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CHAPTER 1 DEFINITION, COMPOSITION, PURPOSE.

Article 1 Name and Authority

- 1.1 FIBA Fédération Internationale de Basketball (FIBA) shall be an independent association composed of national member federations and associations worldwide, as provided for under Chapter 2 of these General Statutes.
- 1.2 FIBA is the sole competent authority for men's and women's basketball throughout the world and is recognised as such by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).
- 1.3 FIBA shall maintain absolute political and religious neutrality and shall not tolerate any form of discrimination, racial or otherwise.
- 1.4 All bodies and officials of FIBA must observe the General Statutes, Internal Regulations, and decisions of FIBA.

Article 2 Headquarters and Place of Jurisdiction

- 2.1 The headquarters of FIBA shall be established in Switzerland.
- 2.2 FIBA shall be subject to the laws of Switzerland and shall be organised in such a manner as to acquire legal status, listed in the Registre du Commerce.

Article 3 Non-Profit Organisation

- 3.1 FIBA is a non-profit-making organisation. Therefore, it shall not pursue any objective for its own gains. It shall pursue solely and directly objectives of general interest in accordance with the legislation of the country in which its headquarters are located. The financial resources of FIBA may be used only in pursuit of the objectives laid down in these General Statutes.

To the extent that compensation or reimbursement of expenses is paid to individuals, it must be appropriate, justified and related to FIBA's objectives.

- 3.2 FIBA shall establish reserve funds to an extent and in a manner permitted by the legal provisions of the country in which its headquarters are located.

These reserves may be used in compliance with the legal provisions of the country in which the headquarters of FIBA are located. The Central Board shall decide on the usage of the reserves.



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Article 4 Mission and Role

- 4.1 The mission of FIBA is to promote the sport of basketball throughout the world and to lead the basketball movement as recognised by the International Olympic Committee. FIBA's role is to:
- a. Control, regulate, supervise and direct, and to foster, encourage and advance the sport of basketball and the practice of men's and women's basketball in all its forms and in all age groups in every country worldwide;
 - b. Manage basketball throughout the world through participation, development, competition, and commercial means;
 - c. Ensure that basketball throughout the world is carried on in a manner, which allows the sport to be competitive and fair;
 - d. Formulate or adopt and implement appropriate policies, including policies in relation to national representative teams, sexual harassment, equal opportunity, equity, drugs in sport, health, safety, infectious diseases and such other matters as arise from time to time as issues to be addressed in basketball;
 - e. Adopt, formulate, issue, interpret, implement and amend from time to time such rules (including the official rules of the game) and regulations as are necessary for the control and conduct of basketball throughout the world;
 - f. Allot and control the conduct and administration of all official international competitions at national team and club level;
 - g. License and/or endorse the conduct and management of international basketball competitions or games where this is in the interests of furthering its mission and role;
 - h. Establish and maintain a FIBA basketball judicial system, providing processes for the appeal of decisions and the settlement of disputes;
 - i. Pursue through itself or other such entity commercial arrangements, including sponsorship and marketing opportunities and commercial arrangements in relation to FIBA's Intellectual Property, as are appropriate to further its mission and role;
 - j. Provide for the representation of FIBA at international events which will extend and enhance its control and management of basketball throughout the world;
 - k. Promote recognition of basketball as one of the world's leading participation sports;
 - l. Do all that is reasonably necessary to enable its mission and role to be achieved and to enable the national member federations to receive the benefits which FIBA's mission and role are intended to achieve;
 - m. Co-operate with, join with, or support any association, organisation, society or individual where the activities or purposes are similar to those of FIBA or which advance basketball throughout or in specific parts of the world;
 - n. Have regard to the public interest in its operations; and
 - o. Undertake and or do all such things or activities as are necessary, incidental or conducive to the advancement of its mission and role.



CHAPTER 2 MEMBERSHIP OF FIBA

Article 5 Members of FIBA

Only national basketball federations may become members of FIBA. Those national federations listed in the Annex to these General Statutes are members of FIBA.

Article 6 Admission to membership of FIBA

- 6.1 An applicant national federation seeking membership of FIBA must be the controlling body of basketball in a country which is an independent state, recognised by the international community.
- 6.2 Subject to article 6.3 and 6.6 below, only one national basketball federation per country shall be admitted to membership in FIBA.
- 6.3 FIBA may accept an application for membership from a federation in a region which is recognised by the international community as an emerging independent state, provided that such an application is supported by the national member federation of the country on which the region is dependent.
- 6.4 Before admitting an applicant federation to membership of FIBA, the Central Board shall satisfy itself that the applicant federation controls and governs both men's and women's basketball in its country, and is in good standing in that country.
- 6.5 Strict observance of the Official Basketball Rules and of the provisions contained in the General Statutes and the Internal Regulations of FIBA, both in spirit and letter, is the primary condition for obtaining and maintaining membership of FIBA.
- 6.6 This article shall not affect the status of existing members.
- 6.7 The Central Board shall enact appropriate regulations dealing with the admission procedures.

Article 7 Rights of Members

- 7.1 National member federations have the following rights:
 - a. To take part in the Congress;
 - b. To make proposals for inclusion in the agenda of the Congress;
 - c. To propose candidates for the President and the Treasurer of FIBA;
 - d. To propose candidates for the FIBA Commissions;
 - e. To take part in the main official competitions of FIBA;
 - f. To take part in FIBA's assistance and development programmes organised directly or through the Zones; and
 - g. To exercise all other rights arising from these General Statutes and the Internal Regulations.
- 7.2 The exercise of these rights is subject to other provisions in these General Statutes and the Internal Regulations.



