

**Lebanese Basketball Federation (FLB)**  
**Amended General Statute**

**Chapter One: Introduction to the Federation**

**Article one:**

The Lebanese Basketball Federation is performing in Lebanon by virtue of notified announcement issued by the Ministry of National Education and Fine Arts, under the number 3039 on the date of September 03, 1952, it is a Federation of Associations duly authorized to practice the basketball game in Lebanon, and similar federation shall not be established in the Republic of Lebanon, and it is a member of the International, Asian and Arab Federations of such game and in the Lebanese Olympic Committee, it is committed to their statutes and rules and it is performing in total independency and apart from any interference, and it is performing with no distinction and in absolute impartiality away from any belonging or affiliation. At the same time it is maintaining its presence as a civil authority not governmental which is not seeking for any gains, it is performing legally, legitimately and alone in order to manage the Basketball game in Lebanon and to ensure its independency and all the authorities in order to set and respect the rules of the game.

**Article two:**

The location of the Federation shall be in Beirut or its suburbs and its board of directors determined the official location of the Federation on the following address:

Jal-el-Dib Highway – White House Building – Block (B) – Both Third and Fourth Floors.

## **Chapter Two: Object of the Federation**

### **Article three:**

Aims of the Federation shall be:

- Supervising the basketball game in Lebanon as for its management, organization of its championships, its representation abroad, its spreading and its development.
- Binding and consolidating the relations between the Federation and the Clubs affiliated thereto, as well between the Clubs themselves.
- Binding and consolidating the relations with the local official competent authorities, with the rest of the Sportive Federations adhered under the flag of the Lebanese Olympic Committee.
- Binding and consolidating the relations with the Federations of the affiliated country to the International, Continental, Provincial and Arab Federations that are supervising this game
- Permanent relentless pursuing to banish politics, religion, personal interests and personal gains, to work with democracy and transparency with no distinction between race and sex and to adopt equity and fairness.

### **Article 4:**

The activities of the Federation shall include:

- Organizing and holding annual championships.
- Organizing and supervising local and international activities in Lebanon.
- Participating in championships, tournaments and international games outside Lebanon.
- Allowing Clubs to hold private local or international tournaments and to

participate in tournaments abroad upon the approval of the official authorities.

- Awarding trophies to winners and champions.
- Supervising the formation and preparation of National Teams in order to guarantee the best representation of Lebanon.
- Keeping records of results of championships, tournaments, games that are held or supervised by the federation.
- Holding international conventions.
- Organizing educational, preparatory, training and qualification sessions for coaches, commissioners and referees in coordination with the local or international relevant authorities for the development of Basketball game.
- Publishing the Laws and the decisions and issuing the official publications pertaining to the game
- Attending to anything related to the Lebanese Basketball Federation in Lebanon and abroad and forming the competent subcommittees to look into ways to develop and spread Basketball game.
- Endeavoring to fight against all pests (stimulants and drugs and others) and corruption of all kinds (betting and speculating and others).
- Taking the necessary measures, procedures and penalties when necessary, with preservation of the right of all parties in referring to the subcommittee of protest and appeal till the extreme degrees and exclusively to the arbitration committee pertaining to BAT or CAS. With the pursuit and constant insistence with the official authorities and the Lebanese Olympic Committee to approve the Council of sport Arbitration in Lebanon to have applied when it is approved.

### **Chapter Three: Composition of the Federation**

#### **Article 5:**

The Basketball Federation is comprised of clubs that are legally authorized to practice basketball and that are members in the federation pursuant to the regulations, provided these clubs restrict their activities to those specified in their respective General Statute and the Federation General Statute.

## **Chapter Four: Joining the Federation**

### **Article 6:**

- Every club authorized to practice basketball game and willing to join the Lebanese Basketball Federation shall submit an application before the Federation Administrative Committee signed and sealed by their president and secretary within one year from the date of their licensing decision, including their will to join the federation and to take knowledge of its various rules, the rules of FIBA and the Olympic Law and to accept them, provided that the application shall be annexed to:
  - Licensing decision;
  - Copy of the licensing decision as published in the official gazette;
  - An administrative certificate issued by the Ministry of Youth and Sports (in case the club was previously licensed and where the Basketball game is added to its licensing).
  - A list of the names of the Board of Directors (or the Founding), with their addresses, phone and fax numbers, and emails.
  - A copy of the club General Statutes, authenticated by the Ministry of Youth and Sports.
  - The legal documents concerning the play ground pertaining to the Club or put under its disposition.
  - A written pledge never to refer to the Judicial Courts, and to be committed to the rules and the decisions of the National, Provincial, Continental, International and Olympic Law of Federations.
  - The Federation Administrative Board shall provide the applicant club with a receipt showing the date of the application submitted and its number of registration.
  - The Federation Administrative Board shall examine the application within a period of two months, and shall decide whether to accept or reject it, pursuant to the standards determined by the federation regulations.
  - The club shall agree to pay the subscription fee as determined by the federation upon acceptance of its application.

### **Article 7:**

Once the decision of the Federation Administrative Board as for the acceptance or rejection is taken, the applicant club shall be notified of such decision as taken by written letter within one week from the date when the decision was issued.

Should the application be rejected, the letter shall include the reasons justifying the same, appended to a certified true copy of the subscription application and the file, and the petitioner club shall be able to present a request before the Federation to have its file reconsidered, within a delay of two months, in case the reasons behind rejecting the application have changed.

### **Article 8:**

The member clubs in the federation, namely the first, second, third and fourth divisions, shall be entitled to participate and vote at the General Assembly, provided that they took part in the championship of the division they belong to and which is determined by the Federation pursuant to its General Statute and technical bylaws, during the last sport season prior to voting or legal election, and that they paid off the annual subscription fees for the year preceding the General Assembly meeting. The fifth division clubs shall be entitled to participate in the General Assembly meetings without the right to vote provided that all clubs shall benefit from the educational sportive programs and aids of all kinds.

- A club shall not be entitled to participate in the General Assembly activities before one year has passed after joining the federation and unless it has participated in the championship of the division it belongs to during the previous season.
- If a championship was not organized, the provisions of this article shall not apply.

### **Article 9:**

Documents sent to the Federation shall not be accepted unless they were signed and sealed by the president and secretary of the club and addressed to the General Secretary of the Federation, in the official language of the Federation, that is the

Arabic language.

**Article 10:**

- Any club that stops practicing the game for as long as two successive seasons shall lose its membership in the Federation General Assembly according to the following procedure:
- With the end of the first season during which the club stopped practicing the game: it shall lose its right to vote at the General Assembly and shall be warned in written.
- With the end of the second season during which the club stopped practicing the game: it shall lose its membership right in the General Assembly, and shall be notified of the same.
- The club which has already suspended its membership or has withdrawn or been barred and that wishes to renew its subscription after obtaining a settlement of its situation from the Ministry of Youth and Sports shall comply with the terms of joining the Federation again and settle its financial situation and it shall not be entitled to exert its rights in the General Assembly before one year of membership therein and before taking part in championships.
- Players of a club that has suspended its membership or been barred shall be considered as evidently released and hence shall have the right to sign with any club they wish at the beginning of the transition period.
- Any club that breaches the provisions of the Federation General Statute and that was notified in writing to remedy that situation without responding to the warning within a period of two months shall lose their membership right in the General Assembly.
- Any club that was referred to the Judicial Courts regarding and administrative, regulatory or technical dispute, that would cause the interruption of any championship shall be barred and loses its membership in the General Assembly.

**Article 11:**

The Federation Board Committee shall determine all amounts of penalties, subscription fees and the yearly contribution at the beginning of the season.

## Chapter Five: Withdrawing from the Federation

### Article 12:

An application to withdraw from the federation shall be submitted by an official letter duly appended by the following appendices:

- Minutes of Meeting of the Board Committee that includes the decision to withdraw and signed by all the present members, provided **a quorum is established in the Board Committee.**
- Minutes of Meeting of the General Assembly that includes the decision to endorse the Board Committee's resolution **that the Board Committee's quorum is legal.**

## Chapter Six: Management of the Federation

### Article 13:

The Federation is managed by:

- A General Assembly.
- A Board Committee from which emanate an Urgent Matters subcommittee and the subcommittees of sectors and governorates, assisted by subcommittees to manage the game, namely:
  - First Division Championship Subcommittee
  - Technical Subcommittee
  - Medical Subcommittee
  - Protest and Appeal Subcommittee
  - Competitions Subcommittee
  - National Teams Subcommittee
  - Marketing and Finance Subcommittee
  - Courts and Tickets Subcommittee
  - Coaches Subcommittee
  - Basketball 3x3 Subcommittee

- Women Subcommittee

## **Chapter Seven: The General Assembly**

### **Article 14:**

The Federation General Assembly is comprised of the member clubs that are represented therein by one delegate only during the General Assembly meetings, provided that they have joined the Federation from at least one year and that they had participated in the previous mandatory annual competitions under the championship of the division they belong to, during the previous season, and that they have settled all their financial dues.

The provisions of this article shall not be applicable should the Federation fail to organize such championship.

### **Article 15:**

The delegate of the club shall prove his capacity as representative of the same at the General Assembly meetings by an official authorization issued by the Board Committee, that shall be signed and sealed by the club president and secretary, and appended by a note clearly determining the number and date of the minutes of meeting pertaining to the session during which the Board Committee took the authorization decision.

### **Article 16:**

The Federation Board Committee shall convene in a yearly regular session **during the last quarter of the year** in order to be briefed on the administrative and financial statements and balance sheet for the previous year, as well as the budget and the annual program for the forthcoming year.

Also, this General Assembly may convene in an exceptional meeting upon a call from the Board Committee or by a petition signed by two thirds of the General Assembly members.

### **Article 17:**

- Invitations for the General Assembly shall be sent at least fifteen days before the date thereof along with the agenda of the General Assembly meeting.
- Clubs wishing to look into a particular matter can notify the General Secretariat in writing up until one week before the date of the General Assembly meeting. The General Secretariat shall add the said matter under “various activities and suggestions that might be brought up.”
- Concerning the election meetings of the General Assembly, candidacy applications for the Board Committee membership shall be submitted to the General Secretariat within a period ending at least one week before the date of the General Assembly meeting, with a photo of the identity card or an original individual extract of the register of residents and a police record, valid and not void.

### **Article 18:**

- A legal quorum must be achieved during the General Assembly meetings according to the points set for each division. This means the presence of the percentage required from the points according to the division of each club that has paid its due subscription fees.
- The General Assembly sessions shall be divided into four types:
  - A yearly ordinary meeting to endorse the administrative and financial statements and balance sheet for the ending year, as well as the budget and the annual program for the forthcoming year and to discuss the agenda.
  - An exceptional meeting to discuss urgent matters.
  - An exceptional meeting to amend the General Statute.
  - Election sessions.
- Quorum in these four types of sessions shall be calculated as follows:
  - In case a and b:
    - The quorum of an ordinary session shall be the absolute majority (more than half) of those that are eligible to vote; in case of a lack of such a quorum in the first session, the quorum shall be considered to be met in the second session by the presence of more than the third, and in the third session by whoever is present.
  - In case c:
    - The quorum of the session shall be two thirds of those that are eligible to vote.
    - In case of a lack of quorum in the first session, the General Assembly shall be deemed automatically called to convene one week later where the quorum would be the **absolute majority** of those that are eligible to vote.

