

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE
EUROCUP WOMEN
2026-2027



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I. ADMINISTRATION

1. COMPETITION

- 1.1 The **EuroCup Women (ECW)** is a European Club Competition for women's clubs, legally and formally organised, governed and administered by FIBA Europe.

2. TROPHY

- 2.1 FIBA Europe will present a trophy to the winner of the **EuroCup Women (ECW)**.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 FIBA Europe and the clubs participating in the **EuroCup Women (ECW)** may contact each other directly, provided that the National Federations concerned are informed at the same time.
- 3.2 For administrative purposes, all correspondence regarding the **EuroCup Women (ECW)** shall be in **English**.

4. WORKSHOP FOR STATISTICIANS

- 4.1 Only FIBA licensed statisticians are entitled to work in any game of the EuroCup Women.
- 4.2 All National Federations are expected to organise FIBA endorsed workshops within their country in order to get statisticians licensed. All clubs shall contact their respective National Federation as early as possible during the off-season regarding such workshop.
- 4.3 If necessary FIBA Europe might also organise a central workshop before the start of the season.

II. RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2025-2026 SEASON

5. NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

5.1 Any European National Federation which is a member of FIBA is entitled, in accordance with the provisions set out below and according to the regulations valid for the respective national competitions, to enter a certain number of its clubs in the **EuroCup Women (ECW)**.

5.2 National Federations ranked 1st to 5th in the 3-year ranking of European Club Competitions may register up to five (5) clubs in the EuroCup Women (ECW). National Federations ranked 6th to 10th in the 3-year ranking of European Club Competitions may register up to four (4) clubs in the EuroCup Women (ECW). National Federations ranked 11th or lower in the 3-year ranking of European Club Competitions may register up to three (3) clubs in the EuroCup Women (ECW).

The ECW Champion of the previous season shall be entitled to a spot in the ECW, if not qualified via the country ranking and its own domestic result.

Such spot would come on top of the respective country's quota.

If the ECW Champion of the previous season is qualified to ECW via the country ranking, the respective National Federation will not receive an additional spot.

Note 1: If thirty-two (32) or less clubs register, then no Qualifiers will be played and there will be eight (8) groups of four (4) clubs or less.

Note 2: If between thirty-three (33) and thirty-nine (39) clubs register, then Qualifiers will be played to reduce the number of clubs to thirty-two (32). In this case there will be eight (8) groups of four (4) clubs.

Note 3: If between forty (40) and forty-seven (47) clubs register, then Qualifiers will be played to reduce the number of clubs to forty (40). In this case there will be ten (10) groups of four (4) clubs.

Note 4: If forty-eight (48) or more clubs register then Qualifiers will be played to reduce the number of clubs to forty-eight (48). In this case there will be twelve (12) groups of four (4) clubs.

6. CLUBS

Any club which is registered through the National Federation is entitled to participate in the **EuroCup Women (ECW)** provided that the following requirements are guaranteed:

- The Financial guarantee (deposit) of 10,000 EUR will be transferred by the given deadline in accordance to article 8 of these Regulations.
- The registration fee of 500 EUR will be transferred by the given deadline in accordance to article 8 of these Regulations.
- The playing hall and all basketball facilities are according to the Official Basketball Rules and FIBA Europe Competitions Regulations, in particular clear of all non-basketball lines.
- The playing hall has to have a seating capacity of a minimum of **800** seats.
- The club hotel has to be top international standard category.

7. EVALUATION OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATIONS FOR THE 2026-2027 SEASON

7.1 The results are evaluated as follows:

CUP	ROUND	PLACE	POINTS		
ECW	Q		2	Q	Qualifiers
	RS	4 3	4 6	R1	Regular Season
	P01		10		Play-Off Round 1 - 8 or 16 Clubs eliminated in home and away games
	R16		14	R16	Round of 16 8 Clubs eliminated in home and away games
	QF		20	QF	Quarter-Finals 4 Clubs eliminated in home and away games
	SF		24	SF	Semi-Finals 2 Clubs eliminated in home and away games
	Finals	2 1	30 40	Finals	Finals home and away games

- 7.2 Each club will only receive the maximum number of points obtained during the season in question as per above.
- 7.3 Each National Federation will accumulate the number of points for all its women's clubs for the season in question.
- 7.4 The final ranking will always be based on the results of the last **three (3)** European Club Competitions seasons.

8. REGISTRATION OF CLUBS

8.1 Registration Fee

- 8.1.1 The participation fee for the **EuroCup Women (ECW)** is as follows:
- EUR 500: Registration fee
 - EUR 100: Single insurance premium
- 8.1.2 The registration fee and the single insurance premium will **not be reimbursed** to the club, if the club withdraws or forfeits after having registered. In such a case the FIBA Europe Regulations for Club Competitions, articles 55, 56 and 58 will be applied in full.

8.2 Financial guarantee (deposit)

- EUR 10,000: Financial guarantee (deposit)
- 8.2.1 The club **must** submit an irrevocable bank transfer confirmation of EUR 10,000 as a financial guarantee (deposit) to ensure the proper organisation of the competition.
- 8.2.2 This amount **will be reimbursed** to the club after the completion of the competition:
- **Totally**, if the club has fulfilled its obligations according to the FIBA Europe Competitions Regulations,
 - **Partially**, if the club has not fulfilled its obligations according to the FIBA Europe Competitions Regulations. The portion of the amount retained will be determined by FIBA Europe according to the actual "damage" caused.
 - **Partially**, if the club has any outstanding debts with FIBA Europe.
- **No reimbursement**, if the club withdraws or forfeits after having registered. In such a case the FIBA Europe Regulations for Club Competitions, articles 59, 60 and 62 will be applied in full.