Article 8 Obligations of Members

- 8.1 National member federations must remain in good standing (including in good financial standing) with FIBA and participate in official international activities and competitions.
- 8.2 National member federations shall observe strictly all regulations and decisions of FIBA and ensure that their members also comply with them.
- 8.3 The statutes and regulations of national member federations shall comply fully with the General Statutes and Internal Regulations of FIBA. The General Statutes and Internal Regulations of FIBA automatically form part of the national member federations' statutes and regulations. In the event of doubt or conflict, the General Statutes and Internal Regulations of FIBA shall prevail.
- 8.4 National member federations shall respect the Official Basketball Rules as established by FIBA.
- 8.5 National member federations shall recognise the Court of Arbitration for Sport and ensure that the latter's decisions are legally binding for national member federations, clubs, leagues, players, managers, officials and agents.
- 8.6 National member federations shall ensure that their policies, programs, statutes and regulations are in compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code.
- 8.7 National member federations shall ensure that their organs shall be either elected or appointed. Their statutes shall provide a procedure that guarantees the complete independence of the election or appointment.
- 8.8 National member federations shall be held liable for all financial obligations of their own members or bodies towards FIBA.
- 8.9 Non-compliance with these provisions may lead to sanctions provided for in these Statutes and the Internal Regulations of FIBA.

Article 9 Associated Members

- 9.1 A national member federation which has not paid its fees or is in arrears for a period of three (3) consecutive years shall forfeit its rights as a member federation of FIBA and become an associated member. This decision shall be taken by the Secretary General. The Central Board and Zones must be informed.
- 9.2 An associated member is not entitled to vote at the FIBA Congress or at the Congress of the Zone to which it belongs. Its teams and officials may not participate in official competitions or activities.
- 9.3 The Central Board shall enact appropriate regulations dealing with associated members.



Article 10 Sanctioning and/or Suspension/Expulsion of Members

- 10.1 The Central Board of FIBA may sanction and/or suspend the membership of any national federation for important reasons and, in particular, when the FIBA General Statutes, Internal Regulations or decisions are violated flagrantly, or when the admission requirements are no longer fulfilled.
- 10.2 A suspended national federation has the same rights as an associated member.
- 10.3 If not lifted by the Central Board in the meantime, such a suspension may remain in force only until the next Congress. The Congress shall decide whether the suspension is lifted or prolonged, or the national member federation expelled.
- 10.4 The Congress may decide to expel a national member federation, based on a detailed proposal put forward by the Central Board.

Article 11 Disbandment of a National member federation

- 11.1 If a national member federation is disbanded according to the procedure set out in its own statutes and regulations, a new national member federation may be recognised only in terms of the provisions of article 6.
- 11.2 If a disbanded national member federation was not in good financial standing with FIBA at the time of its disbandment, the new national member federation shall take over all the financial obligations of the former national member federation towards FIBA and towards the relevant Zone, unless the Central Board decides otherwise.



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Article 12 Clubs, Other Bodies and Leagues

- 12.1 The various bodies of national member federations (including clubs) may pursue their activities within the limits of their own national member federation only, and with the latter's recognition and permission.
- 12.2 No international activity of such bodies shall be permitted without the authorisation of the competent national member federation and approval of the Central Board of FIBA for intercontinental activities, or of the FIBA Zone affected for continental activities.
- 12.3 National member federations and their clubs or leagues may not play on the territory of another national member federation without the latter's approval and with that of FIBA for intercontinental activities, or of the FIBA Zone affected for continental activities.
- 12.4 FIBA and national member federations may impose sanctions for breaches of this regulation.
- 12.5 The Central Board shall enact appropriate regulations governing League Organisations at national and international levels.
- 12.6 In order to avoid sporting conflicts of interest, national member federations or organisations affiliated or otherwise connected with national member federations are not authorised to take over or participate directly or indirectly in the management or exploitation of broadcast, marketing, merchandising, or similar rights of another national member federation.



CHAPTER 3 ORGANISATION OF FIBA

Article 13 Divisions of FIBA

- 13.1 FIBA shall be organised in the following divisions:
- a. The Congress
 - b. The Central Board
 - c. The Secretariat of FIBA, acting through the Secretary General
 - d. The Zones
 - e. The Commissions

Article 14 The Congress

- 14.1 The Congress shall be the supreme authority of FIBA and shall hold sovereign powers within its terms of reference under these General Statutes. It shall consist of:
- a. A maximum of two (2) delegates per national member federation with the right to one (1) vote, which shall be granted to the first delegate if both are present;
 - b. The President;
 - c. Members of the Central Board, who will have consultative powers only, unless they officially represent a national member federation; and
 - d. The Presidents of the FIBA Commissions who shall have consultative powers only, unless they officially represent a national member federation.
- 14.2 National member federations may be represented by their delegate/s only, who must present a document signed by the President of that national member federation proving that they are delegates of that federation. Delegates may represent one (1) national member federation only.
- 14.3 Representation by letter or proxy is not permitted.
- 14.4 The President of FIBA shall preside over Congress. During Congress, he shall not vote, except in the event of a tie when he will have the casting vote.
- 14.5 The President shall be elected for one (1) single four (4) year term of office only. He shall be elected in turn from the Zones, in the following order:
- a. Oceania (2006-2010)
 - b. Europe (2010-2014)
 - c. The Americas (2014-2018)
 - d. Africa (2018-2022)
 - e. Asia (2022-2026)
- The President of FIBA may not hold an office within a Zone or a national member federation.
- 14.6 Should the President be temporarily indisposed, the Vice-President of FIBA shall deputise for him during sessions of Congress and/or meetings of the Central Board. In the event of permanent indisposition, the national member federations of the Zone from which the President was drawn shall propose to the Central Board another person from within the national member federations of the Zone to replace the President until the next session of Congress.



