



# Men's Volleyball Baltic League

## OFFICIAL REGULATIONS 2025/2026

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## CHAPTER 1. COMPETITION REGULATIONS

### 1. COMPETITION FORMAT

#### 1.1. JURIDICAL STRUCTURE

**1.1.1.** According to the Agreement between all Federations, Baltiv Volleyball League (further BL) will be organized on regular basis with purpose to promote the popularity of volleyball in Baltic countries. All the participating Federations are entrusted to organize these competitions.

**1.1.2.** BL is governed by Jury, consisting of:

- Secretary Generals of participating teams: EST, LAT and LTU if participating (3 persons);
- One representative from each participating club (Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian clubs (TBD);
- If any - Competition or League Managers (3 person)
- If any - One marketing responsible, from Estonian, Lithuanian and Latvian federations (3 persons).

**1.1.3** BL Jury accepts decisions on the principles of the consensus. Head Office of the BL is defined according the decision of Jury.

**1.1.4** For the season 2025/2026 Head Office of BL is located in Estonia.

**1.1.5.** Basic documents of BL are:

- Agreement between participating federations (EST, LAT and LTU);
- BL Competition Regulations 2025/2026;
- Budget of BL for the season 2025/2026;
- Contact List between clubs & players (in case such agreements have been signed)
- Competition regulation extra documents (if any).

#### 1.2. MAIN GOALS

Main goal of the BL is further developing men volleyball in the participating countries, by involving strong competitive teams and to define Champion of BL, Champions of Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia, as well as giving competitive output for players / candidates for the National teams of all participating countries.

#### 1.3. PARTICIPATING TEAMS

##### 1.3.1. Estonia

1. BIGBANK Tartu
2. Pärnu Võrkpalliklubi
3. Selver x TalTech
4. Barrus Võru VK
5. Audentes SG

##### 1.3.2. Latvia

1. Jēkabpils Lūši
2. Robežsardze/Riga
3. Ezerzeme/DU

##### 1.3.3. Lithuania

1. Šiauliai"Elga-Grafaitė-S-Sportas"

#### 1.4. ORGANIZATION FORMAT

The BL shall consist of the four stages:

1st Stage	Main Tournament (2 Rounds)
2nd Stage	Play-off matches – Quarter and Semifinals (2-7, 3-6, 4-5)
3rd Stage	Finals
4th Stage	National Championships / Play-offs

## 2. RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION OF TEAMS

#### 2.1. ELIGIBILITY

**2.1.1.** Only club teams registered by their National Federation shall be eligible to participate in the BL.

**2.1.2.** Every club must settle all its payments and debts through the concerned National Federation.

#### 2.2. REGISTRATION AND CONFIRMATION

**2.2.1.** To be allowed to participate in BL, all Federations shall register its respective teams by forwarding the complete final classification of its Championships to the BL Head Office due time before the start of the

season.

**2.2.2.** Participating in BL the Club acknowledges and follows the rules, regulations and marketing regulations of the BL.

**2.2.3.** The registration of the team is as follows:

**BL-01 (Club registration)**

**BL-02 (Players registration) - Completed with athletes medical health check confirmation**

**BL-03 (Players registration) – Completed with athletes and staff Sports Manipulation course.**

**BL-04 (Sport hall registration)**

Forms need to be sent by registered letter or e-mail (scanned or electronical signature) to the concerned National Federation's Office.

By registering to participate all club/teams also commit themselves to participate in all phases of the BL and confirm their compliance with all common regulations and other binding documents which are approved by all National Federation Federations.

**2.2.4.** Club is registered, when all the documents, marked in p. 2.2.1 have been received due time and all payments have been settled in the deadline of **15 th of September 2025**. Teams who have debts from previous seasons, cannot register to participate in BL for season 2025/2026.

**2.2.5.** Deadlines of the official BL forms:

**2.2.4.1. BL – 01 – Club Registration 01.08.2025**

**2.2.4.2. BL – 02 – Players Registration 15.09.2025 – Including health Certificate!**

**2.2.4.3. BL – 03 – Sport hall Registration 15.09.2025 for new clubs, in case such clubs are registered**

2.2.4.3.1 BL-3 - During competitions period new competitions halls can be registered no less then 30 days before concerned match. See article 2.1.1 Approval of a Competition hall.

### **2.2.2 Health Certificate**

- A club participating in National Championship or Baltic League is obliged to guarantee a valid up to date health certificate for every player registered to above mentioned competitions.
- Upon request from the National Federation or BL Head Office to submit all of the players valid medical documents issued by a certified sports doctor showing that the player is healthy and has passed a complex that includes the following examinations:
  - Procedures (performed by a nurse) - weighing, measuring, spirography, resting ECG, body composition determination, if necessary - clinical blood analysis.
  - Reception by a sports doctor (including questionnaire, physical examination, health examination summary and recommendations), ECG stress test on a cycle ergometer or treadmill (conducted by a sports doctor).
- Procedure:
  - when registering players in the EVF electronic database, the date of the medical examination must be entered for each player (this is how the club confirms that the medical examination has been completed).
  - Documents reflecting the state of health remain in the possession of the club. The EVF Secretariat can carry out a random check during the season, and the documents must be submitted according to the request within 24 hours.
  - Players who have not passed the medical examination or whose health condition has been assessed as unsatisfactory are not entitled to participate in EVF Official Competitions (EMV).

### **2.2.3 Manipulation of sports**

- A club participating in National Championship or Baltic League is obliged to pass the e-learning course Manipulation of Sports Competition.  
Such e-learning course is available here: <https://education.sportradar.com/EADSEIntegrityTraining/#/login>
- Procedure:
  - Open link – Register – Activate account – pass the course – download certificate – send to club.
  - Certificate reflecting the completion of the course remain in the possession of the club. The EVF Secretariat can carry out a random check during the season, and the documents must be submitted according to the request within 24 hours.

## **2.3 TEAM COMPOSITION**

**2.3.1** For the season each club can register maximum 28 persons, i.e. 22 players and 6 officials.

Until point 3.2.3. no more than 3 players may additionally apply for the specified deadline, simultaneously withdrawing the same number of players from the clubs Collective licence, provided that the total number of

players in the application does not exceed 22.

For each match, a club can composed a team of maximum 20 persons, i.e. 14 players and the following 6 officials:

- the head coach
- the two assistant coaches
- the medical doctor
- the physiotherapist/trainer
- statistician

**2.3.2** Within the 12 players up to 2 liberos can be listed. Therefore, the club has the right to register:

- 14 players - 12 + 2 LIBERO
- 13 players - 11 + 2 LIBERO
- 12 players - 10 + 2 LIBERO; 11 + 1 LIBERO
- 11 players - 9 + 2 LIBERO; 10 + 1 LIBERO
- 10 players - 8 + 2 LIBERO; 9 + 1 LIBERO
- 9 players - 7 + 2 LIBERO; 8 + 1 LIBERO
- 8 players - 7 + 1 LIBERO, 6 + 2 LIBERO
- 7 players - 6 + 1 LIBERO
- 6 players - 0 LIBERO

**2.3.3** Free substitution of the Libero players is allowed during the match according to the FIVB Rules of the Game.

The regular replacement player may replace and be replaced by either Libero. The Acting Libero can only be replaced by the regular replacement player for that position or by the second Libero. An illegal Libero replacement can involve (amongst others).

- no completed rally between Libero replacements,
- the Libero being replaced by a player other than the second Libero or the regular replacement player.

An illegal Libero replacement should be considered in the same way as an illegal substitution: should the illegal Libero replacement be noticed before the start of the next rally, then this is corrected by the referees, and the team is sanctioned for delay; should the illegal Libero replacement be noticed after the service hit, the consequences are the same as for an illegal substitution. If the coach wants to replace the acting Libero with the reserve Libero, the procedure is like the procedure of replacement.

## 2.3 Additional information:

- Captain line – Team captain has to have underline under the shirt number according to the uniform regulation. In case official team captain is not present or missing from the match the match officials act accordingly.
- Injured player – in case injured player, who can't play, would like to sit on the bench, he has to be included in scoresheet and he has to be dressed in official team uniform (training suite).
- The maximum number of team officials allowed to sit on the bench is five (5).
- The presence of the Team Manager during the competition is recommended. He or She or any other extra persons is not allowed to sit on the bench.

## 3. RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION OF PLAYERS

### 3.1 ELIGIBILITY

**3.1.1.** Only players nominally registered on the team's collective licence, validated by National Federation, can take part in BL. Each of these players must fulfil the following conditions:

- He must possess only one national license valid exclusively for the club, which applies for the BL.
- If he is a foreign player, he must fulfil all conditions regarding the right to play in a club of another country according to all provisions of the FIVB and CEV Regulations, dealing with international transfers and determining the player's Federation of Origin.

**3.1.2.** The number of foreign players per team, who according to the FIVB and CEV Regulations are bound to possess a valid International Transfer Certificate when applying for the BL is unlimited.

**3.1.3.** Only Players not suspended by CEV and/or FIVB for the competition concerned are allowed to participate in BL.

**3.1.4.** Internal transfer procedure of players from club to club in each country has regulated by the Official Rules, confirmed by concerned National Federation of each participating country.

**3.1.5.** In case National Federation Regulations require, clubs must sign contracts with players and present to

concerned National federation the list with contractual players where is seen the period of the contract and which is also confirmed by signature of both parties.

In case no contracts have been signed between clubs and players then with signature of the player on the collective licence the player and club confirm, that player in this concerned season belongs to the concerned club.

**3.1.6** In case in the BL a youth/junior player has been registered in the team. According to the decision of the Federation of origin BOA aswell as the BL jury, the concerned youth/junior player can represent two teams meaning the club where the player is registered and the national youth/junior teams of national federation of origin.

