shall wear dark colored uniforms according to the Official Basketball Rules.

8.4.15. In case of a closed contact between BIBL Ltd. and a sports company, each team will be asked to play with the uniform provided by the BIBL.

8.4.16. Before the game each team has to present on the playing court minimum 10 (ten) and maximum 12 (twelve) players, entitled to play with readiness to play.

If the team has only nine (9) players entitled to play with readiness to play, the game is going to be played and fine of **EUR 2000** shall be imposed to the team involved.

If the team has only eight (8) players or less entitled to play with readiness to play, then the team shall lose the game **by forfeit and fine of EUR 5000** shall be imposed to the team involved.

8.4.17. The coaches and assistant coaches must be appropriately dressed (shirt, but not T-shirt, trousers and blazer) during the game. Track suits including club uniform are not allowed. **Any infraction of this rule will result in a fine of EUR 500 for each person involved.**

8.4.18. Unnecessary contact with the referees of the game before and after the game is not permitted.

8.4.19. If a game cannot be started or is started but not finished due to the occurrence of unexpected conditions (e.g. electricity break, flooding, etc.), and the normal playing conditions are not restored in a period of 60 (sixty) minutes after the time of interrupting, the game shall be continued on the other day. The time, result and anything around the game remains the same as at the time when it stopped. The Crew Chief, consulting the BIBL offices, shall appoint the conditions and game time on the following day and they are responsible to give the whole information in writing to both coaches and BIBL.

## **8.5. Internet connection for the game information and Internet broadcast**

8.5.1. For all BIBL games the official BIBL statistics software shall be used (See annex 1). BIBL Ltd. will provide this software to the clubs free of charge.

8.5.2. For all BIBL games high quality internet connection, minimum of 8 MBps Upload speed by LAN guaranteed, **NOT WIFI**. shall be available in the playing gym for transmission of the game information and internet broadcast LIVE in the i-net platform of the League (in case there is no LIVE TV broadcast)(See annex 2). The home club shall be responsible for providing and securing the line from minimum 1 hour before the start of the game to half and hour after its end. **Any infraction of this regulation will result in a fine of EUR 2000 and it shall be doubled, respectively tripled each consecutive time if infraction occurs again.**

8.5.3. For all BIBL games good quality internet connection, preferably WIFI, shall be available in the playing gym for the necessities of the BIBL Management – PR, Marketing, Sports departments. Such MUST be only for the usage of the BIBL Management and/or connected personnel. **Any infraction of this regulation will result in a fine of EUR 2000 and it shall be doubled, respectively tripled each consecutive time if infraction occurs again.**

8.5.4. Before the game a file for live statistics shall be sent by the league to the statistics person appointed by the club. This person must confirm receiving the file to the sender's email ("REPLY ALL" option) not later than 24 hours before the game. In case such confirmation is not sent on time and it results into a failure of having LIVE statistics during the game, the Club shall be penalized. **Any infraction of this regulation will result in a fine of EUR 500 and it shall be doubled each consecutive time if an infraction occurs again.**

## **IX. Officials**

### **9.1. Governing body**

9.1.1. The Sports Director will appoint three (3) referees for each BIBL game.

9.1.2. The list of BIBL referees shall be send by the local federation.

9.1.5. List of the referees shall be sent to the offices of BIBL by the respective National Federation **no later than MON September 23<sup>th</sup> 2019** and the Sports Director shall select and approvethe official list of BIBL referees and send it to the federations.

### **9.2. Procedure**

9.2.1. A game form with the place and date of the game and names of the referees will be sent to the respective National Federations, referees and both clubs, signed by the Sports Director.

9.2.2. If an official cannot accept his nomination for any reason, the official must inform the office of BIBL immediately by E-mail or by fax.

### **9.3. Duties**

9.3.1. Once the official is designated for the game he should arrive at the playing gym dressed in a suit with a shirt and a tie.

9.3.2. The referees shall wear on the court a referee shirt and jacket, provided by BIBL.

9.3.3. Duties of the Crew Chief:

- To act as an official representative of BIBL during the game;
- To be primarily responsible for the smooth running of the game;
- To ensure that the game is played under regular conditions and should collaborate with the referees and the teams at all the time to ensure that this is the case;
- To duly check if all the media and marketing regulations of BIBL are strictly followed and all materials are displayed correctly;
- To be responsible for sending of:
  - = by e-mail until 13.00 h on the next day:
    - ^ official game report;
    - ^ checklist.
    - ^ official scoresheet (original);

9.3.4. The game reports shall be written in English. They will contain details of the game according to the templates and any matters which according to the CC opinion are not in accordance with these Regulations, FIBA Official Basketball Rules and the general rules of behaviour and sportmanship.