8.3 Terms of Payments

- 8.3.1 Payment for participation shall be made by **Tuesday 30th June 2026** at the latest.
- A good copy of bank transfer (Financial guarantee EUR 10,000, Registration fee EUR 500 and EUR 100 single insurance premium) and identification details in English **must** accompany the registration form.
 - The amount **must** be credited to FIBA Europe's bank account:
UniCredit Bank AG Munich
Account-number: 658 505 238
Bank code: 700 202 70
IBAN: DE 79 7002 0270 0658 5052 38
Swift address: HY VE DE MM
- 8.3.2 Registrations for the **EuroCup Women (ECW)** will not be accepted unless accompanied by all documents foreseen in articles 11.1 to 11.4 of the Regulations for European Club Competitions duly completed and signed.

III. CALENDAR

9. GENERAL CALENDAR EUROCUP WOMEN (ECW)

FIBA Europe date: **Thursday**

FIBA Europe time: **20:30 local time**

ECW				
2026	SEP	24	THU	QR-1
	OCT	1	THU	QR-2
		15	THU	RS-1
		22	THU	RS-2
		29	THU	RS-3
	NOV	4	WED	RS-4
		26	THU	RS-5
	DEC	3	THU	RS-6
2027	JAN	7	THU	PO-1
		14	THU	PO-2
		28	THU	R16-1
	FEB	3	WED	R16-2
		25	THU	QF-1
	MAR	4	THU	QF-2
		11	THU	SF-1
		18	THU	SF-2
	APR	1	THU	F-1
		8	THU	F-2

- Q** Qualifiers
- RS** Regular Season
- PO** Play-Off Round 1
- R16** Round of 16
- QF** Quarter-Finals
- SF** Semi-Finals

10. DRAW

10.1 All clubs taking part in the **EuroCup Women (ECW)** must have a representative present at the Draw on **Thursday 16th July 2026** in Munich, Germany.

IMPORTANT: At the Draw the following will be decided:

1. Date of the game
2. Time of the game

IV. SYSTEM OF COMPETITION

11. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- 11.1 The system of competition for the **EuroCup Women (ECW)** is determined by the decision of FIBA Europe based on the proposal of the Competitions' Commission.
- 11.2 The **EuroCup Women (ECW)** will be officiated by three (3) Referees.
- 11.3 In principle, the games of the **EuroCup Women (ECW)** are played on **Thursday** (FIBA Europe date) except for the game weeks before the International Windows and other dates approved by the Board of Europe in which case the FIBA Europe date is Wednesday.
- Note:** No date changes will be accepted twenty (20) days or less before a game is scheduled.
- 11.4 Teams not qualified for the EuroLeague Women competition 2026-2027 from the possible Qualifiers of the EuroLeague Women will be seeded automatically for Regular Season of the **EuroCup Women (ECW)** competition 2026-2027.
- 11.5 Teams that finished 4th in their respective EuroLeague Women Regular Season - First Round group will join the EuroCup Women for the Play-Off Round 1.

The system of competition for the EuroCup Women (ECW) is as follows:

12. QUALIFIERS

- 12.1 **Option 1:**
If between thirty-three (33) and thirty-nine (39) clubs register, then Qualifiers will be played to reduce the number of clubs to thirty-two (32). In this case there will be eight (8) groups of four (4) clubs.
- 12.2 **Option 2:**
If between forty (40) and forty-seven (47) clubs register, then Qualifiers will be played to reduce the number of clubs to forty (40). In this case there will be ten (10) groups of four (4) clubs.
- 12.3 **Option 3:**
Option 3: If forty-eight (48) or more clubs register then Qualifiers will be played to reduce the number of clubs to forty-eight (48). In this case there will be twelve (12) groups of four (4) clubs.
- 12.4 Each club will play the same opponent twice in home and away games before being eliminated or qualifying for the **Regular Season**.
- 12.5 The clubs with the higher ranking shall play the second game at home.

13. REGULAR SEASON

Option 1

- 13.1 The **thirty-two (32) clubs** will be divided into eight (8) groups (A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H) of four (4) clubs each. Each club will play the other clubs in its own group in home and away games (six (6) games for each club).
- 13.2 A maximum of one (1) club from each country can be in the same group.

The order of the games will be as follows:

<u>Game Day:</u>	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
	1-4	3-1	1-2	4-1	1-3	2-1
	2-3	4-2	3-4	3-2	2-4	4-3

The numbers above will be given to the participating clubs by draw.

- 13.3 The two (2) best-placed clubs in each group (sixteen (16) clubs) and the four (4) best 3rd placed clubs will qualify to the Play-Off Round 1 together with four (4) clubs coming from the EuroLeague Women Regular Season - First Round.
- All twenty-four (24) clubs will then be ranked 1 to 24 as follows:
1. The 8 ECW group winners are ranked 1-8 according to criteria set in the Official Basketball Rules, section D.
 2. The 4 ELW clubs are ranked 9-12 according to criteria set in the Official Basketball Rules, section D.
 3. The 8 ECW 2nd placed clubs will be ranked 13-20 according to criteria set in the Official Basketball Rules, section D.
 4. The 4 ECW 3rd placed clubs will be ranked 21-24 according to criteria set in the Official Basketball Rules, section D.

Option 2

- 13.4 The **forty (40) clubs** will be divided into ten (10) groups of four clubs each (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J) of four (4) clubs each. Each club will play the other clubs in its own group in home and away games (six (6) games for each club).

- 13.5 A maximum of one (1) club from each country can be in the same group.

The order of the games will be as follows:

Game Day:	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
	1-4	3-1	1-2	4-1	1-3	2-1
	2-3	4-2	3-4	3-2	2-4	4-3

The numbers above will be given to the participating clubs by draw.

- 13.6 The two (2) best-placed clubs in each group (20 in total) and the four (4) clubs coming from the EuroLeague Women Regular Season - First Round will qualify to the Play-Off Round 1.