- 14.7 The Congress shall have its duties assigned to it in these General Statutes. In particular, it shall have the duty to:
- a. Approve the agenda;
 - b. Adopt and modify these General Statutes;
 - c. Elect the President of FIBA;
 - d. Elect the Treasurer of FIBA, upon proposal by the Secretary General;
 - e. Ratify the composition of the Central Board and the nomination of the Vice-President;
 - f. Appoint the members of the Ethics Commission;
 - g. Grant the title of Honorary President or Honorary Member;
 - h. Examine and approve all reports, including the activity report of the Central Board, and other items on the agenda;
 - i. Ratify the decisions of the Central Board under articles 10.1 and 15.1 e) (suspension of members);
 - j. Decide on the expulsion of members; and
 - k. Declare the disbandment of FIBA.
- 14.8 The Congress shall meet once every four (4) years. No quorum shall be required for a meeting of the Congress.
- 14.9 Only matters proposed by the President of FIBA, the Secretary General, the Central Board or the national member federations may be put on the agenda for the session of Congress, provided that these matters fall within the latter's competence. Proposals shall be submitted to the Secretariat of FIBA at least ninety (90) days prior to the opening of Congress.
- 14.10 Upon the request of one-fifth (1/5) of the national member federations with full rights or upon the request of the Central Board, an extraordinary session of Congress shall be held within three (3) months of receipt of such a request by the Secretariat of FIBA.
- 14.11 The items to be included on the agenda for an extraordinary session of Congress shall be specified in the request for such a session. However, only such matters that fall within the powers of the Congress shall be placed on the agenda.
- 14.12 The date, place and agenda for the Congress shall be established by the Secretary General and must be sent to the national member federations at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the Congress. Extraordinary sessions of Congress shall always be held in the same country as the headquarters of FIBA.
- 14.13 Participation forms for delegates and members of the Central Board must reach the Secretariat of FIBA at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the opening of Congress.
- 14.14 The Secretary General is responsible for ensuring that details of the decisions taken are documented correctly.
- 14.15 The Congress may grant the title of Honorary President or Honorary Member of FIBA to any person having rendered outstanding service to FIBA. Nominations for such positions shall be made by the Central Board. An Honorary President or an Honorary Member of FIBA shall be permitted to attend the sessions of Congress with the right to join in discussions, but not to vote.



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14.16 The decisions of Congress shall be final and not subject to appeal.

14.17 Unless otherwise specified either by the Statutes or by Congress, decisions of Congress shall enter into force from the time of their approval by the Congress.



Article 15 The Central Board

- 15.1 The Central Board shall have the powers assigned to it under these General Statutes and the Internal Regulations, in particular the following:
- a. To supervise the practice of basketball worldwide;
 - b. To appoint the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General and to enter into contracts with them relating to their services and their duties on behalf of FIBA;
 - c. To supervise the Secretary General's management of FIBA's affairs;
 - d. To accept or reject applications for membership from national federations and to assign them to a Zone;
 - e. To decide on the suspension of national member federations;
 - f. To establish the Official Basketball Rules, the specifications for equipment and facilities, and all internal and general regulations that must be applied worldwide and on all occasions, particularly at international or Olympic competitions for which FIBA establishes the system of competition;
 - g. To control the appointment of and set worldwide standards for FIBA agents, coaches, referees, instructors, and commissioners;
 - h. To regulate the transfer of players, coaches, and referees from one national member federation to another;
 - i. To promote amicable and courteous relations between national member federations, Zones, and their officials and players;
 - j. To take every measure appropriate in order to prevent violations of the General Statutes, Internal Regulations, decisions and Official Basketball Rules of FIBA;
 - k. To prevent all methods or practices which might jeopardise the integrity of the competitions or give rise to abuse of the sport of basketball;
 - l. To provide for the principles valid for deciding and settling all disputes between national member federations, Zones, clubs, leagues, officials, and players and guaranteeing the right of defence and an impartial judgement, in accord with these General Statutes and the Internal Regulations;
 - m. To hear and resolve disputes related to international leagues per the relevant Internal Regulations;
 - n. To present activity reports and financial reports for the last financial period to Congress;
 - o. To determine the financial policy and to approve the budget and the financial report as prepared by the Finance Commission;
 - p. To exercise overall control over the financial management of FIBA;
 - q. To approve the final text of proposed amendments to these General Statutes to be submitted to Congress for approval. The final text of the proposed amendments, as approved by the Central Board, shall be sent to the national member federations together with the invitation to Congress;
 - r. To adopt and modify the Internal Regulations;
 - s. To organise, govern, control and/or assign the organisation of World Championships and other world competitions;
 - t. To appoint presidents and members of the FIBA Commissions in accordance with the relevant articles of these General Statutes;
 - u. To approve the statutes and regulations of the Zones;
 - v. To approve the statutes and regulations of any other organisations officially recognised by FIBA; and
 - w. To grant the title of Secretary General Emeritus.
- 15.2 Decisions of the FIBA Central Board can be appealed only before the Court of Arbitration for Sport.