9.3.6. Should any serious incident occurs before, during or after the game, the CC must inform by telephone Sport's Director and send to the office of BIBL a detailed report describing the incident within 1 (one) hour of completion of the game by e-mail.

9.3.7. Duties of the referees:

- To be primarily responsible for the application of the FIBA Official Basketball Rules, conducting the game in accordance with them and the Official FIBA Interpretations of these rules and application of BIBL Official Regulations, mainly concerning eligibility of players;
- The referees shall make certain that the interests of both teams are in no way damaged;
- The Referee shall inspect and approve all equipment to be used during the game and have the power to stop the game when the conditions warrant it;
- The Referee, during all games broadcasted in live on TV, is authorised to use the signal from TV-camera and to check a replay action, to take final decision about playing situation. He is authorised to do so every time when he feels that is necessary in order to keep fair play and interests of both teams presented on the court.

## **X. Protests**

### **10.1. Eligibility of players**

10.1.1. The opposing team may submit a protest concerning the eligibility of players.

10.1.2. BIBL must receive such protest within 3 (three) days from the end of the game.

10.1.3. A deposit of **EUR 1000** shall accompany the protest. If the deposit has not been received by BIBL within three (3) days from the end of the game, the protest shall be considered null and void.

10.1.4. In case of a duly protest taking place, the BIBL shall address and gather the Competition Commission (skype sessions and/or officially exchanged emails shall be considered lawful) within 3 days after receiving the deposit for initiating the protest.

10.1.5. Deposits shall not be deducted from the participation deposit and must be paid by bank to the official bank account of the BIBL. Invoice will followingly be issued where the Bulgarian Tac Code will apply.

## **10.2 Result of the game**

A team may submit a protest if it believes its interests have been adversely affected by a decision of an official or by any event that took place during a game that influenced the result of the game but only in accordance with the active FIBA Basketball Rules.

10.2.1. The process of submission (but not the deposit) shall be in accordance with the Official Basketball Rules (Section C – “Protest procedure”).

10.2.2. The protest shall be sent to the office of BIBL and to the opposing team within three (3) days following the end of the game.

10.2.3. A deposit of **EUR 1000** shall accompany the protest. If the deposit has not been received by BIBL three (3) days following the end of the game, the protest shall be considered null and void.

Deposits shall not be deducted from the participation deposit and must be paid by bank to the official bank account of the BIBL. Invoice will followingly be issued where the Bulgarian Tac Code will apply.

The Sports Director shall take all decisions concerning protests within three (3) following receipt of the protest and deposit by BIBL in the first instance.

10.2.4. An appeal is possible in front of the Competition Commission as the second instance. New deposit amounting to **EUR 1000** (one thousand) shall precede the appeal with the same procedure described in Art. 10.2.3.

The decision of the Competition Commission is final and cannot be objected.

## **XI. Disciplinary penalties**

### **11.1 Acts harming the image of BIBL**

11.1.1. If a player, coach, assistant coach or team follower acts in a manner which harms the image of BIBL or causes physical damage to facilities (dressing room, hotel, etc.), a fine up to **EUR 3000** shall be imposed.

11.1.2. If a player, coach, assistant coach or team follower makes comments, criticizes, offends or disrespects the league management, league staff, referees or table officials in public or in front of the media, including official letters or mails to the league a fine up to **EUR 3000** shall be imposed.

11.1.3. For menacing, intimidating or serious misbehaviour towards referees, table officials or an opponent, a fine up to **EUR 3000** and/or suspension for one (1) game shall be imposed.

11.1.4. For act of violence towards referees, commissioner, table officials or opponent, a fine up to **EUR 5000** and suspension from one (1) to three (3) games shall be imposed.

11.1.5. For unsportsmanlike behaviour on the part of the public towards opponents, referees or table officials (menacing, intimidating, serious misbehaviour, aggression on and off the playing court, acts of violence, throwing of objects), a fine up to **EUR 5000** shall be imposed.

