



**23rd OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE BALTIC  
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE**

**REGULATIONS**

**2016-2017**

**APPROVED:**  
by Mr. Vytenis Urba,  
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## **1. OBJECTIVES**

- 1.1. Promote women's basketball in the Baltic area.
- 1.2. Afford a possibility for the best teams and players of the area to compete among themselves while preparing for both European and World Championships.
- 1.3. Determine the best BWBL teams and the best individual players.

## **2. LEADERSHIP AND EXECUTION**

2.1. The BWBL open Championship shall be carried out by the League's staff. The BWBL Executive Committee shall be responsible for the management of the open Championship.

2.2. The Chief Referee of the BWBL open Championship is FIBA Commissioner Mr. Kestutis SKERYYS (Vilnius, Lithuania).

## **3. PARTICIPANTS**

### **3.1. Teams/ Regular season**

#### **BELARUS**

1. "Tsmoki-Minsk", Minsk
2. "Olimpia", Grodno
3. "Horizont-RCOP", Minsk

#### **LITHUANIA**

1. "Suduva", Marijampole
2. "Aistes-LSU", Kaunas

#### **UKRAINE**

1. "Interkhim-SDUSSHOR-2", Odessa
2. "Tim Scuf", Kijev

#### **RUSSIA**

1. "Dynamo- Farm", Kursk

#### **POLAND**

1. "Energa", Torun

#### **ESTONIA**

1. FCR MEDIA/Rapla KK, Rapla

### **3.2. Players**

3.2.1. Eighteen (18) basketball players may be specified in the application of Delegation. For the game twelve (12) players may be registered, but not less than eight (8) players must be registered for the game. The delegation during competition includes players (maximum 12) and maximum six (6) team followers. Total number of delegation is eighteen (18) persons.

3.2.2. The deadline of the player's registration expires five (5) days before the start of Final Four, at 12:00. Request must be presented with a clearance letter from previous club.

Later registration (after the start of Regular season for each Club) shall only be possible upon payment to the BWBL of:

**A. For foreign** players (*foreign player* is considered as a player which is not registered in the National Championship for this season):

- **300 EUR** for the first player;
- **400 EUR** for the second player;
- **500 EUR** for the third player;
- **600 EUR** for the fourth player;

**B. For national** player:

- **200 EUR** for the first player;
- **300 EUR** for the second player;
- **400 EUR** for the third player;
- **500 EUR** for the fourth player;

The total number of the players registered after start of regular season is four (4). Example of team entry is provided in Annex 1.

3.2.3. The payment for later new entry (for all new players) for registration must be made 24 hours before next Club's game. In other case, registration of new player is not possible.

3.2.4. Transfer of players shall be completed according Regulations of FIBA.

3.2.5. A list of the names of the club members accompanied by their photos and the sponsors' logo should reach the BWBL by **25th September 2016**.

3.2.6. All members of the team shall follow ethics and the best behavior norms. The players of the teams shall follow fair play rules; in case of braking fair play rules the team could be excluded from the BWBL Championship and penalty will be decided by the Disciplinary Commission and the Board of the BWBL.

#### 4. DEADLINES

<b>23 08 2016</b>	<b>Registration of club</b>
<b>15 09 2016</b>	<b>Club Logo via E-mail: <a href="mailto:office@bwbl.it">office@bwbl.it</a> Official name of club</b>
<b>25 09 2016</b>	<b>Official List of players; club photo and players photo</b>
<b>25 09 2016</b>	<b>Payment of participation fee</b>
<b>5 days before F4</b>	<b>Later entries upon payment (see Clause 3.2.2)</b>

#### 5. DATES

The dates of Stages of the XXII BWBL Championship shall be as follows (a detailed Schedule is presented in Annex 2):

**SEPTEMBER**  
**OCTOBER**  
**NOVEMBER**  
**DECEMBER**  
**JANUARY**

**30<sup>th</sup> - beginning of Regu**

**10<sup>th</sup> - end of Regular Se**

**FEBRUARY**

**Stage 2:**

**MARCH****Final Four****7-9 April, 2017****6. RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOSTS****6.1. The home team club will be responsible for:**

- the meeting of the visiting team; transportation of delegation of visiting team to the arena from the accommodation place (if necessary);
- home team will help to book the best price hotel for visiting team delegation;
- water for all participating teams during the games and one practice in game arena: for each game, each practice and each team (18 participants in the team) and for referees - 1 liter for everyone; penalty **50 EUR**;
- proper preparation of the arena and equipment for the competition and the allocation of a hall for training; penalty – **100 EUR**;
- advertising and propagation of the games via the mass media (TV, radio, press);
- skilled work of the Table Officials, Commissioner and medical care services according to National Championship valuations;
- awarding of prizes for the best player (1) of each participating team in each game; in case of violation – penalty **100 EUR**;
- BWBL flag, advertising tents and national flags of participating in the game teams has to be hung during competitions in the arena; **in case of violation - penalty 100 EUR**. The BWBL flag and advertising tents will be provided by the BWBL.
- Head Referee in the country games nominate the most experienced Officials with National or FIBA category.