- In case of a lack of quorum in the second session, the General Assembly shall be deemed automatically called to convene one week later where the quorum would be the **third plus one** of those that are eligible to vote.
- In case of a lack of quorum in the third session, amendments shall be dropped.
- In case d:
  - The quorum of the first session shall be two thirds of those that are eligible to vote.
  - In case of a lack of quorum in the first session, the General Assembly shall be deemed automatically called to convene one week later at the same time and place where the quorum would be the **absolute majority** of those that are eligible to vote.
  - In case of a lack of quorum in the second session, the General Assembly shall be deemed automatically called to convene one week later at the same time and place where the quorum would be the **third plus one** of those that are eligible to vote.
  - In case of a lack of quorum in the third session, **the invitation to convene shall be deemed to be called off, and a new one shall be made.**
- Decisions shall be made or election shall be carried out in every case by the majority of the votes of the members present (more than half).
- Delegates shall be committed in the Federation General Assembly meetings to remain from the beginning of the session till its end, otherwise the quorum shall be deemed lacking should it be changed during the session.
- The Federation Board Committee shall cease to be automatically should two thirds of the clubs sign a petition of no confidence towards it.
- The vote of no confidence shall be signed and sealed by the president and secretary of every club in addition to a note stating clearly the number and date of the minutes of meeting pertaining to the session during which the club Board Committee took such a decision. The Board Committee shall be forfeited should the absolute majority of the General Assembly members insist on the same.

### **Article 19:**

- The Federation Board Committee shall preside the ordinary or extraordinary sessions of the General Assembly dedicated to discuss urgent matters or amending the General Statute. Should the president be absent, one of his deputies shall replace him hierarchically. Should the president and his

deputies be absent, the session shall be presided by the oldest member of the Board Committee. Should the entire Board Committee be absent, the session shall be presided by the oldest member of the General Assembly.

- Should the General Assembly be dedicated to elections, it shall be presided by the oldest member of such an assembly, **other than the candidates**.

### **Article 20:**

- The member club at the General Assembly shall be allotted with a number of votes in the sessions of this Assembly, depending on the division it was classified into by the Federation, as follows:
  - First Division: **4 votes**
  - Second Division: **3 votes**
  - Third Division: **2 votes**
  - Fourth Division: **1 vote**

Provided that the total of the fourth division votes is equal to sum of votes of each division of other divisions as of the elections of 2016.

This, according to the classification terms (as determined by the Federation in this General Statute) for each division of the said divisions, and the club that was not classified among the four divisions shall not have the right to participate in the election of the Federation Board of Directors.

- The numbers of clubs in the abovementioned divisions are determined as follows:
  - First division **not more than 12 clubs 48 votes**
  - Second division **not more than 16 clubs 48 votes**
  - Third division **not more than 24 clubs 48 votes**
  - Fourth division **not more than 96 clubs 48 votes**  
Starting with the 2016 elections
- The number of the fourth division clubs shall remain 80 clubs, each of them is allowed to one vote, provided that the number will be adjusted to 96 clubs as of 2016, with a total amount of 48 votes.
- Fifth division Open number, but clubs of such division shall not have the right to vote at the General Assembly meetings.

Given that the voting process is in conformity with the continuous investigation

schedules and number of associations or clubs.

**Article 21:**

The General Assembly Minutes of Meeting shall be recorded in a register without any blank spaces or anything barred, and shall be signed by the president and the general secretary.

**Article 22:**

The General Assembly shall be the highest authority of the Federation, which all powers emanate from. It shall solely have the right to amend the regulations and monitor the activities of the Board Committee as well as to settle in a final way in the cases proposed to it by the Board Committee or the member clubs via the general secretariat, provided that the amended regulations shall not be applicable.

**Article 23:**

The General Assembly ordinary session agenda shall be comprised of the following:

- Examining and registering the clubs delegates' letters of authorization.
- Reading the agenda of the General Assembly meeting.
- Reading and approving the Minutes of Meeting of the previous General Assembly meeting.
- Reading, discussing and approving the administrative statement of the previous year.
- Reading, discussing and approving the financial statement and the balance sheet.
- Reading, discussing and approving the budget of the forthcoming year.
- Reading, discussing and approving the program of the forthcoming year.
- Discussing the remaining points in the agenda, including the "various activities and suggestions that might be brought up."

**Article 24:**

- The General Assembly extraordinary session agenda shall be comprised of the following:
- Examining and registering the clubs delegates' letters of authorization.
- Reading the agenda of the General Assembly.
- Reading and approving the Minutes of Meeting of the previous General

- Assembly extraordinary meeting.
- Discussing the agenda.
- The General Assembly extraordinary session agenda dedicated for elections shall be comprised of the following:
  - Examining and registering the clubs delegates' letters of authorization.
  - Reading the agenda of the General Assembly.
  - Electing the members of the Board Committee.

### **Article 25:**

The General Assembly session shall only look into the items mentioned on the agenda, unless two thirds of the present delegates decide otherwise. But should the session be dedicated to amending the General Statute or for elections, no other items shall be discussed and the agenda shall be limited to the amendment clause or elections only.

### **Article 26:**

The general secretary, commissioned by the administrative Committee, shall put down the agenda of the General Assembly sessions and shall send it with the invitation to the same within the legal time limits i.e. as for a delay not less than 15 days and not exceeding thirty days ahead of time from the date thereof.

### **Article 27:**

The entire suggestions and requests that the member clubs wish to discuss in the General Assembly must be sent within the legal time limit specified by 72 hrs. Before the session is held, otherwise they shall be discarded.

### **Article 28:**

Circulars shall lose legitimacy in the General Assembly sessions in the following cases:

- Whenever the chairman suspends the session, knowing that such suspension shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- Whenever a quorum is lost, related to the withdrawal of some members from the meeting. Should a quorum fails to be restored, the General Assembly is called to convene at another time in a week time or more, during which circulars shall be legal in the General Assembly meetings according to the required quorum and determined in Article 18 of the General Statute, different according to the type of sessions.

### **Article 29:**

The membership of the elected member in the Board Committee of the Federation shall not be forfeited should they lose their membership in the Board Committee of the club, unless they lose their right to represent the club as a delegate at the General Assembly meetings.

## **Chapter Eight: The Board Committee**

### **Article 30:**

The Federation Board of directors shall be formed as follows:

- 15 members elected by the General Assembly by means of secret poll. **(11 members as of the 2016 elections)**
- The Federation Board of directors' mandate shall be four years, whereas elections shall be made within a period that does not exceed four months after the date set for the ending of every summer Olympic tournament whether or not it happened.
- **The elected members shall be from the candidates representing the member clubs or neutral individuals working together for the best interest of basketball.**
- In case of resignation or legal forfeiting of the Board of Directors for any reason whatsoever during their mandate, an alternate Board of Directors shall be duly elected to complete the mandate period should the same exceed six months.
- But should the remaining mandate be less than six months, an interim committee shall be automatically formed, comprised of the resigned or legally forfeited Board of Directors' Chairman, vice chairman, secretary, treasurer and accountant, and such a committee shall carry out its tasks until a new Board of Directors is elected for this Federation according to the norms applicable in the Federation General Statute.
- The Federation Board of Directors shall send an invitation for elections no less than thirty days and no more than forty five days before the end of its mandate, and the invitation shall be comprehensive, based on the provisions of Article 18 of this General Statute in terms of determining the schedules of election sessions throughout their stages, in what allows the member clubs and candidates to be familiar with the timings of the election sessions, **except for the election sessions for which a written invitation should be**

**sent by no less than 30 days and no more than 45 days before the end of the Board of Directors mandate.**

- The General Assembly is entitled to name an honorary president and honorary members from among the **natural** persons who offered substantial services to the game or the Federation. Such persons shall be able to attend sessions of the Board of Directors or the General Assembly upon an invitation of the Board of Directors, where they shall be allowed to participate in discussions without the right to vote.

### **Article 31:**

The candidate for membership in the Federation Board of Directors shall be subject to the following conditions:

- To be Lebanese and having fulfilled eighteen years of his age but do not exceed 75 years.
- Not to be a member in any other local sporting federation.
- Not to have been convicted in any crime or disgraceful offense.

### **Article 32:**

- The candidate, namely the Board of Directors member, shall have to get a nomination from their Club Board of Directors signed and sealed by the latter's president and secretary, and must clearly state the number and date of the Minutes of meeting of the session during which the General Assembly of Board of directors took the nomination decision.
- The candidate who is not member in the board of Directors of clubs (who is neutral), must have the approval of one club by the nomination application signed and sealed by its president and secretary with a note stating clearly the number and date of the Minutes of meeting of the session during which the Club General Assembly took the decision to approve such nomination, provided that the Club is entitled to approve four candidates at the maximum.
- The candidate has the right to present his nomination for more than one mandate.

### **Article 33:**

- The Board Committee roles shall be defined as follows:

**President – First Vice President – Second Vice President – Third Vice President – Fourth Vice President – Secretary General – Treasurer –**

### **Accountant – National Team Manager - Members**

- The Federation Board Committee shall convene after its election in a first session dedicated to allot the positions on the elected members.
- The Board Committee shall be able to name an acting secretary and acting treasurer, who shall not exercise any of the powers of the secretary general or treasurer unless in the absence of these two and by an authorization of the Board Committee as written in its minutes of meeting.
- There shall be no combining between the roles of acting secretary and acting treasurer.

### **Article 34:**

The authorities of the Board Committee shall be determined as follows:

- Promoting basketball, working on protecting it from any harmful factors it might be subject to, by promoting the right perception about it.
- Taking the proper measures to preserve respect for basketball in general and the Federation in particular, working on protecting the game from any harmful factors it might be subject to, by promoting the right perception about it among officials, according to the definition of the International Basketball Federation (FIBA).
- Seeking on implementing the regulations of the Lebanese and International Federations of Basketball.
- Accepting the subscription and withdrawal of clubs and deciding upon terminating their membership.
- Monitoring the compliance of clubs with the Federation regulations.
- Taking decisions in the cases submitted to it and sanctions to contraveners.
- Supervising the work of the entire subcommittees and coordinating with the First Division Championship subcommittee for the basketball first division championship for men.
- Setting the yearly calendar of the federation and proposing the new year budget, the balance sheet of the previous year, and supervising the organization of all tournaments, championships and games, official and friendly, organized in Lebanon.
- Organizing and running international official tournaments and games on the Lebanese territories, supervising the international tournaments and games held by clubs on the Lebanese territories after getting its approval.
- Deciding upon the Lebanese international official or abroad friendly participation and approving the international official or abroad friendly participation of Lebanese clubs.
- Forming and supervising national teams by the National Teams subcommittee, organizing training camps for them and appointing their

coaches.

