

# **MAXIBASKETBALL RULES AND GENERAL REGULATIONS**

## **CHAPTER I.-**

### **GENERAL DISPOSITIONS**

**Art. 1.-** The rules and regulations present in this document rule for all Maxibasketball categories, for both branches and for the different Associations and Federations affiliated to FIMBA or FIBA, direct o indirectly.

**Art. 2.-** For all other game rule not specifically changed in this document FIBA rules will apply.

#### **1.- CATEGORIES AND PLAYERS**

**Art. 3.-** Maxibasketball is the sport last category. It is divided in subcategories with the same name, according the age of the players. Maxibasketball category starts in the year of the player thirty birthday for the female branch and the thirty-five birthday for male players. The subcategories are divided every five years.

**Art. 4.-** All reference made to the player in this document refers both to the female and male branch.

## **CHAPTER II.-**

### **GAME RULES**

#### **1.- DIVITION BY QUARTERS**

**Art. 5.-** The Maxibasketball games will be played in two (2) times of twenty (20) minutes, and will be divided in four (4) quarters of ten (10) minutes each.

#### **2.- INTERVALS BETWEEN QUARTERS**

**Art. 6.-** There will be a two (2) minutes obligatory rest between the 1st and 2nd quarter and between the 3rd and 4th. There will be a ten (10) minutes obligatory rest during the halftime (between the 3rd and 4th quarter).

### **3.- RESUMPTION OF THE GAME**

**Art. 7.-** At the end of the first and third quarter, the game will start again with FIBA arrow rule that shows the team with ball possession.

### **4.- TIMEOUT REQUEST**

**Art. 8.-** Each team will have the right to ask for three timeouts of three minutes in each time, but no more than two times by quarter will be allow. In each extra period the teams will have one (1) minute of timeout.

### **5.- FOULS BY TEAM**

**Art. 9.-** a) The accumulation of four (4) fouls for one team in one quarter will mean that, from the fifth foul of that team, the player who suffers the fault will have the right for two (2) free throws.

b) The accumulation of four fouls counts by quarters and will be reported by the control table.

## **LOCAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Art. 10.-** The rules 11 to 26 are for local championship and tournaments only. These rules will not apply for world, regional or international championships and tournaments.

### **6.- MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS**

**Art. 11.-** It is mandatory that at least seven (7) players of each team play at least a complete quarter in each game.

### **7.- TEAM PRESENTATION: MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS**

**Art. 12.-** None team could have less than seven (7) players for the game; if the team has less than this number will lose one (1) point.

### **8.- OBLIGATION OF THE GAME TO BE PLAYED**

**Art. 13.-** Even if one team goes to play with less than seven (7) players, the game will be played. The result of the game will be registered in the score sheet, with the referee indication that the team in fault doesn't have the minimal number of players. In this case the rival team will not have to follow the rule for the mandatory inclusion of a minimum of players.

**Art. 14.-** If none of the teams have the minimal number of players, both will lose one point

for the presence of the team. The result of the game must be register in the score sheet.

#### **9.- MANDATORY PLAYERS**

**Art. 15.-** All players could be changed in any moment of the game, with the only exception of seven of them that must play a complete quarter. These players must be register in the game score sheet and will be named mandatory players.

#### **10.- COMPLETE QUARTER**

**Art. 16.-** A player will be counted as a mandatory player if plays a complete quarter not being replace in any moment.

**Art. 17.-** For the count, the player must enter at the beginning of the quarter and end it in the court.

**Art. 18.-** The mandatory players must play a complete quarter before the last one.

#### **11.- INJURED OR REMOVED PLAYER**

**Art. 19.-** If a mandatory player doesn't end the quarter for an injury, a fifth personal foul, or expulsion, he must be replaced by other player who has not played yet. Then, it will be count as a mandatory player in the quarter; with the exception that the team doesn't have any other player to replace him.

#### **12.- NON MANDATORY PLAYERS**

**Art. 20.-** Every non mandatory player could enter and be replaced in any moment of the game.

#### **13.- MAXIMUN NUMBER OF QUARTERS IN FEMALE TOURNAMENTS**

**Art. 21.-** In local female tournaments, none player could play more than three complete quarters, with the exception of Art. 19.

