

Regulations

of the

CENTRAL AMERICAN BASKETBALL CONFEDERATION (COCABA)

CHAPTER ONE – DEFINITION, CONSTITUTION AND MISSION

Article 1 Name and Flag

- 1.1 There shall be an association, which shall be called the “Central American Basketball Confederation”, hereinafter referred to as “COCABA”. COCABA shall be a Sub Sub-Zone of the Central American and Caribbean Basketball Zone Commission (CONCENCABA), which is a Sub-Zone of the Fédération Internationale de Basketball in the Americas (FIBA Americas), within the meaning of Article 5-43 of the FIBA Internal Regulations.

- 1.2 The colors, flag, insignia, and logos of COCABA, and its use thereof, shall conform to those approved by the FIBA Americas Zone Board. The use of the flag and insignia of COCABA shall be restricted to main official competitions and meetings of COCABA, unless written approval has been obtained from the Executive Director. The use of the flag and insignia of COCABA is mandatory at all main official competitions.

Article 2 Headquarters and Place of Jurisdiction

- 2.1 The headquarters of COCABA shall be located in the country where the President resides or at another city approved by the FIBA Americas Zone Board.

- 2.2 COCABA shall be subject to the laws of the country where it is located.

Article 3 Legal Status and finances

- 3.1 COCABA is not organized as a legal entity. It is a body of FIBA Americas which, in turn, is a division of FIBA without legal personality.
- 3.2 COCABA is a non-profit-making organization. Therefore, it shall not pursue any objective for its own gains. It shall pursue solely and directly objectives of general interest in accordance with these Regulations.
- 3.3 Any and all financial transactions for or on behalf of COCABA shall be carried out by and be reflected in the accounts of the FIBA Regional Office in the Americas.

Article 4 Membership

- 4.1 COCABA is comprised of National Member Federations of FIBA as assigned to COCABA by the FIBA Central Board.
- 4.2 Currently, the National Member Federations assigned to COCABA by the FIBA Central Board are: Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Panama. (See the Zone Complementary Regulations for FIBA Americas).
- 4.3 The National Member Federations assigned to COCABA are liable for all financial obligations of their own members or bodies (including leagues and clubs) towards COCABA. A National Member Federation that fails to pay its own obligations towards COCABA, or those obligations that the clubs under their responsibility must pay through them, may be sanctioned pursuant to the Regulatory Framework as set out in Articles 5.3 and 5.4 below.

Article 5 Authority and Regulatory Framework

- 5.1 COCABA is a body of FIBA Americas with mirrored powers and responsibilities for its geographic region. COCABA recognizes the overriding authority of FIBA, FIBA Americas and COCENCABA.
- 5.2 Subject to the overriding authority of FIBA, FIBA Americas and CONCENCABA, COCABA is the only competent authority to promote the practice of basketball and to organize competitions within COCABA.
- 5.3 COCABA (including its bodies, officials, players, coaches and other basketball parties) shall recognize and abide by the rules, regulations and decisions of FIBA, including in particular the FIBA General Statutes and the FIBA Internal Regulations, as well as the rules, regulations and decisions of FIBA Americas. In case of conflict, the General Statutes, Internal Regulations and decisions of FIBA shall prevail over the regulations and decisions of FIBA Americas, which in turn shall prevail over the rules, regulations and decisions of COCABA.
- 5.4 These Regulations of COCABA enter into force only upon approval by FIBA Executive Committee. In addition to these Regulations, COCABA may regulate basketball activities in its Sub Sub-Zone, through the enactment of other rules and regulations, and decisions, with the approval of FIBA's Executive Committee.

Article 6 Mission and Role

- 6.1 The mission of COCABA is to promote the practice of basketball and to organize competitions in a permanent and regular manner within COCABA, in strict compliance with the administrative and technical regulations of FIBA, FIBA Americas and CONCENCABA.
- 6.2 In all other respects, the mission and role of COCABA within the Sub Sub-Zone mirrors that of FIBA, FIBA Americas and CONCENCABA.

- 6.3 COCABA shall maintain political and religious neutrality and shall not tolerate any form of discrimination.
- 6.4 COCABA, in strict collaboration with FIBA Americas and CONCECABA, shall coordinate the activities and, specifically, shall:
- a) Prepare the annual calendar of activities.
 - b) Control and technically direct the basketball tournaments for Men and Women among National Teams or Clubs, which may be organized in the Sub Sub-Zone, and where countries or teams from different countries in the Sub-Sub-Zone may participate.
 - c) Ensure that the game is played according to the administrative and technical regulations of FIBA and FIBA Americas, in particular the Official Basketball Rules and in observance of FIBA's Code of Conduct and Fair Play.
 - d) Organize and control, in coordination with FIBA Americas and CONCENCABA, the Sub Sub-Zone Championships (COCABA) that serve for International and Regional qualification.
 - e) Organize and control, in coordination with FIBA Americas and CONCENCABA, the COCABA Championships that will serve as qualifiers for the following events:
 1. Centro Basket Championship for Men
 2. Centro Basket Championship for Women
 3. Centro Basket U18 Championship for Men
 4. Centro Basket U18 Championship for Women
 5. Centro Basket U16 Championship for Men
 6. Centro Basket U16 Championship for Women