The federation concerned must notify all parties concerned of the names of these players within a specified period of time after the registration of the team.

### **3.2 LICENSES**

**3.2.1.** The number of players allowed to be listed on the BL licence is limited to 22 players.

**3.2.2.** Collective licence has to be confirmed by concerned club and National Federation with the signatures and seal.

**3.2.3.** Process of ITC for foreign players has to be initiated and applications for transferred and/or additional players have to be registered at the Office of concerned National Federation till **01 February 2026** at latest, i.e. deadline of registering of all the players is **01 February 2026**. Player could be included in collective licence in a mentioned period, but **has no rights** to play in case ITC is not closed by all the involved parties.

The very latest date for closing of ITC by all the parties is **15 February 2026**, in case on mentioned period ITC process is not finished, it is not allowed for concerned player to take part in competition **and has to be excluded from collective licence**.

During the season 2025/2026 **BL has the right exceptionally approve the participation of the players before the tranfer is finalized**.

**3.2.4.** If requested - The certified collective license and the official identity document of each player must be presented to the First Referee before the starting of each match .

**3.2.5.** Concerned National Federation has to inform all involved parties about additional or substituted players till **01 February 2026**, including applied new foreign players mentioned in p. 3.2.3.

## **4. COMPETITION CLAUSES**

### **4.1. GENERAL RULES GOVERNING THE COMPETITION**

- The matches shall only take place in competition halls, approved by the concerned National Federations.
- BL shall be organized and played under Official FIVB Volleyball Rules and taking into consideration existing other concerned Regulations and official documents approved by Estonian, Lithuania and Latvian Volleyball Federations.
- Fixed Match protocol "17 minutes" must be applied before the beginning of each match of regular season. If National athenes will be played then "18 minutes" protocol can be used.
- **Technincal time-outs are not in use!**

### **4.2. COMPETITION METHODS IN THE DIFFERENT ROUNDS/PHASES**

#### **4.2.1. 1<sup>st</sup> Stage – Main tournament**

- All participating 9 (nine) teams are playing according to the 2 round robin system.
- It is recommended that Latvian or Estonian teams away matches during the 1st and 2nd rounds, take place on Saturday and Sundays. Domestic/interstate matches Wednesdays or Thursdays. Meaning: Not to have 2 home matches straight away Saturday & Sunday. (Example: 1 LAT team comes to Estonia – plays Saturday with Pärnu and Sunday with Tartu. Same for EST teams going to Latvia).
- After the finishing of the Main tournament the ranking of the championship (hereinafter referred as Ranking) is established.

#### **4.2.2. 2nd Stage – Play-off/Quaterfinals and Semifinals.**

- Quarterfinals are played according to the results and ranking of the 1st Stage by the following system:
  - Main tournament 1st is in the semi-final!
  - First ¼ final: 2nd placed team plays against 7th placed team (2-7);
  - Second ¼ final: 3rd placed team plays against 6th placed team (3-6);
  - Third ¼ final: 4th placed team plays against the 5th placed team (4.-5)
- In each quarterfinal teams are playing "Home and Away" matches.
- Quarterfinals are played until two (2) wins starting at the strongest team home court. 1st match in on Wednesday/Thursday, 2nd match on Saturday/Sunday and 3rd match (if necessary) Wednesday/Thursday.
- Winners of Quarterfinals are qualified to the Semifinals. Losers of quarterfinals are eliminated.

- Semifinals are played until two (2) wins starting at the strongest team home court.
  - **First ½ final** - The winner of the main tournament will play against the winner of the ¼ final who has the lowest ranking after Stage 1.
  - **Second ½ final** – Will be played accordingly.
- Losers of the ½ finals will determine the 3rd and 4th place. Winners of the ½ finals will play for the 1st and 2nd place.

#### **5.2.3. 3rd Stage – Finals (Final, 3rd - 4th place)**

- Competitions will be held as one (1) day tournament.
- Final matches must take place on Saturday.
- Match for the bronze medal will take place before the match for the gold medal of BL.
- Team A and B are placed according to season ranking
  - 3rd - 4th PLACE: Team A - Loser of ½ final (higher ranking), Team B – Loser of ½ final (Lower ranking).
  - 1st - 2nd PLACE: Team A – Winner of ½ final1 - Organizing team, Team B – Winner of 2nd ½ final.

#### **4.2.4. 4<sup>th</sup> Stage - National Championships**

National Championships played under BL format are regulated by concerned Federations with separate rules and formats and are approved by each concerned National Federation.

### **4.3. MATCH PROGRAMME**

- Starting time of the matches are starting from 15:00 till 20:30, i.e.:
- Wednesdays & Thursdays – not earlier than 18:00, not later than 20:30;
- Saturdays – not earlier than 15:00, not later than 19:30, it is recommended that matches between foreign teams start not later than 18:00;
- Sundays – not earlier than 15:00, not later than 18:00.
- Starting time can be modified due to the TV and marketing reasons with prior notice, but no later than 10 days before the concerned match.

### **4.4. COMPETITION PERIOD**

**4.4.1.** The definite competition calendar for each period will be determined by the BL Jury and published on the websites of concerned clubs and National Federations. By written request of club and with official authorization of concerned Federation in competitions calendar, it is possible to make changes in a fixed deadlines. Final decision about the changes in a competitions calendar will be defined by BL Jury.

**4.4.2.** BL competitions (1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Stage) will take place from **27th September 2025 till 7th March 2026**.

When compiling the calendar of the BL competition the following competitions have to be taken into consideration:

- European Cup competitions.
- EEVZA Championships competitions.
- National team competitions and preparations.
- National Youth championship (U-20 age group only)

<b>4.4.3.</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Stage	Main Tournament	<b>27.09.2025 – 07.02.2026</b>
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Stage	Play-off, i.e. ¼ Final, Semifinals	<b>14.02.2026. - 03.03.2026</b>
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Stage	Finals	<b>07.03.2026</b>
	4 <sup>th</sup> Stage	National Championships	<b>14.03.2026 – 24.04.2026</b>

### **4.5. ORGANIZERS OF EVENTS**

**4.5.1.** Each participating club is the organizer of all its home matches on the basis of these Regulations and under the supervision and guarantee of the respective National Federation .

#### **4.5.2. FINALS**

- According the results of the Main tournament the 1st ranked team has the first right to organize BL Finals. In case if the main tournament 1st ranked team refuses or has not the possibility to organize the BL Final then the 2nd ranked team has automatically the right to organize the finals.
- If the organizational issue continues then the right to organize the finals will be as follows: the 3rd, 4th, 5th etc. ranked teams have the right to organize the final.
- Confirmation of organizing the finals must be fixed within 3 working days after the end of the Main Tournament.
- If any organizational problems may occur the BL Jury has the final decision-making capability deciding about the organizer of the finals.

#### 4.6. ALLOCATION OF POINTS AND CLASSIFICATION

**4.6.1.** The following rule to determine the winning team will be applied:

- Winning match with result 3:0, for winner 3 points, for loser 0 points
- Winning match with result 3:1, for winner 3 points, for loser 0 points
- Winning match with result 3:2, for winner 2 points, for loser 1 point

**4.6.2.** For any team refusing to play a match or not appearing at a match first time, a match will be accounted for as lost by 0-3 (0:25; 0:25; 0:25) by the team concerned, the club receives 0 points, the club that won the technical victory 3:0 (0:0; 0:0; 0:0), receives 3 points, but the small points remain 0:0;

In case team refusing second time, it shall be excluded from the rest of the BL competitions. The results obtained up to the moment of its exclusion shall be cancelled. This will be sanctioned as a withdrawal by forfeit from a financial and sports point.

**4.6.3.** In case of equality in the number of points gained by two or several teams after Main Tournament (Stage 1), they will be classified in descending order by the winning and losing matches, set quotient resulting from the division of the number of all sets won by the number of all sets lost in Main tournament. If the tie persists, as per the set quotient, they will be classified in descending order by the set points quotient resulting from the division of all set points scored by the total of set points lost during all sets. If the tie continues, as per the set points' quotient, the teams are decided between by the result of the match(es), which the teams have disputed between them.

**4.6.4.** In the case of equal points after Stage 2, teams will be classified in the same way as fixed on p. 4.6.2.

### 5 .TEAM UNIFORMS

#### 5.1. PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT

**5.1.1.** Team Equipment (jerseys, shorts, shoes and warming-up suits) must comply with the BL Club Teams Equipment Standards. Each team must have 2 [TWO] sets of uniforms, each one of a different colour numbered 1-99. **It is allowed to use special Sponsors' numbers, given to players. In that case the first two numbers have to be the official numbers on the roster. (Example: 1202 = official number is No: 12).**

**5.1.2.** The number of publicities on the jerseys, shorts and warming-up suits is unlimited as far as they don't interfere with the place and visibility of the numbering and the player's name. The publicity on players jerseys can be different. The libero uniform(s) must be different colour or style from the teams uniform and might display different publicity than all other team players.

**5.1.3.** The BL Club Team Equipment Standards are:

##### JERSEYS: - See Chapter 4 article 1.2.

- The uniform jersey shall have an athletic look.
- All players of the same team must wear the same colour and style.
- The Libero Player(s) must wear an uniform whose jersey must be of a clearly different contrast colour from the other members of the team. The Libero uniform may have a different design and could be numbered different the rest of the team.
- Players must wear the same number of their jerseys in each match.
- Numbers must contrast with the colour and brightness of the jerseys.
- The size of the numbers on jersey (front and back side) is fixed in the playing unifrom regulations and has to be clearly visible.
- The team captain must have on his jersey a stripe underlining the number on the chest.
- Body fit: Jerseys must not be loose or baggy and should follow the bodyline.
- The player's family name or nick-name on the back, must be centred, right below the collar. Players' name on the jerseys is recommended.
- Publicities can be placed free on the front and back part of the shirts.

