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# TRIOBET BAL TIC BASKETBALL LEAGUE

## REGULATIONS

SEASON

2016/2017

## **The GOALS**

- to promote basketball, as the most popular and the most intellectual sport, primarily in Baltic States
- to be a valuable tool for the federations and the clubs of the region for the player development
- to help sportive and organizational development
- to create and promote the image of past, present and future basketball stars
- to promote the Triobet Baltic Basketball League (TRIOBET BBL)
- to achieve the widest possible TV and media exposure of the TRIOBET BBL and its participants

## I. COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

**1.1. The TRIOBET BBL** is the organization, which is based on the partnership agreement between three organizations:

- the Lithuanian Basketball League;
- the Latvian Basketball Association;
- the Estonian Basketball Association.

### 1.2. Structure.

1.2.1. The main decision-making body is **the TRIOBET BBL board**, which consists of the representatives of the Lithuanian Basketball League, the representatives of the Latvian Basketball Association and the representatives of the Estonian Basketball Association. The TRIOBET BBL Board is responsible for the approval of:

- the TRIOBET BBL strategy;
- the TRIOBET BBL budget;
- the TRIOBET BBL Regulations;
- the TRIOBET BBL Director.

Resolutions of the TRIOBET BBL Board may be adopted with a simple majority of votes. In the event of a tie in the votes, the Chairman of the TRIOBET BBL Board has the deciding vote.

### 1.3. Administration's composition and functions.

1.3.1. **The TRIOBET BBL Director** is responsible for:

- the appointment of the TRIOBET BBL administration members and signing of the agreements with them;
- the coordination and control of the administration work on the whole;
- the control of the TRIOBET BBL budget.

1.3.2. **The TRIOBET BBL Sports Director** is responsible for:

- the work out of the TRIOBET BBL Regulations in cooperation with the TRIOBET BBL Marketing Director;
- the work out of the TRIOBET BBL Game Schedule;
- the control of team applications and rosters;
- the distribution of the TRIOBET BBL teams' compensations according to the TRIOBET BBL Regulations and the budget;
- the run of the competition according to the requirements of the TRIOBET BBL Regulations;
- other duties set in the TRIOBET BBL Regulations;
- the appointment of evaluators (in cooperation with the Director), referees and commissioners for the TRIOBET BBL games;
- the control of work quality of referees and commissioners;
- the control of the run of games according to the TRIOBET BBL Regulations, the FIBA Official Basketball Rules and the FIBA Interpretations;
- the setting of penalty sanctions according to the TRIOBET BBL Regulations;
- the approval of the official list of players of each team

1.3.3. **The TRIOBET BBL Finance Director** is responsible for:

- the preparation of the project of TRIOBET BBL budget;
- the control of the TRIOBET BBL budget.

1.3.4. **The TRIOBET BBL Marketing/Media Director** is responsible for:

- the work out of marketing, advertising, public relations issues in the TRIOBET BBL Regulations;
- the work out and the implementation of communication and media strategy;
- the work out and the implementation of marketing and public relations plan;
- the implementation of sponsors' agreements conditions;
- the administration of the official website of TRIOBET BBL;
- the coordination of the broadcasting of the games in TV or internet;
- the communication with the team managers concerning a fulfillment of the TRIOBET BBL Regulations.

**1.4. The TRIOBET BBL Technical Commission** is responsible for solving appeals, conflict situations and making resolutions on all disciplinary issues.

1.4.1. The TRIOBET BBL Technical Commission consists of 3 (three) members (1 member from each country) and the TRIOBET BBL Technical Commission's composition is approved by the TRIOBET BBL Board prior to each season.

1.4.2. Resolutions of the TRIOBET BBL Technical Commission may be adopted with a simple majority of votes. In the event of a tie in the votes, Chairman of the TRIOBET BBL Technical Commission has the deciding vote.

1.4.3. In case any of the members of the TRIOBET BBL Technical Commission cannot attend the meeting, he/she can send the decision/vote in a written form (by fax or e-mail).

**1.5.** The official **language** of the TRIOBET BBL to be used in all official documents is English.

In some cases Russian may also be used. During the home games the announcer must use the official language of the respective country and English. Penalty for non-fulfillment – EUR 50.

#### **1.6. Participants of the Baltic Basketball League.**

1.6.1 Participating teams of the Baltic Basketball League in the season 2016/2017 shall be:

VALMIERA/ORDO, Valmiera (Latvia)  
 PIENO ZVAIGZDES, Pasvalys (Lithuania)  
 LIEPAJA/TRIOBET, Liepaja (Latvia)  
 JEKABPILS, Jekabpils (Latvia)  
 NEVEZIS, Kedainiai (Lithuania)  
 AVIS RAPLA, Rapla (Estonia)  
 JURMALA/FENIKSS, Jurmala (Latvia)  
 RAKVERE TARVAS, Rakvere (Estonia)  
 BARONS LDz, Riga (Latvia)  
 BARSY ATYRAU, Barys (Kazakhstan)  
 PORT OF PARNU, Parnu (Estonia)  
 TTU, Tallinn (Estonia)  
 OGRE/KUMHO TYRE, Ogre (Latvia)  
 BORISFEN, Mogilev (Belarus).

1.6.2. Possible participating teams of the Baltic Basketball League in the season 2016/2017 by ranking in accordance with the results of the teams in the Baltic Basketball League

competition and National League (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania) competition during the last three seasons 2013/2014, 2014/2015 and 2015/2016:

1. SIAULIAI, Siauliai (Lithuania)
2. TARTU, Tartu (Estonia)
3. VENTSPILS, Ventspils (Latvia)
4. VYTAUTAS, Prienai – Birstonas (Lithuania)
5. LIETKABELIS, Panevezys (Lithuania)
6. JUVENTUS, Utena (Lithuania)
7. KALEV/CRAMO, Tallinn (Estonia)
8. TLU KALEV, Tallinn (Estonia).

1.6.3. Players, coaches, assistant coaches, other team staff, administration members of team and club. They must be registered according to the TRIOBET BBL Registration Rules.

1.6.4. Referees, commissioners and table officials. They must be licensed by the Estonian Basketball Association, the Latvian Basketball Association, the Lithuanian Basketball League, the Kazakhstan Basketball Federation and the Belarusian Basketball Federation.

1.6.5. The TRIOBET BBL administration and staff. They must have corresponding identification cards issued by the TRIOBET BBL Office.

#### **1.7. The duration of the TRIOBET BBL season.**

Each year the TRIOBET BBL official basketball season is determined from July 1 of the running year to June 30 of the following year.

#### **1.8. Competition/game authority.**

1.8.1. Games are held according to the TRIOBET BBL Regulations and the FIBA Official Basketball Rules, as well as the FIBA Official Rules' Changes, Interpretations.

1.8.2. Each situation that is not stated in the TRIOBET BBL Regulations should be followed by the FIBA Official Basketball Rules.

1.8.3. The Commissioner of the game is the official representative of the TRIOBET BBL in the game.

1.8.4. On each occurrence that is related to the TRIOBET BBL and is not mentioned in the TRIOBET BBL Regulations or the FIBA Official Basketball Rules, the decision has to be made by the TRIOBET BBL Sports Director. He is responsible for making the decisions regarding the sanctions named in the TRIOBET BBL Regulations.

1.8.5. On each occurrence that is related to a certain game and is not mentioned in the TRIOBET BBL Regulations or the FIBA Official Basketball Rules, the decision has to be made by the Commissioner of the game.

1.8.6. On each occurrence that is related to a certain moment of the game and is not mentioned in the TRIOBET BBL Regulations or the FIBA Official Basketball Rules, the decision has to be made by the Referee of the game.