- 15.3 The term of office of the Central Board shall be the four (4) years beginning on the first day after closure of the Congress through to, and including, the last day of the next ordinary session of Congress.
- 15.4 The Central Board shall consist of the following members with the right to vote:
- a. The President of FIBA
 - b. The Secretary General of FIBA
 - c. The Treasurer of FIBA
 - d. Seventeen (17) members, designated by the respective Zones, namely: FIBA-Africa (3), FIBA-Americas (4), FIBA-Asia (3), FIBA-Europe (4), and FIBA-Oceania (3)
- 15.5 Both genders must be represented on the Central Board and each Zone must designate at least one (1) person of each gender. Non-compliance with this provision will result in one (1) position remaining vacant.
- 15.6 It is desirable that each Zone designates first and foremost the President of the Zone.
- 15.7 Those members designated by the Zones shall hold office for the term provided for in article 15.3. If a member so designated is permanently indisposed, a substitute member from within the national member federations of the respective Zone shall be designated by the Zone for the remaining part of the current term of office.
- 15.8 The number of Central Board members listed under article 15.4. d. with the same nationality is limited to one (1). Where the President and the Secretary General of a Zone have the same nationality, this provision does not apply and both the President and Secretary General of the Zone may be designated as members of the Central Board.
- 15.9 Membership of the Central Board is strictly personal and proxies are not permitted. While Central Board members bring the knowledge, skills, and expertise from the Zone by which they are designated, they shall act independently in the interests of FIBA globally. Decisions of the Central Board shall reflect equity, fairness, and transparency.
- 15.10 Those members designated by the Zones under article 15.4 d. are automatically members of the highest board of the respective Zone no matter how described and this includes any executive/ board/ management committee.
- 15.11 The Vice-President of FIBA shall be the person so designated by the national member federations of the Zone which will provide the next President by rotation, as provided in article 14.5. He must be among those designated as members of the Central Board.
- 15.12 In addition to the members of the Central Board, the following persons shall attend the meetings of the Central Board, without voting rights:
- a. The Deputy Secretary General of FIBA (if appointed)
 - b. The Secretary General Emeritus of FIBA (if the title is granted)
 - c. The Secretaries General of the Zones where they are not already designated as Central Board members
- 15.13 The Secretary General shall invite other persons, such as the Presidents of the FIBA Commissions, to attend meetings of the Central Board in particular when matters within the competence of their Commissions are to be discussed. They shall have consultative powers only.



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- 15.14 The Central Board shall hold ordinary sessions at least twice yearly. If necessary, the President and the Secretary General may call additional meetings of the Central Board. In this event, members must be informed at least thirty (30) days prior to the extraordinary session.
- 15.15 A copy of the agenda and the working documents will be transmitted in such a manner so as to be in the hands of the Central Board members at least seven (7) days before a meeting commences.
- 15.16 No quorum is required for a meeting of the Central Board.
- 15.17 In the event of a tied vote in meetings of the Central Board, the President shall have the casting vote.
- 15.18 At the request of the President and Secretary General, the Central Board may vote by correspondence also.
- 15.19 The Treasurer shall have the following duties:
- a. To oversee the financial administration of FIBA;
 - b. To supervise the current account of income and expenditure;
 - c. To examine the periodic financial reports prepared by the Secretariat of FIBA;
 - d. To draw up the four (4) year budget in conjunction with the other members of the Finance Commission;
 - e. To ensure the proper implementation of the budget; and
 - f. To present the financial statements to the Central Board and to the Congress.



Article 16 The Secretariat of FIBA

- 16.1 The Secretariat of FIBA shall consist of:
- a. The Secretary General
 - b. The Deputy Secretary General (if appointed)
 - c. The staff of the Secretariat
- 16.2 All the members of the Secretariat shall remain in office until their contracts expire. Their contracts shall be in accordance with the legislation of the country of FIBA's headquarters.
- 16.3 The Secretary General shall be appointed by the Central Board and shall be eligible for re-appointment upon expiry of his contract.
- 16.4 The Secretary General shall manage the Secretariat of FIBA and assume all responsibility for it. He may not hold an official position within a national member federation or a Zone unless expressly consented to by the Central Board.
- 16.5 The Secretary General is the sole legal representative of FIBA.
- 16.6 The Secretary General, personally or through his advisors, shall be responsible for the study and implementation of measures concerning the promotion, supervision and direction of basketball worldwide, including such projects of technical and medical assistance that FIBA may be able to provide for national member federations or groups of national member federations. In particular, the Secretary General shall have the following duties:
- a. To lead and manage the Secretariat;
 - b. To ensure the implementation of all decisions taken by Congress and the Central Board;
 - c. To be responsible for all international and Olympic competitions and for the implementation of the mission set out in article 4 of these General Statutes;
 - d. To ensure, as necessary, compliance with the regulations established by the IOC and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA);
 - e. To convene and prepare the sessions of Congress and meetings of the Central Board;
 - f. To maintain the archives;
 - g. To publish and send the Internal Regulations to the members of the Central Board, the members of the Commissions and the national member federations and officially recognised bodies;
 - h. To draft and circulate official communications of FIBA;
 - i. To ensure the receipt of annual fees from members and also contributions, royalties and dues, emoluments and fines imposed by the competent divisions of FIBA;
 - j. To administer FIBA's finances;
 - k. To study the means of ensuring the financial resources of FIBA and submit a report to the Central Board accordingly;
 - l. To ensure compliance by the national member federations, their members and all FIBA officials and divisions with these General Statutes and all FIBA regulations and to inform the Central Board of any flagrant violations of the spirit and letter of them;
 - m. To impose the sanctions, in accordance with the Basic Principles governing the Application of Sanctions, provided for in these General Statutes or the Internal Regulations unless provided otherwise; and
 - n. To take decisions in cases where his jurisdiction is specifically provided for.



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- 16.7 A Deputy Secretary General may be appointed by the Central Board upon proposal of the Secretary General.

If appointed, the Deputy Secretary General shall exercise all duties delegated to him by the Secretary General. Should the Secretary General be temporarily indisposed, the Deputy Secretary General shall replace him for the duration of his absence, and assume all of his powers. Should the Secretary General be permanently indisposed, the Deputy Secretary General shall automatically act as his substitute in all matters until the next meeting of the Central Board.

The Deputy Secretary General may not hold an official position within a national member federation or a Zone, unless expressly consented to by the Central Board.