#### **14.- OBLIGATION OF INDICATE THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS**

**Art. 22.-** Before the beginning of the game, the Coaches or Captains of both teams must register the number of players that complete the team crossing out in the score sheet the ones that not count.

#### **15.- SCORE SHEET SIGN**

**Art. 23.-** Every player must sign the score sheet before enter the game. The players that have not signed the score sheet before the beginning of the 3rd quarter will not be able of enter after that. The officials must cross out the lines not signed.

## **16.- OFFICIALS OBLIGATION**

**Art. 24.-** If in the 3rd quarter there are mandatory players that haven't played, the table officials must inform the referee. The referee must inform the team, and apply the rule.

## **17.- OBLIGATION OF THE REFEREE**

**Art. 25.-** The referee is forced to apply the previous rule.

## **18.- NOT FULLFILLING OF THE RULE BY OMISSION**

**Art. 26.-** If the fault is verified once the 3rd quarter has began, and the rival team hasn't previously informed the referee, the change must be done at that moment, but the game will continue with non penalization.

## **INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Art. 27.-** In the international, regional and world championships and tournaments will be none minimum number of mandatory players.

## **CHAPTER III.-**

### **GENERAL RULES FOR LOCAL TOURNAMENTS**

#### **TITLE I.- SCHEDULED GAMES**

##### **1.- GAME SUSPENSION**

**Art. 28.-** In case of the suspension and re-schedule of a game, it will be continued by:

a) the players registered in the score sheet, even the ones that didn't sign it (when the game is suspended during the first time), and

b) the ones that have signed the score sheet before the 3rd quarter if the game is suspended during the 2nd time.

##### **2.- ABSENCE OF A TEAM**

**Art. 29.-** The absence of one team means the lost of the points for that game. More than one penalization for absence (stated periodically by the local H.C.D.) will mean the suspension of the captain of the team that was registered in the last score sheet, this will be informed to the H.D.B.

##### **3.- ALL GAMES MUST BE PLAYED**

**Art. 30.-** All the scheduled games must be play, even when the team doesn't have all the

authorizations. In this case, the player's identification documents must be registered in the score sheet.

#### **4.- RE-SCHEDULING OF GAMES**

**Art. 31.-** Every request to re-schedule one game must be done in writing by the local team to the organizer association. The document must have the date that has been agreed between both teams for the new game. The cannon stipulated by the H.C.D must be paid in the 72 hours before the new game.

**Art. 32.-** A game could be re-scheduled by request of the visitor team only for reasons of fortuitous case or force majeure. In this case the visiting team will pay the cannon.

#### **5.- LOST OF AFFILIATION**

**Art. 33.-** The lost of points for the absence of the team or for not having the minimum number of players three times in a row during the same tournament will lead to the lost of the affiliation of the institution or team.

### **TITLE II.- PLAYERS**

#### **1.- PLAYERS AUTHORIZATION**

**Art. 34.-** Could played in the Maxibasketball category the players that have the correct age or will have it during that year and fulfill FIBA, FIMBA and the local association regulations.

**Art. 35.-** To participated in the tournaments, every player must have the license and right authorization from by the organizer. Also, they must have a medical certificate that registers his physical aptitude for the sport practice.

**Art. 36.-** If one player participated in a game without his license or used the license of other player, he will be automatically expelled to play in the category and the team will lost the points of all the games where the player has participated. The player that lends his credential will be suspended for two years. The situation must be informed to the H.D.B.

#### **2.- PLAYERS OF HIGHER DIVISIONS**

**Art. 37.-** The player who is playing in a professional division of any entity of the country won't be able to participate in local Maxibasketball tournaments.

**Art. 38.-** A player who is playing in a higher division would be able to participated in local tournaments in the following exceptions to Art. 37:

a) the tournaments that began in the first semester of each year, if the player has retired form the high division before the 31 of December of the previous year, or

b) the tournaments that began in the second semester of each year, if the player has retired from the high division before the 31 of July of that year.

c) if the player has 45 or more years old.

