



THE NEW FIBA GOVERNANCE

SUMMARY FOR NATIONAL MEMBER FEDERATIONS

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VISION

In 1932, Dr. William Jones created FIBA with National Member Federations at its heart. Borislav Stankovic brought the game to the world, welcoming a large number of FIBA's current 214 national federations, integrating in 1989 the professional NBA players into the FIBA competitions and the Olympic Games, as well as supporting the creation of Zones to be close to FIBA's members. In the last 15 years, FIBA has therefore invested in the Zones, making sure their structures are solid and financially viable. This is the case now, but while proximity remains essential and must be maintained through our regional structures, the time has come to focus on the National Member Federations.

Today, Basketball has become universal and our sport operates in a very competitive and ever-changing global environment. This requires both new actions and fast reactions.

FIBA needs to strengthen its position against other sports and to engage all National Member Federations with ambitious growth projects for the future. This requires solid foundations and strong structures as well as increased resources and focus.

FIBA, its Zones and all Basketball stakeholders must therefore work in a unified manner, ensuring that time and resources are spent efficiently for the development of Basketball, rather than, for example, for resolving conflicts.

The new FIBA governance is a tool towards our vision of making basketball the most popular sports community and bringing more and new countries to the forefront. It is not a final stage, but an important first step toward a more efficient, democratic, transparent and strong structure.

PRIORITY OBJECTIVES

1. FEDERATIONS FIRST

FIBA is a Federation of National Member Federations. FIBA's focus and support shall be dedicated to strengthening the National Member Federations, the heart of Basketball.

2. UNITY

FIBA must speak with one voice: We need one organisation instead of six, while keeping the proximity to the National Member Federations.

3. EFFICIENCY

Our internal structures and decision-making processes must be revised and adapted to modern times.

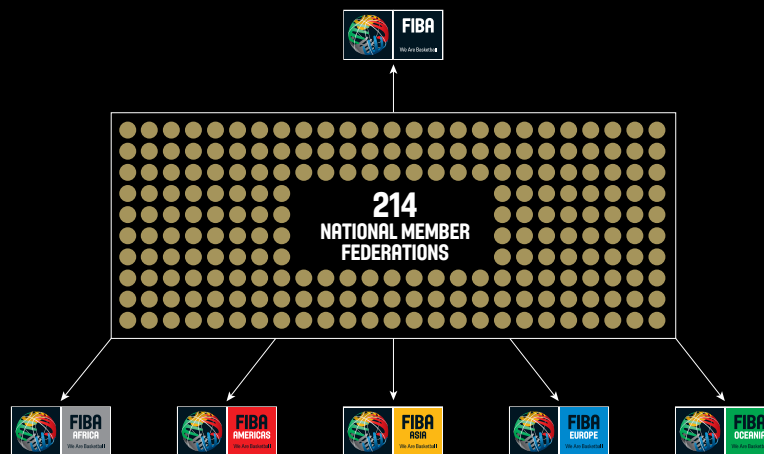
4. INTEGRATION

Basketball stakeholders (players, clubs, leagues and partners) have different needs. FIBA must ensure that they have a seat at the table and are fully involved in FIBA's decision-making processes.