- 16.8 The Central Board may grant the title of Secretary General Emeritus to a person who has performed the duty of Secretary General of FIBA over more than 10 years and has rendered meritorious services to the Federation. The Secretary General Emeritus shall be invited to attend all meetings of FIBA as well as all main official competitions. He shall exercise all duties delegated to him by the Secretary General.



Article 17 The Zones

- 17.1 In order to promote the co-ordination of basketball worldwide, Congress may establish Zones.
- 17.2 The following Zones have been established: FIBA Africa, FIBA Americas, FIBA Asia, FIBA Europe, and FIBA Oceania.
- 17.3 The establishment of a Zone shall in no respect affect the direct affiliation of each national member federation to FIBA.
- 17.4 A national member federation may belong to one (1) Zone only. Once a national federation becomes a member of FIBA, it shall automatically become a member of the Zone to which it is assigned by FIBA.
- 17.5 The national member federations of FIBA are grouped by Zones as per the Annex to these General Statutes.
- 17.6 The Zones shall promote, supervise and direct the sport of basketball within their regions in strict compliance with FIBA policy as established by Congress and the Central Board.
- 17.7 The Zones shall not be authorised to represent FIBA before third parties.
- 17.8 Within the framework of their duties pursuant to article 17.9, the Zones are authorised to act autonomously in their own continents while being bound by the FIBA Statutes, the FIBA Internal Regulations and decisions of the Congress and of the Central Board.
- 17.9 The Zones shall have the following rights and obligations:
- a. To promote the practice of basketball in the geographic region under their jurisdiction and to organise continental or Zone competitions in a permanent and regular manner, in strict compliance with the administrative and technical regulations of FIBA.
 - b. To comply with, and enforce and secure the strict enforcement of these General Statutes and all other regulations of FIBA, and to abide by any decision made there under.
 - c. To impose such sanctions on members and entities under their jurisdiction as fall within their mandate and regulations.
 - d. To ensure that International Leagues or any other such groups of clubs shall not be formed without complying with the appropriate Internal Regulations of FIBA.
 - e. To inform the Secretariat of FIBA of any event or competition organised by them and, if necessary, obtain such authorisation as may be required by the regulations.
 - f. To inform the Secretariat of FIBA of the results of all international competitions held in the region under their jurisdiction, and to keep the relevant FIBA Commissions informed of such events and to present relevant activity reports to Congress.
 - g. To submit to the Secretariat of FIBA for its information all international transfers of players within a Zone.
 - h. To perform doping controls and to inform the Secretariat of FIBA of all doping cases detected within their Zone.
 - i. To present to the Commissions and to the Central Board any information deemed useful in the interests of world basketball.

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- j. To designate members to the Central Board as provided for under article 15.4 d. of these General Statutes. Their term of office in the Zone shall be the same as that of the Central Board members as stated in article 15.3. Their designation or election shall therefore take place in the same year and prior to the World Congress.
- 17.10 Each Zone shall be organised in the manner most appropriate to the conditions prevailing in its own region.
- 17.11 Each Zone shall establish its own bye-laws and regulations in accordance with the general provisions of these General Statutes and the Internal Regulations, and such regulations made by a Zone and by any approved organisation or division shall be complementary to, and not in substitution for, the General Statutes and Internal Regulations of FIBA. These complementary regulations must be submitted to the Central Board for approval. In the event of any discrepancy between the FIBA Regulations and the complementary regulations made by the Zone, the FIBA Regulations shall prevail.
- 17.12 The mandate of the bodies of FIBA shall apply mutatis mutandis to the corresponding bodies of the Zones.
- 17.13 Decisions of the Zones shall be enforced by their affiliated national member federations but such decisions shall not conflict with those of FIBA.
- 17.14 Each Zone shall elect its own President for a term of office identical with that of the members of the Central Board.
- 17.15 Each Zone shall appoint or elect a Secretary General. In order to ensure continuity of operation and direction, the recommended tenure for the Secretary General of a Zone shall be for two (2) four-year terms, subject to satisfactory performance. The Secretary General of a Zone shall have the same duties within his Zone as the Secretary General has in FIBA.
- 17.16 In order to ensure that the Zones function in the manner set out in these General Statutes and in the Internal Regulations, they shall each receive an annual subsidy and/or an equitable share of FIBA's commercial revenues from FIBA, to be decided by the Central Board. The Central Board shall stipulate what conditions are to be met in order to receive such payments and, if necessary, set down these conditions in contractual form.
- 17.17 The Zones shall send detailed reports on their activities to the Secretariat of FIBA. FIBA, upon decision of the Central Board, shall reserve the right to withdraw its payments if the activities of the Zone concerned are not satisfactory.



Article 18 The FIBA Commissions

- 18.1 The commissions are:
- a. Technical Commission
 - b. International Competitions Commission
 - c. Legal Commission
 - d. Women's Basketball Commission
 - e. Youth Basketball Commission
 - f. Commonwealth Basketball Commission
 - g. Finance Commission
 - h. Medical Commission
 - i. Ethics Commission
- 18.2 The Secretary General may appoint on an ad hoc basis committees, constituted by persons with specialist skills in their field of expertise, to advise him. The Central Board will be informed.
- 18.3 The FIBA Commissions shall have a four (4) year term of office identical with that of the Central Board. They shall consist of their President and at least six (6) members unless the Central Board decides otherwise or unless otherwise specified herein. The Secretary General shall put forward a list of candidates to the Central Board for appointment to the Commissions. In presenting the list, he shall take into consideration the expertise of the candidates in the area of competence of the respective Commission.
- 18.4 Each Commission shall have a Vice-President, appointed by the Central Board from the members of the Commission. Should the President of a Commission be temporarily indisposed, the Vice-President of the Commission shall deputise for him during meetings of the Commission. In the event of permanent indisposition, the Vice President of the Commission shall replace him until the next session of Congress.
- 18.5 The Secretary General of FIBA shall be an ex-officio member of all the Commissions, with voting rights.
- 18.6 Membership of the FIBA Commissions is strictly personal and representation by proxy is not permitted. While Commission members bring the knowledge, skills, and expertise from the national member federation and from the Zone from which they are drawn, they shall act independently in the interests of FIBA.
- 18.7 Members of Commissions who do not take an active or satisfactory part in the work of their Commission may be replaced upon the decision of the Central Board.
- 18.8 The FIBA Commissions shall meet whenever necessary at the invitation of their President, in consultation with the Secretary General.
- 18.9 No quorum is required for meetings of the FIBA Commissions.