##### SHORTS:

- The uniform shorts shall have an athletic look.
- All players of the same team must wear the same colour and style according the team unifrom regulations.

#### 5.2. Color of the team uniforms during the match

**5.2.1** The color of the uniforms are fixed in the team registration to the BL competition.

**5.2.2** Team has to have at least 2 different colors of uniforms (Dark and light color).

**5.2.3** Uniform colors must be fixed atleast two (2) days before the match! The hosting team has the right to

choose the color of its competition uniform. Therefor the visiting team has to choose the color accordingly. In case of visiting team having two abroad matches in a row the following principle will apply:

- 1st match day: Visiting team – Light uniform color and the Hosting team Dark uniform color.
- 2nd match day: Visiting team – dark uniform color and the hosting team Light uniform color.

**5.2.4** In case of clash with the colors of the uniform sanctions will apply according to the table of sanctions for the team violating the point 5.2.3

**SHOES:**

Shoes and trademarks may differ in design. No Regulations regarding playing shoes

**WARMING-UP SUITS:**

When warming up suits are worn in the warm up courts or in the competition control area, they must be the same colour and style for the entire team.

**SLEEVES/COMPRESSION PADS:**

Athletic type non-sleeves or short sleeves are allowed. No numbers are allowed on the sleeves. Compression pads are approved, but require to be same colour and design for all the players. Compression underwear is allowed on the same conditions.

**5.3. TEAM STAFF/OFFICIALS' UNIFORMS**

**5.3.1** All team officials in the competition hall are dressed in an identical manner. The team officials, with the sole exception of the therapist or doctor, sitting on the bench must confirm to either of the following dresscode options:

**5.3.2.** All to wear the team training suit and polo shirt of the same colour and style

**5.3.3.** All to wear suits/blazers, collared shirt, with or without tie and formal trousers/slacks of the same colour and style, except the therapist or doctor who can wear a team training suit and a polo shirt.

**6. CASES NOT FORESEEN**

All cases not provided for by the current regulations shall be settled by the Jury of BL.

## CHAPTER 2. TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION & LOGISTICS

**1. RESPONSIBLE BODIES**

**1.1. COMPETITION RESPONSIBLE JURY**

As the BL responsible organ, the BL Jury:

- Propose organizational guidelines and instructions governing the running of the competitions in accordance with the regulations.
- Directs and supervises the technical groundwork.
- Coordinates the timetable of the matches.
- Supervises the running of the competition during the whole period.

**1.2. NATIONAL FEDERATION RESPONSIBLE**

**1.2.1.** The National Federation supports, supervises and guarantees the entire preparation and organization of single matches by its club team(s) as well as their participation in the entire competition. For this reason each National Federation with teams participating in the BL nominates a National Federation's BL Responsible within its Federation:

The National Federation Responsible's duties are, to:

- be familiar with all regulations;
- Consistently help the team(s) to coordinate its (their) actions with strict respect to the BL regulations;
- Be reachable and have a permanently used e-mail address;
- Supervise the smooth running of the events in his/her country;
- Assistance in resolving problems which may occur in the organization, providing information on unclear raised situations to the Jury for final decision;
- Quarantine that the teams will pursue the BL Regulations;
- start his/her activities in due time before the official registration of the teams;
- Take part in any possible inspection visit of the competition venue(s);
- Advice the participating club(s) in all organizational, technical, marketing matters.

**1.3. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS**

**1.3.1** National Federation can appoint the following match officials if needed:

- BL Supervisor
- Referee Coach
- Reserv Referee

**1.3.2** The duties of the BL Supervisor are:

- To ensure that the match is played in accordance with the Official Volleyball Rules and organised according to the FIVB and CEV Regulatory Frameworks,
- If needed - To conduct the following events when organised and fulfil the requirements related to them:
  - The General Organisation meeting,
  - The site visit and inspections,
  - The Preliminary inquiry meeting,
  - The Technical meeting,
  - To allow the entrance of a non-accredited individual in the Competition area,
  - In case of an absence or non-appointment - To fulfil the duties of the Referee Coach
- In case of an absence of the Supervisor, the appointed Referee Coach or the appointed First referee for the relevant match shall fulfil the duties of the Supervisor.

**1.3.3** For each single match, the National Federation of the hosting club must appoint:

- The first and the second referees,
- 1 experienced E-scoresheet manager for the international e-score,
- 2-4 linesmen.

#### **1.4. PARTICIPATING CLUBS**

**1.4.1** The participating clubs are responsible for the preparation and organization of all matches as well as ensure the smooth running of the event according to the current BL Regulations.

**1.4.2** Each participating club shall nominate for the whole period of the competition one responsible person/Team Manager who shall be in contact with the National Federation for the entire duration of the competition.

**1.4.3** The hosting club according to the regulations must assist each visiting team starting from their arrival at the competitions place until departure. As per request of visiting team the hosting club has to arrange the hotel, meals and has to ensure the sports hall for training sessions according the Official FIVB Rules (also marked shortly in chapter 2.2. Training facilities). Request concerning the necessity of booking a hotel has to be sent by visiting club to organizing club not later than 1 month before concerned match.

**The hosting club must nominate:**

- 1 Assistant scorer
- 1 MC/Announcer;
- 1 Statistician;
- 5 ball retrievers;
- 2-4 quick moppers;
- all other staff needed for the organization of the home match.
- Commentators:
  - LIVE WEB: 1 (preferably 2) for the Live web match – Paid by the Club.
  - NB! (LIVE TV: Organized and paid by the local Federation: 2 (two) commentators per LIVE match).

## **2. COMPETITION SITE**

### **2.1. COMPETITION HALL / AREA /CONDITIONS / APPROVALS**

**2.1.1 Approval of a Competition hall**

- A Competition hall approved by the BL is used - All matches shall take place in sports halls, meeting the requirements laid down to these BL regulations. Therefore all sports halls requested by the club have to be approved by the BL head Office.
- In case of new sport hall, which is not previously registered or used, each club has to return the duly completed official form BL-03 "Request for Approval of a Competition Hall" to the BL head office.
- The BL Jury approves a Competition hall when this hall fulfils the requirements of the BL competition. The BL grants either a full, exceptional or temporary approval.
- During competitions period new competitions halls can be registered no less than 30 days before

concerned match.

- Registration of hall, corresponding to the TV demands in above mentioned deadline, is mandatory for each participating club.
- In case of TV transmission of any of the matches in all rounds of BL - sport hall, where the matches/tournament take place must apply to the demands of National TV broadcasting requirements with whom concerned National Federation has signed written agreement with. Otherwise competition hall needs to be changed.
  - In case club doesn't fulfil the duties concerning the TV broadcasting requirements and doesn't change the competition hall if needed, it has to be sanctioned accordingly, i.e. by decision of BL Jury, team can be excluded from further competitions. Sanctions are mentioned in a Table of Sanctions.
- If sport halls, not corresponding to the demands of National TV or BL regulations, the concerned National federation has to send a written application and agreement concerning transmitting the matches to the BL head office for approval.
- A site visit may be set. The Competition hall may be approved by the BL only if the relevant member of the BL jury/Official who carried out such site visit takes a favourable view.
  - In such case pictures and an architectural plan of the Competition hall are provided to the BL head office.

**2.2.** All forms have to be sent electronically, forms filled in handwriting are not accepted.

### **2.3. TRAINING FACILITIES**

**2.3.1 Trainings during the main tournament:** Any club organizing a match shall commit itself to ensure that per the request of visiting team, the visiting team be granted the following training facilities:

- on the day prior to the competition day – 90 minutes;
- on the competition day - 60 minutes.

**2.3.2 Trainings during the Finals:** Any club organizing final matches must ensure the following training times for all participating teams according to the match order:

- 1) 3rd and 4th place – A and B 2) Final – A and B).
- If requested by the visiting teams- on the day prior to the competition day – 90 minutes
- on the competition day - 60 minutes
- At least the one training session must take place in the competition hall under the same conditions as during the match.
- On the competition day, training must be completed 5 (FIVE) hours before the official starting time of the match.
- In case there will be no request for trainings received from visiting team(s) at least 10 days before the concerned match - the hosting club will take into account that the visiting team will not use the hall for trainings.
- Any issues, regarding the organization of the training sessions, have to be solved between the clubs according to the BL regulations.
- During the trainings sessions and matches, still (not sparkling) mineral water must be available for the visiting team, provided by organizing club (at least 27 liters) in 0,5 or 1,5 L sealed bottles. Personal water bottles are mandatory for every player.