11.1.6. If some incident causes the game to be interrupted and it cannot be resumed within one (1) hour the game may be awarded to the opponents. The Sports Director shall decide whether a further penalty shall be imposed and if the game shall be awarded 20-0 or according to the score at the time of the stoppage.

### **11.2. Withdrawal and Forfeit**

11.2.1. If before the first game a club declines to participate, the participation deposit shall not be reimbursed to the team and BIBL may replace the club.

11.2.2. If after the first game of BIBL competition a club declines to play or to continue to play (except under circumstances of "force majeure"), it shall lose by forfeit:

- **First forfeit:** the game is awarded to the opponents, the score shall be 20-0 (twenty to zero) and the forfeiting team shall receive 0 (zero) points in the classification. In addition, the club shall be fined up to **EUR 5000** .

- **Second forfeit:** the club shall be disqualified for the remainder of BIBL competition. In addition, the participation deposit shall not be reimbursed to the same club.

### **11.3. Poor organization of the game**

11.3.1. If a piece of equipment/material/etc. essential to the game is missing, a fine up to **EUR 1000** shall be imposed.

11.3.2. For any serious case of poor organization (including lack of live statistics and high quality internet connection,) a fine up to **EUR 3000** shall be imposed.

### **11.4. Advertising contrary to the regulations**

11.4.1. If a club does not use during the game all advertising materials as provided by the office of BIBL according to the advertising scheme, sent to all participating clubs, a fine up to **EUR 5000** shall be imposed.

11.4.2. For any further infraction a fine shall be at least doubled each time.

### **11.5. Use of unlicensed or ineligible players**

11.5.1. All participating clubs must not use unlicensed or ineligible players. If there is infraction of this rule, the procedure is as follows:

- **First infraction:** the game is awarded to the opponents of the offending team which shall receive 0 (zero) points in the classification. In addition fine up to **EUR 5000 shall be imposed.**

- **Second and/or subsequent infraction:** the team shall be disqualified for the remainder of the competition. In addition fine up to **EUR 10 000** shall be imposed.

### **11.6. Governing body**

11.6.1. All disciplinary penalties as mentioned in this section of BIBL Regulations are decided upon in the first instance by the Sports Director of BIBL.

11.6.2. All appeals are examined by the Competition Commission and/or Disciplinary Commission.

## **XII. Cases not covered by the BIBL Official Regulations**

For all cases which are not covered by the BIBL Official Regulations, Regulations of FIBA/FIBA Europe and the Club Competitions Regulations of FIBA FIBA Europe, respectively FIBA Official Rules, shall apply.