- 18.10 A copy of the agenda and the working documents will be transmitted in such a manner so as to be in the hands of the Commission members at least seven (7) days before a meeting commences.
- 18.11 The FIBA Commissions shall act in a consultative capacity only and shall not exercise executive authority. However, Presidents and members of the Commissions may be called upon by the Secretary General to exercise executive duties. In such cases, they shall not act as representatives of their Commissions but as delegates of the Secretary General.

Article 19 The Technical Commission

- 19.1 The Technical Commission shall have the following duties:
- a. To draw up the text of the Official Basketball Rules, draft amendments to these rules for adoption by Central Board, give the official interpretation of the rules and solve doubtful cases or cases not clearly covered by the rules themselves; and
 - b. To be responsible for the training, examination and qualification of all FIBA international referees, supervisors, instructors and commissioners as well as for preparing them for main international competitions for men's and women's basketball.
- 19.2 The Technical Commission is the competent body for all matters concerning the application of the Official Basketball Rules.

Article 20 The International Competitions Commission

- 20.1 The International Competitions Commission shall have the following duties:
- a. To study the regulations governing all international competitions, as well as the regulations established by other divisions of FIBA for international competitions;
 - b. To prepare draft systems of competition for Olympic basketball tournaments for men and women;
 - c. To receive submissions from the Women's Basketball Commission, the Youth Basketball Commission, and the Commonwealth Basketball Commission;
 - d. To prepare draft systems of competition for all World Championships of FIBA;
 - e. To prepare draft systems for new FIBA world competitions; and
 - f. To study the world calendar for FIBA competitions.
- 20.2 All drafts drawn up by the Commission must be submitted to the Central Board for approval.

Article 21 The Legal Commission

The Legal Commission shall have the following duties:

- a. To provide independent and impartial advice on all legal matters concerning the practice of basketball worldwide;
- b. To study the legal implications of all proposed amendments to the General Statutes of FIBA;



- c. To draft the official text of the Internal Regulations, together with the other bodies concerned, and to finalise this text before submitting it to the Central Board for approval; and
- d. To advise the Secretary General and the Central Board on matters pertaining to the interpretation of the current General Statutes, Internal Regulations and all other matters, in particular eligibility.

Article 22 The Women's Basketball Commission

The Women's Basketball Commission shall have the following duties:

- a. To study matters regarding women's basketball;
- b. To propose to the Central Board any measures deemed necessary to promote the development of women's basketball; and
- c. To propose to the International Competitions Commission any measures affecting the official international competitions for women.

Article 23 The Youth Basketball Commission

The Youth Basketball Commission shall have the following duties:

- a. To study issues relating to youth basketball, ranging from mini-basketball to the young people's category;
- b. To propose to the Central Board any measures deemed necessary to promote the development of Mini-Basketball to ensure the transition to the youth categories and the development of youth activities worldwide; and
- c. To propose to the International Competitions Commission any measures affecting the official international competitions for youth categories.

Article 24 The Commonwealth Basketball Commission

24.1 The Commonwealth Basketball Commission shall carry on the works done by the former Commonwealth Basketball Federation. In particular it shall have the following duties:

- a. To foster development of basketball and to encourage regular basketball competitions between the member countries of the Commonwealth within FIBA's harmonised competition programme;
- b. To work with the Commonwealth countries, bid cities, and the local organising committees with a view to ensuring the inclusion of basketball in the Commonwealth Games programme;
- c. To decide on the nomination of teams and to recommend the competition format whenever basketball is included in the Commonwealth Games; and
- d. To provide technical assistance during the conduct of basketball competitions between countries of the Commonwealth, including the Commonwealth Games.

24.2 Members shall be appointed as per article 18.3, but may only be drawn from national member federations whose countries are members of the Commonwealth of Nations.



Article 25 The Finance Commission

- 25.1 The Finance Commission shall have the following duties:
- a. To examine the FIBA draft budget for submission to the Central Board for approval; and
 - b. To prepare an overall financial report to be submitted to the Central Board for approval.
- 25.2 The Finance Commission shall consist of:
- a. The Treasurer of FIBA as its President; and
 - b. Two (2) members at least, appointed as per article 18.3.

Article 26 The Medical Commission

- 26.1 The Medical Commission of FIBA shall give advice and information on matters of a strictly medical nature. It shall advise the Secretary General, upon request, on all matters within its field of competence.
- 26.2 In co-operation with other organs of FIBA as appropriate, the Medical Commission shall study and propose regulations on doping for approval by the Central Board and/or, where required, for consideration by the Legal Commission. Except when other provisions specific to basketball exist, the regulations shall be consistent with the provisions of the IOC Medical Code / WADA Anti-Doping Code.
- 26.3 The Medical Commission, with the agreement of the Secretary General, may make use of experts and appoint sub-commissions for specific tasks.

Article 27 The Ethics Commission

- 27.1 The Ethics Commission shall consider any alleged breaches of the Code of Ethics, as set out in the Internal Regulations, which are reported to it or referred by the Central Board.
- 27.2 The Ethics Commission shall prepare a report for the Congress.
- 27.3 The Ethics Commission shall consist of three (3) persons appointed by the Congress, and shall elect one (1) of their number to be the President.