All twenty-four (24) clubs will then be ranked 1 to 24 as follows:

1. The 10 ECW group winners are ranked 1-10 according to criteria set in the Official Basketball Rules, section D.
2. The 4 ELW clubs are ranked 11-14 according to criteria set in the Official Basketball Rules, section D.
3. The 10 ECW 2nd placed clubs will be ranked 15-24 according to criteria set in the Official Basketball Rules, section D.

Option 3

- 13.7 The **forty-eight (48) clubs** will be divided into twelve (12) groups (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, I, J, K, L, M) of four (4) clubs each. Each club will play the other clubs in its own group in home and away games (six (6) games for each club).

- 13.8 A maximum of one (1) club from each country can be in the same group.

The order of the games will be as follows:

Game Day:	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
	1-4	3-1	1-2	4-1	1-3	2-1
	2-3	4-2	3-4	3-2	2-4	4-3

The numbers above will be given to the participating clubs by draw.

- 13.9 The two (2) best-placed clubs in each group plus the four (4) best 3rd placed clubs will qualify for the PlayOffs Round 1, together with four (4) clubs coming from the EuroLeague Women Regular Season - First Round (32 clubs in total).

- 13.10 All thirty-two (32) clubs will then be ranked 1-32 as follows:

1. The 4 ELW clubs will be ranked 1-4 according to the criteria set in the Official Basketball Rules, section D.
2. The 12 ECW group winners will be ranked 5-16 according to the criteria set in the Official Basketball Rules, section D.
3. The 12 ECW 2nd placed clubs will be ranked 17-28 according to the criteria set in the Official Basketball Rules, section D.
4. The 4 ECW 3rd placed clubs will be ranked 29-32 according to criteria set in the Official Basketball Rules, section D.

14. PLAY-OFFS

- 14.1 All games of the Play-Off Round 1, the Round of 16, Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals will be played on Thursday.

- 14.2 The games of the Finals will also be played on Thursday.

- 14.3 Each qualified club will play two (2) games (home and away games).

- 14.4 The higher ranked team plays the first game away.

Note: The two (2) games (home and away) are considered as one match. If at the end of the first game there is a tie, the score will stand and no extra period will be played. If the aggregated score of both games is tied, the 2nd game shall continue with as many extra periods of 5 minutes as necessary to break the tie.

15. PLAY-OFF ROUND 1

- 15.1 **Option 1:**

In case of thirty-two (32) clubs in the Regular Season, all twenty-four (24) clubs that advanced will then be ranked 1 to 24 according to the criteria set in article 13.3. The best eight (8) clubs will automatically progress to the Round of 16. The clubs ranked 9 to 24 will play home and away games as follows:

1.	9 th v 24 th	2.	10 th v 23 rd	3.	11 th v 22 nd	4.	12 th v 21 st
5.	13 th v 20 th	6.	14 th v 19 th	7.	15 th v 18 th	8.	16 th v 17 th

- 15.2 **Option 2:**

In case of forty clubs in the Regular Season, all twenty-four (24) clubs that advanced will then be ranked 1 to 24 according to the criteria set in article 13.6. The best eight (8) clubs will automatically progress to the Round of 16. The clubs ranked 9 to 24 will play home and away games as follows:

1.	9 th v 24 th	2.	10 th v 23 rd	3.	11 th v 22 nd	4.	12 th v 21 st
5.	13 th v 20 th	6.	14 th v 19 th	7.	15 th v 18 th	8.	16 th v 17 th

The winner of the Play-Offs Round 1 will qualify for the Round of 16.

15.3 Option 3:

In case of forty-eight (48) clubs in the Regular Season, the all thirty-two (32) clubs that advanced will then be ranked 1 to 32 according to the Official Basketball rules, section D and will play home and away as follows:

1.	1 st v 32 th	2.	2 nd v 31 th	3.	3 rd v 30 th	4.	4 th v 29 th
5.	5 th v 28 th	6.	6 th v 27 th	7.	7 th v 26 th	8.	8 th v 25 th
9.	9 th v 24 th	10.	10 th v 23 rd	11.	11 th v 22 nd	12.	12 th v 21 st
13.	13 th v 20 th	14.	14 th v 19 th	15.	15 th v 18 th	16.	16 th v 17 th

16. ROUND OF 16

16.1 Option 1:

The eight (8) best ranked clubs from the Regular Season will play against the winners of the Play-Off Round 1:

9.	1 vs. Winner 8	10.	2 vs. Winner 7	11.	3 vs. Winner 6	12.	4 vs. Winner 5
13.	5 vs. Winner 4	14.	6 vs. Winner 3	15.	7 vs. Winner 2	16.	8 vs. Winner 1

16.2 Option 2:

The eight (8) best ranked clubs from the Regular Season will play against the winners of the Play-Off Round 1.

9.	1 vs. Winner 8	10.	2 vs. Winner 7	11.	3 vs. Winner 6	12.	4 vs. Winner 5
13.	5 vs. Winner 4	14.	6 vs. Winner 3	15.	7 vs. Winner 2	16.	8 vs. Winner 1

16.3 Option 3:

The 16 clubs qualified will play home and away games as follows:

17.	Winner 1 vs Winner 16	18.	Winner 2 vs Winner 15	19.	Winner 3 vs Winner 14	20.	Winner 4 vs Winner 13
21.	Winner 5 vs Winner 12	22.	Winner 6 vs Winner 11	23.	Winner 7 vs Winner 10	24.	Winner 8 vs Winner 9

16.4 The winners of the Round of 16 will qualify for the **Quarter-Finals**.

17. QUARTER-FINALS

17.1 Option 1:

The eight (8) clubs qualified from the Round of 16 will play home and away games as follows:

17.	Winner 9 vs Winner 16	18.	Winner 10 vs Winner 15	19.	Winner 11 vs Winner 14	20.	Winner 12 vs Winner 13
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Option 2:

17.	Winner 9 vs Winner 16	18.	Winner 10 vs Winner 15	19.	Winner 11 vs Winner 14	20.	Winner 12 vs Winner 13
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Option 3:

25.	Winner 17 vs Winner 24	26.	Winner 18 vs Winner 23	27.	Winner 19 vs Winner 22	28.	Winner 20 vs Winner 21
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17.2. The winners of the Quarter-Finals will qualify for the Semi-Finals.