- Organizing sessions for referees and coaches, and giving out certificates.
- Deciding upon the expenses, approving their release for all activities requirements of the federation and its subcommittees, and coordinating with the Men First Division Championship subcommittee regarding the first division championship for men.
- Appointing and discharging employees when need be, and assigning assistants that shall be paid for particular tasks they carry out.
- Circulating and notifying decisions of the federation as well as the information needed to be disseminated on members within 15 days maximum of their issuance.
- Approving suggestions of the First Division Championship subcommittee in case they are not breaching any rules or regulations or the decisions of the Protest and Appeal subcommittee unless there were justifications that are breaching laws.
- Making communications and agreements needed to be made between the federation and FIBA and other federations, nominating those it sees fit to take part in various international, Asian and Arab commissions, adopting such nomination at the electoral, representational and practical levels, morally and materially.
- Contracting, litigating and reconciling on behalf of the Federation.
- Amending the Federation General Statute provided such amendments are presented to FIBA and the General Assembly for final approval before initiating implementation.
- Keeping the following records:
  - Register of the Board Committee members.
  - Register of the General Assembly minutes of meetings.
  - Register of the Board Committee minutes of meetings.
  - Register of the treasury, which shall be organized in such a way that shows the financial situation of the federation, particularly in terms of revenues, expenses, and debts that are incurred or due to the federation.
  - Register of the movables and immovables.
  - Register of official activities and competitions listed on the federation calendar.
  - Register of the incoming and outgoing correspondences.
  - Register of applications by clubs wishing to join the federation.

### **Article 35:**

The Federation shall submit to the Ministry of Youth and Sports within a time limit ending February the following documents:

- A copy of the administrative and financial statements for the previous year, approved by the General Assembly.
- A copy of the balance sheet of the previous year approved by the General Assembly.
- The agenda and activities intended to be pursued in the upcoming year, approved by the General Assembly.
- A copy of the new year budget approved by the General Assembly further to Article 34/8.
- A list of the General Assembly members, signed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer, including the officials and members, and that shall mean the entire members subscribed to the federation and who have been members for a whole year.

**Article 36:**

The Federation shall notify the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the following:

- The time determined to elect the Board Committee within no less than fifteen days before such a date.
- Any amendment to its regulations suggested by the Board Committee within no less than fifteen days before the date in which the General Assembly shall be convened, and the Ministry of Youth and Sports shall review the suggestions and respond within one week, otherwise amendments shall be deemed to be not objected.
- Any amendment occurring on the allotment of tasks in the Board Committee within fifteen days of its occurrence and endorsement.
- A list of the General Assembly new members respectively signed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer within no longer than one month after their acceptance. Such letter shall be appended by the minutes of meeting of the General Assembly sealed and signed by the majority of its members.
- A list of the discharged or withdrawn members of the General Assembly respectively signed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer within no longer than one month after their discharge or withdrawal, including the reasons thereof. Such letter shall be appended by the minutes of meeting of the General Assembly sealed and signed by the majority of its members.

**Article 37:**

- The Board Committee shall convene in the federation headquarters at least once a week.

- Decisions shall be taken in the meetings of the Board Committee by majority and nominal voting. In the event of tie votes, the vote of the President shall be the casting vote.
- The Board Committee may be called to extraordinary sessions upon a request from the president or seven of its members.
- The decisions of the Board Committee shall be effective and binding.

### **Article 38:**

Any member who is absent for three successive ordinary or extraordinary sessions without providing a written acceptable excuse, shall be considered as resigned. This text shall be applicable on all sessions to which an invitation was made. Any member who leaves the session before it ends without notifying the President, shall be considered to be absent.

### **Article 39:**

- The legal quorum of the Board Committees shall be eight, and the resolutions issued by it shall be legal.
- The President of the Federation shall chair the Board Committee meetings, and in the event of his absence, his deputies shall replace him hierarchically. In the event all the vice-presidents are absent, the oldest member of the Committee shall chair the meeting.

### **Article 40:**

Should the membership of anyone of the Board Committee members be forfeited by death or resignation, the Board Committee shall elect an alternate member in a meeting that it will hold one month after such death or resignation. As for the sectors subcommittees, the Federation Board Committee shall appoint an alternate within one month period.

### **Article 41:**

In the event of the end or termination of the Federation Board Committee mandate for any reason whatsoever, it shall continue to conduct its work until a new Board Committee is elected, taking into consideration the status stipulated in Article 30-f hereof.

#### **Article 42:**

The Board Committee decisions related to buying, selling, mortgaging or renting built or not built properties are subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

#### **Article 43:**

- The Board Committee decisions shall be effective as of the date of their issuance and notification to those who are concerned.
- The Board Committee decisions related to donations and recommended matters shall be effective.

#### **Article 44:**

In the beginning of every calendar period of championships, the Board Committee shall determine the value of the monetary unit of every championship and for various divisions and categories.

#### **Article 45:**

The member clubs and the subcommittees shall be linked to the Board Committee via the General Secretary. The Board Committee shall have the right to call one of the subcommittees to discuss with it and take decisions that are related to the sort of activities these supervise and which might bind the federation morally and materially.

#### **Article 46:**

The President shall represent the Federation before justice and the government, in all the tasks related to the civil rights, and shall represent it at the Lebanese Olympic Committee without authorization and in international assemblies.

#### **Article 47:**

- Any administrative correspondence issued by the Federation shall be sealed with the official stamp and signed by the President and the General

Secretary.

- Any financial correspondence issued by the Federation shall be sealed with the official stamp and signed by the President and the Treasurer.
- The Board Committee shall have the right to issue a decision to appoint an acting secretary and an acting treasurer for a defined term so as to carry out their respective tasks in the event of their official absence.

#### **Article 48:**

The Board Committee or whoever is representing it may examine and monitor the technical reports of the clubs affiliated to it.

#### **Article 49:**

The Board Committee shall have the right to assign technical or legal experts (etc.) when required or to call off their assignment.

#### **Article 50:**

The Board of Directors is entitled to take the sanctions defined in the penalties statute pertaining to FLB and FIBA towards anyone who belongs to any club, for committing a moral or administrative violation, and shall have the absolute power to estimate the size of the violation committed. The Board of Directors is entitled as well to put an end to the implementation of the sanctions should it deem it necessary.

The harmed has the right to appeal the sanction before the FLB Protest and Appeal subcommittee at first and then to the Lebanese Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) second (if any) and then international federation board of arbitration and then CAS – Court of Arbitration for Sports.

#### **Article 51:**

The Board Committee shall issue the Federation publications and determine their prices, and shall issue entrance tickets to the various official games and tournaments for all categories and it shall determine their types and prices, in a list that it shall issue once a year shortly before the beginning of the season.

**Article 52:**

Every decision unanimously taken by the Board Committee shall not be revocable by majority.

**Article 53:**

The Board Committee shall solely have the right to address the international, Asian, regional and Arab federations as well as the various commissions pertaining to each one of them and national federations.

**Article 54:**

The Board Committee members may also be members in any of the subcommittees whose activity term is defined by one year.

**Article 55:**

The FIBA laws shall be the laws adopted regarding the technical issues of the game.

**Article 56:**

The Federation Board Committee shall commit to submitting applications aimed at bringing delegations and dispatching them to the Ministry of Youth and Sports at least one month before the scheduled time, appended with the following documents:

- A study defining the type of participation and the sought technical and administrative results.
- A list of names of the participants in the delegation abroad.
- An estimate of the expenses and earnings.
- A copy of the invitation.
- The acceptance of the Lebanese Olympic Committee.

## **Chapter Nine: The Board Committee members**

### **Section One: Powers of Members**

#### **Article 57: President**

The President chairs the Board Committee and the General Assembly before the official departments and administrative and international authorities, and shall have the right to release in emergencies an amount to be determined by the Board Committee at the first session it holds at the beginning of every year, provided it approves such release at its first session. The President signs with the Secretary every correspondence and with the Treasurer every financial document and financial obligation.

#### **Article 58: Vice-Presidents**

The President shall be replaced hierarchically by his Vice-Presidents, who shall have the same rights and obligations as those of the President.

#### **Article 59: General Secretary**

The General Secretary shall be responsible for the following:

- Provide writing the Federation correspondence.
- Writing down and keeping the Minutes of meetings of the General Assembly and Board of Directors.
- Organizing and keeping the various records and registers of the Federation.
- Preparing agendas of the Board of Directors and General Assembly sessions, calling for ordinary and extraordinary meetings decided by the Board of Directors.
- Implementing the decisions of the Board of Directors and the General Assembly.
- Signing the administrative correspondences with the President and attaching the official seal thereto.
- Preparing the administrative statement of the previous year and the agenda and foreseen activities planned for the upcoming year.
- Settling internal urgent matters based on the General Statute of the Federation provided that these measures shall be approved in the first session held by the Board of Directors.
- Circulating the statements on clubs before the beginning of the season in August.

- Signing the cards of officers, journalists, referees and players.
- To be Point of Contact between the Board of Directors and the various subcommittees.
- Distributing the approved Minutes of sessions held on the members and the agendas at least 48 hours before the session.
- Running the office and managing the workforce of the Federation.
- The Secretary is entitled to attend and chair the sessions of all subcommittees appointed by the Federation with the exception of protest & appeal subcommittee and attend the meetings of First Division Championship subcommittee.
- The Secretary shall be assisted in his tasks by the Federation director who carries out the following tasks: circulating the decisions of the Board of Directors and suggestions of the technical subcommittees – Pursuing the Federation annual calendar – implementing all technical workshops.
- The Secretary shall be the official spokesperson of the Federation to announce the decisions because the Board of Directors' discussions are confidential and no member has the right to unveil their details or announce their statements.

### **Article 60: Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the following:

- Collecting the earnings of the Federation, pay off the expenses approved by the Board Committee on payable and receivable notes signed and sealed by the Accountant at the federation headquarters, and by a cheque signed by the President and the Treasurer.
- Keeping the books of earnings and expenditures and the movables.
- Placing the Federation money in a credited bank by the Banque du Liban assigned by the Board Committee in the name of the Federation represented by the President and the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have the right to maintain in the Federation safe an amount of money determined by the Board Committee on the first session it shall hold at the beginning of every year.
- Signing the financial correspondence with the President after setting it with the official seal.
- Preparing the financial statement for the previous year and the budget of the forthcoming year in coordination with the Accountant.