**SUMMARY OF FINES**

<b>Article</b>	<b>Infraction</b>	<b>Fine in EUR</b>
<b>2.2.4.</b>	<b>Failure to send 2 (two) representatives</b> to the workshop of BIBL	<b>500</b>
<b>2.5.1.</b>	<b>Failure to reply</b> to any official letter by the stated deadline	<b>50</b>
<b>5.1.3.</b>	During the game on the playing court <b>there are not</b> present at least 2 (two) players who are eligible to play for the national team of the club's country or one (1) player who is eligible to play for the national team of the club's country and one (1) European foreign player – <b>first infraction:</b>	<b>5000</b>
<b>5.1.3.</b>	During the game on the playing court <b>there are not</b> present at least two (2) players who are eligible to play for the national team of the club's country or one (1) player who is eligible to play for the national team of the club's country and one (1) European foreign player – <b>second infraction:</b>	<b>10000</b>
<b>5.1.3.</b>	For discovering of <b>single infraction after the game</b>	<b>5000</b>
<b>5.1.3.</b>	For discovering of <b>repetition of infraction after the game</b>	<b>10000</b>
<b>7.2.17</b>	Non-permitted broadcast of a game/s, whether on television or over the internet from the club – <b>first infraction:</b>	<b>5000</b>
<b>8.4.2</b>	<b>A team does not play with its best roster available</b> (as it plays in the respective National championship/National league: <b>First infraction</b> <b>Second infraction</b> <b>Third infraction (loss of deposit)</b>	<b>2000</b> <b>4000+forfeit 20-0</b> <b>12000+forfeit20-0</b>
<b>8.4.4.</b>	<b>Table officials not dressed</b> in the same uniforms	<b>250</b>
<b>8.4.5.</b>	<b>Insufficient security</b> organised by the home club	<b>250</b>
<b>8.4.6.</b>	<b>No registered medical doctor</b> organised by the from the host club	<b>250</b>
<b>8.4.7.</b>	<b>No personnel to dry wet spots</b> by the home club	<b>250</b>
<b>8.4.8.</b>	<b>No live statistics</b> during the game provided by the home club	<b>1500</b>
<b>8.4.9.</b>	<b>Game not uploaded to the server of BIBL until 12:00h noontime on the day</b> after each game by the home club. <b>Second infraction</b> <b>Third infraction</b>	<b>500</b> <b>1000</b> <b>2000</b>
<b>8.4.10.</b>	<b>Photographs not sent by e-mail</b> as per the regulations <b>within 1 hour of the end of the game by the home club</b> <b>Second infraction</b> <b>Third infraction</b>	<b>500</b> <b>1000</b> <b>2000</b>
<b>8.4.11.</b>	<b>No video and/or transcript with interview in English</b> with player and coach sent by email as per the regulations <b>within 2 hours of the end of the game by the home club.</b> <b>Second infraction of that rule</b> <b>Third infraction of that rule</b>	<b>500</b> <b>1000</b> <b>2000</b>
<b>8.4.12.</b>	<b>An interview</b> with player, coach etc. not given in front of official media backdrop of BIBL for the games <b>LIVE on TV</b> <b>Second infraction of that rule</b> <b>Third infraction of that rule</b>	<b>1000</b> <b>2000</b> <b>4000</b>
<b>8.4.13.</b>	<b>Uniforms and/or other equipment</b> not according Official Basketball Rules and BIBL Regulations	<b>Up to 1000</b>
<b>8.4.13.</b>	<b>Players not identically/uniformly dressed</b> during the official pre-game presentation: (fine per player)	<b>250</b>
<b>8.4.16.</b>	<b>Only 9 (nine) players</b> entitled to play with readiness to play	<b>2000</b>
<b>8.4.18.</b>	<b>Coach or assistant coaches not appropriately dressed: for each person involved</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>8.5.2</b>	<b>No high quality internet connection in the playing gym for transmission of the game information and internet broadcast</b> during the game from the host club	<b>2000</b>
<b>8.5.3.</b>	<b>No good quality internet connection for the necessities of the BIBL Management</b> – PR, Marketing, Sports Departments	<b>2000</b>
<b>8.5.4.</b>	<b>Failure to send a confirmation for receiving a file for LIVE statistics on time and as a result of this failure of having LIVE statistics</b> during the game	<b>500</b> <b>1000</b> <b>2000</b>
<b>11.1.1.</b>	Any team member who acts in a manner which <b>harms the image of BIBL or causes physical damage</b> to structures	<b>Up to 3000</b>
<b>11.1.2.</b>	Any team member who <b>comments, criticises, offends or disrespects</b> the referees or table officials <b>in public or in front of the media and to the league offices.</b>	<b>Up to 3000</b>
<b>11.1.3.</b>	<b>Menacing, intimidating or serious misbehaviour</b> towards referees, table officials or an opponent	<b>Up to 3000</b>
<b>11.1.4.</b>	<b>Any act of violence</b> towards referees, table officials or	<b>Up to 5000</b>

	opponent	
<b>11.1.5.</b>	<b>Any unsportsmanlike behaviour on the part of the public</b> towards opponents, referees or table officials (menacing, intimidating, serious misbehaviour, aggression on and off the playing court, acts of violence, throwing of objects)	<b>Up to 5000</b>
<b>11.2.2.</b>	<b>A club declines to play or to continue to play</b> after the first game of BIBL competition: - <b>first forfeit</b> - <b>second forfeit</b>	<b>Up to 5000+0 pts.</b> <b>Loss of deposit+</b> <b>disqualification</b>
<b>11.3.1.</b>	<b>Any equipment essential to the game</b> is missing	<b>Up to 1000</b>
<b>11.3.2.</b>	<b>Poor organization</b> (including lack of live statistics)	<b>Up to 3000</b>
<b>11.4.1.</b>	<b>Advertising materials not used in accordance according to the advertising scheme</b>	<b>Up to 5000</b>
<b>11.5.1.</b>	<b>Use of unlicensed or ineligible players – first infraction</b>	<b>Up to 5000+0 pts.</b>
<b>11.5.1.</b>	<b>Use of unlicensed or ineligible players – Second and/or subsequent infraction</b>	<b>Up to 10000+</b> <b>disqualification</b>