18. SEMI-FINALS

18.1 Option 1:

21.	Winner 17 vs Winner 20	22.	Winner 18 vs Winner 19
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Option 2:

21.	Winner 17 vs Winner 20	22.	Winner 18 vs Winner 19
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Option 3:

29.	Winner 25 vs Winner 28	30.	Winner 26 vs Winner 27
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18.2 The winners of the Semi-Finals will qualify for the **Finals**.

19. FINALS

19.1 The two (2) clubs qualified from the Semi-Final will play home and away games as follows:

Option 1:

23.	Winner 21 vs Winner 22
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Option 2:

23.	Winner 21 vs Winner 22
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Option 3:

31.	Winner 29 vs Winner 30
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V. PLAYERS

All provisions in the Regulations for European Club Competitions apply unless stated otherwise in these regulations.

20. PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS:

- 20.1 The principle of free circulation within FIBA Europe applies to the European Club Competitions for nationals from Countries belonging to the European Zone.
- 20.2 Each club participating in EuroCup Women may register an unlimited number of players who:
- 20.2.1 Have **only** the Legal Nationality of a Country or Countries belonging the European Zone; **or**
- 20.2.2 Have or had the legal nationality of a Country that does not belong to the European Zone and have acquired the legal nationality of a Country belonging to the European Zone by naturalisation or by any other means **before** having reached the age of eighteen (18). For the sake of clarity and for the purpose of this article (and article 20.4), it is considered that a player acquires a legal nationality only when she claims such right, regardless if the player has the right to acquire a second nationality at birth or is legally considered having acquired it retroactively by birth when she claims it.
- 20.2.3 For purpose of article 20.2.2, the player's passport will be considered by FIBA Europe as the principal mean of evidence to support the acquisition and the date of acquisition of a nationality.
- 20.3 Each club participating in EuroCup Women may register a maximum of:
- 20.3.1 **two (2) players** who do not have the Legal Nationality of a Country belonging to the European Zone; and,
- 20.3.2 **one (1) additional player** who has or had the Legal Nationality of a Country that does not belong to the European Zone and has acquired the Legal Nationality of a Country belonging to the European Zone by naturalisation or by any other means **after** having reached the age of eighteen (18).

For the sake of clarity, players naturalised after 18 as per article 20.3.2 may be included in the limited amount of two foreign players provided under article 20.3.1.

As a result, the three following options of registration shall be authorised for the clubs:

1	NON-European	NON-European	Naturalised after 18
2	NON-European	Naturalised after 18	Naturalised after 18
3	Naturalised after 18	Naturalised after 18	Naturalised after 18

- 20.4 These provisions on eligibility **do not** apply retroactively. Therefore, any player that has been registered or had the opportunity (by fulfilling the requested conditions) to be registered for EuroLeague Women/EuroCup Women without any restriction (not part of the quotas) under the previous regulations before 18 March 2019, shall maintain such status.
- 20.5 Once a player is registered for the current basketball season, no change of the player's national status for European Club Competitions purposes shall be permitted in the course of that season. This provision applies irrespective of the player acquiring a new legal nationality during this period (i.e the national status of a player as indicated at the time of her initial registration at the beginning [or in the course] of the respective season remains unchanged until the end of the season).

The Club and its National Federation are jointly and severally responsible for the eligibility of Club's players at all times and will bear the consequences of any infractions of the Regulations governing the EuroCup Women, the Competitions Regulations of FIBA Europe and the FIBA Internal Regulations governing Eligibility, National Status, International Transfer and Age of Players.

21. LICENCES

- 21.1 FIBA "B" Licences for Players are subject to a payment.
- 21.2 A player who has obtained a FIBA "B" Licence does not need a separate "A" Licence, provided that the player continues to play for the club for which the "B" licence was issued.

22. PRELIMINARY ROSTER

- 22.1 National Federations shall enter into the FIBA Management and Administration Platform (MAP) all Preliminary Rosters for clubs participating in FIBA European Club Competitions.
- 22.2 The Preliminary Roster will open in the FIBA Management and Administration Platform (MAP) sixty (60) days prior to the start of the respective rounds as per article 22.3.

- 22.3 All necessary documents to establish the eligibility of players must be uploaded in the FIBA Management and Administration Platform (MAP) by the given deadlines:
Qualifiers: Preliminary Roster opens on [Sunday 26st July 2026](#) and closes on [Monday 21st September 2026 16:00 CET](#)
Regular Season: Preliminary Roster opens on [Sunday 16th August 2026](#) and closes on [Friday 9th October 2026](#) (last day for changes)
- 22.4 The Preliminary Roster is considered “final and irrevocable” for the Qualifiers and the Regular Season, as per article 22.3 deadlines.
- 22.5 Only the FIBA Europe date is valid for the above-given deadlines regardless of whether the club changed the date of the first game at the Draw.