### **Article 61: Accountant**

The Accountant shall take up the following:

- Keeping classified accounting books and accounting records for movables.
- Maintaining financial deeds and those of immovables.
- Organizing the payable and receivable notes in three copies, signing and sealing them.
- Submitting a monthly report on the Federation budget to the Board Committee.
- Preparing the Financial Statement for the previous year and the budget of the forthcoming year in coordination with the Treasurer.
- Keeping records of all cards and publications issued in the name of the Federation, in the registers and official records; handing over required records to the General Secretary and Treasurer in return of receipts.
- Signing and sealing all entrance tickets used in friendly and official games, and keeping records thereof to be used by the treasure as a basis to settle accounts with the related club in order to reimburse the share of the Federation from the revenues earned in such events.
- Disseminating a financial statement in revenues and expenses during an ordinary meeting of the Board Committee, at least once every two ordinary meetings.

### **Article 62: National Team Manager**

The National Team Manager shall coordinate between the entire National Team subcommittees and shall work on raising their suggestions to the Board Committee to take the proper decisions.

The Board Committee shall form the National Team subcommittees at the beginning of every season according to the suggestion of the National Team Manager, and shall appoint a person in charge of every national team.

### **Section Two: Urgent Matters subcommittee**

#### **Article 63:**

The Board Committee shall appoint at the beginning of each year a subcommittee comprised of seven members, named the Urgent Matters subcommittee. These members shall obviously include the President, the four Vice-Presidents, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

The Urgent Matters subcommittee shall have the authorities and powers of the Board Committee in extraordinary matters that were not mentioned in the agenda of the Board Committee administrative session that was held, and shall not have the right to amend or call off a decision taken by the latter.

The Urgent Matters subcommittee shall be automatically called to convene at the Federation headquarters or any venue agreed upon by the members when necessary (in the event of a clash during games) and shall take decisions therein by the majority of votes, provided they be presented to the Board Committee at the first session held to approve them.

### **Section Three: Subcommittees**

#### **Article 64:**

- The Federation Board Committee shall appoint the subcommittees before the beginning of every season, in such a way that every subcommittee shall be comprised of **five members** at least, namely the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary. The remaining members shall be consultants.
- Every member who fails to attend three successive sessions without a written excuse shall be considered to be resigned and the Board Committee shall appoint a member in lieu of such member.
- The subcommittees shall meet at the Federation premises whenever necessary and needed, upon the request of their president, by way of their secretary or upon an invitation from the Federation Board Committee. They shall submit their minutes of meetings in the form of suggestions and recommendations to the Board Committee which shall examine, agree and approve their content or reject or amend them.
- The subcommittees shall direct their correspondences to the Board Committee via the General Secretariat of such subcommittee.
- Any subcommittee that fails to perform its tasks shall be subject to dissolution by the Board Committee and shall be replaced by another.

#### **Article 65:**

- When the majority of the members in any subcommittee resign, such subcommittee shall be considered as resigned in its entirety and a new subcommittee shall be appointed at once.
- When any of the subcommittees collapses or resigns, the Board Committee shall carry out the activities of such subcommittee until a new subcommittee is formed.
- The subcommittees shall be responsible before the Board Committee for their actions, and in the event of the failure of any subcommittee to comply with the Federation regulations, the Board Committee shall take the

measures it deem suitable.

**Article 66:**

Every subcommittee president shall run and represent the subcommittee before the Federation Board Committee and shall sign together with the Secretary of the subcommittee on the minutes of meetings of its sessions before submitting them to the Board Committee for approval.

**Article 67:**

The vice-president of the subcommittee shall carry out the activities of the president during the latter's absence.

**Article 68:**

The secretary shall write down the minutes of meetings of sessions and sign them together with the president. The secretary shall also sign the entire minutes of meetings, make a register of the players' names and submit detailed official statements to the Federation Board Committee.

**I - First Division Championship Subcommittee and Technical subcommittee  
for all other divisions**

**Article 69:**

In order to organize the Lebanese Championship for all divisions, men and women and age categories, the Federation shall form two subcommittees:

- Sub-committee to direct First Division Championship
- Technical Sub-committee to direct other divisions

**Article 70:**

- Forming the Sub-committee to direct First Division Championship:
- The Federation General Secretary (as rapporteur)
- 3 members are to be chosen by the Federation Board Members as the Following:

Each participating Club at the First Division Championship shall nominate one Candidate who shall not be member of its Board of Directors, provided that they shall be indifferent and do not have any direct or indirect benefit.

Clubs all gathered shall decide on 7 candidates and the Federation Board of Directors shall appoint three of them.

- One Member is to be nominated by the Board of Directors of the Federation who shall not be member of its Board of Directors

The Chairman of the Subcommittee shall be one of the three representatives of the Clubs and the members of such committee are to be considered employees who deserve to be recompensed with the exemption of the Chairman and the Secretary of the Committee.

- **Committee competency and powers:**

- **First: Suggestions of technical and administrative procedures:**

- To set the program and regulations of the league, along with the details of its process: schedules / playgrounds / postponing games / announcing results / as for numeration and not exclusively.
- To appoint referees, to monitor them and supervise their activities from all aspects.
- To impose sanctions against players, administrators, referees and the public should they be in violation to the championship Statutes or the FLB or FIBA Statutes
- To appoint international and local commissioners and organize their work.
- To attempt to the implementation of the rules and regulations and to update the legislations regarding the Championship
- To inspect and approve to the playgrounds, facilities and technical equipment.
- To directly coordinate with the competitions subcommittee over the dates of the delayed games.
- To nominate the elite players in coordination with the National Teams subcommittee.

- **Third: Task Procedure of the Committee:**

- Once this committee is formed, its members shall meet and elect a president thereto from the members of the clubs' representatives.
- The President of this committee shall chair all its meetings, and in case of his absence, the eldest member shall chair such meetings.
- The committee shall issue all its decisions in order be presented before the Board of Directors within a maximum period of forty eight

hours.

- The committee sessions shall be considered open all through the season and the “rapporteur” shall call for meeting when required.
- The committee shall take its administrative and technical decisions, by the majority of ordinary votes.
- The committee shall meet in the premises of FLB, which shall dedicate an independent room for it.

- **Vacancy and the Termination of the Committee Task**

- **Vacancy:**

Should any position of any member become vacant, for any reason whatsoever, the committee shall meet on an exceptional basis and notify the clubs of the need to nominate an alternate member to replace the withdrawing member, in case he was one of the clubs representatives, but if he was one of the two members on behalf of the federation, then the Federation board of directors shall nominate his replacement, and that within a delay of maximum one week since the vacancy took place, and the committee operations shall continue during this period unless the position of three members or more become vacant at the same time.

- **Termination of the Committee Duty in one of following cases:**

- At the end of the tournament of every season.
- Should 80% of the total First Division Clubs decide to terminate its activities
- In the case where the position of three members or more become vacant at the same time.

In such cases, the same procedure shall be adopted to appoint new subcommittee

## **Article 71: Technical Committee for all other divisions**

A technical committee is to supervise the remaining championships (second, third, fourth, fifth divisions for men, and first, second, third divisions for women, and all age categories).

- It shall be formed of at least five members: the General Secretary of the Federation and members to be chosen by the Board of Directors for being basketball experts and professionals.
- The Technical Committee member must abide by the following:

- Master at least one language beside Arabic, speaking and writing;
- No administrative or technical penalty should have been pronounced against him when he was appointed.
  
- Authorities: Suggesting technical and administrative procedures
  
- Managing, monitoring and supervising the referees and their activities in all aspects.
- Testing the old international and federal and new referees, determining their division and providing them with certificates by the Federation of the Board of Directors.
- Imposing penalties against referees including their promotion from division to a superior division or their demotion from division to an inferior division.
- Nominating referees who are sought to be appointed as international referees by the Board of Directors.
- Appointing the referees of the official and friendly games and tournaments, including the scorekeeper and the timekeeper.
- Barring of the name of the referee definitely for technical or moral reasons, and the referee in question shall have the right to appeal before the Board of Directors within three days from receiving a notification of the same.
- Settling all complaints that are to be presented against the referees.
- Examining the objections and raising them before the Board of Directors for settlement.
- Organizing sessions, lectures and courses for the referees.
- Working on raising the level of referees and preserving their dignity.
- Imposing penalties against players, administrators and referees and submitting them before the Board of Directors for approval or amendment.
- Organizing the work of international and federal commissioners.
- Attempting to the implementation of the rules and developing the legislations as related to the game.
- Inspecting and approving playgrounds, facilities and technical equipment.
- Coordinating with the competitions committee regarding the schedules of the delayed games.

The tasks of the technical committee are to be terminated when the final standing for championships is announced.

## **II - Medical Subcommittee**

## **Article 72:**

The medical subcommittee is comprised of **at least** five members, chosen by the Board Committee among experts and professionals.

## **Article 73:** Powers

- Implementing the regulations of the World Anti-Doping Agency.
- Organizing awareness conferences against doping.
- Administrating tests to depict doping.
- Examining all players of the Lebanese national teams and coordinating with the national teams physiotherapists.
- Establishing a databank on the healthcare situation (injuries, ...) of all clubs and national teams players.
- Suggesting sanctions against players breaching the anti-doping regulations according to the FLB and the World Anti-Doping Agency regulations.

## **Article 74:**

Internationally prohibited doping is known as the usage of substance or methods able to improve the performance, with a harmful effect on health. The presence of any prohibited stimulants in the body or any sign of using any such kind of substance is an evidence of doping.

## **Article 75:**

Being on internationally prohibited stimulants is considered to be a violation to the International Olympic Charter, the Federation regulations and the sports ethic and sports competition norms. No one is allowed to recommend or initiate any permit or facilitation to use any internationally prohibited stimulant.

## **Article 76:**

In the event that an attempt to promote or a promotion to internationally prohibited stimulants was made or usage of the same took place, the Federation Board Committee shall revoke the results linked to such usage, and shall penalize the side that attempted or gave the recommendation to use such prohibited substance as well as the person who used it, according to the World Anti-Doping Agency and

International Olympic Charter anti-doping provisions.

**Article 77:**

The Federation medical subcommittee shall:

- Form a committee comprised of its members and experts, whose task is to control the promotion, consumption or usage of internationally prohibited stimulants.
- Form a committee comprised of its members and experts, whose task is to accept and consider objections of the harmed side(s) and to duly make the appropriate recommendations according to the provisions of the World Anti-Doping Agency and the International Olympic Charter anti-doping provisions and to refer them to the Federation Board Committee to take the final decisions.

**Article 78:**

The inspection of internationally prohibited anti-doping and its outcome shall be based on the standards and rules adopted internationally in general and included in the International Olympic Charter on anti-doping in particular, and the findings thereof shall be issued by one of the accredited laboratories by the International Olympic Committee.

**III – Protest and Appeals subcommittee**

**Article 79:**

The Federation is to approve a subcommittee for protest and appeals from skilled and expert persons of good reputation and have no direct or indirect interest, exerting its authorities entirely, with independency and impartiality, apart from any interference.