7. Centro Basket 3x3 Competitions.

- f) Take any appropriate measures to prevent and address any violations of the regulatory framework as set out in Articles 5.3 and 5.4, and of these Regulations and other rules of COCABA, respecting always the right to be heard.

Article 7 Recognized Organizations

- 7.1 The organizations recognized by the National Member Federations of FIBA (including the Leagues and Clubs), shall perform their activities only within the boundaries of their own National Member Federation and with the latter's recognition.
- 7.2 No international activity of any of these organizations shall be permitted without the recognition of FIBA Americas (if the international activities are restricted to the geographic area of FIBA Americas) or FIBA (if the international activities go beyond the geographic area of FIBA Americas).
- 7.3 Leagues organized on national and/or international level shall comply with all requirements set out in the Internal Regulations of FIBA.
- 7.4 COCABA and the National Member Federation may impose sanctions on those infringing the present Article 7.

CHAPTER TWO – ORGANIZATION

Article 8 Bodies of COCABA

8.1 COCABA shall have the following bodies:

- a) The COCABA Assembly
- b) The COCABA Executive
- c) The COCABA Secretary, acting through the CONCENCABA Secretary and the FIBA Americas Executive Director.

Article 9 The COCABA Assembly

9.1 The COCABA Assembly shall be the supreme authority of COCABA. It shall consist of:

- a) A maximum of two (2) delegates per National Member Federation, with the right to one (1) vote, which shall be exercised by the first delegate if both are present.
- b) The COCABA President, who shall have a right to vote only in case of a tie.
- c) The Members of the COCABA Executive and the FIBA Americas Zone Board. They shall have consultative powers only, unless they officially represent a National Member Federation.

9.2 National Member Federations may be represented by their delegate/s only, who must present a document signed by the President and the Secretary General of that National Member

Federation, attesting that they are delegates of that Federation. Delegates may represent only one (1) National Member Federation.

- 9.3 Representation or vote, by letter or proxy, is not permitted.
- 9.4 The COCABA Assembly shall have the duties assigned to it by these Regulations, including:
- a) Approval of the Agenda.
 - b) Election of the COCABA President.
 - c) Election of the COCABA Executive.
 - d) Examination and approval of reports, including the activities' report from the COCABA Executive.
 - e) Approval of every aspect necessary for the benefit, promotion and development of basketball in COCABA.
- 9.5 The COCABA Assembly shall meet in an Ordinary Session once a year. Every four (4) years, in the year of the FIBA Americas elective Assembly, the Ordinary Session shall be used for elections, and shall be held within a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to the CONCECABA and FIBA Americas elective Assembly.
- 9.6 Only matters proposed by FIBA's Central Board, FIBA's Executive Committee, the FIBA Secretary General, the President or Executive Director of FIBA Americas, the CONCENBABA President, the CONCENBABA Executive, the COCABA President, the COCABA Executive, or a National Member Federation of COCABA shall be included on the agenda for the Assembly' session, provided that these issues are within the latter's competence. Proposals shall be submitted to COCABA at least ninety (90) days prior to the day of the Assembly.

- 9.7 The date, place and agenda for the COCABA Assembly shall be established by the COCABA President and the COCABA Secretary and must be sent to the National Member Federations of COCABA at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the COCABA Assembly. The CBC Assembly must be held at the headquarters of the CBC unless the FIBA Americas Zone Board grants an exception.
- 9.8 Upon the request of one-third (1/3) of the National Member Federations of COCABA with full rights or by decision of the FIBA Americas Zone Board, or upon request of FIBA's Executive Committee, an Extraordinary Session shall be held within sixty (60) days after the Secretary receives such request. Extraordinary Sessions shall be held at the seat of FIBA Americas headquarters, unless the FIBA Americas Zone Board decides otherwise.
- 9.9 The points to be included on the agenda of an Extraordinary Session shall be those specifically included in the request for such Session, provided that they are within the COCABA Assembly's competence.
- 9.10 Participation forms for Delegates and members of the COCABA Executive must be delivered to the COCABA Secretary at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the beginning of the COCABA Assembly.
- 9.11 The COCABA Secretary is responsible for the minutes of every COCABA Assembly, which must include the details of the decisions taken.
- 9.12 The decisions of the Assembly shall enter into force upon their approval, provided that they comply with the regulatory framework as set out in Articles 5.3 and 5.4. They shall be final and not subject to appeal within COCABA. They may be appealed in accordance with Article 14 below.