**Art. 39.-** Every player that play simultaneously in a high division of any entity of the country and in a Maxibasketball tournament, will be suspended during a calendar year to play in the Maxibasketball Association and the team will lose the points of all the games where those players have participated.

### **3.- PLAYERS PARTICIPATING IN OTHER TOURNAMENTS**

**Art. 40.-** Every player that participates in games, tournaments, events, or championships in the same or in a different jurisdiction must inform it to the local entity and request an authorization. If the player doesn't have the authorization, will be penalized by the Association with the lost of his annual license, the H.D.B. will be informed, and the team will lose all the points for the games where the player has participated.

## **TITLE III.- PARTICIPANTS AND TEAMS**

### **1.- PARTICIPANTS OBLIGATIONS**

**Art. 42.-** To participate in a Maxibasketball tournament every coach and table officers must have the official authorization given by the organizer entity.

**Art. 43.-** If one coach or table official participates in a game without his valid license, he will be automatically suspended and the H.D.B. will be informed.

### **2.- TEAMS OBLIGATIONS**

**Art. 44.-** To participate in a Maxibasketball tournament, every association or team must affiliate, register, pay the registration fee, and fulfill the tournament rules.

**Art. 45.-** The affiliation and registration annual fees for teams and players are established by the entity that organize the tournament. These fees must be canceled before the beginning of the tournament.

### **3.- TEAM PARTICIPATING IN OTHER TOURNAMENT**

**Art. 46.-** Every team that participates in games, tournaments, events, or championships not organize or patronize by a Maxibasketball organization, in the same or in a different jurisdiction, must inform it to the local entity and request an authorization. If the team doesn't have the authorization, will be penalized by the Association with the lost of his annual affiliation, and the H.D.B. will be informed.

### **4.- TEAM WITH A NON AUTHORIZED PLAYER**

**Art. 47.-** The team that has played with a player that doesn't have his authorization, will

lose the points of all the games where the player has participated, according to Art. 36.

#### **5.- NON PAID FEES**

**Art. 48.-** The fees that haven't been paid during a tournament by a club, organization or player, will be included and charged with the fees of the next tournament. The cancellation of the debt will be a requisite to approve the participation.

#### **TITLE IV.- SITES FOR GAMES**

**Art. 49.-** The authorized courts will be the ones that have been approved by a recognize basketball organization.

**Art. 50.-** The different associations could establish the court approval through its Technical Commission.

**Art. 51.-** The Association could cancel the authorization of a court, even when the court has been approved by other organization, when the court doesn't fulfill the minimal safety, conformability, or sportive requirements for the games.

#### **TITLE V.- SCORESHEETS**

**Art. 52.-** The winning team must present (or send by fax) all score sheets to the organizer during the 72 hours following the game.

**Art. 53.-** If the score sheets are not presented or sent in the estipulate time, the organization secretary will take one point of each team. The score sheet presented after the penalization will be archived without the score changes.

#### **TITLE VI.- REFEREES**

**Art. 54.-** The Referee Association of each Organization will use its own referees, they must be properly approved by the entity and the organizer association.

**Art. 55.-** It could be determinate the mandatory registration of interested people or people designed by organizations affiliated to the Association to courses given by the Technical Commission or a similar institution.

**Art. 56.-** The referees must be paid by the local team at the end of the first half-time. The canon amount by game that the referees will received will be periodically established by the H.C.D.. In special situations, the referee's fees could be divided between both teams and be paid in equal parts by each.

**Art. 57.-** In the case that only one referee is present in a game, he will receive his own payment and 50% of the other referee payment.