- Once it is approved the injured shall not be entitled to be referred to the regular jurisdiction

**Article 80:**

**A Protest and Appeals Committee is to be formed of 5 members at least:**

the Federation shall convoke for a session where previous Presidents and General Secretaries in addition to the Board Members of the Federation shall attend and the agenda of such session shall include only one term which is the appointment of five members of the committee and two members as reservists of whom the quality of indifference, managing experience, technical information and legal familiarity shall be available and they shall not be members at any board of directors of the entire Clubs, and they shall not have any direct or indirect benefit and the duty of such Committee shall be independent.

**Authorities:**

- To observe all sorts of reviews and decisions (sanctions, fines, suspensions, technical decisions, discharges, and everything that was not mentioned, etc.) and it shall have validity to observe the matters related to the Public Code or Public Ethics.
- The Protest and Appeals committee enjoys the entire legal procedures so to be allowed to ascertain any fact helping to take the right decision (evidence, testimony, inquiry, investigation, and everything that was not mentioned, etc.) and it shall adopt the suitable legal rules and the authorizing procedures as to be applied, provided that its provisions shall not object with the provisions of the justice rules and both statutes of the Lebanese Federation and the International Federation of Basketball. And its decisions shall be considered of urgent implantation and valid on the origin thereto.  
The injured party shall be entitled to appeal the decision of the Protest and Appeals Committee before the Lebanese Arbitration Committee for Sports, if any, then before BAT and later before CAS, and in accordance with rules and procedures and within the applied delays.

**The Appeal Procedure:**

Upon the formation of the committee, it shall immediately determine the procedure of its performance and how to submit letters of protest and appeals, the due fees and time limits that will be defined for protestors as for submitting the letters of their protests and appeals, as well as for to the time limits set for the committee to settle the protests and appeals.

Such procedure of performance shall be introduced before the board of directors in order to take knowledge thereof and to have it approved or to make any amendment if it is to be deemed so, in its first session.

**Article 81:**

Annulment of Article 81

**Article 82:**

The Board Committee shall determine at the beginning of every season the objection fee for every division.

#### **IV – Competitions Subcommittee**

##### **Article 83:**

###### **Composition**

The competitions subcommittee shall be comprised of **at least** three members picked by the Board Committee from among its members or from experts and professionals.

##### **Article 84:**

###### **Powers**

- Preparing the system of championships, except for the first division championships for men.
- Preparing the schedule of championships, except for the first division championships for men.
- Determining the time schedule for deferred games, except for the first division championships for men.
- Preparing championships special to age categories and youth, in coordination with the national teams subcommittee.

#### **V – National Teams Subcommittee**

##### **Article 85:**

###### **Composition**

The National Teams subcommittee shall be comprised of three members from the Board Committee, whose task is to prepare and supervise the national teams, chaired by a director for national teams.

This committee shall be able to add new members thereto from experts and professionals, after the approval of the Board Committee.

The National Teams subcommittee shall form a special committee for the 3x3 game.

This committee shall use the services of a fixed term logistic administrator whose task is to follow up the preparation and equipping of national teams regarding logistic and administrative issues, and shall be paid for his work.

##### **Article 86:**

###### **Powers**

- Suggesting technical equipment to national teams.
- Implementing the examiner of suggested resumes and picking the best to win one of the technical team positions.
- Adopting a specific budget for national teams in coordination with the national teams finance control committee.
- Working with the coach to adopt a strategy and a schedule for training exercises.
- Following up on the training exercises and friendly and official games of national teams.
- Examining the reports submitted by the national teams administrators and submitting them to the Board Committee through the National Teams Director.
- Determining the terms of contracts and setting conditions for every member of the technical teams.
- Looking ahead into the schedule of training exercises, games and training camps with the coach.
- Holding periodical meetings with the technical team and players.
- Determining the authorities and powers of the technical team and players.
- Directly supervising the provision of all logistic and technical requirements for the technical team and players.
- Supervising the performance of the technical team and players, **anticipating** any incidents between the national team members and working on the **unity** and harmony between the players and the technical team.
- Adopting a budget for national teams in coordination with the technical preparation and supervision committee and suggesting it to the Federation Board Committee for approval.
- Raising the financial statements pertaining to every national team separately to the Federation Treasurer in order to present it to the Board Committee for discharge purposes, at least once a month and during an ordinary session of the Board Committee.
- Controlling the expenses of national teams and working on respecting the figures of national teams budget.
- Participating in setting the financial terms in the contracts of the technical teams members.
- Submitting contracts and agreements with the technical teams members to the Board Committee for approval and signature.

### **Article 87:**

- This committee shall raise its suggestions to the Federation Board Committee through the National Teams Director in order to take the appropriate decisions.

- The categories targeted by the committee work: First National Team (men and women) – youth, male and female, under 16 and 18, as well as 3x3.

## **VI – Marketing and Finance Subcommittee**

### **Article 88:**

The Marketing and Finance Subcommittee shall be comprised of **at least** five members picked by the Board Committee from among its members and among experts and professionals. Its powers shall comprise marketing the Federation activities and championships as well as the national teams activities and the provision of sponsorship contracts.

## **VII - Courts and Tickets Subcommittee**

### **Article 89:**

The Courts and Tickets Subcommittee shall be comprised of members picked by the Board Committee from among its members and from experts and professionals. Its powers shall comprise selling entrance tickets to courts, providing safety for referees and commissioners, guaranteeing the orderly process of games and coordinating with security relevant organs and not allowing public into the courts during the games. The Committee shall be supervised by the General Secretary, except during the First Division championship, when its work shall be governed by a special regulation provided by the articles related to the First Division Championship Subcommittee for men.

## **VIII - Coaches Academy**

### **Article 90:**

- Establishing an academy specialized in basketball, whose task is to form academic coaches according to internationally adopted terms and to cooperate with national or international universities for this purpose.
- Assessing every coach pursuant to the conditions or adopted academic technical curriculum, which, accordingly, grants coaches the grade that shall give them the right to lead teams in the Lebanese Championship according to the assessment he receives.

## **X - Procurement Subcommittee**

### **Article 91:**

The Procurement Subcommittee shall be comprised of three members, the Treasurer, the Accountant and a third member to be picked by the Board Committee from among its members. The powers of this subcommittee comprise inviting bids to buy items upon the decision of the Board Committee during an ordinary meeting.

## **Section Four: Subcommittees of sectors and governorates**

### **I - General Provisions**

#### **Article 92:**

- The Federation Board Committee shall appoint at the beginning of every **season**, subcommittees of sectors and governorates at the rate of one committee for every governorate, in the event it was comprised of at least six clubs.
- Every committee shall be comprised of five members: the president, the vice-president, the secretary, the treasurer and the accountant. Such number may exceed five and the additional members shall be consultants.

#### **Article 93:**

The Board Committee shall have the right to dissolve any of the commissions of sectors and governorates in the event where they do not comply with the federation regulations, and will appoint a new subcommittee instead.

#### **Article 94:**

The Federation Board Committee shall run the games matters in the event where there is no commission for any given area due to the lack of the said conditions to form it.

#### **Article 95:**

The operations system of the commissions of sectors and governorates shall be

similar to the one pertaining to the Board Committee, and the legal quorum of their meetings shall be 50% plus one. Every subcommittee shall have the right to choose its own headquarters after the approval of the Board Committee.

#### **Article 96:**

In the event where the majority of members resign, the entire committee shall be considered as resigned and a replacement shall be appointed by the Federation Board Committee.

#### **Article 97:**

The subcommittees of sectors and governorates powers shall be determined as follows:

- Complying to the Federation operation system.
- Running the tasks assigned to it by the Federation Board Committee.
- Supervising the official games organized in their sectors and allowing the organization of friendly games.
- Deciding sanctions against players according to the Federation rules and submitting them to the Board Committee for approval.
- Suggesting sanctions against clubs and submitting them to the Board Committee.
- Collecting the Federation share from games held in the sector.
- Providing suggestions that may improve the sector at the sports level.

The subcommittee shall raise its reports in forms of recommendations to the Federation Board Committee, within 48 hours of having noted them, and these shall not be enforceable until approved by the Board Committee.

#### **Article 98:**

The subcommittees of sectors and governorates revenues shall be comprised of the earnings resulting from official and non-official games.

#### **Article 99:**

The subcommittees of sectors and governorates shall have the right to keep in their

fund the amount determined by the Board Committee, provided such amount shall not exceed 25 units. It shall place the remaining balance in the Federation account.

**Article 100:**

The subcommittees of sectors and governorates shall keep accounting books for earnings and daily expenses and a cashbook.

**Article 101:**

The subcommittees of sectors and governorates shall decide to spend the overheads that do not exceed two units each. As for the overheads that are above that, the committees shall present them with their justifications to the Board Committee for approval.

**Article 102:**

The subcommittees of sectors and governorates shall submit an annual financial statement to the Board Committee by 15 September of every year.

**Article 103:**

The subcommittees of sectors and governorates may appoint technical subcommittees when necessary, pending the approval of the Board Committee which determines the powers of each one of them.

**II - Specialties of sector subcommittees members**

**Article 104: President**

The president shall chair the sector meetings and call for extraordinary sessions. He shall represent the committee before the Federation Board Committee and sign with the Secretary on the minutes of meetings which shall be submitted to the Board Committee within 48 hours.

**Article 105: Vice president**

The vice president shall carry out the tasks of the president during his absence.

### **Article 106: Secretary**

The secretary shall take up the following tasks:

- Writing down minutes of meetings of the sector committee in a private register after approval.
- Preparing the agendas of sector committee meetings.
- Carrying out the decisions of the Federation Board Committee and the decisions of the sector committee after certifying it.
- Signing along with the president on the correspondences on which decisions were taken and noted in the minutes of meetings, and signing on the minutes themselves.
- Being the point of contact between the sector and the Federation Board Committee.

### **Article 107: Treasurer**

The provisions of Article 60 herein shall apply on the treasurer and he shall not have the right to keep more than 10 units worth in cash.

### **Article 108: The Accountant**

The provisions of Article 61 herein shall apply on the accountant.

## **Chapter Ten: The Federation revenues**

### **Section One: General Provisions**

#### **Article 109:**

The revenues of the Federation comprise the following:

- Subscription fees of the clubs member in the federation.
- The cost of publications.
- The earnings made in championships, tournaments and games organized by the federation or by the clubs under the supervision of the federation, and the advertisement publications which is printed on the occasion of these activities.
- The proceeds of the advertisement contracts signed by the Federation.

- The earnings of the federation properties.
- All sorts of earnings.
- Governmental aids.
- Various donations.

#### **Article 110:**

The movables of the Federation shall be placed in a bank that is accredited by Banque du Liban, according to a decision made by the Federation Board Committee.

#### **Article 111:**

No amount of money shall be released unless by a decision taken in an official session of the Board Committee.

#### **Article 112:**

Accounting books shall be kept where the revenues and expenses shall be recorded on a daily basis. If needed, an accounting book of the federation assets shall be kept, and each subcommittee of the sectors shall keep books where it shall record their own revenues and expenses.