CHAPTER 4 ORGANISATIONS OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED BY FIBA

Article 28 General Provisions

- 28.1 With the object of promoting basketball, FIBA may officially recognise certain organisations. The Central Board of FIBA is responsible for granting official recognition to such organisations.
- 28.2 The organisations thus recognised shall have the freedom of action necessary to fulfil their mandate, subject to the approval of their national member federation, Zone, or the Central Board of FIBA.
- 28.3 The General Assembly of each organisation shall determine the place of its headquarters, subject to approval by the Central Board of FIBA.
- 28.4 Such organisations shall not be entitled to represent FIBA before third parties.
- 28.5 In order to ensure the functioning of these organisations, they may receive a subsidy from FIBA, to be decided by the Central Board. This decision is based on the approval of a four (4) year strategic programme, for which individual plans of action must also be presented on an annual basis to the Central Board for approval, and any other conditions the Central Board deems necessary.
- 28.6 These organisations shall send detailed reports on each of their activities at least twice a year to the Secretariat of FIBA. FIBA, at the decision of the Central Board, shall reserve the right to withdraw its annual subsidy if the activities of the organisation concerned are not satisfactory.

Article 29 The World Association of Basketball Coaches

- 29.1 The World Association of Basketball Coaches shall consist of national associations of basketball coaches as recognised by their respective national member federations. It may have individual membership as well.
- 29.2 The World Association of Basketball Coaches shall have the following duties:
- a. To develop coaching methods;
 - b. To take any appropriate measures to improve coaches' skills, particularly coaches for young players;
 - c. To adopt the appropriate measures to promote generalisation and experience in the teaching of basketball;
 - d. To organise courses and lectures for instructors, trainers, coaches and administrators, in co-operation with the national member federations and Zones;
 - e. To prepare documents for use in teaching and developing training techniques for players and coaches;
 - f. To provide appropriate assistance for the production of coaching videos; and
 - g. To provide an active and permanent forum for coaches worldwide.
- 29.3 The national associations of basketball coaches recognised by their respective national member federations may, if they wish, establish associations of coaches within the Zone to which they belong.

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- 29.4 The World Association of Basketball Coaches, the Zone associations of basketball coaches, if any, and the national associations of basketball coaches shall comply with the spirit and letter of the statutes and regulations of their own national basketball member federations, of their Zone, and of FIBA.
- 29.5 The statutes and regulations of the coaches' associations shall be approved by the appropriate competent authority, i.e. the national member federation, Zone and/or FIBA.
- 29.6 The General Assembly of the World Association of Basketball Coaches shall elect the President of the Association and the members of its Board, one (1) of them being the Secretary General of FIBA or his delegate.
- 29.7 The headquarters and the administration of the World Association of Basketball Coaches shall be located at the FIBA headquarters and the FIBA Secretary General shall be responsible for the management of its affairs.

Article 30 The International Wheelchair Basketball Federation

- 30.1 The International Wheelchair Basketball Federation shall be composed of the national organisations governing wheelchair basketball in their respective countries.
- 30.2 The International Wheelchair Basketball Federation and its national organisations shall comply with the spirit and letter of the General Statutes and Internal Regulations of FIBA.
- 30.3 The bye-laws and regulations of the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation shall be subject to approval by the Central Board.

Article 31 The FIBA Centre for Documentation and Research of Basketball: The FIBA Pedro Ferrándiz Foundation

With the aim of promoting the scientific study of basketball in all its aspects, FIBA has established its own Centre for Documentation and Research of Basketball in Alcobendas, Spain, and encourages every national member federation to contribute towards its development and to support its international activities with regard to research and documentation. The Centre shall be organised as a foundation with the name FIBA Pedro Ferrándiz Foundation.



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Article 32 General Provisions

FIBA has established a number of awards (set out in the Internal Regulations) to honour those persons who have contributed in an exceptional way to the development and promotion of basketball worldwide.



CHAPTER 6 FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 33 General Provisions

33.1 FIBA is the sole holder of broadcasting, licensing and marketing rights, and other rights associated with the game yet to be developed for official competitions as defined in Regulation E of the Internal Regulations, with the exception of the Olympic Games. When entering into contracts relating to such television, licensing and marketing rights which affect the financial interests of the Zones, the interests of the Zones shall be taken into account.

At the decision of the Central Board, FIBA may assign these rights to a third party.

33.2 The income of FIBA shall consist of:

- a. Fees from the national member federations;
- b. Fines in accordance with the respective regulations;
- c. Income from the granting of licences for the use of FIBA rights, e.g. marketing and broadcasting rights; and
- d. Donations, subsidies and miscellaneous returns.

33.3 The budget period of FIBA shall cover four (4) years, beginning on the first (1) day of January, following the final round of the FIBA World Championship for Men.

33.4 The financial year of FIBA shall begin on the first (1) day of January and end on the thirty-first (31) day of December of the same year.

33.5 Financial statements in accord with the legislation of Switzerland shall be drawn up each year as of the thirty-first (31) day of December.

33.6 FIBA's accounts must be audited by a Registered Company Auditor. The appointment of the Auditor shall be made by the Central Board.

33.7 The Swiss Franc is the currency of reference for FIBA.

The Central Board shall have the right to choose a new currency of reference should FIBA's financial interests, the financial policy of the country where the headquarters are located, and / or the international situation require so.