### **2.4 MINIMUM TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS OF SPORT HALL FOR BL COMPETITIONS**

<b>SPORT EQUIPMENT</b>	
1. Post & pads	According to the FIVB rules with BL advertising. Produced by the Club according to BL print file only.
2. Net	According to the FIVB rules + spare one
3. Net antenna	According to the FIVB rules + spare pair
4. Net measuring rod	2.50 m long
5. Referee's stand	1
6. Scorer's table and chair	1 (max 5 persons)
7. Manual scoreboards	Min. 1 + spare one
8. Balls	Min. 30

9. Support for 5 balls	1
10. Ball Pressure gauge	1
11. Libero jackets (in case of injury)	2
12. Line judge's flags	2 – 4 (minimum 2 is mandatory or depending on the nr. Of line judges)
13. Team Benches	2 times 14 chairs
14. Statistician table and chair	2 – 1 for each team
15. Bins	2 - 1 for each team
16. For ballretrievers	5
17. For quickmoppers	4
18. Substitution plates	Not mandatory
19. Rubber wheel trolley	2 (1 for each team, supermarket style)
20. Rubber wheel carts	2 - 1 for each team (15 balls each participating team)
21. Flag of participating teams (country flag)	Mandatory (to be produced by the organizer)
22. Thermo,- Hygro and Luxmeter	Prefarably
<b>TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT</b>	
1. Electronical scoreboard	Min. 1
2. Printer	2 (1 for E-Scorer and 1 for Statistician)
3. E-Scoresheet manager laptop	1 +1 backup
4. Memory stick for E-scoresheet backup	1
5. E-Scoresheet tablets	Min.2 (prefarable 5), 2 for referees mandatory, 2 for teams, 1 for TV
6. Wireless secured internet access	2 (1 E-scorer and 1 for Statistician)
7. LAN cable internet access	2 - if needed (for E-scorer and Statistician)
8. Sound system with microphone, etc.	Mandatory
9. Air conditioning	Mandatory
10. Electric scoreboard indicating:	Mandatory
- Name of the teams	Mandatory
- Team to serve	Preferable
- Time-outs used per team	Mandatory
- Substitutions used per team	Preferable
- Score of the current set	Mandatory
- Score of the previous set(s)	Preferable
<b>FACILITIES</b>	
1. Flooring	Wood (GERFLOR or MONDOFLEX recommended)
2. Lighting	Measured 1 m above the floor: - Min. 1000 LUX, - Preferable theatrical lights (immediate on/off for lightshow) - Not dazzling - No shadows on playing area
3. Dressingrooms: - Teams	1 dressingroom for each team Equiped with: - min 14 seats, - min. 3 showers - min. 1 toilet - lockable cupboards are preferred.
- Match officials	2 (1 for women and 1 for men)
- Court personnel	1
4. Medical room	1
5. Mixed Zone Bacdrop (6 x 2,3m)	1 Produced by the Club according to BL advertising/print file only (if provided by the BL) (located near the press area and mandatory to use before, during and after matches).
6. VIP room	Prefarably (with needed access for BL Jury and sponsors)
<b>COMPETITIONS AREA</b>	
1. LENGTH	34 m

- Court size including complete Control Area	$\geq 34 \times 19 \text{ m}$
- Court	18.0 m
- Free zone	2 x 6.50 m
- Free passageway	Min 2 x 2 m
2. WIDTH	19 m
- Court	9.0 m
- Free zone	2 x 5 m
- Free passage way	Min 2 x 2 m
3. HEIGHT	9.0 m*
<b>MINIMUM SEATING CAPACITY</b>	
1. For spectators	500 spectators
2. For press	Min. 6 seats and tables or Depending on the number of journalists present during the match.
3. Medical	1 seat with table

- **Court area:** The court area must be atleast 34 x 19m.
  - It is allowed that other lines than those foreseen for Volleyball are on the floor.
  - *In case of less of all mentioned parametrs, it will be confirmed by BL jury the allowance to play in that particular sport hall.* (See article 2. COMPETITION SITE)
  - Coaches lines are not mandatory.
- **Places for reserve players:**
  - in case dimensions of sport hall allow, it's allowed for reserve players to be located behind the team benches (6 x 2m), in case not – it remains as according the previous court layout, i.e. in the corners (3 by 3m)
- **Balls:** All matches of BL will be played with the lates MIKASA V200W balls.
  - Hosting club must provide the volleyballs for trainings and for the match.

### 3. ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

- For all matches, each organizing club is responsible for its own accomodation and meals.
- It is useful to have recomendations and special offers from the hosting club.
- If agreed between clubs – reciprocal coverage of accomodation and meals costs are allowed by mutual agreement and with the same conditions (e.g. number of delegation or days) in a good standart hotel in double rooms with WC, shower, etc.
- In that case visiting team has to send request for accomodation and meals to organizing club atleast 2 weeks before the concerned match.

### 4. RESULTS AND STATISTICS

#### 4.1 GAME STATISTICS

- Organizing club has the obligation to ensure online statistics (with online score) of each home match using DataVolley and Dataproject systems which has livescore and live results output.
- Online statistics and score must be uploaded after each set.
- Every club has the obligation to provide game statistics during the match using official statistics program – *DataVolley*,
- Every club has the obligation to provide the concerned home match DataVolley video straight after the match by uploading the video to the videobank.
- In case of misinformation in live results, home club, who is responsible for recording the game statistics, must immediately after the match inform the respective National Federation and Head Office of BL about the correct results.
- Home team must provide the visiting team and press statistics after every set and match.
- If needed - User manual for Datavolley will be provided for the teams by the local federation and lectures/seminars can be organized before the season of the BL by the local federation.

### 5. TRANSPORT & VISA

#### 5.1. Travel of teams

- For all matches the visiting team must organize its own travel schedule to the official venue of competition, indicated by the organizer of the match.

- The travel schedule of the visiting team has to be fixed in such a way, that they arrive in the competitions site in time.
- Visiting team is responsible for own international and local transportation expenses.

#### **5.2. Travel of the Officials (referees & technical delegates – BL Supervisor, BL Referee coach)**

- If nominated - The referees must arrive on the competitions site no later than 1 hour before the starting of the match.
- Technical delegates (in case of such a nomination) have to arrive on the competitions site 1,5 hours before the starting of the match at latest.

#### **5.3. Official venue of arrival & departure**

- The hosting club before the starting of the season will communicate to the concerned National Federation's representative and clubs about the official arrival/departure venue and official address of the sport hall, where the home match of the organizing club will take place.

#### **5.4. Local transportation**

- Local transportation within the hosting country, i.e. transportation between the official venue of arrival & departure, the competition hall, training hall and hotel(s), shall be arranged and paid by the visiting club.

#### **5.5. Visa**

- In some Host countries, the entrance of a Team delegation in the territory of such countries requires the authorisation of national authorities.
- All Team delegations members needing a visa, receive in due time the invitation letter.
- Rules and procedures of the relevant national authorities are followed.

## **CHAPTER 3. REFEREEING REGULATIONS**

### **1. DUTIES OF MATCH OFFICIALS**

**1.1** All referees must accept their appointments from the concerned National Federation. Withdrawals are only accepted in exceptional cases and must be informed to the Office of concerned National Federation or head of the referee commission of the concerned National Federation immediately.

**1.2** A referee of a match has the following profile:

- A International referee (or candidate), or national referee mentioned in the National federation referee list.
- Complies with the latest official FIVB volleyball rules and regulations.
- Referee is declared fit to fulfil his/her duties,

**1.3.** Each Referee must wear the latest official refereeing uniform of their country. Unless BL provides main sponsor referee uniforms with fixed logo for the main sponsor.

Other sponsor logos are optional for all participating federations to be added on the referee uniform.

**1.4.** Prior the start of the match the 1<sup>st</sup> referees duties are:

- Checks the presence of the nominated Match officials (E-scoresheet manager, Assistant scorer, Announcer, Assistant referee, Court personnel)It is mandatory that teams before the starting of the match present to the first referee of the match following documents:
  - collective licence of the team, issued and duly completed by concerned National Federation and club need to be presented if requested by the referees.
  - Personal ID cards or passports of players,
  - Table of sanctions, issued by NF – If any
- The court equipment and size is in accordance with CEV and FIVB requirements;
- The hosting club has the necessary e-scoresheet equipment aswell as back-up paper scoresheet and "Line-up sheets" in English language.
- Checks if the scorers know how to perform their work before and during the match;
- Check collective license of the teams and passports/ID cards or individual licenses by concerned National Federation. Using these forms the referee must check the composition of the teams, the preparations of the scoresheet aswell as the officials allowed to sit on the bench during the game.

- Checks and if needed organizes a meeting with the match officials (scorers, line-judges, ball retrievers, other court personnel) in order to coordinate the smooth running of the event.
- Makes sure the match officials uniforms are according to the current regulations.
- Carry out a final inspection regarding refereeing matters of the sports infrastructure and material in the competition areas;
- Brief the scorers and line-judges about their duties;
- Explain all refereeing matters;

**1.5. After the match duties of the 1<sup>st</sup> referee**

- Makes remarks in the scoresheet about any faults during the match;
- Fill in the protest in the scoresheet in case a protest has been set and collect involved representative signatures involved in the protest. Inform all National Federations about the protest applied.
- 30 minutes after the match to inform responsibles of all National Federations about the sanctions of players of the concerned match, in case such sanctions have been applied.

**1.6. E-Scorer must fill in the score sheet with the following additional tasks:**

- Mark down the number of spectators in the scoresheet.
- Print out and collect the signatures of the captains, headcoaches and referee on the scoresheet.

**2. APPOINTMENT OF REFEREES & TECHNICAL DELEGATES**

**2.1. PRINCIPLES**

**2.1.1.** Only referees appearing on the annual referees list, which is approved by a concerned National Federation may be appointed to officiate the matches. BL Jury accepts the common referees list, presented by concerned Federation.

**2.1.2.** Technical delegates can be nominated, but it is not mandatory. BL Jury confirms common list of technical delegates, presented by concerned National Federations. Technical delegates can be chosen from the list of official CEV and FIVB technical delegates list, Board members of concerned National Federations, Responsible persons of Federations, International, National Referees, who are no more refereeing.

Representatives of concerned clubs cannot be nominated as technical delegate.

**2.1.3.** The procedure of appointing technical delegates shall be coordinated by the relevant National Federation of each country.