### **Section Two: Subscriptions**

#### **Article 113:**

Clubs shall have to pay its subscription fees and other due payments incurred as a result of its subscriptions before the beginning of the championship.

#### **Article 114:**

Every club that has overdue subscriptions and payments shall have its vote frozen at the General Assembly meetings until it pays off its due arrears. In the event where the delay continued until after the beginning of the championship, the club shall be banned from taking part in the official and friendly games and from

holding and organizing games and tournaments.

**Article 115:**

In the event where a delay was made in paying the annual subscription for an entire year, the membership of the club in the General Assembly of the Federation shall be suspended and it shall be deprived from participating in the official and friendly games and from holding and organizing games and tournaments, and it shall be notified as well as the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the same in writing. The said club shall not be allowed to exercise its official activity in basketball until it pays off its due arrears and after notifying the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the same.

**Article 116:**

Every referee registered in the Federation shall pay an annual fee determined by the Board Committee, before the fifteen of October.

**Section Three: Revenues of games and tournaments**

**Article 117:**

- The Federation shall collect from the total revenue and the official tournaments and friendly games and from the marketing of clubs the following percentages:
- 10% for tournaments and games which the federation allows holding it with foreign clubs.
- 10% for special tournaments which the federation or the sectors subcommittees allow holding it among the member clubs.
- The promotional marketing of championships and official tournaments, including the TV broadcasting and the land surrounding the court shall be among the Federation entitlements and the Federation shall be the sole party allowed to make and sign agreements.
- Any club that is overdue in paying off its share to the Federation five days after the time set to hold its tournament or event, the Federation shall rightfully request its share of the entire stamped tickets as if they were sold

in fact.

- In the event where the agreements made were not presented, the Board Committee shall have the right to estimate the value of marketing and advertisement.
- The Board Committee shall have the right to exempt clubs from the federation share in friendly or international tournaments or games should it find out that there is a deficit.
- **The Board Committee shall have the right to force the clubs to present the agreements made and to have the clubs willing to host Arab tournaments to provide the Federation with a detailed study on them at the technical, administrative and financial levels.**

### **Article 118:**

When the Federation holds two official games in one place and date, the shares from the total revenue shall be divided as follows:

- Federation 20%
- The four clubs participating 16% each
- The club owner of the court 16%

### **Article 119:**

- Every season, the monetary shares pertaining to first division which is to be received by the federation from TV broadcast, advertisements and the income of the first division championship games for Men shall be divided as such; a ratio of 20% is to be entered into the Federation's funds, and a ratio of 80% are to be equally divided among the clubs taking part in the First Division Lebanese Championship for men after deduction of costs & expenses (publications- referees- technicians- playgrounds committees and committee of championship and statistics.. . and others) resulting from 1<sup>st</sup> division championship for men.
- It is to be entered into the federation budget and funds all kinds of income visible and invisible where it should be documented by numbered and recorded contracts, to be accessible to those responsible.

### **Article 120:**

The Federation shall determine the cost of its publications including contracts, permits, statutes and other.

## Chapter Eleven: Clubs and Players

### Article 121:

The Federation shall hand over to the member clubs the official contracts for the players to have them signed as of the first of August and until **one week** after the beginning of every championship, according to the system of signatures as follows:

- **The category of players up to 18 years of age completed:**
  - The player's signature on the club contracts shall be considered to be permanent until he completes 18 years of age (i.e. before August 31, of the same year).
  - When a player completes 18 years of age (i.e. before August 31, of transition year), his signature shall be released automatically and he shall be able to be transferred and sign during the signature period with any other club provided that the compensations that are to be agreed upon with his original club shall be fulfilled.
  - Any player in this category shall be entitled for transfer and signing with any other club during the signature period while abiding by the general provisions as stipulated in the present article, provided that he gets a letter of clearance from his club signed in August and by the Board of Directors standing at the time of transfer.
- **Signature's Category of Players starting from 18 years of age completed and above:**
  - Every player who attained his 18 years of age completely and during the month of August (between 1<sup>st</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>), shall be obliged and is to be required to sign a contract with any club he chooses, and he shall determine the duration of signature in agreement with his club between one and four years maximum.
  - Every club of the First Division clubs for men shall have to sign a contract with the player drawn by the Federation, protecting both

contracting parties, the contract shall be deposited at the federation secretariat, and in the case where the club refuses to have it deposited at the federation, the latter shall be released from any responsibility whatsoever, and all effects and reactions arising from the failure of its implementation, then all effects and reactions are to be restricted to both parties as one of the main terms in order to receive the ID card of the player.

- **General provisions:**

- Any minor player less than 18 years of age who wishes to sign and for any club, shall be entitled to do so but his signature is to be appended by that of his legal custodian.
- Any Lebanese player living inside Lebanon or abroad shall be entitled to sign contracts with any club during the season, provided that he shall not have signed any contract with other clubs and that the list of the club is to be incomplete regarding the number of players as determined.
- Transfer on loan of Lebanese players between clubs shall be permitted for a maximum period of two years, at the end of which the player shall return to the club with which he had originally signed.
- The period of signature and transfer of players shall be determined until one week before the beginning of every championship, so that it shall include the new players or those who hold letters of clearance from their clubs, in addition to the players who have signed contracts for both categories. As for the period set for the signatures and the transfer of the cleared players, it shall be determined until three days before the beginning of the championship in every division.
- Any player who receives a letter of clearance and refrains from being transferred to any club shall be considered cleared.
- Every club shall fix a list of its 15 players within a maximum of one week before the beginning of every championship at every season.
- Every player whose name is not fixed among the 15 players shall be legally cleared and shall be allowed to sign in two cases, the 1<sup>st</sup> three days before the beginning of the championship and with any division he shall choose.
- The clubs shall be entitled to adjust the names fixed on the list of

fifteen players, and the cleared players and those whose names were not fixed on the list of 15 players and that until three days before the beginning of every championship; the Board of Directors shall have the authority to determine the amount to be paid for every change.

- First: Adjusting one name on the list of fifteen fixed players.
  - Every club of the first division clubs shall pay an amount to be fixed by the Board of Directors at the beginning of every season.
  - Every club of the second division clubs shall pay an amount to be fixed by the Board of Directors at the beginning of every season.
- Second: Adjusting a second name on the list of fifteen fixed players.
  - Every club of the first division clubs shall pay an amount to be fixed by the Board of Directors at the beginning of every season.
  - Every club of the second division clubs shall pay an amount to be fixed by the Board of Directors at the beginning of every season.
- Third: Adjusting a third name on the list of fifteen fixed players.
  - Every club of the first division clubs shall pay an amount to be fixed by the Board of Directors at the beginning of every season.
  - Every club of the second division clubs shall pay an amount to be fixed by the Board of Directors at the beginning of every season.
- Fourth: As for the remaining divisions no amount of money shall be collected from them at any adjustment.

**Article 122:**

The member clubs in FLB shall be divided into five divisions for men and three divisions for women, as follows:

- Men: five divisions
- First division        not more than 12 clubs
- Second division     not more than 16 clubs
- Third division        not more than 24 clubs
- Fourth division      not more than 96 clubs

- Fifth division the remaining clubs.
- The Federation shall be able to hold an extraordinary championship, in which clubs from various divisions or governorates shall participate, according to a special technical system, provided that it be under the technical regulation ceiling of the **local and international federations**, and that such championship not have anything to do with the standing adopted in the Federation and its results shall not be binding to the federation in terms of nominating the clubs for international representation and **shall not affect official championships**.
- Women: three divisions
- First division 8 clubs
- Second division 8 clubs
- Third division the remaining clubs.
- The Board Committee shall determine in August the calendar of beginning championships by which legal time limits shall be set for the appendices of signatures system.

### **Article 123:**

In the event where a club or more withdrew before the beginning of the season from participating in the championship of the division they belong to, it shall be up to the Federation Board Committee to take the appropriate decision.

### **Article 124:**

The player shall sign the contracts of the club which he wishes joining according to the Article 121, and any player shall have the right to be transferred from one club to another during the signature period provided he receives a letter of clearance from his club.

### **Article 125:**

- The number of signatures allowed for Lebanese players on the contract for every division and category shall be determined as per follows :
- Category of divisions: 15 players
  - First: First Division Men

- Ten players above 20
- Ten players under 20
- Every club shall have the right to retain five players only out of a list comprised of twenty two extraordinary players who deserve to join national teams or to be invited to join national teams, knowing that their age should be comprised between twenty and thirty five completed.
- The First Division Championship subcommittee shall prepare a list of elite players before 31 July of every year and submit it to the Federation Board Committee.
- The same rules shall be applied for the elite list of women championship, after deliberations with the National Teams subcommittee and the women championship technical subcommittee.
- Second: the Board Committee shall determine at the end of every season the number of players according to ages for second, third, fourth and fifth divisions for men, and for first, second and third divisions for women.
  - The age categories were set as per the following:
    - Under 18.
    - Under 16.
    - Under 14.
    - Under 12.
  - The number of players in age categories was set as per the following:
    - Age category of 17-18: 15 players.
    - Age category of 15-16 and under: 15 players.
    - Age category of 13-14: 15 players.
    - Age category of under 12: Unlimited number.

**Article 126:**

The Board Committee shall issue before the beginning of the season a circular determining therein the age categories of players.

**Article 127:**

The First Division clubs for men shall take part in the women championship at any division and in the Lebanese championships for age categories for men with at least two teams.

**Article 128:**

The Second Division clubs for men shall take part in the Lebanese championships for age categories for men with at least two teams.

**Article 129:**

The Third Division clubs for men shall take part in the Lebanese championships for age categories for men with at least one team.

**Article 130:**

The First Division clubs for women shall take part in the Lebanese championships for age categories for women with at least one team.

**Article 131:**

The club shall have to fix a list of 15 players one week before the beginning of the championship, and every club whose contract exceeds the number of players defined in every division shall have to clear the players in surplus. In the event where these were not cleared, the Board Committee shall do that, and shall give them a three days time limit to sign before the beginning of the championship. In the event where the cleared player fails to sign, he shall have the right to sign in the lower division according to the time limits defined for every championship.

**Article 132:**

The clubs shall return the contracts to the federation in maximum one month before the beginning of any championship in any division after the players sign it. The club should affix its stamp thereon and its president and secretary should sign it, otherwise the contract shall be considered invalid and ineffective. The cleared players shall be exempted in conformity with the provisions of Article 121 and the

general provisions that follow. These players shall have the right to sign until one week after the beginning of the championship.

**Article 133:**

No signature of any local or foreign player shall be fixed on the contract of a club unless it was appended by the following :

- Photocopy of the ID pertaining to the local player.
- Letter of clearance for the local player in the event of transfer from one club to another.
- Photocopy of the passport for the foreign player.
- Letter of clearance for the foreign player given by the latest federation he played for one of its clubs.
- Two photo-passports.
- The cost of the card.
- The foreign player shall not have the right to play in his club and in any game in the event where the letter of clearance had not reached the federation.