#### **1.9. Special Events**

1.9.1. As Special Events during season 2016/2017 are named as follows:

- TRIOBET BBL Cup 2016;
- TRIOBET BBL Finals 2017.

1.9.2. All rights and obligations concerning organization of Special Events belong to TRIOBET BBL (including organization, ticket sales, broadcasting rights, advertising positions, etc.).

## II. CLUB/TEAM REGISTRATION

### 2.1. Team membership.

2.1.1. Teams participate in the TRIOBET BBL season 2016/2017 according to the results of the TRIOBET BBL championship of previous season (2015/2016). **All teams participating in the TRIOBET BBL season 2016/2017 must participate in the first division of national championships of their respective countries.**

2.1.2. In the season 2017/2018 teams will have the right to participate in the TRIOBET BBL according to the results of the previous TRIOBET BBL season (the TRIOBET BBL Board may decide on the exception of the right to participate in the TRIOBET BBL).

2.1.3. Country quota for the TRIOBET BBL 2016/2017 season is as follows:

- **Latvia 6 teams + 1 team;**
- **Estonia 4 teams + 3 teams;**
- **Lithuania 2 teams + 4 teams;**
- **Kazakhstan – 1 team;**
- **Belarus – 1 team.**

2.1.4. Besides sportive results, in order to have the right to participate in the TRIOBET BBL the teams must meet criteria listed in the TRIOBET BBL Regulations.

2.1.5. If a team fails to meet the criteria set in the TRIOBET BBL Regulations or it is clear before the beginning of the season that the team will not be able to meet the criteria set in the TRIOBET BBL Regulations, the TRIOBET BBL Board may decide on elimination of the team from the TRIOBET BBL.

2.1.6. In case of elimination of a team from the TRIOBET BBL, the TRIOBET BBL Board may decide on giving the right to participate in the TRIOBET BBL to another team.

2.1.7. If a team decides not to participate in the TRIOBET BBL, it must send the official application to the TRIOBET BBL not later than by August 23 prior to each season. In that case the TRIOBET BBL Board may decide on giving the right to participate in the TRIOBET BBL to another team.

2.1.8. If a team decides not to participate in the TRIOBET BBL after the set deadline (August 23), it will further be eliminated from the right to participate in the TRIOBET BBL within the next 3 seasons, starting to count from the present official season.

2.1.9. Teams' home games must take place in a home game basketball arena, the information of which is included in the official application. In case of valid reasons, the main home game arena may be changed to a reserve basketball arena. Such change must be agreed with and approved by the TRIOBET BBL Office and the visiting team no later than 20 days before the game takes place. Change of the game arena is not allowed for the games broadcasted by TV.

2.1.10. In case of extreme situations that exceed the set terms, the team must inform the TRIOBET BBL Office immediately and a further decision will be made by the organizers.

### 2.2. Official applications of teams/registration of players.

2.2.1. Teams must send completed team application form (provided by the TRIOBET BBL Office) to the TRIOBET BBL Office by the deadline set each year by the TRIOBET BBL.

2.2.2. The team application becomes valid when a club/team is paying the deposit of EUR 500 to TRIOBET BBL account. The deposit is used for collecting various fines committed to the club/team and its members during the TRIOBET BBL season 2016/2017. The remainder of deposit will be refunded to the club/team account when the club/team finishes its participation in the TRIOBET BBL competition, the season 2016/2017 within fifteen (15) working days.

2.2.3. The official list of team members may consist of the following:

- a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 18 players;
- a maximum of 4 coaches;
- a team physician;
- a team media representative;
- a team manager;
- Director of the team/club;
- President of the team/club.

2.2.4. Each team has to name the person responsible for team's table of officials (technical secretary) and indicate the contact information of the respective person. Technical secretary is responsible for the quality of operations of the table officials.

2.2.5. The teams must complete the official list of team members and send it to the TRIOBET BBL Office by October 1, 2016. No more than 18 players may be registered on the team at the same time. For the player to be registered in the TRIOBET BBL competitions he must be registered/licensed for the team in the national championship.

2.2.6. After the start-of-season deadline, changes to the official list of team players are allowed until the registration-ending deadline at 17:00 (Riga time) of February 28, 2017. Such changes must be done before 15:00 (Riga time) on the day of the game. By this time the necessary documents must be sent to the TRIOBET BBL Office. The registration of new players is also allowed from March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017, but the registration fee of **EUR 500** must be paid to the TRIOBET BBL Office for each new player.

2.2.7. For other members of the team included in the official list, changes are allowed until 15:00 (Riga time) on the day of the game. By this time the necessary documents must be sent to the TRIOBET BBL Office.

2.2.8. In order to register players, the following documents must be sent to the TRIOBET BBL Office:

- official list of the players – the TRIOBET BBL special form;
- application from the organizer of the national championship of the respective country that these players are registered on the team for the national championship and, thus, have completed all the formalities for the registration (including receiving the letter of clearance from the organization of the country they were registered before);
- a color passport-size photograph by e-mail.

If necessary, the TRIOBET BBL may require additional documentation for the registration of the player.

2.2.9. In order to register other members of the team, the following documents must be sent to the TRIOBET BBL Office:

- official list of the team members;
- a color passport-size photograph by e-mail.



2.2.10. The TRIOBET BBL Office has to give the response concerning the registration of players and team members within the following terms:

- registration before season's start – 5 working days;
- during the season – 24 hours before the game of the respective team (not including weekends);
- if a team sends the necessary documents to the TRIOBET BBL Office until 15:00 (Riga time) on the day before the game – the answer should be sent till 11:00 (Riga time) of the following day.

2.2.11. At least 8 players must be registered, present and fit for each game. Incapability to provide the needed minimum of players to be present at the game may not be the reason for changes in game schedule.

2.2.12. If less than 8 players are present, the team must pay a fine of EUR 100 for each player less than 8.

2.2.13. If there are less than 5 players present at the game, it is considered as team's not arriving to the game (respective fine is adjusted).

2.2.14. Maximum 12 players may be registered and participate in a game.

2.2.15. The participation of a player not included in the approved official list of the players of the team, automatically results the loss of the game for the respective team.

### **2.3. Foreign players' quota for the TRIOBET BBL competition is as follows.**

Each club participating in the TRIOBET BBL may register players without any restriction to their nationality.

### III. COMPETITION FORMAT / GAME SCHEDULE

#### 3.1. Competition format.

The TRIOBET BBL competition will be played out in five (5) different phases as follows:

- the TRIOBET BBL Regular season;
- the TRIOBET BBL Eighth – Finals;
- the TRIOBET BBL Quarter – Finals;
- the TRIOBET BBL Semi – Finals;
- the TRIOBET BBL Finals.

#### 3.2. The TRIOBET BBL Regular Season phase.

8 (eight) teams, participating in European competition – SIAULIAI, Siauliai (Lithuania), TARTU, Tartu (Estonia), VENTSPILS, Ventspils (Latvia), VYTAUTAS, Prienai – Birštonas (Lithuania), LIETKABELIS, Panevezys (Lithuania), JUVENTUS, Utena (Lithuania), KALEV/CRAMO, Tallinn (Estonia) and TLU KALEV, Tallinn (Estonia) will start participation from the TRIOBET BBL Eighth – Finals, if they will not qualify for the European competition Play-offs ONLY.

These teams will be ranked according to the results of the teams in the Baltic Basketball League competition and National League (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania) competition during the last 3 (three) seasons 2013/2014, 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 as follows:

1. SIAULIAI, Siauliai (Lithuania);
2. TARTU, Tartu (Estonia);
3. VENTSPILS, Ventspils (Latvia);
4. VYTAUTAS, Prienai – Birštonas (Lithuania);
5. LIETKABELIS, Panevezys (Lithuania);
6. JUVENTUS, Utena (Lithuania);
7. KALEV/CRAMO, Tallinn (Estonia);
8. TLU KALEV, Tallinn (Estonia).