**2.2. APPOINTMENTS IN VARIOUS ROUNDS**

**2.2.1.** During the Stage 1 and 4 – Main Tournament and National Championships, all referees' appointments, including the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> referee, linesmen, E-Scorer are done by the Referee Commission of concerned National Federation. All other officials (announcer, ball retrievers, floor moppers, etc.) are appointed by the hosting club.

**2.2.2.** During Stage 2 -Play-offs – the visiting team has the rights to bring to the match own referee. This referee must be nominated by the Referee Commission of the National Federation of visiting team from the annual list. In case the visiting team brings the referee, they must inform about that organizing club and National Federation of the hosting team 3 days before the match at latest.

**2.2.3.** The number of referees appointed is as follows:

- Stage 1 - Main Tournament - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> referee, 2 linesmen, 1 scorer of a country where concerned match takes place.
- Stage 2 - Play-off - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> referee of home or 1<sup>st</sup> referee visiting country and home, 2-4 linesmen, min. 1 scorer of the country where concerned match takes place. Club pays
- Stage 3 Final Matches (final and bronze medal match): – Referee spots per country will be decided by the BL jury. General principle is: 2 referees from organizing country and 2 referees in total per other participating countries of the BL.

For the Final match - 1<sup>st</sup> referee will be appointed from neutral country. 2<sup>nd</sup> referee is appointed from the organizing country.

2-4 linesmen will be nominated by the Referee Commission of concerned National Federations of the organizing country.

BL Jury with separate decisions can make changes in order of nominations for the Finals.

- Stage 4 – National championships - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> referee, 2-4 linesmen, 1 scorer.

### 3. OFFICIATING REFEREES

#### 3.1. WORKING MATERIAL

The referees must follow the Official Volleyball Rules, and all official documents listed below:

- Match Protocol
- E-Scoresheet manual
- Volleyball Rules
- Refereeing Guidelines & Instructions
- Case Book
- Guidelines for Line-Judges
- Court personnel Guidelines
- Floor mopping Guidelines

#### 3.2. ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

For singles matches and Finals, the appointed referees must arrive at the competition hall 1 hour before the match. The departure is fixed after the match.

The same conditions apply for the technical delegates in case of their nomination.

### 4. CASES NOT FORESEEN

All cases not provided by the current regulations shall be settled by the BL Jury.

## CHAPTER 4. MARKETING REGULATIONS

### 1. CORPORATE IDENTITY OF THE COMPETITION

#### 1.1. GENERAL INFORMATION

##### 1.1.1. Correct use of the Leagues name:

- English: Baltic Volleyball League
- Estonian: Balti Võrkpalli Liiga
- Latvian: Baltijas Liga
- Lithuanian: Baltijos Lyga

##### 1.1.2. Website and Social media:

Social media is a powerful marketing tool and if you do it correctly you will have another advertising output.

- Estonia: <https://www.facebook.com/volleyee>
- Latvia: [www.facebook.com/volejbolslv](https://www.facebook.com/volejbolslv)
- Lithuania: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064366282434>

**1.1.2.1** At least the following mandatory social media posts must be published by every participating team accordingly:

- **Instagram** – Club uses the templates, logos or other materials given by the BL to produce:

- Before the match/ Pre-match – atleast one post and one story with BL logo (2x bigger than any other logo) with the information of with who, when and where the match is played and other necessary match information.
- During the match – atleast 1 post with BL logo (2x bigger than any other logo) per set has to be published.
- After the match – atleast 1 post with the BL logo (2x bigger than any other logo) must be published with the information who won and with what result of the match.

- **Facebook** – Club uses the templates, logos or other materials given by the BL to produce:

- Before the match/ Pre-match – atleast one post with BL logo (2x bigger than any other logo) with the information of with who, when and where the match is played and other necessary match information.
- During the match – atleast 1 post with BL logo (2x bigger than any other logo) per set has to be published.
- After the match – atleast 1 post with the BL logo (2x bigger than any other logo) must be published with the information who won and with what result of the match.

**1.1.2.3** Mandatory to use tags, mentions, locations etc. (**@Mentions #Hashtags:** #BalticVolleyballLeague #league sponsor #BalticLeague, #clubname, #Playersprofiles, @sports hall name, @Live at...).

**1.1.2.4.** Each home team is responsible for creating an Event on Facebook for every home match and preferably other social media platforms. NF of the organizing club has to be added as the co-host of every event.

Such event advertising covers need to be produced with the BL logo (2x bigger than any other logo).

**1.1.2.5** For raising the team's publicity it's recommended to post stories/posts on social media before/during/after the matches with short & fun interviews with players, coaches, sponsors, game highlights etc.

**1.1.3. Printmaterials**

- All the printed materials (Posters, flyers, etc. produced shall display the BL logo, which shall be one size bigger than any other logo)
- Name of the league as a logo (Not as a text!)

**1.1.4. Other:**

- BL Brand guidelines, Marketing materials and templates will be provided by the BL (Brand guidelines, logo, fonts, graphic lines, Avatars, social media, BL Top 5 templates, Sponsor clips, stickers, banners etc.)
- It is mandatory to use in all BL league matches BL social media posts templates.
- After the home match no later than 12 hours after the end of the game, at least 3 best rallies of the match are mandatory to send to the concerned national federation, which are candidates for the Top 5 selection of the round. EVF – [robin@volley.ee](mailto:robin@volley.ee) , LVF – [edgars@volejbols.lv](mailto:edgars@volejbols.lv) , LTF - [info@ltf.lt](mailto:info@ltf.lt)
- Participating teams are responsible to confirm and send their club logo before the start of the season to all participating clubs and national federations.

**1.2. COMPETITION UNIFORM PRINT**

**1.2.1 The front side of the shirt is according to the following:**

- The player number is centered and the distance between the lowest point of the collar and the front number is a maximum of 15 centimeters,
- The player number is 10-15 centimeters high with a minimum 2 centimeters wide stripe.
- Publicities can be placed free on the front part of the shirts.

**1.2.2 The back side of the shirt is according to the following:**

- The player's name - family name or nick name - is centered,
- The player's name letters height is a minimum of 4 centimeters,
- The player's name letters width is a minimum of 1 centimeters,
- The distance between the lowest point of the collar and the player's name is between 3 and 6 centimeters,
- The player number is centred below the player's name and the distance between the player's name and the player number is a maximum of 15 centimeters,
- The player number is 15-20 centimeters high with a minimum 2 centimeters wide stripe.
- Publicities can be placed free on back part of the shirts.
- Numbers must contrast with the colour and brightness of the jerseys.

**1.2.3 Sleeves:**

- The left side of the sleeve with the minimum of 100cm<sup>2</sup> (10x10cm) should be free of advertising for the possible League name sponsor.

**1.2.4 Libero shirt:**

- The Libero Player(s) must wear an uniform whose jersey must be of a clearly different **contrast colour** from the other members of the team. The Libero uniform may have a different design than the rest of the team.  
See point 5. TEAM UNIFORMS - JERSEYS: - See Chapter 4 article 1.2.

**Article 1.3 COMPETITION UNIFORM SHORTS:**

**1.3.1** The uniform shorts shall have an athletic look. All players of the same team must wear the same colour and style. It is recommended that the Libero wears shorts of a contrasting colour to the rest of the team.

**1.3.2** The shorts are according to the following:

- The player number height is between 4 and 6 centimetres,
- The player number stripe width is a minimum of 1 centimetre,
- The player number is on the right or left side of the short.
- Publicities can be placed free on the front and back part of the shorts.

### 1.2.2 COMPETITION UNIFORM PRINT REVIEW



## 2. MARKETING RIGHTS ON COMPETITION VENUES

### 2.1. ADVERTISING BANNERS

Participating clubs and their National Federation shall make sure that the competition is always recognizable as BL League and as an event of all involved National Federations.

#### 2.1.1 Therefore, in the competition hall the following must be displayed:

- The flags of all participating countries – produced by the club.
- Mandatory advertising banners:
  - The competition title banner - Baltic Volleyball League.  
1 pcs (3000x1000mm) is fixed in the positions 11.  
Produced by the club according to BL CVI/printfile and confirmed by the BL.
  - The League main sponsor – If any:  
1pcs (3000x1000mm) is fixed in the position nr. 12.  
Produced by the BL.
  - Other League sponsor banners - if any .  
1-4pcs (3000x1000) Are fixed in positions nr. 4, 9, 14, or 19  
Produced by the BL.
- In case LED system is used respective National Federation confirms the rotation time and ratios for the club sponsors and the BL sponsors accordingly:
  - 40% BL league
  - 60% club.
- LED panels are mandatory in Baltic Volleyball League Final.
- In the Finals the rotation is as follows:
  - Home team is playing: 40% League, 40% Home team, 20% Opponent team,

#### 2.1.3 FLOORBANNERS / FLOORSTICKERS

- Number of floorbanner/stickers is not regulated.
- Positions regulated by the BL are only during TV matches.
- Those are positioned at F1 and F2 like shown on the court layout.
- Mentioned floorstickers are produced by the BL.

#### 2.1.4 NET POST COVERS

The net post cover advertising rights are regulated by the BL.

If requested by the BL (for main sponsor or sponsors) Net post cover is mandatory to be produced by the concerned National Federation according to BL CVI and is confirmed by the BL.

- 100% BL (ENG language) Horizontal logo is printed and positioned on both sides of the upper end of the post cover.

#### 2.1.5 NET ADVERTISING

Competition Net advertising rights are regulated by the BL

Competition net advertising with BL sponsor logo or logos (if any) is mandatory to produce by the participating club on the upper part of the net. The lower part of advertising of the net is optional. Net advertising rights are divided as follows:

- 50% participating club sponsors,
- 50% If any - BL (ENG language) horizontal sponsor logo or logos.

NB! If the League main sponsor acquires - the BL may provide the clubs with imprinted name sponsor logo nets.

