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# Regulations of the CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN BASKETBALL CONFEDERATION (CONCENCABA)

## ***CHAPTER ONE – DEFINITION, CONSTITUTION AND MISSION***

### **Article 1 Name and Flag**

1.1 The Central American and Caribbean Basketball Confederation hereinafter referred to as CONCENCABA was founded in the year 1926. CONCENCABA is a Sub-Zone of FIBA Americas within the meaning of Article 5-43 of the FIBA Internal Regulations.

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

### **Article 2 Headquarters and Place of Jurisdiction**

2.1 The headquarters of CONCENCABA are located in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Any relocation of these headquarters to another city must be approved by the FIBA Americas Board.

2.2 CONCENCABA's activity as a non-incorporated body is subject to the laws of the country where the Regional Office in the Americas has its seat, currently the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("Estado Libre Asociado de Puerto Rico" in Spanish).

### **Article 3 Legal Status and finances**

3.1 CONCENCABA 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 CONCENCABA 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 CONCENCABA shall be carried out by and be reflected in the accounts of the FIBA Regional Office in the Americas.

## **Article 4 Membership**

4.1 CONCENCABA comprises National Member Federations of FIBA of the Sub-Zone of Central America and Caribbean, as assigned to CONCENCABA by the FIBA Central Board.

4.2 Currently, the National Member Federations assigned to CONCENCABA by the FIBA Central Board are: Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Montserrat, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, and the Virgin Islands. (See the Zone Complementary Regulations for FIBA Americas).

4.3 A National Member Federation is liable for all financial obligations of its own members or bodies (including leagues and clubs) towards CONCENCABA. A National Member Federation that fails to pay its own obligations towards CONCENCABA, 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 CONCENCABA is a body of FIBA Americas with mirrored powers and responsibilities for its geographic region. CONCENCABA recognizes the superior authority of FIBA and FIBA Americas.

5.2 Subject to the overriding authority of FIBA and FIBA Americas, CONCENCABA is the only competent authority to promote the practice of basketball and to organize competitions within the Sub-Zone of Central America and the Caribbean.

5.3 CONCENCABA (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 CONCENCABA.

5.4 These Regulations of CONCENCABA enter into force only upon approval by FIBA Executive Committee. In addition to these Regulations, CONCENCABA may regulate basketball activities in its 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 CONCENCABA is to promote the practice of basketball and to organise competitions insofar as delegated by FIBA and FIBA Americas in a permanent and regular manner within the Sub-Zone of Central America and the Caribbean, in strict compliance with the administrative and technical regulations of FIBA and FIBA Americas.

6.2 In all other respects, the mission and role of CONCENCABA within the Sub-Zone mirrors that of FIBA and FIBA Americas for the Sub-Zone of Central America and the Caribbean.

6.3 CONCENCABA shall maintain political and religious neutrality and shall not tolerate any form of discrimination.



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6.4 CONCENBABA, in strict collaboration with FIBA Americas, 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 between National Teams or Clubs, which may be organized in the Sub-Zone, and where countries or teams from different countries of a Sub-Sub-Zone and/or more than one Sub-Sub-Zone 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, the Sub-Zone Championships (Centro Basket) that serve for International and Regional qualification insofar as delegated by and in coordination with FIBA and FIBA Americas.
- e. Organize and control, in coordination with FIBA Americas, the Centro Basket Championships that will serve as qualifiers for the following events insofar as delegated by and in coordination with FIBA and FIBA Americas:
  1. FIBA Americas Championship for Men
  2. FIBA Americas Championship for Women
  3. FIBA Americas U18 Championship for Men
  4. FIBA Americas U18 Championship for Women
  5. FIBA Americas U16 Championship for Men
  6. FIBA Americas U16 Championship for Women
  7. FIBA Americas 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 CONCENBABA, respecting always the right to be heard.

6.5 For the avoidance of doubt, decisions of an administrative or financial nature fall exclusively within the remit of the Regional Office.

## **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 the country 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.

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7.4 CONCENCABA and the National Member Federation may impose sanctions on those infringing upon the present Article 7.