23. PROCEDURE FOR CHANGES

- 23.1 Any changes must be made by the club through its National Federation.
- 23.2 For the Clubs participating in the Regular Season, up to three (3) Players of any given nationality may be added / replaced on the Club Delegation Roster from [Friday 16th October 2026](#) until [Thursday 31st December 2026](#). Unused additions/replacements cannot be carried over; therefore, any changes not utilized by the club until [31st December 2026](#) will be forfeited. Two (2) more additions/replacements of players of any given nationality will be allowed until [Tuesday 23rd February 2027](#). No changes can be made from [Wednesday 6th January 2027](#) until [Thursday 14th January 2027](#) and from [Wednesday 27th January 2027](#) until [Thursday 3rd February 2027](#).
- 23.3 Any of those five (5) additions/replacements to the Club Delegation Roster must be finalised, i.e. the complete documentation (including the Letter of Clearance) must be submitted in MAP by the National Federation by specific days. For games taking place on Tuesday or Wednesday of a given week, documents must be received by no later than Monday at 16:00 CET. For games taking place on Thursday or Friday, documents must be received by no later than Tuesday at 16:00 CET.

EUROCUP WOMEN 2026-2027 DEADLINES					
QR 21/09/2026 16:00 CET	from 02/10/2026 until 09/10/2026	RS 09/10/2026	from 16/10/2026 31/12/2026	from 01/01/2027 until 23/02/2027	from 24/02/2027
<i>Qualification Round Preliminary Roster deadline</i>	For clubs that qualify to the RS from the QR and from the ELW unlimited changes are allowed (changes valid for RS only)	<i>Regular Season Preliminary Roster deadline</i>	3 additions / replacements*	2 more additions / replacements no changes from 06/01/2027 until 14/01/2027 no changes from 27/01/2027 until 03/02/2027	NO MORE CHANGES

*For clubs that qualify to the PO1 from the ELW RS-FR, the number of changes will be carried over.

- 23.4. Each club participating in EuroCup Women may register U20 players without it counting towards the additions/replacements. While U20 players are exempt from counting toward the quota of limited additions or replacements, their registration must comply with the same deadlines and procedures applicable to all players.
- 23.4.1 U20 players who meet the following requirements are exempt from the limit of five (5) additions or replacements:
- They hold the legal nationality of a country or countries belonging to the European Zone;
 - They have had the legal nationality of a country outside of the European Zone and acquired the legal nationality of a country belonging to the European Zone before the age of eighteen (18); For the purpose of article 23.4.1 above, the player's passport will be considered by FIBA Europe as the principle mean of evidence to support the acquisition and date of acquisition of a given nationality.
- 23.4.2 To be eligible, players must be part of the club's youth structure and already registered in their youth/senior teams for the current season by the Preliminary Roster closure of the Regular Season. Players, are registered after this date or loaned to another club outside the country (with a Letter of Clearance issued) and subsequently return to their original club within the same season, would not meet the eligibility criteria and will be part of the five additions/replacements.
- 23.4.3 The age limit for U20 is defined as players who are 20 years old or younger on the first day of a competition's season. To determine the age limit, subtract 20 from the year in which the competition begins, with the understanding that the year begins on 1st January. For example, for the 2026-2027 season, players born on or after 1st January, 2006, are considered U20.

VI. FINALS

1. The respective National Federations shall assist FIBA Europe and its Executive Director in supervising the organisation of the games of the Finals both before and after they have taken place.
2. FIBA Europe will provide organisational details and a list of equipment regarding the Finals for the **EuroCup Women (ECW)**. All requirements are obligatory for the organising club.

VII. FINANCES

24. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

- 24.1 Officiating fee (net of all deductions) for commissioner, referees and single judge

Qualifiers	Referee	EUR 400
	Commissioner	EUR 400
Regular Season, Play-Off Round 1 & Round of 16	Referee	EUR 500
	Commissioner	EUR 400
Quarter-Finals to Finals	Referee	EUR 600
	Commissioner	EUR 500
	Single Judge	EUR 500
	Referee Instructor	EUR 500

The Host Club shall take care of all logistics (transportation, accommodation, fees, meals) of the Referees and the Commissioner. No other involvement or interference (e.g. entertainment program) by a Club in the Officials' schedule and logistics is allowed. The booking of flight tickets directly by the Officials shall only be done upon approval of the host club. FIBA Europe may issue detailed guidelines governing the relation between clubs and Officials.

- 24.2 "B" Licences for Players are subject to a payment to FIBA Europe
"B" Licences for Players (per player) **EUR 75**
- 24.3 All participating clubs shall pay to FIBA Europe:
Registration fee **EUR 500**
Single insurance premium **EUR 100**
- 24.4 FIBA Europe will cover the cost of one (1) set of ECW floor stickers (2 floor stickers) per participating club. Any additional set (two (2) floor stickers; EUR 600 plus shipping costs) will be invoiced to the club.
- 24.5 Terms of Payment to FIBA Europe and/or the entity designated by FIBA Europe.
- 24.5.1 In accordance with the tax regulations in force in the Federal Republic of Germany, invoices may be subject to German Value Added Tax (VAT).
- 24.5.2 Moreover, fees and dues, rights, participation fees, fines or any other amounts invoiced must be paid to FIBA Europe and/or the entity designated by FIBA Europe in full, i. e. **without any deductions** (bank charges, etc.) and on receipt of invoice (except registration fees and insurance fees which are due on the given dates).
- 24.5.3 Any redistribution of income to the participants will be made in accordance with the present German tax regulations.
- 24.5.4 The host club is responsible for customs clearance and all related costs of shipments from FIBA Europe. The host club must also provide FIBA Europe with all the necessary information and/or documentation for the customs clearance. Any costs relating to missing information or incomplete information/documentation will be charged to the host club.

25. GAME VIDEOS ONLINE PLATFORM

- 25.1 The home team will provide a copy of the game video on USB to the opponent before they leave the venue.
- 25.2 The home team will upload the game video within 24 hours to the online platform provided by FIBA Europe.
- 25.3 Third parties will be able to download game videos from the online platform provided by FIBA Europe.