Remaining 14 teams will be divided into 2 (two) groups of 7 (seven) teams and will play in a round robin format (each team faces each team twice, home and away). The Kazakhstan team BARSY ATYRAU, Atyrau (Kazakhstan) and the Belarusian team BORISFEN, Mogilev (Belarus) will play all the games away during the TRIOBET BBL Regular Season and the TRIOBET BBL Play-offs.

The 8 (eight) teams (the teams placed 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>) in each group after the TRIOBET BBL Regular season will qualify for the TRIOBET BBL Eighth – Finals. The remaining teams with the highest ranking after TRIOBET BBL Regular season can participate in the TRIOBET BBL Eighth – Finals, if less than 8 (eight) teams from FIBA Europe competition will participate in the TRIOBET BBL Eighth – Finals.

The criteria's for the determination of the highest rankings of TRIOBET BBL teams after TRIOBET BBL Regular season are as follows:

1. Total number of points in each group;
2. High goal difference of all games in the group;
3. High number of goals scored in all games in the group;
4. A draw shall decide on the classification.

All qualified teams for the TRIOBET BBL Eighth-Finals will be classified from 1<sup>st</sup> place to the last place according to their win-loss records (1. place in the group, 2. total number of points in the group, 3. high goal difference of all games in the group, 4. high number of goals scored in all games in the group, 5. a draw shall decide on the classification) for determining pairs and home/away games in the TRIOBET BBL Eighth-Finals, the TRIOBET BBL Quarter-Finals, the TRIOBET BBL Semi-Finals and the TRIOBET BBL Finals only. The teams from TRIOBET BBL Regular season will be ranked lower than the teams from the European competitions.

**3.3. The TRIOBET BBL Eighth-Finals – the Eliminary Round (best of two (2)).** In the TRIOBET BBL Eighth-Finals teams will play each other two (2) games, home and away, with the overall cumulative score determining the winner of the pair as follows:

- Pair 1: SIAULIAI, Siauliai vs.16<sup>th</sup> place;
- Pair 2: TARTU, Tartu vs.15<sup>th</sup> place;
- Pair 3: VENTSPILS, Ventspils vs.14<sup>th</sup> place;
- Pair 4: VYTAUTAS, Prienai - Birstonas vs.13<sup>th</sup> place;
- Pair 5: LIETKABELIS, Panevezys vs.12<sup>th</sup> place;
- Pair 6: JUVENTUS, Utena vs.11<sup>th</sup> place;
- Pair 7: KALEV/CRAMO, Tallinn vs.10<sup>th</sup> place;
- Pair 8: TLU KALEV, Tallinn vs. 9<sup>th</sup> place.

Remark 1: the composition of the pairs will be changed if less than 8 (eight) teams from European competition will participate in the TRIOBET BBL Eighth – Finals.

Remark 2: if less than 16 (sixteen) teams will qualify for the TRIOBET BBL Eighth – Finals, the teams with the high ranking will qualify for the TRIOBET BBL Quarter – Finals directly (without the TRIOBET BBL Eighth – Finals games).

The team with the high ranking after TRIOBET BBL Regular season will play the second game at home, excluding teams SIAULIAI, Siauliai, TARTU, Tartu, VENTSPILS, Ventspils, VYTAUTAS, Prienai – Birstonas, LIETKABELIS, Panevezys, JUVENTUS, Utena, KALEV/CRAMO, Tallinn and TLU KALEV, Tallinn.

These eight (8) teams will play the first game at home.

The losers of the TRIOBET BBL Eighth - Finals will finish the competition.

The winners of the TRIOBET BBL Eighth-Finals will qualify for the TRIOBET BBL Quarter-Finals.

**3.4. The TRIOBET BBL Quarter-Finals – the Eliminary Round (best of two (2)).** In the TRIOBET BBL Quarter-Finals teams will play each other two (2) games , home and away, with the overall cumulative score determining the winner of the pair as follows:

- Pair 9: Winner of Pair 1 vs. Winner of Pair 8;
- Pair 10: Winner of Pair 2 vs. Winner of Pair 7;
- Pair 11: Winner of Pair 3 vs. Winner of Pair 6;
- Pair 12: Winner of Pair 4 vs. Winner of Pair 5.

The team with the high ranking after the TRIOBET BBL Regular season will play the second game at home, excluding teams SIAULIAI, Siauliai, TARTU, Tartu, VENTSPILS, Ventspils, VYTAUTAS, Prienai – Birstonas, LIETKABELIS, Panevezys, JUVENTUS, Utena, KALEV/CRAMO, Tallinn and TLU KALEV, Tallinn.

These eight (8) teams will play the first game at home. If 2 (two) of them are playing in the same TRIOBET BBL Quarter – Final, the team with the high ranking will play the second game at home. The losers of the TRIOBET BBL Quarter-Finals will finish the competition.

The winners of the TRIOBET BBL Quarter-Finals will qualify for the TRIOBET BBL Semi-Finals.

**3.5. The TRIOBET BBL Semi-Finals – the Eliminary Round (best of two (2)).** In the TRIOBET BBL Semi-Finals teams will play each other two (2) games, home and away, with the overall cumulative score determining the winner of the pair as follows:

Pair 13: Winner of Pair 9 vs. Winner of Pair 12;  
Pair 14: Winner of Pair 10 vs. Winner of Pair 11.

The team with the high ranking after the TRIOBET BBL Regular season will play the second game at home, excluding teams SIAULIAI, Siauliai, TARTU, Tartu, VENTSPILS, Ventspils, VYTAUTAS, Prienai – Birštonas, LIETKABELIS, Panevezys, JUVENTUS, Utena, KALEV/CRAMO, Tallinn and TLU KALEV, Tallinn.

These eight (8) teams will play the first game at home. If 2 (two) of them are playing in the same TRIOBET BBL Semi-Final the team with the high ranking will play the second game at home.

The losers of the TRIOBET BBL Semi-Finals will qualify for the TRIOBET BBL Finals for 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> places.

The winners of the TRIOBET BBL Semi-Finals will qualify for the TRIOBET BBL Finals for 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> places.

**3.6. The TRIOBET BBL Finals-the Eliminary Round (best of two (2)).** In the TRIOBET BBL Finals teams will play each other two (2) games, home and away, with the overall cumulative score determining the winner of the pair as follows:

Pair 15 (3-4 places): Loser of Pair 13 vs. Loser of Pair 14;  
Pair 16 (1-2 places): Winner of Pair 13 vs. Winner of Pair 14.

The team with the high ranking after the TRIOBET BBL Regular season will play the second game at home, excluding teams SIAULIAI, Siauliai, TARTU, Tartu, VENTSPILS, Ventspils, VYTAUTAS, Prienai–Birštonas, LIETKABELIS, Panevezys, JUVENTUS, Utena, KALEV/CRAMO, Tallinn and TLU KALEV, Tallinn.

These eight (8) teams will play the first game at home. If 2 (two) of them are playing in the same TRIOBET BBL Final the team with the high ranking will play the second game at home.

The winner of Pair 16 will be named the **TRIOBET BBL Champion**, season 2016/2017.

### **3.7. Changes in the Baltic Basketball League strategy.**

3.7.1. The teams placed 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> in the TRIOBET BBL championship season 2016/2017 directly qualified for the TRIOBET BBL championship season 2017/2018.

3.7.2. The changes to the TRIOBET BBL strategy may only be made by the TRIOBET BBL Board. The changes may only be made till August 15 prior to the season, in which the changes would take place.

3.7.3. In case the number of the teams participating in the TRIOBET BBL cannot satisfy the minimum criteria set in the TRIOBET BBL Regulations (sections 2.1.4.) and the sportive results, differences in sportive results, etc. may endanger the further financing of the TRIOBET BBL by sponsors/promoters, the TRIOBET BBL Board may decide to review the number of the teams participating in the TRIOBET BBL.