33.8 Only available resources shall be a security against any liabilities of FIBA.

33.9 FIBA will indemnify any person who is or has been an official of FIBA as a member of the Central Board, the Secretariat of FIBA, the Commissions, Tribunals, and Disciplinary Panel, and other persons appointed to act in an official capacity on behalf of FIBA against the following:

- a. Any liability to another person (other than FIBA or a related body corporate) which arises from being an official of FIBA unless the liability arises out of grossly negligent or wilful conduct;
- b. Any liability for costs and expenses incurred by that person strictly in their capacity as an official of FIBA; or
- c. In defending proceedings which arise from being an official of FIBA, whether civil or criminal, where judgment is given in favour of the person or in which the person is acquitted.



CHAPTER 7 LEGAL PROVISIONS

Article 34 The FIBA Disciplinary Panel

The FIBA Disciplinary Panel has been established to deal with disciplinary matters as provided in the Internal Regulations.

Article 35 The FIBA Appeals' Tribunal

- 35.1 The FIBA Appeals' Tribunal shall have a four (4) year term of office identical with that of the Central Board. It shall consist of a President and at least six (6) other members unless the Central Board decides otherwise. The Secretary General shall put forward a list of candidates to the Central Board for appointment to the Tribunal. Members appointed to the Tribunal must have legal training.
- 35.2 The Tribunal shall have a Vice-President, appointed by the Central Board from the members of the Tribunal. Should the President of the Tribunal be temporarily indisposed, the Vice-President of the Tribunal shall deputise for him. In the event of permanent indisposition, the Vice President of the Tribunal shall replace him until the next session of Congress.
- 35.3 Members of the Tribunal may be replaced as necessary by decision of the Central Board.
- 35.4 The Appeals' Tribunal shall have the following duties:
- a. To hear and decide on appeals filed by an affected party against decisions of FIBA, including its organs and disciplinary bodies, unless such an appeal is expressly excluded in these General Statutes or the Internal Regulations.
 - b. To act as or to establish a FIBA Arbitral Tribunal for the resolution of disputes within the world of basketball provided that FIBA, its respective divisions or disciplinary bodies are not directly involved in such a dispute.
 - c. To prepare in consultation with the Legal Commission the Regulations governing Appeals for approval by the Central Board.
 - d. To consult with and to suggest to the Legal Commission any amendments to these General Statutes and the Internal Regulations.

Article 36 The Court of Arbitration of Sport, Lausanne, Switzerland

Any dispute arising from these General Statutes or the Internal Regulations of FIBA which cannot be settled by the FIBA-internal appeals process shall be definitively settled by a tribunal constituted in accordance with the Statutes and Procedural Rules of the Court of Arbitration for Sport, Lausanne, Switzerland. The parties concerned shall undertake to comply with the Statutes and Procedural Rules of this Court of Arbitration for Sport and to accept and enforce its decision in good faith.



CHAPTER 8 FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 37

- 37.1 Elections shall be held by secret ballot (unless there is only one (1) candidate) with the candidate receiving most votes being elected.
- 37.2 Unless otherwise specified herein, decisions shall be taken by simple majority of the votes cast. To amend the General Statutes, a majority of two thirds (2/3) of the votes cast is necessary. Abstentions do not count.
- 37.3 Communications under these General Statutes and the Internal Regulations may be given by any means reasonably calculated to give notice of their contents.
- 37.4 The colours, flag and insignia of FIBA, and the use thereof, shall be approved by the Central Board.
The use of the flag and insignia of FIBA shall be restricted to main official competitions and meetings of FIBA unless written approval has been obtained from the Secretary General.
The use of the flag and insignia of FIBA is mandatory at all main official competitions.
- 37.5 Congress shall declare the disbandment of FIBA:
- a. If requested by four-fifths (4/5) of the national member federations and if, at the session of Congress voting on disbandment, four-fifths (4/5) of the national member federations present and with voting rights, then vote for disbandment. If however, at that session, less than three-fourths (3/4) of the national member federations are present, a second session of voting on disbandment shall be called, at which session a majority of four-fifths (4/5) of the national member federations present and with voting rights, irrespective of a quorum, shall be sufficient; or
 - b. If the number of national member federations is reduced to three (3) or fewer.
 - c. In the above instances, the International Olympic Committee headquartered in Switzerland shall be assigned the resources remaining after expenses caused by the operations for disbandment have been covered. These resources shall be used for the benefit of basketball, amateur sports, a youth organisation, or other similar activities.
- 37.6 The official languages of FIBA shall be English, French, Spanish, Russian and German.
- 37.7 Working languages during all meetings of the Central Board and the FIBA Commissions shall be according to the requirements of the participants. Working papers shall be provided in English language.
- 37.8 Interpreting of languages other than the official languages of FIBA may be provided at international conferences if a large delegation speaking that language is taking part.
- 37.9 The General Statutes and the Internal Regulations shall be published in both English and French. In the event of dispute regarding the interpretation of the General Statutes and/or the Internal Regulations, the English text shall prevail.



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37.10 The Central Board shall have the final decision on any matter not provided for in these Statutes or in case of force majeure.

37.11 These General Statutes are approved by the XVIIIth Congress of FIBA (2006) and become effective from the time of their approval by the Congress. They may not be amended before the next ordinary or extraordinary Congress.

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CHAPTER 9 ANNEX: LIST OF NATIONAL MEMBER FEDERATIONS

Following IOC Nomenclature

AFRICA (53 national member federations)

Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

AMERICAS (44 national member federations)

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Bolivia, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Cayman Islands, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Montserrat, Netherlands Antilles, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, United States of America, Uruguay, Virgin Islands, Venezuela.

ASIA (44 national member federations)

Afghanistan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, People's Republic of China, Hong Kong (China), India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Korea, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Macau, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Chinese Taipei, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Yemen.

EUROPE (51 national member federations)

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, FYROM, Georgia, Gibraltar, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Scotland, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, Wales.

OCEANIA (21 national member federations)

American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Norfolk Island, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tahiti, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.