#### 2.1.6 REFEREE CHAIR ADVERTISING

Referee chair advertising rights are regulated by the BL

Competition referee chair advertising with BL sponsor or sponsors (if any) is mandatory to be produced by the concerned National Federation according to BL CVI and is confirmed by the BL:

- 100% BL (ENG language) vertical logo.

#### 2.4 COMPETITION BACKDROP

BL competition interview backdrop advertising rights are regulated by the BL.

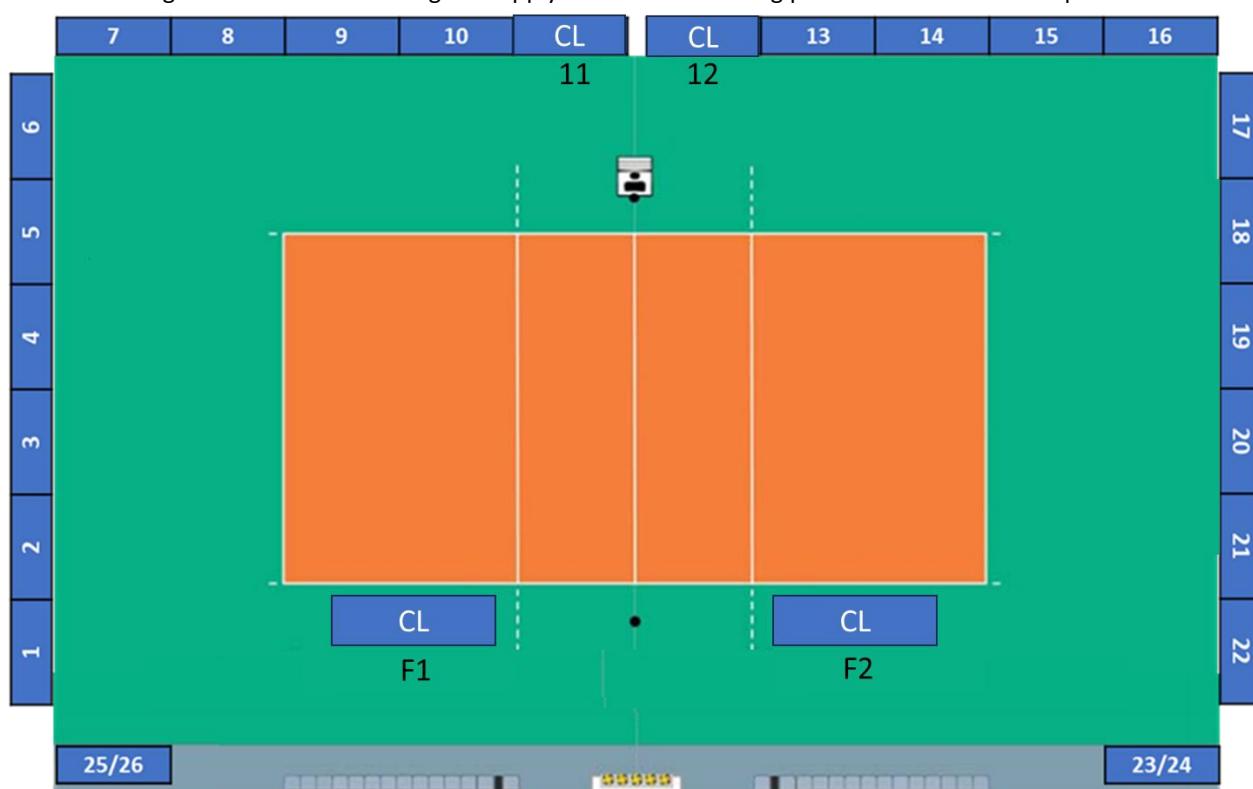
Competition backdrop advertising with BL sponsor or sponsors (if any) is mandatory to be produced by the concerned National Federation according to BL CVI and is confirmed by the BL:

- 100% BL (ENG language) vertical logos and as text version.

BL Interview backdrop is mandatory to use by all hosting clubs before, during and after the match interviews.

#### 2.5 COURT LAYOUT OF THE MAIN TOURNAMENT:

- During the final – BL has the right to apply for extra advertising places on site for the BL sponsors.



#### 2.4 TICKETING, VIP AND HOSPITALITY

**2.4.1** Every club has the right to choose its own ticketing partner if BL does not have a contracted central ticketing partner.

**2.4.2** For all the matches until the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round. A maximum of 10 tickets is to be reserved for the visiting team and their sponsors as per their request.

If needed and as per your request – Additional tickets must be available for the visiting team and according to the

hosting team's price list with a reasonable discount provided by the host.

However, the organizers shall supply (if requested) for both of the matches of the final, free of charge, the following quantity of tickets for:

#### **2.4.2.1 National Federations and its official partners:**

- 5 [FIVE] VIP and 5 [FIVE] normal tickets per match for each National Federation
- 5 [FIVE] VIP and 5[FIVE] normal tickets for each National Federations sponsor(s)
- 5 (FIVE) VIP and 5 (FIVE) normal tickets for the Finals.

#### **2.4.2.2 Tickets for opponent team**

- The organizer is obliged to reserve max 10 (TEN) tickets for to the visiting teams participating in the final.

### **2.5 OTHER**

**2.5.1** The BL jury has the right to add provisions on the distribution of marketing rights between BL and the clubs. In case during the BL season additional league sponsor contracts are signed (same in all countries or separately in each country), all clubs concerned will be informed, and new advertising materials need to be produced and fixed accordingly.

**2.5.2** Participating clubs are responsible for following all the marketing requirements of the BL league

**2.5.3** Second ring advertising is allowed to be installed (if required) behind the first row around the court. Any permanent and non-permanent advertisement in the competition hall shall be allowed in the sport hall.

## **ARTICLE 3. CEREMONIES AND PROTOCOL**

### **3.1. OPENING CEREMONY**

A short Opening ceremony is recommended but not mandatory to be organized before the first game of the season. The opening ceremony of the final competition is optional.

However, a special show before and during the finals is strongly recommended.

### **3.2. AWARDING CEREMONY**

**3.2.1** Awarding ceremony is mandatory to organize in the Finals straight after the final match according to BL awarding ceremony guidelines.

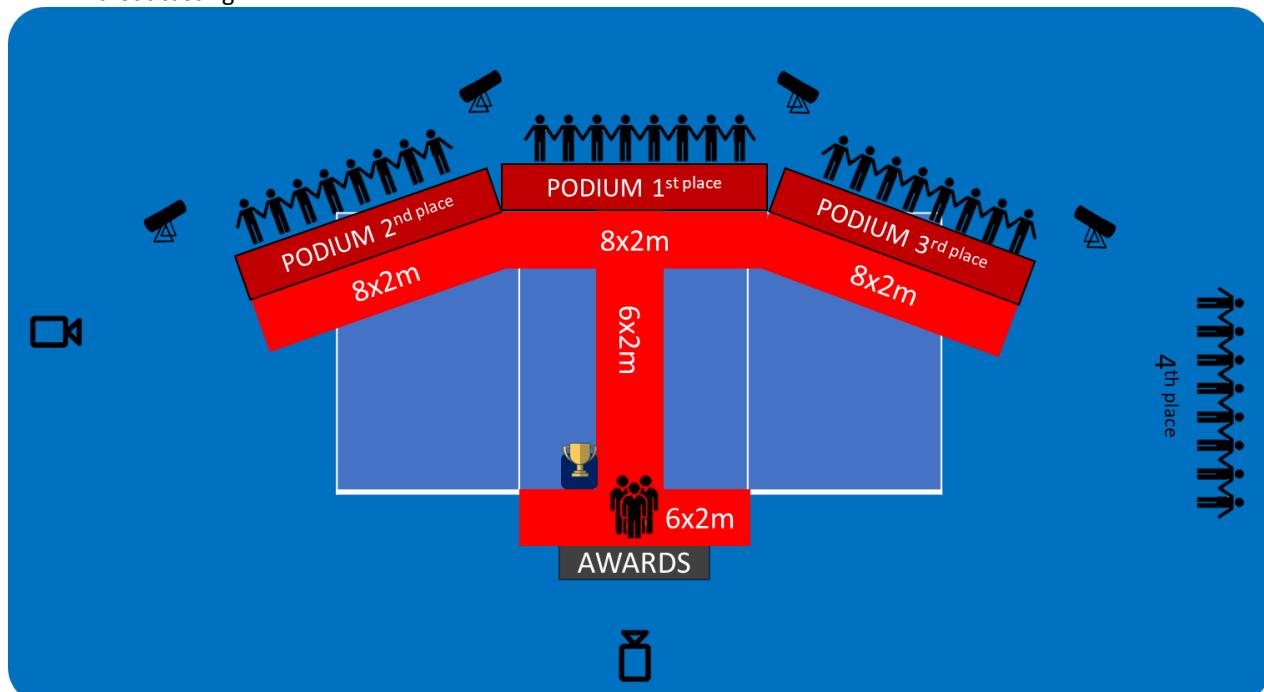
**3.2.2** National Federation of Organizing club is responsible for carrying out the awarding ceremony. It is recommended that the following people will be the awardees:

- Presidents of the national federations,
- Representative of the main sponsor,
- Member of the Olympic committee, Meer of the town, etc.
- Minimum of 3 hostesses.

**3.2.3** Presence of all awarded teams is mandatory.

### **3.3. AWARDING CEREMONY LAYOUT**

- Every Club is responsible to inform his team about the layout of the ceremony!
- The organizer has the right to make changes in the award ceremony layout in accordance with the TV broadcasting.