### **3.8. Game Schedule.**

3.8.1. The draft of the Game Schedule must be distributed to the teams by no later than September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

3.8.2. Changes to the draft of Game Schedule:

a) after receiving the draft of Game Schedule, teams have 5 (five) working days to check the document and send their response (application) to the TRIOBET BBL Office in case of serious reasons to change the date of the game. Teams must obtain the confirmation about the schedule changes from an opposing team, which has to be send to the TRIOBET BBL Office along with team's application;

b) after receiving the draft of Game Schedule, teams within 5 (five) working days must send to the TRIOBET BBL Office the starting times of their home games (within the limits established in the TRIOBET BBL Regulations), no confirmation from the opposing team is necessary;

c) the teams have no rights to ask for changes of the dates of the Final games;

d) after the modification of the draft of Game Schedule, according to teams' applications, the Game Schedule is approved by the TRIOBET BBL Director by no later than September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

3.8.3. Starting time of the games:

a) all games played during the weekdays should start at 17:30 - 20:00 hours, on Saturdays, Sundays and official holidays at 15:00 – 20:00 hours. The start time of the games broadcasted on TV will be determined according to the agreements between the TRIOBET BBL and the television companies (except if a game is broadcasted by a regional TV, for which the club could decide the start time of the game);

b) the tip-off of the games broadcasted on TV may differ from the starting time determined in the Game Schedule a maximum of 10 minutes after the original scheduled start time. The tip-off time must be announced to the involved teams at least 2 (two) days prior to the game.

3.8.4. Changes to the approved Game Schedule:

a) in case of serious circumstances beyond their control, the teams have a right to ask for Game Schedule date changes, but no later than 20 (twenty) days before the beginning of the game in question;

b) if the changes of the Game Schedule are initiated after the set deadline and the games in question are not to be broadcasted on TV and the TRIOBET BBL has accepted the changes, the team must pay the TRIOBET BBL the compensation of EUR 800 (within 3 (three) working days);

c) the written request to change the date and the start time of the games that are planned to be broadcasted on TV, must be submitted no later than 40 (forty) days before the beginning of the games in question. No changes will be made to these games, if the application of the team is received later than the set deadline;

d) if a team is asking to change the starting time of the game (but not the date), which is not to be broadcasted on TV, the written application of such request must be sent to the TRIOBET BBL Office till no later than 10 (ten) days prior to the game in question. The compensation payable to the TRIOBET BBL for time (but not date) changes is EUR 70 (within 3 (three) working days);

e) the team-initiator of the Game Schedule changes (both date or time) must reach an agreement regarding the possible changes with the opposing team of the game in question and receive its written acceptance;

f) teams have a right to ask for the Game Schedule changes only within a certain competition round;

g) the issue of the Game Schedule changes, by taking into consideration the written application of the team with the valid reasons of the necessity of schedule changes (all documentation proving the valid reasons, should be added) and the new date, time and arena information of the game, as well as the application form from the opposing team accepting the offered changes, is examined by the TRIOBET BBL. If the changes are approved by the TRIOBET BBL, the resolution of the TRIOBET BBL Sports Director is sent to the involved teams;

h) after receiving a positive resolution of the TRIOBET BBL Sports Director, the team-initiator must pay the TRIOBET BBL a compensation of EUR 400 (within 3 (three) working days). If the payment is not done, the changes to the Game Schedule will not come into force. Only after the TRIOBET BBL receives the documentation of a completed payment the changes will come into force and will be announced to the mass media and will be made public on the official website of the TRIOBET BBL;

i) the schedule of the Eighth-Finals, the Quarter-Finals, the Semi-Finals and the Finals will be made according to the conditions of the TV agreement and will not be a subject to the applications for changes from the teams.

## **IV. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

**4.1. Official game ball.** The official game ball of the TRIOBET BBL season 2016/2017 is the MOLTEN GG7 branded with TRIOBET BBL logo. Penalty for not using official game ball is EUR 3000.

4.1.1. The TRIOBET BBL will provide each team with 12 (twelve) game balls.

4.1.2. The TRIOBET BBL teams are responsible for ensuring that none of their players, coaches or other representatives shall use or be photographed with any basketball other than MOLTEN GG7 branded with TRIOBET BBL logo during games or in other official capacities of the TRIOBET BBL.

**4.2. Dress code of the team members during the TRIOBET BBL games (except players).**

4.2.1. Head coach, coach, managers and other members of the team, who are in the bench area during the game, must to be dressed in suits and only doctors and physiotherapists may be dressed in a unified style team clothes. Penalty EUR 100.

4.2.2. If there is a playing coach on a team, he may be dressed in a uniform.

## V. SPORTS ARENA REQUIREMENTS

### 5.1. General arena requirements.

- 5.1.1. Basketball arenas must correspond to the Official Rules of FIBA World.
- 5.1.2. All the equipment in basketball arenas must be approved by FIBA World.
- 5.1.3. All basketball arenas must to have the capacity of 800 seats.
- 5.1.4. All basketball arenas must to have TV broadcast possibilities.
- 5.1.5. The lighting of the playing area must have a minimum intensity of 1700 lux evenly across the entire playing area, measured one meter above it.

### 5.2. Home team of the arena is responsible for:

- 5.2.1. The provision of a fully equipped computer with a printer and Internet connection (LAN or Wi-Fi with downstream and upstream at least 512 Kbit/s. Wi-Fi signal must be strong/excellent) on the table of table officials during the game. Penalty EUR 300;
- 5.2.2. The team of statisticians for the input of statistical data during the game (the TRIOBET BBL will provide teams with the statistical software; teams should have a specialized equipment (1 computer, 1 keyboard) for entering game statistics during a game). Penalty EUR 300;
- 5.2.3. Non-stop operation of all necessary game devices and equipment during the whole game. Penalty according to article 11.3.14;
- 5.2.4. Provision of locker-rooms with seats, hangers and massage table:
  - Separate for visiting and home teams;
  - One locker-room for referees and commissioner. Penalty EUR 300;
- 5.2.5. Places for the mass media: at least 20 (twenty) seats in the 1<sup>st</sup> row parallel to the court side with a good visibility over the court (or specially equipped seats for the mass media);
- 5.2.6. Provision of the press room for holding press conferences.

**5.3. Temperature at the sports arena.** The temperature in all basketball arenas during the game should be 18-25 degrees centigrade. Penalty EUR 300.

**5.4. The TRIOBET BBL may inspect the sports arenas to check, whether they match the set criteria.**



## VI. OBLIGATIONS OF THE CLUBS

**6.1. Internal Organization.** During the TRIOBET BBL 2016/2017 season, the clubs must have an organizational structure, which will include the following personnel positions:

- Director;
- Marketing Director;
- Media representative.

**6.2. Home teams** (upon playing game in their basketball arena) are responsible for the organization of the game and must provide the following:

6.2.1. The table for officials and statisticians, to ensure their operations during the game, according to the TRIOBET BBL Regulations, FIBA rules. The home team is responsible for a non-stop operation of statistics and on-line programs and the qualification of the statisticians. Table officials and statisticians must to be registered according to the TRIOBET BBL Regulations. Penalty EUR 300.

6.2.2. Practices for the visiting team:

a) evening practice for the visiting team (duration – 1 hour) on the evening prior to the game (start time from 16:00 – 21:00), if this is agreed between both teams. If home team is not able to provide the practice in the game arena, it could take place in other basketball arena. The expenses of the arena rental must be covered by a home team. Penalty EUR 600;

b) morning practice for the visiting team (duration – 1 hour) on the game day in the game arena (start time from 9:00 – 12:00), if it was asked at least 72 hours before the beginning of the respective game with an official letter from the administration of the visiting team. The expenses of the arena rental have to be covered by a home team. Penalty EUR 600;

c) home team must provide the visiting team with at least 12 (twelve) balls for the practice. Penalty EUR 300;

d) home team must supply the visiting team with ice and drinking water. Penalty EUR 100.