Note: The use of this platform is mandatory for all clubs.

VIII. GENERAL NOTE

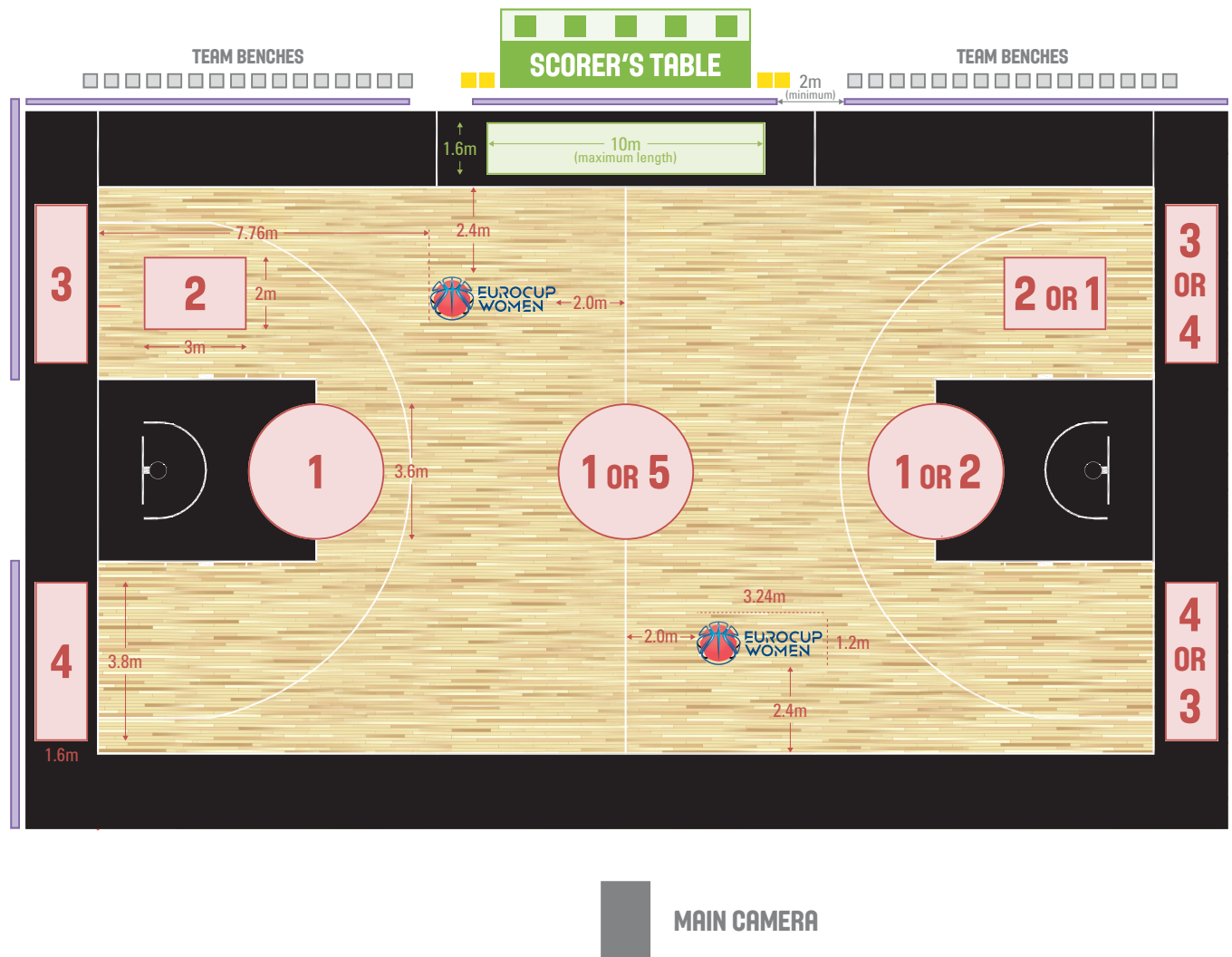
In addition to these Regulations, all provisions of the FIBA Europe Competitions Regulations, the Regulations for European Club Competitions and the Official Basketball Rules are valid for this competition. In case of conflict or discrepancy, the present Regulations will prevail.

IX. SUMMARY OF DEADLINES

	23.06.2026	Registration of club by National Federation
Article 8.3.2	30.06.2026	Registration of club: Arbitration Agreement Playing hall information
Articles 8.1, 8.2	30.06.2026	Payment of: 1. Financial guarantee (deposit) 2. Registration fee 3. Single insurance premium
	30.06.2026	Official name of club
Article 22	21.09.2026 16:00 CET	Qualification Round - Preliminary Roster
	09.10.2026	Regular Season - Preliminary Roster
Article 23	From 16.10.2026 until 31.12.2026	3 additions / replacements can be made on the Preliminary Roster
Article 23	From 01.01.2027 until 23.02.2027	2 more additions / replacements can be made on the Preliminary Roster No changes allowed between 06.01.2027 and 14.01.2027 No changes allowed between 27.01.2027 and 03.02.2027
Article 23	23.02.2027	No more changes to the Preliminary roster.

X. ANNEX I: COURT LAYOUT OF THE EUROCUP WOMEN (ECW)

Note: This court layout is not valid for the ECW Finals. A detailed court layout will be provided to the host clubs of the Finals at a later stage.



Positions 1 to 5 are advertising possibilities for the host team.

Position 3 is provisionally reserved by FIBA Europe. In case there is a FIBA Europe Commercial Partner, this position must be released to FIBA Europe at any point in the season.

Spaces with the same numbers must contain identical advertising (design, size and sponsor).

EuroCup Women sticker on the right bottom corner (facing the basket) of both backboards.