**6.2. The club of visiting team will:**

- inform the club of home team about date and time of arrival 14 (fourteen) days before the game;
- pay for the travel, accommodation and meal.

**6.3. Official game ball: MOLTEN.****7. RULES OF THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

**The BWBL open Championship shall be carried out in accordance with the FIBA Rules (2014 edition) in three stages:**

**7.1. Stage 1: Regular Season.**

- Teams are divided into two groups during the draw ceremony.
- Teams play in two groups home and away games. „Dynamo-Farm“, Kursk wil play only away games.

<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>
1. Energa, Torun (POL)	1. Dynamo-Farm, Kursk (RUS)
2. Horizont RCOP, Minsk (BLR)	2. Olimpia, Grodno (BLR)
3. Sūduva, Marijampolė (LTU)	3. Aistės-LSU, Kaunas (LTU)
4. Tim-Scuf, Kiev (UKR)	4. Interkhim, Odessa (UKR)
5. Tsmoki-Minsk, Minsk (BLR)	5. FCR MEDIA-Rapla KK, Rapla (EST)

- 10 teams will participate in the open BWBL XXIII Championship in two groups. A point system shall be applied. The standing of teams will be based on the number of points collected. Two (2) points shall be assigned for winning team, one (1) point for losing team, and zero (0) points for not arriving or leaving the competition team before the game.
- In case, if two (2) teams have collected the equal number of points, a higher place shall be awarded to the team that has better result between them. If the result is still equal, the places shall be decided taking into account all teams results. In case, if more than two (2) teams have collected the equal number of points, only the results of games between these teams shall be taken into account. If the results are still equal, the places shall be decided considering their inter-games ratio of baskets. Finally, if the result is still equal, the decision shall be based on the ratio of shots of all the games played in the group (p. D.1 of FIBA Rules, 2014).
- The first four teams from each group (A and B) goes to Stage 2.

**7.2. Stage 2: four best teams from each group (A and B) goes to second stage in two pools (C and D)**

- **01st February – 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2017:** home and away games.
- Played in 2 pools (C and D):

<b>Pool C</b>	<b>Pool D</b>
1. A1	1. A2
2. B2	2. B1
3. A3	3. A4
4. B4	4. B3

- In these two new groups of the second stage only matches by teams that had not yet played each other have to be played. As for the matches that had already happened in the first stage their results will be counted in the second stage.

**7.3. Stage 3: Final Four: 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> April, 2017**

- Clubs which would like to organize Final Four should communicate with the BWBL Office till 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2017.
- Participants: the best four (4) teams: C1, C2, D1 and D2.
  - **First day** - Semifinal games:
    1. **C1 vs D2**
    2. **D1 vs C2**
  - **Second day** - Final games: winners of the first day competition play for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place, the other two teams play for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> places.

**8. FINANCES/ FINES**

8.1. Expenses related to the trip of the team (travel and pocket money) shall be paid by visiting club.

8.2. The home club has to pay for Commissioner and Table Officials work and meals according to the national valuations.

8.3. Expenses for Referees and Commissioners in Final Four will be paid by the BWBL and Club the host of final Four.

8.4. The Commissioners for all games (Regular Season, Stage 2) will be nominated by the BWBL and Head of Referees in countries. The host team will pay for the Commissioners and Table Officials according to the national valuations.

8.5. The participation fee has been fixed by the BWBL for the following groups of the teams (see Annex 3F).

8.6. A team that did not arrive to the game without a reasonable excuse must pay a fine from **200 EUR to 1000 EUR**, as decided by the BWBL Board.

8.7. The team that did not pay participation fee one month after the fixed deadline will be penalized by paying extra **100 EUR** for each later month.

8.8. The team shall pay **200 EUR** in case it wants to change the name of the team after commencement of the season.

8.9. The fine of the technical foul of the player or team official is **30 EUR**. The fine of the disqualifying foul of the player or team official is **50 EUR**. The payment of the fine will be decided by the Board of Referees of the BWBL. The fine **MUST** be paid till the next BWBL game.

8.10. Home team must take all games to DVD, and keep them till the end of the BWBL Championship. DVD could be used in case of protest. The record of the game must be downloaded to the BWBL server during 24 hours after the game. In case of violation - **penalty 100 EUR**.