**6.3. Pre-game requirements.**

6.3.1. The arena must be prepared and be under optimum playing conditions one hour before the start of the game.

6.3.2. The teams have the right to warm up for at least 20 minutes before the Uniform Pre-game Timing Format starts.

6.3.3. Uniform Pre-game Timing Format. Regardless of the official start time of the game, all TRIOBET BBL games must follow the Uniform Pre-game Timing Format (Uniform Pre-game Timing Format could be corrected only with an acceptance of the TRIOBET BBL Sports Director in accordance with the example below:

- Example of a game that has a scheduled start time at 19:00
- Teams enter onto the court – 18:28:00
- Start the clock (warm up) – 18:30:00
- Horn sounds – 18:49:00
- Teams go to benches – 18:49:30
- Introduction of a visiting team – 18:50:00
- Introduction of a home team – 18:51:00
- Playing of anthem of a visiting team – 18:52:00

- Playing of anthem of a home team – 18:54:00 (if two teams from the same country play in the same game, anthem should be played once)
- Last warm up period – 18:56:00
- Playing of the official TRIOBET BBL song – 18:56:05 Penalty EUR 100
- Teams go to court – 18:59:00
- Tip-off – 19:00:00.

6.3.4. Clubs may introduce the players in any order they choose. However, the order of the line-ups must be provided to the telecasters no later than one hour prior to air time.

6.3.5. Players must run onto the court, as they are introduced, dressed identically and stand at the free throw line, facing the opposite basket, lining up side by side. Penalty EUR 100.

6.3.6. The use of lighting, as considered most suitable for the event, will be allowed only during the introduction of the teams, provided that before the tip-off, lighting must be in accordance with the applicable facilities' rules. Once the game has started, the lighting in the area of the playing court may not be altered, except during halftime and only while the two teams are in the locker rooms. Penalty EUR 100.

6.3.7. The home club will inform the visiting team about the procedure of the introduction of the teams and, in general, of the activities that will take place during timeouts and rest intermissions. The visiting team must be given this information before the end of its official evening practice scheduled before the game. Penalty EUR 100.

**6.4. Entertainment program** is the responsibility of the home team and must include the following:

6.4.1. Cheerleaders or other entertaining program during all games are recommended.

6.4.2. Music in arena before the game and during the warm up. Penalty EUR 100.

6.4.3. Public Address Announcer with the microphone, who speaks the official language of the respective country and English. Penalty EUR 100.

**6.5. Payment of the authors' fees for a public music playback during home games** is the responsibility of the home team.

**6.6. Organization and conduction of the press conference after a game in a suitable press room** (requirements in point 10.3.2.) is the responsibility of the home team. (Rules attend to the TRIOBET BBL Eighth-Finals, the TRIOBET BBL Quarter-Finals, the TRIOBET BBL Semi-Finals, the TRIOBET BBL Finals and recommended for the TRIOBET BBL Regular Season).

**6.7. Game tickets.**

6.7.1. The name of the league shall be printed on all the tickets of TRIOBET BBL games.

6.7.2. The home team must ensure the possibility for the TRIOBET BBL staff members to get the seats in the central sectors of the arena free of charge (best seats that have left after the sale of season tickets) if it was requested at least 24 hours before the game.

6.7.3. The home team must ensure the possibility for the TRIOBET BBL guests (up to 60 persons) to watch the game and be seated free of charge in a preferential area, if an official request from the TRIOBET BBL Office by letter or e-mail was received at least 3 (three) days before the game.

6.7.4. The home team must ensure that the TRIOBET BBL staff members, referees, commissioners and other TRIOBET BBL teams' coaches or players can enter the games free of charge provided that these persons present a) identification cards issued by the TRIOBET BBL Office, b) licenses issued by the Latvian Basketball Association, the Lithuanian Basketball League or the Estonian Basketball Association.

6.7.5. The home team must ensure the opportunity for the visiting team to buy up to 100 (one hundred) tickets, if an official request from visiting team's office by letter or fax was received at least 4 (four) days before the game.

6.7.6. Minimum ticket price for TRIOBET BBL game is EUR 3 (recommendation).

**6.8. Game balls for the game.** At least 11 (eleven) balls – 5 (five) balls for warming-up for each team and 1 (one) game ball, which may not be used for warm-up – should be present in each game. Penalty EUR 300.

**6.9. Main and Reserve Uniforms.**

6.9.1. All teams must have two clearly defined uniforms, the main one and the reserve one; one of a light color and the other dark. The main and reserve uniforms may not be of different shades of the same color.

6.9.2. The local team will wear its main uniform; the visitors must have uniforms of both colors in order to choose the right one, if not agreed with the home team in advance.

6.9.3. During all games, the colors of separate teams' uniforms must be clearly different: as a result, one team will wear a dark color and the other a light color.

**6.10. Security.**

6.10.1. The home team must provide sufficient forces to ensure the complete safety of the visiting club, spectators, all officials (commissioners, referees, and table officials) and the TRIOBET BBL staff. Penalty EUR 600.

6.10.2. Security must be present in the arena at least one hour before and 40 (forty) minutes after the game for all the participants (players, coaches, referees, commissioners and others). The security services should be involved.

**6.11. In case of injury, the home team must provide the first aid (ambulance) or to transport the injured person to the hospital.**

**6.12. Recording of the Games.**

6.12.1. The host club must upload the video of the home game on the TRIOBET BBL server within **16 (sixteen)** hours following the end of the game on FILES.LV server <https://pro1.failiem.lv/Baltic-Basketball-League>. It concerns also to the games filmed by third parties (e.g., internet portal or TV Chanel).

6.12.2. The video of the game on the TRIOBET BBL server must be of good quality and without interruptions.

6.12.3. The non-fulfillment of the requirements established in this section will lead to the fine of the clubs in amount of EUR 600-2000.

**6.13.** In case the backboard of the basket is broken during the game, the home team must provide its replacement in approximately 30 (thirty) minutes, but no later than in 45 (forty five) minutes: game lost by forfeit (see 11.3.1.).

**6.14.** Five (5) flags of every TRIOBET BBL participating country (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Kazakhstan and Belarus) of the same size must be present and clearly visible in a home arena of each participating team. Penalty EUR 300.

**6.15.** National anthems of every country that playing teams represent must be played before every game. Penalty EUR 300.

## VII. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

### 7.1. Each team must to cover the following expenses:

7.1.1. The rent of the basketball arena of home games;

7.1.2. The services of home games' table officials;

7.1.3. The officiating expenses **of 3 000 Euros (three thousand Euros)** throw TRIOBET BBL office. This payment has to be done based on the invoice sent by TRIOBET BBL:

7.1.3.1. Until September 30th, 2016 for the teams who will start to participate from the Regular season phase. Team pays contractual penalty to TRIOBET BBL in the amount of 0.1% (zero point one per cent) from the total amount of the delayed payment for each delayed day.

7.1.3.2. Until January 27th, 2016 for the teams who will start to participate in TRIOBET BBL from the Playoffs. Team pays contractual penalty to TRIOBET BBL in the amount of 0.1% (zero point one per cent) from the total amount of the delayed payment for each delayed day.