■ Host Country, Host City or Arena Branding (when applicable)

■ Advertising Boards

26. FIBA LOGO & EUROCUP WOMEN LOGO

- 26.1 The EuroCup Women logo must be put as a link on every club's website fourteen (14) days prior to the first (1st) game.
- 26.2 FIBA Europe will provide one (1) EuroCup Women (ECW) flag displaying the competition logo to each club. The flag will be free of charge for the club. The flag must be displayed prominently in the gym during the game.
- 26.3 FIBA Europe will deliver to each club two (2) **EuroCup Women (ECW)** floor stickers to be placed on the floor. The **EuroCup Women (ECW)** floor stickers must appear on the playing court as shown in Annex I.
- 26.4 The competition backboard stickers must appear on the lower right corner (when looking at the basket) of each backboard.
- 26.5 The players' shirts must bear the competition logo.
- 26.6 The competition logo must appear on the backdrop during press conferences.
- 26.7 All printed material and tickets must bear the competition logo. FIBA Europe will provide the Clubs with some templates for print material

27. STANDARDS

- 27.1 No official national anthems will be played at the games.
- 27.2 The FIBA music must be played during all games according to the official game rundown as provided by the Offices of FIBA Europe.
- 27.3 Coach, assistant coaches and all other people on the bench other than the players and any person having specific working duties such as a physiotherapist, are required to be formally dressed.
- 27.4 Hotels and hospitality must be of good quality.
- 27.5 The Commissioner will contact the opponents to ensure accommodation and food standards are appropriate.
- 27.6 The Arenas must fulfil the required standards according to the Regulations.
- 27.7 A FIBA Europe Representative might visit the facilities to ensure the high level required.
- 27.8 The official FIBA statistics software must be used for all games.
- 27.9. Any clubs that uses digital advertising boards (LEDs), shall guarantee at least three (3) lines for FIBA sponsors or promotional messages. FIBA shall inform the clubs in due time about the messages to be displayed and will provide the relevant templates (the club should finalise the layouts) to the club. Should FIBA Europe secure additional sponsor(s), the Club will be required to make more positions available on the LEDs at any point during the season.
- 27.10 There will be a presentation of players at all ECW games according to the standard of FIBA Europe.

XI. MEDIA AND BROADCASTING

28. PREAMBLE

Every game organised under the auspices of FIBA Europe, be it at club or national team level, must adhere to same standards in regard to media operations and services as well as media related obligations of the organising Federation and/or club ("Organiser") towards FIBA Europe/FIBA.

All media obligations described below may be subject to updates, based on decisions by the FIBA Europe Board or the evolution of the relevant competitions. The FIBA Communications office (communications-europe@fiba.basketball) shall inform the Organisers in due time of any such updates.

29. MEDIA AND BROADCASTING RIGHTS

FIBA Europe/FIBA is the sole owner of all media and broadcast rights for all FIBA Europe competitions, including all digital and betting/data rights, and it may, in its sole discretion, transfer part or all those rights to game organisers.

The distribution or transfer of such rights will always be specified in writing in related event guidelines and/or manuals or clearly defined under the specific competition regulations.

FIBA Europe makes active use of modern technology for the promotion of the sport of basketball and the FIBA name, for example by means of websites, video material and/or social media. To that end, FIBA Europe has the right to use any basketball-related information material produced by or available from National Federations affiliated to FIBA, clubs, or LOCs including, but not limited to, results, photographs, films and other information on the basketball activities in the respective country/competition in printed form or by other electronic means (e.g. a National Federation's, league or club website).

- FIBA Europe shall have the right to link up to any website produced by a National Federation affiliated to FIBA, clubs or LOCs.
- National Federations affiliated to FIBA, clubs or LOCs are permitted with prior approval from FIBA Europe to make use of such information for non-commercial purposes.
- National Federations affiliated to FIBA, clubs or LOCs must show the primary FIBA logo on their own Web site and must create a link up to FIBA Europe's website.
- FIBA Europe is solely responsible for creating and maintaining the official website and all official social media channels of the competition.
- If a live or delayed broadcast (TV) signal is available for any given FIBA Europe competition and/or game, FIBA Europe may request the free delivery of this signal on a pan-European satellite, in digital format as Live ("stream") and/or after the game ("VOD").
- FIBA Europe may also request broadcast quality copies of footage of an entire game or parts of it in different formats (e.g. digitised copy or broadcast tape).

30. RIGHTS TO IMAGES

FIBA Europe has the right to use photographs or video material of players, officials, etc. taken during those official FIBA Europe competitions for communication, marketing, media and other licensing activities.

In the event that, for legal reasons, such use requires the consent of a particular individual, the National Federation or club involved must ensure that such consent is obtained from or waived by the individual. FIBA Europe may require a specific form to be signed by the individual to this effect and be returned to FIBA Europe.

31. TV AND STREAMING OBLIGATIONS AND OPERATIONS

Specifically, for the EuroCup Women 2026-2027 season and unless communicated differently through a competition Rights and Production Manual before the start of the season, the following apply:

- All clubs must deliver a live broadcast of their home games for streaming on the official digital channel(s) of FIBA.
- The minimum standard of production for the Qualifiers and Regular Season is 2 human-operated cameras (1 is wide angle and 1 tight shot).
- The minimum standard of production for the Play-Off Round 1, Round of 16, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals is a 5-camera production and mandatory use of the simple version of the IRS (Instant Replay System), called RVSS (Referree Video Support System). Details will be provided during the season.
- Production of a stream, using unmanned/robotic automated camera systems is not permitted.
- All organisers can conclude broadcasting deals and produce their home games for TV, retaining related income from national territory rights (except for the Semi-Finals and the two legs of the Final).