## **CHAPTER TWO – ORGANIZATION**

### **Article 8 Bodies of CONCENCABA**

8.1 CONCENCABA shall have the following bodies:

- a. The CONCENCABA Assembly
- b. The CONCENCABA Executive
- c. The CONCENCABA Secretariat, acting through the CONCENCABA Secretary

### **Article 9 The CONCENCABA Assembly**

9.1 The CONCENCABA Assembly shall be the supreme authority of CONCENCABA. 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 CONCENCABA President, who shall have a right to vote only in case of a tie.
- c. The Members of the CONCENCABA Executive and the Zone Board of FIBA Americas. 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 CONCENCABA Assembly shall have the duties assigned to it by these Regulations, including:

- a. Approval of the Agenda.
- b. Election of the CONCENCABA President.
- c. Ratification of the composition of the CONCENCABA Executive.
- d. Examination and approval of reports, including the activities' report from the CONCENCABA Executive.
- e. Approval of every aspect necessary for the benefit, promotion and development of basketball in the Sub-Zone of Central America and Caribbean.

9.5 The CONCENCABA Assembly shall meet in an Ordinary Session every two (2) years. 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 60 days prior to the FIBA Americas elective Assembly. The elective Assembly shall be held at the seat of CONCENCABA's headquarters.

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 CONCENCABA President, the CONCENCABA Executive, or a National Member

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Federation of CONCENCABA 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 the CONCENCABA of at least ninety (90) days prior to the day of the Assembly.

9.7 The date, place and agenda for the CONCENCABA Assembly shall be established by the CONCENCABA Secretary and must be sent to the National Member Federations of CONCENCABA at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the CONCENCABA Assembly.

9.8 Upon the request of one-third (1/3) of the National Member Federations of CONCENCABA with full rights or by decision of the FIBA Americas Board, or upon request of FIBA's Executive Committee, an Extraordinary Session shall be held within ninety (90) days after the Secretary receives such request. Extraordinary Sessions be held at the seat of CONCENCABA's headquarters, unless the FIBA Americas 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 CONCENCABA Assembly's competence.

9.10 Participation forms for Delegates and members of the CONCENCABA Executive must be delivered to the CONCENCABA Secretary at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the beginning of the CONCENCABA Assembly.

9.11 The CONCENCABA Secretary is responsible for the minutes of every CONCENCABA 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 CONCENCABA. They may be appealed in accordance with Article 21 below.

9.13 When a National Member Federation is organizing a CONCENCABA Assembly, it shall be responsible for the accommodation expenses of the members of the FIBA Americas Board, travel and accommodation expenses of the CONCENCABA Executive and the administrative expenses of the meeting.

## **Article 10 The CONCENCABA President**

10.1 The CONCENCABA President shall represent the interests of CONCENCABA as a whole.

10.2 The CONCENCABA President shall be elected for one (1) term of four (4) years, with exception of the 2014-2019 cycle. The term of office shall start the first day after his election and expire together with that of the FIBA Americas Board. The President must come from a National Member Federation within the respective Sub-Sub-Zone in accordance with the following order:

1. Caribbean (2014-2019)
2. Central America (2019-2023)

And so on.

10.3 The CONCENCABA President shall preside over the Assembly and the meetings of the CONCENCABA Executive.



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10.4 In the case of a temporary indisposition of the CONCENCABA President, he shall be replaced, during the Sessions of the CONCENCABA Assembly and the meetings of the CONCENCABA Executive, by the Second Vice-president. In the case of permanent indisposition, the Second Vice-President will act as CONCENCABA President until the next CONCENCABA Assembly.

## **Article 11 The CONCENCABA Executive**

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

- a. supervise the practice of basketball within CONCENCABA.
- 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 CONCENCABA Assembly activities approved by the CONCENCABA Executive.
- e. Organize all of the Centro Basket Championships and all international competitions in the Sub-Zone, unless these are organized directly by FIBA Americas or FIBA.
- f. study proposals, suggestions, and reports sent to CONCENCABA by FIBA Americas, the Sub-Sub-Zones, Permanent Committees, Special Committees, and National Member Federations.
- g. support the organization of championships, competitions and games within CONCENCABA among National Teams and Clubs, senior and youth, men's and women's, in all its forms and age-groups.
- h. present to the Board of FIBA Americas to the Regulatory Framework as set out in Articles 5.3 and 5.4.
- i. nominate members of CONCENCABA to become members of the FIBA Americas Board.