**Article 134:**

The clubs should notify the federation of any sanction decisions taken against their players within one week from the time they were adopted so they become effective.

**Article 135:**

Every player who wishes to play outside the Lebanese territories shall get a letter of clearance from his club and the approval of the Lebanese federation. In the event where he wished to return to playing with one of the Lebanese clubs again, he shall get the letter of clearance from the foreign federation that supervises one of the clubs he plays for, and here, the provisions of Article 121 regarding the signing and transfer shall apply.

**Article 136:**

Every player who wishes to be transferred from Lebanon to abroad must submit the letter of clearance stipulated in the International Federation law at the risk of being rebuffed.

**Article 137:**

Every non-Lebanese player who wishes to play with one of the Lebanese clubs must get a letter of clearance from the latest federation that supervises the clubs he had played with.

**Article 138:**

The Board Committee shall determine before the beginning of each championship the number of players allowed to sign on the clubs contracts and the permitted number for each game.

**Article 139:**

The clubs shall not have the right to have any suspended players participate in any games, whether official or friendly, before receiving their official card. Any club that breaches this procedure shall be subject to a financial fine that amounts to twenty units.

**Article 140:**

Any club that allows the participation of a non-signatory player in any friendly game or who has not gotten a prior permission from the federation shall lose the game and subject to a fine amounting to one hundred units. With the recurrence of such violation, the fine shall double.

**Article 141:**

The member clubs in the federation shall not have the right to play with clubs or institutions that are not member thereof unless by an authorization from the Federation Board Committee. Any violation to this text shall incur a monetary fine on the club that amounts to one hundred units. Should the violation take place

abroad, the sanction doubles and the club shall be prevented from playing games outside Lebanon.

**Article 142:**

Any club that prevents the federation controller from supervising the entrance of its tournament shall be penalized by being prevented from playing on its court for three games and by paying a monetary fine amounting to two hundred units.

**Article 143:**

Any club that allows the participation of a non-member player in any game with foreign clubs without getting the approval of the club for which the said player plays and the Federation Board Committee, shall be sanctioned with a fine that amounts to the equivalent of one hundred units. With the recurrence of such violation, the fine shall double and the club shall be forbidden to play outside Lebanon for an entire season.

**Article 144:**

- All friendly tournaments and games held by the clubs member in the FLB in Lebanon and abroad with local and foreign clubs shall be subject to the approval of the Federation Board Committee.
- The club shall submit a written application to the Federation Board Committee one week earlier regarding its local games, fifteen days regarding the friendly games and local tournaments, three months regarding the international games, subject to the applicable regulations concerning the organization of bringing and sending sporting missions and the technical terms on the form of organizing international tournaments, **along with a detailed study on the tournament and its anticipated revenues.**
- The Federation Board Committee shall reply in writing to the written request, and shall not allow the club willing to hold one of the above mentioned activities to begin carrying it out unless they receive the approving reply.

**Article 145:**

Every club that rejects placing their court without any legitimate excuse under the disposal of the federation shall be banned from holding any game thereon all through the season.

**Article 146:**

Any club that is proven to have sold a ticket for one of the games allowed by the Federation Board Committee but which is not issued by the federation shall be subject to a monetary fine to be determined by the Board Commission, and shall be prevented from holding games or tournaments on its court for three months.

**Article 147:**

Every president or secretary of a club who proves that he has commissioned someone to sign on his behalf shall be subject to the sanction of being deprived from administrative work in his club for a year on the first instance, and two years on the second instance, and for life on the third instance.

**Article 148:**

- Every person on the bench other than the players including the coach shall be considered as an “administrator” to the team.
- Every administrator who commits two technical faults in the same game shall be suspended in the first official game.
- Every administrator who is fired from the court by a referee decision shall be suspended in the first official game.
- The administrator who is punished twice during one season shall be banned from accompanying national teams.
- Every administrator who incites the public to spur chaos and violence and disputes shall be suspended for two official games.
- **Every administrator who is proven to have participated in manipulating the score of any game, directly or indirectly, shall be punished by being suspended for three games and in the event where that recurred, for an entire season.**
- Every administrator who refuses to leave the court upon the request of a

referee shall be suspended for two official games.

- Every administrator who causes obstruction to the game apparatuses and equipment shall be suspended for two games and his club shall bear all damages and results thereof.
- Every administrator who carries out an act that might harm the opponent or affect the public without getting expelled by the referee for his behavior, shall be suspended for two official games, and be summoned for investigation before approving the sanction should the administrator be a president or a secretary.
- Every administrator who harms or offends or defames the federation shall be suspended for at least five games, and in the event of recurrence, such sanction shall be doubled.
- When an administrator commits a breach, the following table of sanctions shall be applied:

	Unsuitable words	Insults and name-calling	Hand gestures	Threats	Attempt to hit	Hitting
Opponent player	20 units	60 units	20 units	20 units	20 units and suspension for one game	100 units and suspension for one game
Opponent administrator	20 units	60 units	20 units	30 units	30 units and suspension for one game	100 units and suspension for one game
Opponent public	One game	100 units	20 units	30 units and a game	30 units and a game	100 units

Referees and subcommittees members	20 units	60 units	30 units	30 units	30 units and a game	100 units and a game
Federation employees	20 units	20 units	30 units	30 units	3 games	3 games
Federation President and members	30 units and suspension for one game	3 games	3 games	3 games	Season	2 seasons

**Article 149:**

Every club whose public causes riots or saying unsuitable words against the referees or the union or the players or administrators of the opponent team, shall be sanctioned by banning its public from attending one to three games in addition to a monetary fine amounting to two hundred fifty units, and such amount shall be subject to doubling with every recurrence of the same during the same season.

**Article 150:**

Every club whose public causes the obstruction of the game shall be sanctioned by losing the game and depriving its public from attending one to three games and by a monetary fine amounting to two hundred units. The same shall escalate according to the phase and the fine shall double with every recurrence during the same season.

**Article 151:**

The players who have not completed the sanction period imposed on them by the Federation Board Committee in their previous club and signed contracts with a new club, shall not have the right to take part in the official and friendly games of

their new club before completion of their sanction term.

**Article 152:**

- Every club which had a suspended player play in an official game shall lose the game and be subject to a fine amounting to one hundred units, and the player’s sanction shall be doubled.
- Every club which had a player who has signed the contract with another club play in an official game, shall have all its results called off and placed in the last standing in the championship of its category or division.
- Every player who signs with more than one club in the same game shall be sanctioned by suspension all through the signature period, provided that is for at least one year.

**Article 153:**

The player who commits any fault against any of the persons mentioned hereunder shall be sanctioned to suspension and a monetary fine according to the following table:

Faulting party	Offended party	Unsuitable words	Insults and name-calling	Hand gestures	Threats	Attempt to hit	Hitting
Player	Player	40 units + 1 game	40 units + 1 game	40 units + 1 game	50 units + 2 games	50 units + 2 games	100 units + 3 games
Player	Coach	20 units	20 units	20 units	20 units	Suspension 3 games	Suspension 3 games
Player	Administrator	40 units + 1 game	40 units + 1 game	40 units + 1 game	50 units + 2 games	50 units + suspension 2 games	100 units + 3 games

Player	Opponent public	40 units + 1 game	40 units + 1 game	40 units + 1 game	50 units + 2 games	50 units + 2 games	100 units + 3 games
Player	Referees	50 units + 3 games	50 units + 3 games	50 units + 3 games	60 units + 5 games	60 units + 5 games	100 units + 5 games
Player	Medics	20 units	1 game	Suspension 2 games	Suspension 2 games	Suspension 3 games	Season
Player	Federation subcommittees and employees	50 units + 3 games	50 units + 3 games	50 units + 3 games	60 units + 5 games	60 units + 5 games	100 units + suspension 5 games
Player	Federation members	100 units + 5 games	100 units + 5 games	100 units + 5 games	100 units + season	100 units + season	100 units + suspension for life

**Article 154:**

- The player shall be notified via his club of the sanction or the monetary fine adopted against him, and shall personally bear the requirement to pay the fine that shall be deducted from the club revenues for the sake of the federation, while the club shall deduct them from the player's remuneration.
- Every player who is proven to have manipulated his date of birth shall be suspended for an entire season.
- Every player who proves to be on any kind of stimulants that are prohibited as per the list of FIBA, WADA and sent by the federation to the entire clubs, shall be subject to the provisions, regulations and sanctions of FIBA and WADA.
- Every player who shall incite his public to start chaos, riots and fuel

seditions shall be suspended for two games.

- Every player who refuses to leave the court upon the request of the referee shall be sanctioned by being suspended to two games.
- Every player who was subject to a monetary fine shall not be able to participate in the game of his team before paying off the fine.
- Every player who contributes in obstructing the tools and equipment of the game shall be suspended for two games and his club shall bear the entire damages and results.
- Every player who receives two technical faults in the same game shall suspend the first official game for his team.
- Every player who is fired from the court by a decision from the referee shall suspend the first official game for his team.
- **The suspended player shall not be replaced.**

#### **Article 155:**

The player who is sanctioned more than three times during one season shall be banned from joining national teams.

#### **Article 156:**

The player may be a member in the General Assembly of several clubs but shall not be able to play basketball for more than one club.

#### **Article 157:**

The Board Committee shall determine the category of players in which they were placed.

#### **Article 158:**

The player who does not participate in the game and is present as a spectator and commits a violation to the laws of the federation shall be sanctioned by a three month suspension.

#### **Article 159:**

The Federation shall, upon the request of one the Board Committee members or one of the judges, be able to prevent, temporarily or finally, the persons who cause riots during the games by stirring or by acting from getting inside courts to see the games they supervise.

**Article 160:**

The official games shall be all championships and competitions organized by the federation.

**Chapter Twelve: Elections law**

**Article 161:**

Every club member of the federation shall have to place its players nominated to represent Lebanon or its sectors under the disposal of the National Teams subcommittee for training and games. Any club who violates the foregoing shall be sanctioned by suspension for an entire season, and all its results shall be called off and it shall be placed in the last standing within its division.

**Article 162:**

The Lebanese national teams shall be comprised of Lebanese players or players of Lebanese origin or those who have obtained the Lebanese nationality.

**Article 163:**

Foreign players shall not be able to play in the teams of sectors.

**Article 164 :**

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- Every player who conducts or participates in exercises 48 hours before the time of a preset game for the national team without any permission or without the supervision of the coach in charge shall be subject to a sanction

by suspension from one to three official games.

- Every player who refuses to participate with the national team in exercises or training camps or games or meetings, or fails to attend without an acceptable written excuse, shall be suspended for two years and banned from taking part in the Lebanese championship.
- Every player who refuses to take part with the national team in exercises or training camps or games or meetings, or fails to attend without an acceptable written excuse, despite the will of his club to participate therein, shall be suspended for three years and banned from taking part in the Lebanese championship.
- Every player who fails to attend the exercises of the national team without an acceptable and justifiable legitimate excuse shall be suspended for three to five games within the season.