**Art. 58.-** In case of the suspension of a game, the referees will receive:

a) if the suspension occurs before the beginning of the game for the absence of the rival team and if this means that the points go to the local team, the referees will receive 100% of their payment. If the decision must be made by the H.D.B. they will get 50% at the stadium, and the rest in the secretary during the 72 hours after the resolution. If payments are not made in time, the debtor team will lose one point, according to inc. e).

b) if the suspension occurs after the beginning of the game and if this means that one team gets the points, the 100% of the payment must be made.

c) if the game must be re-schedule for reasons of fortuitous case or force majeure, the referees will receive 50% of their payment and must go to the new game where will receive the other 50%.

d) if the game is suspended in the court the referees will always receive 50% of their payment at the stadium.

f) if the team in charge of the payment doesn't complete it in 72 hours, the team affiliation will be suspended until the payment is done in the secretary and the team will pay a penalization of 50% of the debt.

g) If the game is suspended in the 48 hours previous to the schedule time, the rival team has accepted the suspension, and the suspension is for different reasons than fortuitous case or force majeure, the team that has request the suspension always pay 50% of the referees payments.

## **TITLE VII.- TRANSFERS**

**Art. 59.-** Every player register in one team belongs to that team until the player requests the transfer to other.

### **1.- FREE PLAYER**

**Art. 60.-** A free player is the one that doesn't belong to any team because has not participated in tournaments organized by the association in the last two years.

### **2.- FREE PLAYER WITH TRANSFER**

**Art. 61.-** The players that belongs to one team that doesn't have annual affiliation or doesn't participate in the tournament organize by the entity, will be considered free players with transfer and could be include in other team at any time.

### **3.- TRANSFERS PERIOD**

**Art. 62.-** Before the beginning of each tournament the H.C.D. will establish the period where the transfers could be made.

**Art. 63.-** During this period, the transfers of all the players mentioned in Art. 59 could be made.



**Art. 64.-** The transfer could be made by the team delegate with the specifically authorization of the player.

#### **4.- TRANSFERS DURING THE TOURNAMENT**

**Art. 65.-** No player, by no reason, could play during the same tournament in two different teams.

### **TITLE VIII.- FEES AND FINES**

**Art. 66.-** The H.C.D. will periodically establish the annual fees for each tournament and the amount of the fines.

### **TITLE IX.- TIE SYSTEM**

**Art. 67.-** In case of tie, the positions will be decided following the Olympic tie-break system. Then, 1st) The winners between them, 2nd) Score difference between the teams, 3rd) Score difference in the zone or tournament.

**Art. 68.-** In case of tie in the final or semifinals, when the games are back and forth, the definition will be made by score difference or by a third deciding game according what it is annually established by the H.C.D. In this case the deciding game will be played in the court of the team that has classified in the best position. The referee's payments will be in charge of both teams.

## **CHAPTER IV.-**

### **TITLE I.- APLICATION OF THE RULES**

**Art. 69.-** All the irregularities and infractions done in the jurisdiction of a Maxibasketball Association will be penalized according the rules and procedures established by the association. If the association doesn't have rules or procedures for the case, it could use the following supplementary rules included in this document.

### **TITLE II.- HONORABLE DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

**Art. 70.-** The Honorable Disciplinary Board (H.D.B.) of each association is the institution responsible to study, measure, and penalize the irregularities, infractions, and actions that happen in their jurisdiction, against the rules established in this document.

**Art. 71.-** The H.D.B. must be formed by a maximum of 7 members. These members cannot be related directly with any participant team of the annual tournament or with affiliated institutions.

**Art. 72.-** The designation, removal, and ratification of the members will be rule by the

associations regulations.

**Art. 73.-** The H.D.B. will meet each week on Tuesday and Thursday to read the reports given by the secretary and resolve about the different cases.

### **1.- REPORTS**

**Art. 74.-** Every infraction to this document must be reported by: a) the watchers of the games, and b) the referees of the games.

**Art. 75.-** If there are any infraction as the ones mention in Art. 74, they could be informed by the Association Authorities.

**Art. 76.-** In case of report or suspension of the game, the watchers and/or referees will take the score sheet, and they must present together the report and the score sheet at the secretary in the times stipulated in Art. 77 and Art. 82.

**Art. 77.-** Every score sheet hold by a referee or watcher must be present with the report during the next 48 hours. After that, the H.D.B. will be informed of the omission and will apply the appropriate penalization.