### **3.4. AWARDING CEREMONY MANUAL**

#### **3.4.1 Awarding ceremony manual is as follows:**

##### **1. INDIVIDUAL PLAYER AWARDS**

- Best players will come one by one to receive the award, poses for the photographer and stands on the podium
- After group picture of all the awarded players on the podium, players will go back to their teams

##### **2. MAIN AWARDING CEREMONY**

###### **a) BL 4th place.**

- Captain will come and receive the 4th place award and Team Diploma.

###### **b) BL 3rd place.**

- Each player comes one by one and receives his award.
- After receiving the award, the player goes back to his team standing on the podium.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place cup will be brought to the team standing on the podium by the awardees!

###### **c) BL 2nd place.**

- Each player comes one by one and receives his award.
- After receiving the award, the player goes back to his team standing on the podium.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place cup will be brought to the team standing on the podium by the awardees!

###### **d) BL 1st place.**

- After speaker announcement the Team stands on the podium!
- Captain will come and receive the 1st place award and Cup.
- Each player comes one by one and receives his award.
- After receiving the award, the player goes back to his team standing on the podium.
- BL cup will be brought to the team standing on the podium by the awardees!

**3.4.2** Organizer of the ceremony has the right to make changes in the script of the Awarding Ceremony. Teams must be informed about that accordingly.

### **3.5. PRIZES**

#### **3.5.1. PRIZES OF HONOUR**

According to the results of the BL Final - the four teams (each team consisting of max. 24 people) receive the following awards, provided by BL:

- All Players and a maximum of 6 accompanying persons of the 1st team receive gold medals, cup, team diploma memory prizes,
- All Players and a maximum of 6 accompanying persons of the 2nd ranked team receive silver medals, cup, team diploma, memory prizes,
- All Players and a maximum of 6 accompanying persons of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked team receive bronze medals, cup, team diploma, memory prizes.
- 4th ranked team will receive a commemorative award (such as plate, glass etc.) as well as team diploma

#### **3.5.2. INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

Individual awards are mandatory to give as follows:

- Best outside hitter 1
- Best outside hitter 2
- Best libero
- Best middleblocker 1
- Best middleblocker 2
- Best setter
- Best opposite
- MVP

## CHAPTER 5. MEDIA REGULATIONS

### 1. MEDIA ITEMS

#### 1.1. PRESS CONFERENCES

Press conferences are mandatory to be organized before the starting of the season in all participating countries by the concerned National Federation. Representatives like the Head coach and Team Manager or Captain from each club must be present.

#### 1.2. DUTIES OF CLUBS

1.2.1 Every participating club is responsible to:

- Appoint at least 1 (one) preferably 2 (two) commentators for the Live WEB of their home matches. The appointment of the Live commentators is the responsibility of the hosting club unless agreed otherwise by the TV Broadcaster/production.  
LIVE TV: Organized and to be paid by the local Federation: 2 (two) commentators per LIVE match.  
NB! Commentator(s) should be available on the competition site at least 1h before the start of the match.
- Providing all the information about the competition to the media of their own countries and informing them about all the actual news concerning the competition (calendar, changes of the matches etc.).
- Every team member is obliged to give an interview or press release comment about the upcoming match/season if it's required by the TV production / presenter person.

#### 1.3. COURT AREA

A convenient number (minimum six) of seats must be arranged for the journalists in the sport hall in case of attendance.

#### 1.4. MIXED ZONE AND PRESS CONFERENCE

1.4.1 In all matches the hosting club may organize a press conference upon completion of the game depending on the interest of the media. In that case BL backdrop is mandatory to be used!

1.4.2 For all (pre-game and post-game interviews) interviews, the use of BL backdrop is mandatory to be used.

#### 1.5. PHOTOS

1.5.1 Every club is responsible for producing the photos of their home matches. Photos must be published on their own websites and social media platforms by using the BL logo.

1.5.2 Every club must make a photo gallery at least of the very first home match of the season. Such a gallery should be available to the BL jury free of charge to use.

1.5.3. All teams must provide players and team photos in the Data project platform **no later than 15.09.2025**.

#### 1.6. WEBSITES

1.6.1 Common BL website at this point is not in use.

1.6.2 Each participating club must run its own website and social media Facebook and/or Instagram platforms.

#### 1.7. GAME STREAMING & TV BROADCASTING

1.7.1. Every national Federation is responsible for its own country's live TV broadcasting.

- BL TV graphics are provided by the BL and are mandatory to be used.
- Live TV broadcasting channels in countries:
  - **Estonia:** During the season 2025/2026 - Inspira TV
  - **Latvia:** GO3 Sport or TV4 (Sportacentrs)
  - **Lithuania:** TBD
- If provided by the BL. Match protocol with the broadcasting running order is used.
- Therefor all participating teams have to be aware of the following:
  - Before, During and after match interviews are mandatory to give.
  - Special camera work/intakes (arrivals, studios, coin toss etc.) will be done,
  - Headcoach chest microphones are mandatory to be used if required so by the broadcaster.

1.7.2. A certain amount of advertising seconds during the live broadcasting of the matches are provided for the team, National Federation, BL and Broadcaster/partners according to the agreement between the

concerned National Federation and the TV broadcaster.

**1.7.2.** During the whole live TV broadcast of one match the minimum seconds of advertising are divided as follows:

**1.7.2.1. Estonia:**

- National Federation – 90 seconds,
- Broadcaster/partners – 60 seconds,
- BL Sponsors – 240 seconds (if any)
- Participating clubs – 240 seconds

**1.7.2.1. Latvia:**

- National Federation – TBD seconds,
- Broadcaster/partners – TBD seconds,
- BL Sponsors – 240 seconds (if any)
- Participating clubs – TBD

**1.7.2.1. Lithuania:**

- National Federation – TBD seconds,
- Broadcaster/partners – TBD seconds,
- BL Sponsors – 240 seconds (if any)
- Participating clubs – TBD

**1.7.3.** During the main tournament and play-off stage, the home team is responsible for live streaming the matches to web with at least 1 (one) camera. The home team must provide NF with the link and location of the match live stream not later than two days before the streamed match and add their NF or organizer as the co-host of the event or co-owner of stream.

**1.7.4.** The BL media partner [www.Delfi.ee](http://www.Delfi.ee), [www.sportacentrs.com](http://www.sportacentrs.com) and [LTU](mailto:LTU) are the platforms for aggregating live broadcasts on the web.

**1.7.5.** Live stream of the Final matches is the organizing National Federation responsibility.

**1.7.6.** After the home match no later than 12 hours after the end of the game, at least 3 best rallies of the match are mandatory to send to the concerned national federation, which are candidates for the Top 5 selection of the round. EVF – [robin@volley.ee](mailto:robin@volley.ee) , LVF – [edgars@volejbols.lv](mailto:edgars@volejbols.lv) , LTF - [info@ltf.lt](mailto:info@ltf.lt) (See Chapter 4: Marketing regulations)

**2. CASES NOT FORESEEN**

All cases not foreseen in these regulations shall be settled by the Baltic Volleyball League Jury.

## CHAPTER 6. MEDICAL REGULATIONS

### 1. HEALTH CERTIFICATES AND MEDICAL CARE

#### 1.1. HEALTH CERTIFICATE

Every club who registers a player for the BL competition - Medical health check is mandatory to be done. The club is responsible and confirms that the health condition of all players corresponds for the participating in the competition mentioned.

#### 1.2. FIRST AID

In case of injury, the hosting club must provide assistance with the transportation to the Hospital. In case of an injury or serious illness, the player or his club will be responsible for covering all expenses concerned.

#### 1.3. MEDICAL CARE

1.3.1 A First aid medical doctor must be available for Players, CEV Officials, Match Officials, Team Officials and spectators during a match. At least one medical doctor shall be present in the competition hall, one hour before the start of a match until the end of the match.

1.3.2 For each team, including all athletes and officials registered on the BL Collective license form, it is advised to have medical insurance.

1.3.3 In case of accident or sickness abroad within the scope of the BL competition (including the journey from home to the competition venue and back of all persons) the assistance and medical expenses costs, as well as the repatriation if needed, are covered by the insurance company concerned or by each participant themself.

1.3.4 The Organizers of BL are not responsible for any medical expenses incurred while competing in BL.

### 2. DOPING CONTROL

#### 2.1. BY NON - BL BODIES

Each club must accept doping control, which is based on the World Anti-doping Code or the National Law of the organizing country. Such doping control must be accepted without limit in any round of the competition.

#### 2.2. ANTIDOPING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME

It's mandatory that each member of the team passes Antidoping Educational program. The FIVB Antidoping education program called PlayClean is available online and is possible to undertake here: [FIVB E-Learning](#)

#### 2.3. SANCTIONS AFTER THE END OF THE COMPETITION

If **one** player is controlled positive:

- this anti-doping rule violation leads to the disqualification of the athlete's individual results obtained with all consequences for the athlete, including forfeiture of his medal and prize.
- the period of ineligibility for the violation of the anti-doping rules (suspension) shall be according to FIVB/CEV Medical Regulations.
- The team itself will not be affected by this individual sanction and its ranking will remain unchanged.

If **two or more** players are controlled positive:

- these anti-doping rule violations lead to the disqualification of the athlete's individual results obtained with all consequences for the athlete, including forfeiture of his medal and prize.
- the period of ineligibility for the violation of the anti-doping rules (suspension) shall be according to FIVB /CEV Medical Regulations.
- all the players of the team will lose their medals and prizes.
- the team will be disqualified, and its results will therefore not be taken into consideration for the general ranking of the competition, thus affecting the ranking of other teams according to the following system:
  - o If the team incriminated was 1st, the runner-up (2nd) will automatically be declared winner of the competition,
  - o If the team incriminated was 2nd, the 3rd ranked team will be placed as 2nd.
  - o If the team incriminated was 3rd, the 4th ranked will be placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The National Federations are asked to fully respect the decision, and the sanctions applied, and any player suspension will also be valid at the national level meaning that the player will not be eligible for participation in any national competition or club competition for the sanctioned period.