- 9.13 When a National Member Federation is organizing a COCABA Assembly, it shall be responsible for the accommodation expenses of the members of the FIBA Americas Zone Board, the CONCENABA Executive and the COCABA Executive, along with the administrative expenses of the meeting.

Article 10 The COCABA President

- 10.1 The COCABA President shall represent the interests of COCABA as a whole.
- 10.2 The COCABA President shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The term of office shall start the first day after his election and expire together with that of the FIBA Americas Zone Board. The President must come from a National Member Federation within the COCABA.
- 10.3 The COCABA President shall preside over the Assembly and the meetings of the COCABA Executive.
- 10.4 In the case of a temporary indisposition of the COCABA President, he shall be replaced, during the Sessions of the COCABA Assembly and the meetings of the COCABA Executive, by the Vice-president. In the case of permanent indisposition, the Vice-President will act as COCABA President until the next COCABA Assembly.
- 10.5 The CBC President is not an employee of the CBC, but the FIBA Americas Zone Board may decide that he is paid an annual allowance for his or her time and effort in the completion of his or her functions.

Article 11 The COCABA Executive

11.1 The COCABA Executive shall hold the powers delegated to it in these Regulations, other rules and regulations, and decisions of COCABA (including powers delegated to it by the COCABA Assembly). The COCABA Executive shall:

- a) supervise the practice of basketball within COCABA.
- b) promote friendly and courteous relationships between the National Member Federations, the Sub Sub-Zones of CONCENCABA, other Sub-Zones, and their officials and players.
- c) take the appropriate measures to prevent violations of the Regulatory Framework as set out in Articles 5.3 and 5.4.
- d) present to the COCABA Assembly activities approved by the COCABA Executive.
- e) organize all of the COCABA Championships and all international competitions in the Sub Sub-Zone, unless these are organized directly by CONCENCABA, FIBA Americas or FIBA.
- f) study proposals, suggestions, and reports sent to COCABA by FIBA Americas, CONCENCABA, Permanent Committees, Special Committees, and National Member Federations.
- g) support the organization of championships, competitions and games within COCABA among National Teams and Clubs, senior and youth, men's and women's, in all its forms and age-groups.
- h) present to the FIBA Americas Zone Board proposed changes to the Regulatory Framework as set out in Articles 5.3 and 5.4.
- i) nominate members of COCABA to become members of the CONCENCABA Executive.

- 11.2 In addition to the competences set out in Article 11.1, any urgent matter that requires immediate action between Sessions of the COCABA Assembly can be acted upon by the COCABA Executive and shall be reported at the next COCABA Assembly. Also, the FIBA Executive Committee shall have the power to decide on any matter not provided for in these Regulations or in case of force majeure.
- 11.3 The COCABA Executive shall consist of the following members with the right to vote:
- a) The COCABA President,
 - b) The COCABA Vice-President, and
 - c) The COCABA Secretary.
- 11.4 A person elected to the COCABA Executive must be proposed for office by his National Member Federation.
- 11.5 Unless provided otherwise, the term of office shall be the same as that of the members of the FIBA Americas Zone Board.
- 11.6 Those members elected by the COCABA Assembly shall hold office for the term provided for in 11.5, unless they are permanently incapacitated or ineligible. The vacant position left shall be filled by the COCABA Executive and approved at the next COCABA Assembly. The member nominated by the COCABA Executive can be a member of another National Member Federation and shall require the National Member Federation's approval.
- 11.7 Membership in the COCABA Executive is strictly personal. Representation by proxy is not permitted. Members of the COCABA Executive must act independently of any national interest, in favor of the global interest of FIBA, FIBA Americas, CONCENABA and

COCABA. Decisions of the COCABA Executive must reflect equality, independence and transparency.

- 11.8 The COCABA Executive shall hold ordinary meetings at least once a year, and members should be notified at least forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting. If necessary, the COCABA President or the COCABA Secretary may call additional meetings. In this event, members of the COCABA Executive must be informed with at least thirty (30) days' notice prior to the meeting. A letter must be sent to the FIBA Americas Executive Director informing him of the scheduled meeting in order to provide an opportunity for any member of the Zone Board to attend the meeting.
- 11.9 A copy of the agenda and the working documents will be transmitted in such a manner to be in the hands of the COCABA Executive members at least seven (7) days before a meeting commences.
- 11.10 The COCABA President or COCABA Secretary can invite other persons, such as the Chairpersons of Standing and Special Committees, to attend the meetings of the COCABA Executive, especially when matters to be discussed are within their competence or field of expertise. They shall have consultative powers only.
- 11.11 If an elected or selected member is absent for two consecutive meetings without a special reason, the COCABA Executive can declare the position vacant. That position shall be filled in accordance with these Regulations or the FIBA Internal Regulations governing the Zones.
- 11.12 Aside from the members of the COCABA Executive, the following people may be present at the meetings of the COCABA Executive, without voting rights:

- a) The FIBA President and FIBA Secretary General
- b) The FIBA Americas President and Executive Director and his Deputy, if any.
- c) Any member of the FIBA Americas Zone Board.
- d) The COCABA Honorary President, if any.