- If there is a full TV broadcast signal this feed must be delivered to FIBA, not a feed from a separate production.
- All games must be produced using graphics (minimum acceptable standard is score; clock; shot-clock).
- Only the official FIBA event-specific TV graphics can be used. FIBA Communications will always provide the official TV graphics templates and other production-related guidelines such as competition-related graphic elements and running orders (rundowns).
- All digital rights at any stage of the competition remain with FIBA Europe.
- FIBA Europe will exploit its rights through its marketing department or a subsidiary created for this purpose. This includes but is not limited to, first, second and third party rights of a game produced for TV in any of its competitions.
- If a game is nominated as Game of the Week or in case of special TV-related projects, a maximum of two (2) FIBA Communications staff might be in attendance. They will arrive the day before the game and the club shall cover their related expenses, e.g. accommodation, for up to two (2) nights.

32. TEAM PRESS OFFICERS

All Organisers are obliged to designate a person to be responsible for all media operations (Team Press Officer). They shall inform FIBA Communications office of this person's name and contact details in due course.

It is the Press Officer's duty to welcome the journalists, handle all media needs before, during and post- game including the moderation of the post-game press conference.

The Press Officer will work in close co-operation with the FIBA Communications department and inform them on a regular basis of all news regarding his/her team, such as quotes, injuries, player transfer etc.

Each Press Officer is responsible to always send information, including postgame quotes of his/her respective team, regardless whether it was the home or away team.

33. VENUE MEDIA OPERATIONS

33.1 MEDIA ACCREDITATIONS

Media accreditations for individual games are care of the Organisers, however FIBA Europe reserves the right to advise the Organisers on the method used to accredit media for a particular game.

For all competitions in a tournament format, the accreditation process is the responsibility of FIBA Europe who may or may not pass that on to the Organisers.

33.2 MEDIA SEATING

A sufficient number of seats equipped with a work surface (tabled-seats) must be reserved for journalists in a media tribune in every venue.

33.3 MEDIA WORKING ROOM

The Organisers shall provide, within the area of the hall and close to the media tribune, a working area reserved entirely for the media, equipped with tables, power outlets and high quality broadband internet.

33.4 MIXED ZONE

The Organisers shall provide a Mixed Zone where the media meet the players to conduct interviews, following the game. This area should be adjacent or very close to the exit of the players from the court, in a quiet, well-lit location and preferably close to the other media areas.

33.5 MEDIA PARKING

Sufficient parking space shall be reserved for use by media and clearly marked in the venue parking area.

33.6 GAME MEDIA KITS

The Organisers will make their best effort to prepare and distribute a game media kit to the media, containing a maximum of information on the competition, the two teams, the venue, the commissioner/technical delegate and game officials, the time of the game and general information concerning the hall and the venue.

33.7 INTERNET

Full broadband internet should be available for use by the attending media in all venues and all games. A dedicated bandwidth of a minimum 50-100 Mbits upload must be reserved for the purposes of the delivery of streaming.

34. SOCIAL MEDIA

The Organisers shall respect the FIBA Europe policy of the relevant competition on social media. This policy in the form of guidelines will be communicated to the clubs before or after the competition's draw.

35. TEAM MEDIA AVAILABILITY

The following are mandatory for any competition for both home and visiting teams:

- Media minutes at training sessions: the training sessions are by definition closed to the public and the media unless requested otherwise by a team. Even if a training session is closed to the media the last five (5) minutes should be opened to photographers and camera crews while the coaches and players must make themselves available for media interviews after the end of each training session for at least 10 minutes (media minutes).
- Post-game press conference: no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the game the Head coach plus a player who played a significant part in the game must attend a post- game press conference (in a home and away format: the visiting team attends first, followed by the home team).
- The press conference must be conducted in English and, where possible, in the language of the home team. It is the home team's responsibility to provide a translator in the correct language to facilitate the press conference. Teams are responsible for providing translation to/from English for those team members who attend press conferences but do not speak English.

36. PRE-SEASON AND GAME DAY OBLIGATIONS

Unless indicated otherwise in competition-specific manuals or guidelines all teams must provide the following:

36.1 PRE-SEASON

- High quality headshots of their players and coaching staff prior to the start of the season.
- Their team/club logos in high quality vector format.
- Contact details of their Press Officer and their streaming and/or broadcasters.
- Roster updates.
- Other information about their team/club as requested by FIBA Communications.

36.2 GAME DAY PHOTOS

- During game days a minimum of eight (8) photos by/during half-time in the game, including key players from both the home and away team. A further minimum of eight (8) photos must also be submitted following the game. Good quality pictures of off the ball action are also acceptable. Photos of the crowd, post-game celebrations etc. can be submitted but do not count towards the eight obligatory photos.
- The FIBA BBM must be used to submit photos. The photographer assigned by the club/federation/FIBA will be given access to the BBM and instructions on how to upload the photographs. The photos must be in .jpg format as follows:
 - Horizontal photos minimum dimensions: 1300 x 900 pixels.
 - Vertical photos minimum dimensions: 800 x 1100 pixels.
 - Minimum resolution: 72 dpi
 - Subject(s) must be in focus, even in narrow depth of field of situations (e.g. when shooting with a telephoto lens)
 - Subject(s) must be well lit and in clear view (not hidden behind bodies of other players, spectators etc.)
 - No empty seats should be visible in any of the photos
 - No empty spaces (walls) should be visible in any of the photos
 - Photos should NEVER be watermarked
 - No cropping, no shrinking of the original file (colour correction is acceptable but not necessary)

Failure to comply with the above may incur administrative fines (as per article 70.7 of the Regulations for European Club Competitions).

36.3 POST-GAME QUOTES

Team Press Officers may be requested to forward to FIBA Communications post-game quotes by their respective team's coach and at least one player after each game, home or away. Those quotes can be collected at official post-game press conferences or otherwise.

The quotes must be forwarded by email to communications-europe@fiba.basketball