11.2 In addition to the competences set out in Article 9.1, any urgent matter that requires immediate action between Sessions of the CONCENCABA Assembly can be acted upon by the Sub-Zone Executive and shall be reported to the next CONCENCABA 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 Sub-Zone Executive shall consist of the following members with the right to vote:

- a. The CONCENCABA President, who shall not be a President of a Sub-Sub-Zone
- b. First Vice-President, who shall be the President of the Sub-Sub-Zone from which the President does not come from.
- c. Second Vice-President, who shall be the President of the same Sub-Sub-Zone as the CONCENCABA President
- d. Secretary
- e. Two (2) At-Large Members from and selected by each Sub-Sub-Zone (NOTE: At-Large Member is a person who possesses abilities or special position that can contribute to the organization even though he/she may not be a part of our sport.)

11.4 Except for At-large Members as per Article 10.3 f), a person elected to the CONCENCABA Executive must be proposed for office by his National Member Federation.

11.5 The term of office shall be the same as that of the members of the FIBA Americas Board.

11.6 Those members designated or elected by their respective Sub-Sub-Zones shall hold office for the term provided for in 9.4, unless they are permanently incapacitated or ineligible. The vacant position left shall be filled by a member of the Sub-Sub-Zone to which the departing member belonged. The member nominated by the Sub-Sub-Zone can be a member of another National Member Federation and shall require its approval.

11.7 Membership in the CONCENCABA Executive is strictly personal. Representation by proxy is not permitted. Members of the CONCENCABA Executive must act independently of any national interest, in favor of the global interest of FIBA, FIBA Americas, and CONCENCABA. Decisions of the CONCENCABA Executive must reflect equality, independence and transparency.

11.8 The CONCENCABA 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 CONCENCABA President or the CONCENCABA Secretary may call additional meetings. In this event, members of the CONCENCABA Executive must be informed with at least thirty (30) days' notice prior to the meeting.

11.9 A copy of the agenda and the working documents will be transmitted in such a manner so as to be in the hands of the CONCENCABA Executive members at least seven (7) days before a meeting commences.

11.10 The CONCENCABA Secretary can invite other persons, such as the Chairpersons of Standing and Special Committees, to attend the meetings of the CONCENCABA 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 CONCENCABA 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 CONCENCABA Executive, the following people may be present at the meetings of the Sub-Zone 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 Board.
- d. The CONCENCABA Honorary President, if any.

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

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

11.15 At the request of the CONCENCABA President and the CONCENCABA Secretary, the CONCENCABA 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 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 Executive's meeting shall be responsible for the expenses related to hotel accommodations, meals and meeting expenses.

11.17 The Secretary may appoint, with the approval of the FIBA Americas Board, an Assistant Secretary. If appointed, the Assistant Secretary shall exercise all duties delegated to him by the Secretary. Should the Secretary be temporarily indisposed, the Assistant Secretary shall replace him for the duration of his absence, and assume all of his powers. Should the Secretary be permanently indisposed, the Assistant Secretary shall automatically act as his substitute in all matters until the next meeting of the FIBA AMERICAS Zone Board. The Assistant Secretary may not hold an official position within CONCENCABA, a Sub-Sub-Zone or a National Member Federation of a Sub-Sub-Zone.

## **Article 12 General provisions on CONCENCABA's Bodies**

12.1 No quorum is required for the CONCENCABA Assembly, the CONCENCABA Executive meetings or any CONCENCABA Committees.

12.2 Any member of the different bodies of CONCENCABA who does not take an active or satisfactory part in the activities may be replaced by the CONCENCABA Executive after having been given the right to be heard.

12.3 The Secretary General Emeritus of FIBA Americas shall be invited to all CONCENCABA's meetings, as well as the main official competitions in the Sub-Zone. During the meetings, he/she shall have consultative powers only.

12.4 The Zone Board may set eligibility standards and procedures for election and nominations to office.

12.5 Votes are taken by show of hands. Elections shall be carried out by secret ballot.

## **CHAPTER THREE – CONCENCABA AWARDS**

### **Article 13 CONCENCABA Awards**

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

- a. CONCENCABA's Order of Merit
- b. CONCENCABA's Honorary Member
- c. CONCENCABA's Honorary President

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

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





## **CHAPTER FOUR – FINAL PROVISIONS**

### **Article 14 Appeals**

14.1 Decisions of CONCENACABA 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 CONCENACABA 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 CONCENACABA are English and Spanish. Interpreting into those two languages shall be provided in all CONCENACABA meetings. Official documents must be prepared in both English and Spanish. The Regulations of CONCENACABA 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 November 12-13, 2016.