8.11. All troubles which arise among the BWBL Clubs, coaches, players, officials must be solved inside the BWBL in Disciplinary commission, not through the media. For wrong, unfair without any reason distributed criticism against the BWBL and official persons, - club will pay **penalty 150 EUR**.

8.12. Distribution of reality non-compliant information or information humiliating a natural person's honor and dignity, impairing the BWBL or Clubs image, its interests and reputation will be penalized: **150 - 500 EUR**.

8.13. Home team must have a computer with internet and take game statistics with the official FIBA statistics program. After the game all statistical files must be sent to the BWBL office in two (2) hours after the game.

8.14. The BWBL and the home team are responsible for the organization of the BWBL Final Four. The BWBL with Club host team will cover all the accommodation and meals expenses for the guest teams, as well as the expenses for Table Officials and medical staff.

8.15. In case of protest the team must pay **200 EUR** together with official written short explanation. If the protest is be satisfied, the deposit money will be returned to the club within 5 (five) working days.

8.16. Teams under financial or other circumstances withdrew during the BWBL open Championship must pay **3000 EUR** and the BWBL will inform the National Basketball Federation.

8.17. All players shall have the BWBL logo on the left side of shirts. In case of violation - penalty **50 EUR** for each player. The logos will be provided by the BWBL.

**The BWBL bank account:**

**Correspondent Bank**

DEUTSCHE BANK AG, Frankfurt/Main  
SWIFT: DEUT DE FF  
BLZ 500 700 10

**Beneficiary's Bank**

AB BANK "Swedbank"  
Vilnius

SWIFT: HABA LT 22

**Beneficiary's Acc. No.** LT05 7300 0100 0054 6367

**Beneficiary** Baltic Womens Basketball League  
Zemaites str. 6, LT-03117 Vilnius,  
LITHUANIA

## **9. Additional information**

- 9.1. After the end of game responsible Club must arrange good conditions for media to communicate with coaches and players of the game.
- 9.2. For the self-promotion and popularization of League the BWBL has a right to use Club's logo and names of participating in the Championship teams, photos and names of Coaches, players, officials and team personal in the video and acoustic clips in internet, media and the BWBL attributes.
- 9.3. Clubs for self-promotion purposes may use the BWBL name in video and acoustic clips in internet, publications and Club's attributes.
- 9.4. The Board of the BWBL after the end of season will award the Clubs, which will be seen in the media, will have the best advertising of BWBL open championship games, will have the biggest number of spectators, and etc.

## **10. AWARDS**

The winner of the BWBL open Championship shall be awarded with the Challenge Cup. The teams occupying second and third places shall be awarded with cups. The players and the coaches of these teams shall receive medals and personal gifts.

## **11. NOTES:**

- 11.1. The BWBL Executive Committee reserves the right to amend the Regulations of the BWBL XXIII open Championship, if necessary.
- 11.2. The referees for each game in regular season shall be nominated by the head referee of the country.
- 11.3. In case of not foreseen circumstances by the BWBL regulations FIBA Rules and FIBA Official documents will prevail.

Mr. Algimantas Ivašauskas  
The BWBL Secretary General  
23<sup>rd</sup> August 2016, Vilnius

## ANNEX 3F

### 1. The participation fee:

**Group 1.** Participation fee of **3500 EUR** has been established for new teams.

**Group 2.** Other teams shall pay **1500 EUR** each to the BWBL

**Group 3.** Teams that have been participated in the BWBL Championships and would like after one or some year's interval again to take part in the BWBL, has to pay **600 EUR** extra fee to the BWBL.

### 2. The deposit fee:

All participating teams n XXIII Open BWBL Championship must pay deposit fee **500 EUR**. This fee will be used for payment penalties of players, teams, coaches and team personal. The rest of deposit fee will be paid back to the teams after the end of Championship.

**NOTE: the participation fee must be paid no later than 25th September 2016.**

BWBL Board



ANNEX 1



**The team entry for participation in XXIII BWBL Championship**

List No.	Surname, Name	Shirt No.	Date of birth	Height	Weight	Nationality	The club last season	The entry of doctor
1.								
2.								
3.								
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6.								
...								
24.								

The chief executive of the club:

President (Surname, name, date of birth, contacts): \_\_\_\_\_

Director (Surname, name, date of birth, contacts): \_\_\_\_\_

The head coach (Surname, name, date of birth, contacts): \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant coach (Surname, name, date of birth, contacts): \_\_\_\_\_

Medical (Surname, name, date of birth, contacts): \_\_\_\_\_

Manager (Surname, name, date of birth, contacts): \_\_\_\_\_