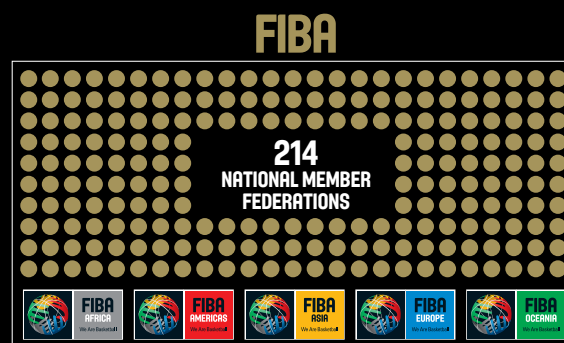
KEY MODIFICATIONS BROUGHT TO THE FIBA GENERAL STATUTES

- Change of dual memberships of the National Member Federations (FIBA & Zones) to single membership (FIBA)
 - ↳ eliminate dysfunction and dilemma for National Member Federations and Board members
- National Member Federations will elect the Central Board members at the Congress
 - ↳ direct influence on decisions
- Creation of an Executive Committee consisting of Central Board members in charge of accompanying and monitoring the implementation of FIBA's strategy
 - ↳ increased flexibility in decision-making process and support to management
- Central Board expanded from 23 to 29 Members with additional key stakeholder representation (NBA, players representative)
 - ↳ respond to the needs of all its stakeholders
- Zones to act as FIBA in their region through Regional Offices
 - ↳ focus on the development of the sport in the region
- Zone Secretary General/Executive Director to be appointed by the Executive Committee in consultation with the Zones
 - ↳ aligned strategy applied throughout the world

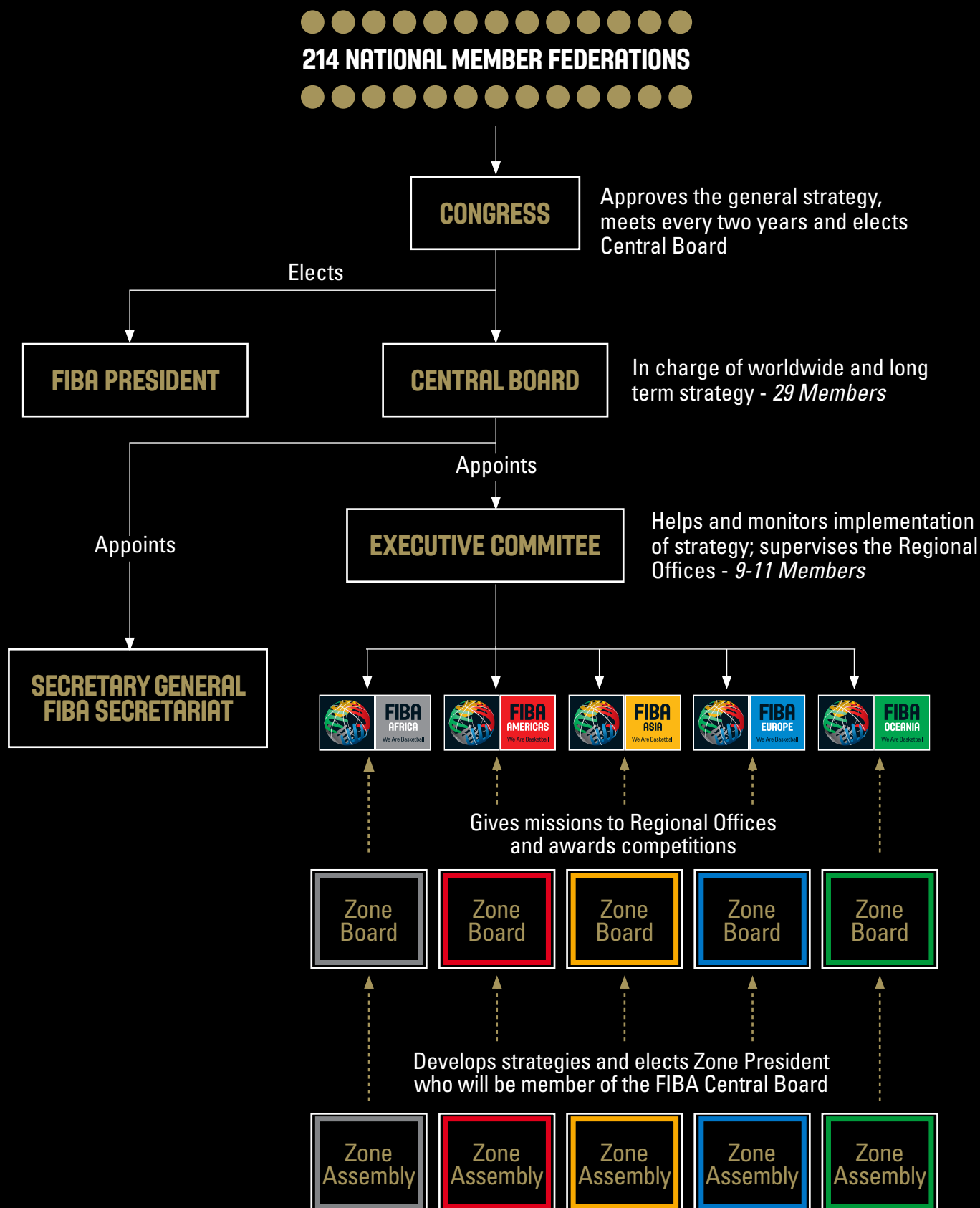
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HOW DOES IT WORK?



WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

NATIONAL MEMBER FEDERATIONS WILL...

- Have a direct voice in a single decision-making body
- Take decisions every two years at the Congress until 2023 and subsequently every year
- Have a clear single membership instead of a dual one
- Benefit from the elimination of redundancy of resources between FIBA and the Zones
- Receive more focused support through the Regional Offices for the development of Basketball

ZONES WILL...

- Maintain their organisation (General Assembly, Board, Secretary General/Executive Director)
- Keep offices, staff and assets
- Continue to oversee and organise continental competitions through their Regional Offices
- Continue to be funded by FIBA
- Act as regional basis for National Member Federations
- Focus on the development of Basketball in their region
- Elect their President who becomes directly member of the FIBA Central Board
- Have one of theirs become the FIBA President for four years (rotation per Zone)



WHAT'S NEXT?

FIBA

- New General Statutes to be applied at the Ordinary Congress in August 2014 in Barcelona, Spain
- Prior to the Ordinary Congress, National Member Federations may nominate candidates directly to the FIBA Central Board for election by the Congress
- FIBA Central Board to be exceptionally elected at Barcelona Ordinary Congress for a five-year term, until next elective Congress in 2019 (aligned with the new FIBA World Calendar)
- Future FIBA Congresses to take place in odd years (2017, 2019, 2021) and, as of 2023, on an annual basis

ZONES

- FIBA Zones are given time to adapt to the new structure in the course of 2014 in cooperation with FIBA
- Zones continue to operate under their regular statutory processes (assemblies and elections) until mid-2014, then process for modification of Zone statutes starts, while taking into consideration the conditions prevailing in their respective region and at the seat of their headquarters
- Current Zone Secretaries General retain office and become CEO for the relevant region under FIBA's direct supervision and cost structure
- Zone budgets will be supplemented by FIBA for direct use by National Member Federations for development of projects such as the development of 3x3 and the preparations for the new 2017 competitions calendar



PROCESS LED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL 5 CONTINENTS

- **September 2010**
Endorsement by the FIBA World Congress of strategic objectives for 2010-2014 which included improving FIBA's governance, management and organisation
- **March 2011**
2011-18 FIBA strategic plan approved by the FIBA Central Board
- **April 2012**
The FIBA Central Board reaffirms the unity of FIBA as the sole competent authority for basketball throughout the world, underlines the nature of FIBA as a Federation of National Federations with the Zones being divisions of FIBA
- **November 2012**
Establishment by FIBA Central Board of a Working Group on Governance. Consultations with National Member Federations and various stakeholders (such as leagues) begins
- **May 2013**
Following extensive consultation process, the Working Group on Governance meets for a three-day meeting and drafts preliminary conclusions and recommendations
- **June 2013**
General approval by FIBA Central Board of preliminary conclusions and recommendations
- **September – October 2013**
Clarification by the Working Group of concepts and principles
- **November 2013**
Approval by the FIBA Central Board of new governance concepts and principles
- **December 2013 – January 2014**
Preparation of amendments to the FIBA General Statutes to reflect new governance principles
- **January 2014**
Meeting of FIBA Legal Commission to review and approve proposed amendments to the FIBA General Statutes
- **February 2014**
Review and approval by the FIBA Central Board of the amendments to the FIBA General Statutes. Extraordinary Congress scheduled at the request of the FIBA Central Board to adopt the new FIBA General Statutes
- **16 March 2014**
Extraordinary Congress to decide on the future governance of World Basketball

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