7.1.4. The accommodation and catering of commissioners and referees during the TRIOBET BBL Eighth-Finals, the TRIOBET BBL Quarter-Finals, the TRIOBET BBL Semi-Finals and the TRIOBET BBL Finals;

7.1.5. TV fees for basketball arenas for TRIOBET BBL home games broadcasted on TV;

7.1.6. The deposit of **EUR 500** for collecting various fines committed to the team and its members during the TRIOBET BBL season 2016/2017. The remainder of the deposit will be refunded to the team when the team finishes its participation in the TRIOBET BBL competition, season 2016/2017 within fifteen (15) working days;

7.1.7. Other expenses not covered by the TRIOBET BBL.

## VIII. GAME OFFICIATING

- 8.1. The TRIOBET BBL competition should be officiated only by the Latvian, the Lithuanian, the Estonian the Kazakhstan and the Belarusian licensed referees, commissioners and table officials.
  - 8.1.1. Games of the Regular Season will be officiated by the local referees and commissioners:
    - games in Latvia will be officiated by referees and commissioners licensed in Latvia;
    - games in Lithuania will be officiated by referees and commissioners licensed in Lithuania;
    - games in Estonia will be officiated by referees and commissioners licensed in Estonia.Commissioners and referees registered in Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Kazakhstan and Belarus may also be nominated to officiate in the games in other countries.
  - 8.1.2. The TRIOBET BBL Eighth- Finals, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals will be officiated by referees and commissioners from Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Kazakhstan and Belarus. The TRIOBET BBL may decide on the invitation of referees and commissioners from other countries as well.
- 8.2. The TRIOBET BBL Sports Director in cooperation with TRIOBET BBL Director shall make the appointments of evaluators, referees and commissioners for the TRIOBET BBL games of the Regular Season, the Eighth-Finals, the Quarter-Finals, the Semi-Finals and the Finals.
- 8.3. Three referees, one commissioner and one evaluator (if necessary) must be appointed for each TRIOBET BBL game.
- 8.4. The TRIOBET BBL Sports Director is entitled to be the game evaluator or commissioner if licensed in Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.
- 8.5. Referees, commissioners and table officials must keep alongside the TRIOBET BBL Regulations, FIBA Official Basketball Rules, as well as the decisions of the TRIOBET BBL Sports Director.
- 8.6. Referees, commissioners and table officials nominated for the game, during the day, before the game, during the game and after the game while still in the playing arena, are being forbidden to use alcoholic drinks.
- 8.7. In case of suspicion of tendentious actions (NO FAIR PLAY OFFICIATING) of any referee, commissioner or table official for the benefit of any team, the guilty party shall be suspended immediately from its duty until further sanctions of the TRIOBET BBL Technical Commission.
- 8.8. The TRIOBET BBL makes monthly reimburses of officiating fees and travel expenses of referees, commissioners and evaluators according to the TRIOBET BBL Regulations article 7.
- 8.9. The officiating fee of the table officials must be paid by the home team before the game or as agreed with the table officials prior to the start of the season.
- 8.10. In case of the lack of public order at the playing arena during the game (throwing of objects on the playing court or any specific player, flashing of laser beam to any of players, spectator presence on the playing court, etc.), referees and commissioner are entitled to stop the game until the public order is restored. If the public order is not restored in 15 (fifteen) minutes, the team mentioned first on the official score-sheet (usually home team) shall be imposed a fine of EUR 1000 and the game CAN be lost by forfeit.

8.11. The commissioner of the game must:

- 8.11.1. To ensure a smooth running of scorers' table;
- 8.11.2. Be well informed about all the events on the court during the game;
- 8.11.3. If requested by the referee, he should assist in making a final decision;
- 8.11.4. To evaluate the actions of referees solely at the given game by filling a commissioner's report (special form) irrespective of private relations, categories, positions;
- 8.11.5. In cooperation with the home team representatives ensure that the statistics could be viewed in the TRIOBET BBL website after the game as soon as possible;
- 8.11.6. The original of commissioner's report as well as the original game score-sheet and original statistic sheet should be send to the TRIOBET BBL Office by mail within 24 (twenty four) hours after the end of the game. Penalty EUR 40;
- 8.11.7. Any matters that, according to commissioner 's opinion, are not in accordance with the TRIOBET BBL Regulations, the FIBA Official Basketball Rules or with the general rules of behavior and sportsmanship, must be included in the commissioner's report;
- 8.11.8. In case of any serious incident occur (such as protest against the result of the game, the disqualification of a player or a coach, bad behavior of spectators or players, etc.) the commissioner must call the TRIOBET BBL Sports Director and send a detailed report describing the incident within one (1) hour of completion of the game to the TRIOBET BBL Sports Director by Email. Penalty EUR 80;
- 8.11.9. Verify if teams fulfill their obligations as provided by the TRIOBET BBL Regulations (including the presence/absence of advertising stands, proper placement of advertising stands, etc.). Commissioner's duty is to check the realization of these obligations in good time before the game (at least 40 (forty) minutes) and, in case any shortcomings are present, to warn the home team in order the team could have time to prevent and to correct the shortcomings.

8.12. If commissioner fails to officiate in accordance with the TRIOBET BBL Regulations, the TRIOBET BBL Sports Director shall suspend the commissioner from its duty up to 30 (thirty) days.

8.13. Referees and commissioners officiating in the TRIOBET BBL games may only have advertising on their uniforms, which is officially approved by the TRIOBET BBL.

8.14. Unauthorized person may enter referees' and commissioner's locker-room before the game, during the game, during half-time and approximately 40 (forty) minutes after the game only with the permission of the referees and commissioner.

## **IX. MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS REQUIREMENTS**

### **9.1. General principles.**

9.1.1. The clubs may be registered in the competition with either the designation of the sports entity (the club), or with that of the main sponsor or with both of them, depending on the club's decision. This designation will be the official one in regard to all effects related to or derived from the competition. The name of one commercial company at maximum may appear in the name of the team. The name may consist of maximum three words.

9.1.2. The facilities must have a minimum capacity for 800 spectators seated, in the understanding that corridors, halls, staircases or any other area where people circulate must be unoccupied.

9.1.3. Use of the TRIOBET BBL name and logo must comply with trademark use requirements that are established by the TRIOBET BBL (which may be amended from time to time).

9.1.4. In breach of rule club will be fined EUR 500 per each game.

### **9.2. Advertising positions on playing court for home team.**

9.2.1. Advertising is permitted on the playing court and on the further boundary line.

9.2.2. Advertising is permitted inside the free-throw circles. The advertising must be the same for both free throw circles. All lines marking free-throw circles must be perfectly clear and visible.

9.2.3. The name of the arena and the city or the name of the team and the city may be displayed on the full length of the boundary line corresponding to the side of the team benches and the scorer's table, with a maximum length of 12,5 m outside the court and across the mid-court line. The name of the arena and the city, or the name of the team and the city, can be displayed only once.

9.2.4. The home team must cover all expenses of advertising production and location on the court.

### **9.3. The advertising positions for the TRIOBET BBL.**

9.3.1. TRIOBET BBL logo (20x30 cm) must be displayed on both backboards on the lower left side (i.e. right side facing the board). Any other league's logo isn't permitted to be exposed in this position during the TRIOBET BBL games.

9.3.2. TRIOBET BBL logo (approx. 6x9 cm) must be placed on players' uniforms on the left shoulder, in front.

9.3.3. The advertising positions and places belonging to TRIOBET BBL:

9.3.3.1. Two (2) places for the floor stickers bias the centre circle of the basketball court;

9.3.3.2. The centre circle of the basketball court.



9.3.3.3. 6 (six) rows of 32 m rotating or LED advertising stands opposite to TV cameras or 6 (six) static stands (3x1 m or 2x0.8 m) near the side line of the basketball court opposite to TV cameras in arenas without rotating advertising system;

9.3.3.4. The place in the front of the scorer's table. Size around 6x1 m;

9.3.3.5. The special branded boxes for the substitution players (two (2) pieces) in both sides of scorer's table;

9.3.4. The branded jackets for the table officials of the games has to be worn during the TRIOBET BBL games;

9.3.5. The clubs are bound by the terms and conditions of any contracts, which are concluded between TRIOBET BBL and third parties or which may be concluded between TRIOBET BBL and any third parties during the season 2016/2017.