#### 2.4. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

The following documents should be used additionally:

- FIVB Medical Regulations.
- World Anti-Doping Code.
- World Anti-Doping Prohibited Substances list – Standard List (Yearly updated);
- WADA Regulations and Guidelines.
- FIVB prevention of competition manipulation

### 3. CASES NOT FORESEEN

All cases not provided in the current regulations shall be settled by the BL Jury.

## CHAPTER 7. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

### 1. COMPETITION FEES TEAM REGISTRATION

For each team registering to participate in the BL, the entry fees and the licenses fees, what are determined separately in each country, must be paid through the concerned National Federation at the set deadline.

No other organization fee is needed for the whole competition.

### 2. PROTESTS

#### 2.1. FINANCIAL DEPOSIT

- Any protest shall be accompanied by a deposit of **300 EUR**, and it must be paid into account of the club's National Federation of origin **within 24h after the match concerned**. Otherwise, the protest will not be considered.
  - Estonian Volleyball Federation: IBAN EE072200221002100266
  - Latvian Volleyball Federation: IBAN LV21HABA001940J031933
  - Lithuanian Volleyball Federation: IBAN LT727300010002452666
- All games related Protests must be in written form in English and must be entered inside the scoresheet.
- Any other protest must be in written form in English and must be executed separately.
- If the protest is accepted, 75% of the deposited amount shall be refunded to the club concerned.
- If the protest is not accepted, the deposit belongs to the concerned national federation.

### 3. ORGANIZATIONAL COSTS

#### 3.1. TRANSPORT

##### 3.1.1. TRAVEL EXPENSES OF TEAMS

**3.1.1.1.** In all matches, each team shall bear its own return travel expenses to the official venue of arrival/departure indicated by the hosting club.

**3.1.1.2.** The travel expenses from the official venue to the competition site and back, as well as the local transport, shall be borne by the visiting club too.

##### 3.1.2. TRAVEL EXPENSES OF OFFICIALS & REFEREES

In all the league round matches, the hosting club shall bear all travel expenses for the Technical Delegate (if nominated) and the Referees appointed by the Referee Commission of concerned National Federation.

In the Final competitions – the travel expenses are covered by the hosting club National Federation.

**Exception:** When visiting team takes the opportunity to bring own referee at stage 2. (Point: **2.2.2.** During Stage 2 -Play-offs – the visiting team has the rights to bring to the match own referee) the travel expenses are covered by the visiting club.

Amount of payment for travel expenses of officials and referees per season according to the Internal Regulations of concerned National Federation.

The visa costs (if any) are to be paid by the National Federations.

#### 3.3. FOOD & LODGING EXPENSES OF TEAMS

For all matches each visiting team shall bear its own food & lodging expenses at the competition venue. If agreed between clubs – reciprocal coverage of accommodation and meals costs are allowed by mutual agreement and with the same conditions (e.g. number of delegation) in a good standard hotel in double rooms with WC, shower, etc.

### **3.4. FOOD & LODGING EXPENSES OF REFEREES & OFFICIALS**

In the case of such a nomination, for all matches the hosting club shall bear the food and lodging expenses for officials and the referees appointed by the Referee Commission of concerned National Federation.

(**Exception:** Stage 2 – point: 2.2.2. The food & lodging expenses are covered by the visiting club).

For the Finals the food and lodging expenses for the nominated referees must be covered by concerned National Federation of the appointed official.

### **3.5. PER DIEM**

**3.5.1.** The per diem amount is regulated according to the tariffs of the fees of each National Federation and must be paid according to the rules of the Federation concerned to the nominated Referees (the first and the second referees, technical delegate - if nominated, linesmen, scorers, announcers, ball retrievers, floor moppers etc.). The per diem costs are paid in all league round matches by the hosting club (**Exception:** Stage 2 - Point: 2.2.2)

**3.5.2.** For the Finals – The Per Diem costs are paid by the national Federation of the appointed referee according to the national Federations tariffs.

**3.5.3.** The Per Diem will be paid in € (Euros).

**3.5.4.** The Per Diem shall be paid to the match officials before the finishing of the competitions concerned unless agreed otherwise.

### **3.6. ORGANIZING COSTS**

The hosting club is responsible for all organizing costs of home games (i.e. sports hall rent, equipment etc.)

## **4. FINANCIAL DAMAGES**

The participating clubs are responsible for their own financial damage. In case of not solving all financial obligations during participation of the BL competition, the club concerned in question is deemed not to participate in the BL.

## **5. FINES & SANCTION**

In case of not respecting the present regulations - fines will be applied.

Any modification of this list shall be approved by the BL Jury.

The financial sanctions listed in the table of financial sanctions (attachment No 1) do not exclude any other sanctions.

## **6. CASES NOT FORESEEN**

All cases not provided for by the current regulations shall be settled by the BL Jury.

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**Baltic League (BL)****Table of sanctions  
2025/2026****I Preparation Round**

No	Item	Deadline	Sanction
1.*	Non-Sending BL Form BL-01 – for new clubs Non-Sending BL Form BL-01 – for all regular participating clubs	11.08.2025	No right to participate
2.	Non-Sending BL Form BL-02	15.09.2025	No right to participate
3.	Request for approval of a Competition Hall (BL Form BL-03) for new clubs Request for approval of a Competition Hall to all participating clubs	15.09.2025 During all season 30 days before the match to which is requested	200 EUR
4.	Delay with payment of Registration Fee	01.08.2025	500 EUR
5.	Delay with payment of Players Licenses	15.09.2025	200 EUR
6.	Non-sending /uploading of Team & players picture	15.09.2025	200 EUR
7.	Giving wrong information concerning players	All period	200 EUR/per player
8.	Withdrawal/forfeit of team after the written acknowledgement of its application until of the start of Main Tournament		1000 EUR

**II Main Tournament, Play off's + Final Round**

1.	Delay in providing all required information	All period	50 EUR for each item
2.	Non presence of a linesman or ball retrievers or quick moppers	All period	50 EUR per match
3.	Non presentation original of collective license (CL-02) to 1 <sup>st</sup> Referee before the match	All period	50 EUR per match
4.	Non presentation original of players' sanction list (CL-09) with collective license to 1 <sup>st</sup> Referee before the match	All period	50 EUR per match
5.	Training sessions in the competition hall not under the same conditions as the match	All period	100 EUR per match
6.	Non-conformity of team uniforms (incl. required color) – for visiting team	All period	100 EUR per match
7.	No correct size of numbers on players uniforms	All period	100 EUR per match
8.	No correct color uniform	All period	500 EUR per match
9.	Updating of collective license	All period	50 EUR
10.	Incorrect behavior of player (or official team member) during the match or after the match: every 2nd penalty 1 expulsion 1 disqualification All sanctions are cancelled after each stage (except if decided otherwise by the Jury)	All period	100 EUR 200 EUR Turn out next match + Jury decision
11.	Non-respect of the deadline - no match statistics on server - non sending scoresheet by mail to concern NF Secretariat	½ hour after match in 7 working days after	50 EUR per match 50 EUR per match

		each match	
12.	Non-providing statistics and live score during the match	All period	100 EUR per match
13.	Changing of starting time of the match: - till 10 days before the match - 4 – 9 days before the match - 3 and less days before the match	All period	25 EUR per match 50 EUR per match 100 EUR per match
14.	Changing of competition hall: - till 10 days before the match - 4 – 9 days before the match - 3 or less days of the match	All period	25 EUR 50 EUR 100 EUR
15.	Changing date of the match: - till 10 days before the match - 4 – 9 days before the match - 3 or less days of the match	All period	40 EUR 100 EUR 200 EUR
16.	Non respect of marketing and technical requirements of the match (according to the technical and marketing rules) Non respecting technical equipment and other technical requirements of sport hall	All period	Up to 100 EUR per match
17.	Organizing of match on the non-required level (based on opposite team written protests)	All period	Up to 150 EUR per match
18.	Presenting of non-registered player in a team Presenting foreign players without ITC in a team	All period	300 EUR + match lost (Losing of the match 0:3)
19.	Refusal from official match: - <b>first time</b> NB! Payment has to be done before the next match of the team concerned. Otherwise, the team concerned will be withdrawn from the competition. - <b>second time</b>	All period	2500,00€ (to the national federation of origin).  Suspension of the team
20.	Fully non-comply with the official court layout (incl. flags and League advertising banners and team names)	All period	100 EUR per match
21.	Late of all payments for BL	All period	Decision by concerned National federation
22.	Withdrawal/forfeit of the team before 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> STAGE (Play offs, Finals)	before 07.02.2026	5000 EUR
23.	Withdrawal/forfeit of the team before 4 <sup>th</sup> STAGE (National Championships)	before 14.03.2026	1000 EUR
24.	Withdrawal of organizing of League Final after confirmation receiving in concerned National Federation	Respective period	1000 EUR
25.	Non presentation of team at Awarding Ceremony		500 EUR
26.	Sport hall doesn't comply to TV demands, to which concerned National Federation has the written agreement to TV transmission (in all stages of BL (1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> ), or team refuse to fulfil demands concerning sport hall by approved TV request	All period	Disqualification of team from further competition + additional decision of BL Jury with financial sanctions

#### Additional information

- In case of sanctions the 1st referee of the match has to inform home Federation about it directly after the match.
- All sanctions, applied to clubs, will remain at disposal of concerned National federation.