11.13 Decisions made by the COCABA Executive shall be taken by simple majority. If there is a tie, the COCABA President holds a casting vote.

11.14 A COCABA Executive member must refrain from voting on a bid for the right to hold an official event of COCABA whenever his own National Member Federation remains in the vote.

11.15 At the request of the COCABA President and the COCABA Secretary, the COCABA Executive may also vote by correspondence.

11.16 A National Member Federation may be appointed as the organizer of a meeting of the Executive. After the confirmation of the holding of the meeting, and upon consultation with the COCABA Secretary, that Federation shall inform the Secretariat, forty-five (45) days before the date of the meeting, the names of the hotel, address, telephone, fax number, where the members will be staying, including where the meeting will take place, assuring that it has the equipment necessary for the translation. The National Member Federation in charge of the organization of the COCABA Executive's meeting shall be responsible for the expenses related to hotel accommodations, meals and meeting expenses.

11.17 The COCABA Secretary may appoint, with the approval of the COCABA Executive, an Assistant Secretary. If appointed, the Assistant Secretary shall exercise all duties delegated

to him by the COCABA Secretary. Should the COCABA Secretary be temporarily indisposed, the Assistant Secretary shall replace him for the duration of his absence and assume all of his powers. Should the COCABA Secretary be permanently indisposed, the Assistant Secretary shall automatically act as his substitute in all matters until the next meeting of the COCABA Assembly.

Article 12 General provisions on COCABA's Bodies

- 12.1 No quorum is required for the COCABA Assembly, the COCABA Executive meetings or any COCABA Committees.
- 12.2 Any member of the different bodies of COCABA who does not take an active or satisfactory part in the activities may be replaced by the COCABA Executive after having been given the right to be heard.
- 12.3 The Secretary General Emeritus of FIBA Americas, if any, shall be invited to all COCABA's meetings, as well as the main official competitions in the Sub Sub-Zone. During the meetings, he/she shall have consultative powers only.
- 12.4 The FIBA Americas Zone Board may set eligibility standards and procedures for election and nominations to office.
- 12.5 Votes are taken by show of hands or electronically. Elections shall be carried out by secret ballot or electronically, provided that the secrecy of the vote is guaranteed unless there is only one (1) candidate.



CHAPTER THREE – COCABA AWARDS

Article 13 COCABA Awards

13.1 COCABA has established several awards to honor those who have contributed in an exceptional way to the development and promotion of basketball in the Sub Sub-Zone. These awards are the:

- a) COCABA's Order of Merit
- b) COCABA's Honorary Member
- c) COCABA's Honorary President

13.2 The COCABA Executive shall enact the appropriate criteria governing the selection processes for the COCABA's awards.

13.3 COCABA's awards shall be granted by the COCABA Assembly upon nominations made by the COCABA Executive. The persons nominated have the right to participate in the Assembly and participate in the discussions but cannot vote. The COCABA Assembly can also recommend the names of such persons to be nominated to CONCENCABA and FIBA Americas' awards where appropriate.

CHAPTER FOUR – FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 14 Appeals

- 14.1 Decisions of COCABA or any of its bodies may be challenged exclusively before the FIBA Appeals' Panel, with a right to further appeal before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), as per the FIBA General Statutes and Internal Regulations.
- 14.2 COCABA and its bodies shall recognize and ensure the implementation of decisions made by the FIBA Secretary General, Disciplinary Panel and Appeals' Panel, as well as the CAS and the Basketball Arbitral Tribunal (BAT).

Article 15 Communications and Language

- 15.1 Any communications related to these Regulations shall be issued by any reasonable means that allows for the communication to arrive in a suitable manner.
- 15.2 The official languages of COCABA are English and Spanish. Interpretation of these two languages shall be provided in all COCABA meetings. Official documents must be prepared in both English and Spanish. The Regulations of COCABA and the Official Basketball Rules are published in the official languages. In the event of dispute regarding the interpretations, the English text prevails.



15.3 These Regulations were approved at the FIBA Executive Committee meeting held in Mies, Switzerland on 28 June 2019.