9.3.6. All information in written form and advertising materials regarding the point 9.3.2 and 9.3.3 the TRIOBET BBL marketing will send to clubs not later than two (2) weeks before the following home game.

**9.4. For disregard** of the point 9.3 (except a situation when TRIOBET BBL delays the delivering of the materials, point 9.3.6) the penalty for club responsible for the corresponding "home" game is set to:

- EUR 500 for the first infraction;
- EUR 1000 for the second infraction;
- EUR 2000 for the third infraction and each next infraction.

#### **9.5. Playing uniforms.**

9.5.1. The playing uniforms must be identical for all the members of the team, and prohibition is made of the use of any element, garment or accessory that fails to agree with the official uniform of the club. The numbers to be used for the playing uniforms will be: 0, 00, from 1 to 99, or any other numbers with a max of two (2) digits.

9.5.2. Front of the shirt:

- a) the name of the team/club must be situated in the centre;
- b) the number of the player must be at least 10 cm high and be situated in the centre and right above the sponsor or name of the team/club;
- c) advertising is permitted on the front of playing shirt;
- d) TRIOBET BBL logo (6x9 cm) must be displayed on players' uniforms on the left shoulder, in front.

9.5.3. Rear of the shirt:

- a) the centre of the rear side of the shirt must bear the player number, which will be at least 20 cm high. No other distinctive marking may be placed within 5 cm of the player number;
- b) above the number, the surname of the player can be inserted on a single line of text of a height between 6 and 8 cm;
- c) under the number, there must be a line of text 8 cm high, which must be the name of the city where the club is located or place for publicity. If the text is over one line, the inclusion of two lines of 6 cm in height may be authorized;
- d) advertising is permitted on the rear of the playing shirt.

9.5.4. Shorts:

- a) advertising of sponsors is allowed on the front and back of the shorts;
- b) the logo of the manufacturer may be allowed to a size of no more than 12 cm<sup>2</sup> on the right side;
- c) the number of the player may be included, 10 cm high on the left side.

9.5.5. Socks:

- a) no advertising may be inserted on the socks other than the logo of the manufacturer and the club, which may not exceed 12 cm<sup>2</sup>.

**9.6. Broadcastings.**

9.6.1. All broadcast (including internet, mobile, non-television, etc.) rights of the TRIOBET BBL games belong to the TRIOBET BBL. It has the rights to sign the agreements on the TRIOBET BBL games broadcasts and public distribution, taking into consideration most favorable tenders. For any non-sanctioned broadcasting of the game to the home team a sanctions in amount of EUR 1000-2000 will be imposed.

9.6.2. Teams shall be permitted to make up to 3 minutes duration highlights from matches shown by TRIOBET BBL partners.

9.6.3. Teams must cooperate with the TRIOBET BBL and Television Company or other kind of broadcasters in order to provide sports' arena appropriate for broadcasts of the TRIOBET BBL games. Penalty EUR 500-2000.

9.6.4. Teams have to provide TV staff or broadcasters with possibility to carry out all necessary actions for broadcasts during the TRIOBET BBL games. Penalty EUR 500-2000.

9.6.5. Home team must pay TV fees for basketball arena for TRIOBET BBL games broadcasted on TV.

9.6.6. All advertising seconds and positions during each broadcast of the TRIOBET BBL game belong to TRIOBET BBL.

9.6.7. The duration of the break between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is 15 minutes.

9.6.8. The duration of the break between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter is 2:00 minutes.

9.6.9. Members of the team have to give interviews during the TV broadcast, if they are asked by TV staff (if the game is not running on court).

**9.7. Players for league advertises.** During the entire season up to the Finals, all clubs must make available for the TRIOBET BBL purposes to use 2 starting five players for league self-advertisement activities. Penalty EUR 500.

## **X. COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA**

### **10.1. Duty of the Clubs to Provide Information.**

10.1.1. All the clubs prior to the season must provide the TRIOBET BBL Office with accurate information about the club, players, personnel, playing arena, media contacts. Should any of this information change during the season, the TRIOBET BBL Office must be informed immediately.

10.1.2. The visiting club at least 24 hours before the game will provide the local club with all information related to the travel plan and stay of the team in the city, as well as training times and whether such training is to be held behind closed doors or not.

10.1.3. When the TRIOBET BBL considers it necessary, it may request additional information from the clubs. It is compulsory for the clubs to respond to these requests in a timely and accurate manner.

10.1.4. All information submitted to the TRIOBET BBL will be held in strict confidence and will be used for analysis and evaluation purposes and, where applicable, to verify compliance with the TRIOBET BBL Regulations. The TRIOBET BBL may summarize the information for purposes of internal analysis and may present summaries, without identifying data and information provided by individual clubs, to other TRIOBET BBL clubs on a confidential basis. The TRIOBET BBL may not release such information to any third-party, including third-parties that have contracts with the TRIOBET BBL.

### **10.2. Media Representative.**

Each club will designate a person to be responsible for media relations and inform the TRIOBET BBL Office of the name and contact details of this person.

### **10.3. Media Facilities.**

10.3.1. Media Working Area: a large area where the media can find all the infrastructural elements they need for their job. This area must be outfitted with the following equipment:

- a) desks and chairs for 5 (10 during the TRIOBET BBL Semi-Finals and the TRIOBET BBL Finals games) people working at the same time;
- b) 2 ISDN lines. Upload speed at least 5 Mb/s;
- c) Wi-Fi access for media;
- d) 1 laser printer.

10.3.2. The clubs must prepare a press conference room for the TRIOBET BBL Quarter-Finals, the TRIOBET BBL Semi-Finals and the TRIOBET BBL Finals games, which must fulfill the following requirements:

- a) speakers' table (with a minimum of 3 chairs and 2 microphones);
- b) English speaking translator;
- c) chairs for a minimum of 10 people;
- d) a sponsors' logos wall behind players and coaches during a press conference. This wall must include logos of TRIOBET BBL and League's sponsors. Logos of club and club sponsors are permitted.

### **10.4. The TRIOBET BBL Media Requirements.**

10.4.1. One post-game comment in English from each coach will be forwarded to the TRIOBET BBL Media Director as soon as possible by e-mail.

10.4.2. One photo (preferable horizontal format) of the game has to be sent to the TRIOBET BBL Media Director immediately by e-mail for the adding to the article of the game in TRIOBET BBL official website. TRIOBET BBL grants to mention the author of the photo.

10.4.3. Collection of the photos (photo gallery) of the game would be sent to the TRIOBET BBL Media Director in 24 hours after the game for the adding to the Photo Gallery of the TRIOBET BBL official website (recommended). TRIOBET BBL grants to mention the author of the club's name of the photos.

10.4.4. Each team will make available, if requested, at least 2 (two) players and 1 (one) coach per season for one public appearance.

#### **10.5. Access to Team Practices and to Team Locker Rooms for the Media.**

10.5.1. Only officially accredited media and approved by the TRIOBET BBL may have access to practices and locker rooms.

10.5.2. The 15-minute practice access for media is mandatory before each TRIOBET BBL game. Practice access will take place during the first or the last 15 minutes of practice. At least 1 player and the head coach must be available for the media during that session.

10.5.3. Five minutes after the final buzzer, the coach or the media representative should announce that their team's locker room is open. Team manager, media representative or other official of each team should tell the players when the media are about to enter the locker, and, also, if any women are among the accredited media that night. A team representative or a properly instructed security employee must be present during all locker room access period.