**Art. 78.-** If the score sheet is presented without the report, the H.D.B. will not be informed and the report will be considered not presented.

**Art. 79.-** If a game is suspended by the referees, they must establish in the report the reasons that have led to that decision. If the reasons are not accurate, the H.D.B. will be informed and will apply the proper penalization.

### **2.- ACCUSATIONS**

**Art. 80.-** Everyone that has knowledge of any infraction mention in the Art. 74 could make an accusation.

### **3.- COMPLAINTS**

**Art. 81.-** The delegates of the participant teams or the captains of these teams could present complaints about infractions to this document.

### **4.- TIMES FOR PRESENTATION**

**Art. 82.-** The reports of Art. 74 and 75 and the complaints of Art. 81 must be presented in the 48 hours after the event.

**Art. 83.-** The accusations of Art. 80 must be presented during the next fifteen (15) days after the event that cause the accusation.

**Art. 84.-** Every complaint or accusation present outside the times established in Art.82 and 83 will be considered not presented.

## **5.- TREATMENT OF REPORTS AND COMPLAINTS**

**Art. 85.-** After a complaint, accusation, or report is received at the secretary, it will be given to the H.D.B.. The H.D.B. will analyze it and treat it in the following 72 hours in their weekly meetings.

## **6.- PROVISIONARY SUSPENSION**

**Art. 86.-** Every player reported will have a provisional suspension until the final decision about the penalization is made by the H.D.B.

## **7.- DISCHARGES**

**Art. 87.-** The reported or accused part, will have the right to made a discharge according the following rules:

- a) in writing or by fax until two hours before the H.D.B. meeting
- b) in person at the H.D.B. meeting.

**Art. 88.-** The absence of the written discharge or the absence at the meeting will mean the lost of the right to discharge. Even this situation occurs, the H.D.B. must decide about the event.

## **8.- NOTIFICATIONS**

**Art. 89.-** The notifications of the decisions of the H.D.B. will be made by the secretary as follow:

- a) personally to the delegate reported or accused,
- b) in writing to the institution where the reported or accused belong, by any authorized way, as e-mail or fax.

**Art. 90.-** In this last way of notification and in the way stipulated in d) of the Art. 91, it must be included by the secretary the name of the informant who must sign under his responsibility the reception of the notification.

**Art. 91.-** The authorized ways to notify are:

- a) Letters, b) publishing at the newsletter, c) personally, d) by phone, e) e-mail y f) by fax.

## **9.- GUARANTEE PAYMENT**

**Art. 92.-** The complaint of Art. 81 must be presented together with the payment of the cannon, as the Association stipulates it.

## **10.- APPEALS**

**Art. 93.-** An appeal could be presented against the decisions of the H.D.B.

**Art. 94.-** The appeal must be presented in writing in the 48 hours after the notification. At the same time must be paid the cannon stipulate by the association.

**Art. 95.-** If Art. 95 is not fulfilled, the appeal will be considered not presented and the right to use it will be lost.

**Art. 96.-** The amount of the guarantee of Art. 94 will be given back in case the decision supports the appeal.

## **12.- SPECIAL PENALIZATIONS**

**Art. 97.-** The expulsion of a player during the game will mean his suspension until the treatment of the report of that game. If there is not a report from the referee, watcher or association authority, the player will be suspended for one game.

**Art. 98.-** Every penalization against a player that belong to a directive committee of the association will be duplicate. Also, the player will be suspended in his duties until the end of the penalization.

**Art. 99.-** Every aggression from any member mention in Art. 98 will mean the expulsion as a player and authority.

## **CHAPTER V.-**

### **SPECIAL RULES**

#### **1.- NEW ENTITY OR NON AFFILIATED ONE**

**Art. 100.-** Every new organization or the ones non affiliate during the calendar year will play with its team/s in the lower division, if there are two categories.

#### **3.- PRESENTATION OF MORE THAN ONE TEAM**

**Art. 101.-** Every institution affiliated could present more than one team by category. They will be identified as A, B, C, etc...

**Art. 102.-** If one institution has one or more teams playing in the first division, the new team registered will played in the lower division.