10.5.4. The locker room must remain open to the accredited media for 10 minutes.

#### **10.6. The TRIOBET BBL Clubs Relations with Mass Media.**

10.6.1. Each arisen problem has to be solved between the TRIOBET BBL clubs and the TRIOBET BBL administration according to the TRIOBET BBL Regulations and FIBA Official Basketball Rules, without any interference of the mass media.

10.6.2. Any of the TRIOBET BBL participants have no rights to express negative personal opinions through the mass media and make public statements on the performance and actions of other TRIOBET BBL participators, referees, the TRIOBET BBL organization and its employees.

10.6.3. Negative official resolutions of the TRIOBET BBL clubs, the TRIOBET BBL administration or the TRIOBET BBL Technical Committee on the performance/action of other TRIOBET BBL participator, may only be expressed by an authorized person, telling the official opinion of the organization.

10.6.4. In breach of points 10.6.1, 10.6.2 and 10.6.3 the person or the club will be subject to a fine of EUR 500-2000.

## **XI. DISCIPLINARY FINES**

**11.1. Each team is responsible for the payment of fines assessed to the team or its members.** The various fines committed to the team or its members are collected from the deposit of EUR 500 paid by the team to the TRIOBET BBL account before the beginning of the TRIOBET BBL season.

The deposit should be paid to the TRIOBET BBL bank account:  
Baltic Basketball League  
Skanstes Street 54 Riga, Latvia  
Reg. number 40003750207  
AS SEB banka  
LV37UNLA0050006762928.

**11.2. The fine is imposed by sending a resolution of the TRIOBET BBL Sports Director to the team.**

In cases where the variation of fine is included, the amount of fine is set evaluating the extent of an infringement.

In case the infringements are not listed in the TRIOBET BBL Regulations, the fine is set by the TRIOBET BBL Technical Commission, evaluating the extent of infringement.

**11.3. Fines/compensations** (some fines/compensations may be written in the TRIOBET BBL Regulations in other paragraphs).

11.3.1. Game lost by forfeit: TV game – EUR 10000, not TV game – EUR 5000.

11.3.2. Not arriving to the game or arriving with less than 5 (five) players: game lost by forfeit.

11.3.3. Arriving to the game (coming out on the game court) with delay of up to 15 (fifteen) minutes from the scheduled game start time: TV game – EUR 5000, not TV game – EUR 1000.

11.3.4. Arriving to the game (coming out on the game court) with delay more than 15 minutes from the scheduled game start time:

a) if the game takes place: TV game – EUR 7500, not TV game – EUR 2500;

b) if the game doesn't take place: game lost by forfeit.

11.3.5. If it is announced that the opposing team or the game officials are in the way (for justified reasons), and their approximate time of arrival is known, the commissioner of the game or the TRIOBET BBL Sports Director has the authority to make decision to postpone the game start time, but not more than for 30 (thirty) minutes after the scheduled game start time. This rule does not apply to the game broadcasted by the TV.

11.3.6. The team interposing the game without any reason, dropping out: game lost by forfeit.

11.3.7. For the technical foul received by the members of one team (players, coaches or team) in the same game – EUR 60.

11.3.8. Disqualifying foul to any game participant – EUR 250.

11.3.9. Disqualification as a result of two unsportsmanlike fouls or two technical fouls to any game participant – EUR 125.

**11.3.10.** For roughhousing or engaging in fighting for any game participant or any TRIOBET BBL participant – fine EUR 500-2000 and disqualification/prohibition to enter the playing arena for 1–5 games.

**11.3.11.** For roughhousing or engaging in fighting promptly after the game (approximately 40 (forty) minutes) fine for any TRIOBET BBL participant – EUR 1000-4000 and disqualification/prohibition to enter the playing arena for 3–10 games.

**11.3.12.** For any TRIOBET BBL participant addressing any other TRIOBET BBL participant with rude words, threats or aggressive action, apart from whether the offender has been punished during the game according to the FIBA Official Basketball Rules:

- incident during the game – EUR 100-500;
- promptly after the game (approximately 40 (forty) minutes after the game) – EUR 200-1000.

**11.3.13.** For an assault and a battery of game officials, commissioner or table officials (intentional stroke, push, etc.):

- incident during the game – offender’s disqualification from 3 (three) games to till the end of the season and a fine of EUR 1000-5000;
- promptly after the game (approximately 40 (forty) minutes after the game) – offender’s disqualification from 3 (three) games to till the end of the season and a fine of EUR 2000-8000.

**11.3.14.** Failure to ensure a non-stop operation of all necessary game devices and equipment during the whole game: TV game – EUR 300-800, not TV game – EUR 100-300.

**11.3.15.** If the club fails to fulfill any of the playing arena requirements, the following penalties may be imposed:

- the first infraction: a fine of EUR 10000;
- the second infraction: a fine of EUR 20000;
- the third infraction: a fine of EUR 50000 and the team shall be disqualified from the remainder of the competition.

## **XII. PROTESTS**

**12.1.** If during TRIOBET BBL competition, a team believes its interests have been adversely affected by a decision of an official (referee or umpire(s)) or by any event that took place during a game, it must proceed in the following manner:

- 12.1.1. The captain of the team shall, immediately at the end of the game, inform the referee that his team is protesting against the result of the game and sign the score-sheet in the space marked "Captain's signature in case of protest";
- 12.1.2. To make this protest valid, it is necessary for the official representative of the team to give confirmation of this protest in writing. This must be made within twenty (20) minutes following the end of the game;
- 12.1.3. Detailed explanation is not necessary. It is sufficient to write: "The team X protests against the result of the game between the teams X and Y". Then he shall deposit with the commissioner of the game, a sum equivalent to EUR 500, as security;
- 12.1.4. The team in question must submit to the TRIOBET BBL Sports Director the text of its protest within one(1) hour following the end of the game;
- 12.1.5. If the protest is accepted, the security will be refunded;
- 12.1.6. The referee shall, within one (1) hour following the end of the game, report the incident which lead to the protest, to the TRIOBET BBL Sports Director;
- 12.1.7. Should the team in question, or that of the opposing team, not be in agreement with the decision of the Technical Commission, which must be made no later than twenty four hours (24) after the game, it may than address an appeal to the TRIOBET BBL Board;
- 12.1.8. To make this appeal valid, it must be made, in writing, within twenty (20) minutes following the delivery of the decision of the Technical Commission and be accompanied by a deposit equivalent to EUR 1000, as security;
- 12.1.9. The TRIOBET BBL Board shall judge the appeal in the last instance, and its decision shall be final.

**12.2.** Videos, films, pictures or any equipment, visual, electronic, digital or otherwise, may be used to determine responsibility in matters of discipline or for educational (training) purposes only after the game has ended.

### **XIII. PRIZES**

**13.1.** The TRIOBET BBL teams placed 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> will be presented with trophies.

**13.2.** Each member of the TRIOBET BBL team placed 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, who is included in the official list of the team will be presented by medals of respective ranking (18 medals for the team for free of charge).

**13.3.** The TRIOBET BBL players will be presented with the trophies for finishing first in the following individual categories:

- monthly MVP (October, November, December, January, February and March) of the TRIOBET BBL Regular Season;
- best scorer of the TRIOBET BBL Regular Season;
- best in assists of the TRIOBET BBL Regular Season;
- best in rebounds of the TRIOBET BBL Regular Season;
- MVP of the TRIOBET BBL Finals.



## REGULATIONS APPENDIX

Figure 1  
The TRIOBET BBL player uniform example



- 1 TRIOBET BBL logo must be placed on players' uniforms on the left shoulder, in front.
- 2 Club name must be situated.
- 3 Player surname can be inserted.
- 4 Player number on the shorts may be included.

Figure 2  
The TRIOBET BBL logo – official EU trademark