#### **Article 165:**

Every national team player who proves to have played less than his true capability, or incited the players against each other or against others or has offended in one way or another to the moral of his team at the administrative or technical levels or has breached the instructions of his coach and administrators shall be suspended from work for two years even with his club; but in the event where the game is for the national team of Lebanon, he shall be suspended for life even with his club.

#### **Article 166:**

The National Team players shall have the right to receive transportation fees and compensation for suspending their works for the sake of training and games, knowing that such compensations shall not exceed the amounts stipulated in the FIBA rules of the game. In addition, every national team player who has played five national games locally or internationally shall be awarded the badge of the national team and shall have the right to attach it on his uniform during the games.

#### **Article 167:**

No club that is a member of the Federation shall have the right to hold any party or event in the same country and on the same day when there is a game for the

national team unless provided with a special permission by the Board Committee. In the event of a breach, the club shall be subject to a sanction of being banned from holding any friendly game for a three-month period.

**Article 168:**

No game shall be held at the same time when a national team game is held unless permitted by the Federation Board Committee. In the event of any breach, the club shall be suspended for one to three months.

**Article 169:**

The National Teams subcommittee shall suggest the sanctions related to the breach of the national teams regulations, but these shall not be effective until after the approval of the Federation Board Committee thereon.

**Article 170:**

Following each training underwent by the national team players, the coaches shall submit two reports:

- The first: administrative, intended for the General Secretariat or the regional general secretariat.
- The second: technical, intended for the National Teams subcommittee.

**Chapter Thirteen: The Lebanese Championships**

**Article 171:**

The Federation shall organize yearly Lebanese Championships for men and women as well as the Lebanese Cup. It shall prepare and disseminate their entire program and regulations before the beginning of the season, and shall coordinate with the First Division Championship for men with regards to its schedule.

**Article 172:**

The club shall not be allowed to participate in more than one team in every championship, and the team players shall be among the Lebanese players member of the club and holders of official permits.

**Article 173:**

The foreign player shall be allowed to take part in the First Division championship or any other category according to the declared regulation of the championship by the Board Committee before the beginning of the season; as for the first division championship for men, it shall have its own stature defined by the First Division Championship Commission in coordination with the federation.

**Article 174:**

The international technical laws shall be solely applicable in the championship.

**Article 175:**

The program and process of every championship shall be carried out the way it is decided by the Board Committee, as for the first division championship for men, the program shall be prepared by the first division championship for men in coordination with the federation.

**Article 176:**

Games that are replayed or deferred for any reason whatsoever shall be held on the same time set by the technical subcommittee in coordination with the Competitions subcommittee and the system of the first game that was first decided shall be applied, and every club that fails to attend for whatsoever reasons shall be subject to sanctions by the Federation Board Committee according to the international and local regulations of the game, for the entire divisions; as for what is related to the men first division championship, a special system shall be applied, prepared by the First Division Championship for men in coordination with the federation.

**Article 177:**

The Lebanese champion title shall be given to any club that wins the first position in its category and shall be granted the trophy of the championship and the number of medals as fixed by the International Federation. As for the remaining positions, medals may be awarded according to what may be decided by the Federation Board Committee.

**Article 178:**

Promoting and demoting processes shall be carried out as per follows :

- Men first division category:

The team that is placed in the last position in the final standing of the first division championship for men shall be demoted to the clubs of second division for men, and the team that ranks right before the last position shall play the promotion and demotion games with the team that comes second in the second division championship for men.

- Men second division category:

The team that is placed in the first position shall be automatically promoted to the first division for men, and the team that ranked second shall play the promotion and demotion games with the team that ranks right before the last position in the final standing of men first division. The last and the one before the last ones shall automatically be demoted to the third division for men and the team that ranked 14 shall participate in the promotion and demotion games with the team that ranked third in the final standing of men third division.

- Men third division category:

The teams that are placed in the first and second positions in the final standing of men third division shall be automatically promoted to the second division for men. The team that ranked third shall play the promotion and demotion games with the team that ranked 14 in the second division. The last three positions of the final standing of men third division shall be automatically demoted to fourth division for men. As for the team that ranked 21 in the men third division, it shall play the promotion and demotion games with the team that ranked fourth in the final standing of men fourth division.

- Men fourth division category:

The teams that are placed in the first, second and third positions in the final standing of men fourth division shall be automatically promoted to the third

division for men. The team that ranked fourth shall play the promotion and demotion games with the team that ranked 21 in the third division.

The last eight positions of the final standing of men fourth division shall be automatically demoted to fifth division for men.

- Men fifth division category:

The first eight teams in the final standing of men fifth division shall be automatically promoted to the fourth division for men according to the mechanism adopted by the Federation Board Committee to make this standing.

- Women first division category:

The team that is placed in the last position in the final standing of the first division championship for women shall be automatically demoted to the clubs of second division for women, and the team that ranks right before the last position shall play the promotion and demotion games with the team that comes second in the second division championship for women.

- Women second division category:

The team that is placed in the first position in the final standing of the second division championship for women shall be automatically promoted to the first division for women, and the team that ranked second shall play the promotion and demotion games with the team that ranked right before the last position in the final standing of women first division. The last one in the final standing of the first division championship for women shall automatically be demoted to the third division for women.

- Women third division category:

The team that ranked first in the final standing of women third division shall be automatically promoted to the second division for women. The team that ranked second shall play the promotion and demotion games with the team that ranked before the last in the second division for women.

### **Article 179:**

The games shall begin on the specified dates and time. In the event of any delay or absence of one of the clubs for more than fifteen minutes, an announcement shall be made on its defeat. Should the same elapse and both clubs failed to arrive, both shall be considered as defeated and the same shall be noted on the scoresheet. The club that is delayed to resume playing in the half-time of the game, it shall be subject to the international game rules.

### **Article 180:**

The club that declared its withdrawal or its absence from any game shall not have the right to hold and organize another game in the same country or abroad, three days before and after the game, otherwise it shall be subject to a suspension penalty for three months.

### **Article 181:**

The rules of the international stature of the game shall apply in terms of the color of the clubs uniforms in the games played according to the home-and-away game system. However, should the games be held on a neutral court or in the league process of one phase, the club whose name is listed first on the schedule shall wear the bright color uniform and the club listed second thereon shall wear the dark color uniform.

### **Article 182:**

- Every club that withdraws from a game shall be sanctioned by losing the game and not receiving any of the game points in addition to a financial sanction to be determined by the Board Committee at the beginning of every season.
- Every club that withdraws from a second game shall be sanctioned by losing the game and not receiving any of the game points in addition to a financial sanction to be determined by the Board Committee at the beginning of every season.
- Every club that withdraws from more than two games shall be sanctioned by crossing out all its scores and placed in the last standing of the championship, and shall automatically be demoted to the lower division at the end of the season, in addition to a financial sanction to be determined by the Board Committee at the beginning of every season.
- Every club that withdraws from one game during the final four phase shall be subject to a monetary fine to be determined by the Board Committee at the beginning of every season. In the event where it withdrew from a second game during the final four, it shall be subject to a fine amounting to ten million Lebanese Pounds in addition to the fees of the referees and technical

staff.

- Every club who withdraws from more than two games during the final four phase shall be subject to the crossing out of all its scores and placed in the last standing of the championship. It shall automatically be demoted to the second division in addition to a financial sanction to be determined by the Board Committee at the beginning of the season.

### **Article 183:**

The club whose court was chosen by the Federation to hold one of the championship games shall prepare such venue for this purpose in a legal way and any negligence from its part in that regards shall subject it to penalty and deprive it from its share of the game revenue that shall be allotted to the federation.

### **Article 184:**

The Lebanese players shall not have the right to participate in the championship games unless they were registered in the name of their club at least seventy two hours before the beginning of the first championship games.

### **Article 185:**

The player who was suspended during the first game shall not be allowed to take part in the same game in the event where it is held again even if his suspension would end on the day of the rematch.

### **Article 186:**

The referee must request that the players' licenses be shown before each game to verify them. In the event where a license is not presented, the referee shall take the signature of the relevant player on the scoresheet and confirm such signature via the captain. The technical subcommittee shall verify whether such player has the right to participate in the game or not, if not, the club shall be penalized by losing the game.

### **Article 187:**

The club shall be subject to a fine amounting to twenty units for every non-presented license in the court and in the event such violation is repeated, the sanction shall double.

**Article 188:**

In the event where there is no technical subcommittee, the Board Committee shall appoint the referees of the games, including the scorekeeper and timekeepers and shall notify them with the decision of appointment by way of the general secretary. As for the first division championship for men, it has its own particular statute that shall be determined by the First Division Championship Committee for men in coordination with the federation.

**Article 189:**

In the event where one or both of the appointed referees were absent, the general secretary or the court commissioner shall have the right to appoint the referees of the games from among the referees present, provided that none of them belongs to any of the competing clubs.

**Article 190:**

The referee must test the validity of the court before the beginning of the game. In the event where he finds that the court is not suitable, he shall instruct to prepare it immediately for the game. No club shall have the right to protest the validity of the court but in writing and on the scoresheet before the beginning of the game.

**Article 191:**

No club shall be allowed to reject any particular referee to run any game.

**Article 192:**

The Board Committee of the club owner of the court shall place at the disposal of the Federation Board Committee at least two of its members or employees to

provide work during the game.

**Article 193:**

Every club except for the first division clubs for men and women whose team withdraws from the court or causes the play to stop in protest to the referee's rules or for any other reason that was not approved by the referees shall lose the game and its right to protest, and the Federation Board Committee shall subject the club to a fine amounting to 100 units.

**Article 194:**

- The court shall be a barred area whose entrance shall not be allowed to anyone without permit of the referee.
- In the event where one or more persons violated the sanctity of the court leading to obstruct the game, the club to which these persons belong shall be sanctioned by losing the game and a monetary fine amounting to two units.
- If these persons belonged to both clubs, then both clubs shall lose the game and be subjected to the monetary fine mentioned hereabove.
- In the event where it was clearly confirmed to the Federation Board Committee that the club has fulfilled its duty to prevent such incident, it shall examine the appropriate measures and sanctions that go along the fault.

**Article 195:**

The scoresheet shall reach the Federation General Secretariat within 24 hours after the end of the game.

**Article 196:**

No protest of any club shall be accepted during or after the game, be it administrative or technical, unless it met the following requirements:

- That the captain or coach informs the referees of his will to protest at the event of any violation, when the ball is stopped or at the nearest time-out, provided such protest is made in a polite manner.
- In the event where the protesting side was not convinced in the referees'

explanations, the captain shall have the right to sign following the game a registration form in the protest column, provided he pays the equivalent of twenty units and appends his signature within twenty minutes maximum a letter stating the reasons of his protest.

- That the club sends a written protest signed and sealed by its president and secretary within 24 to 48 hours according to the circumstances (relatively to the schedule of upcoming games) in which he shall explain the entire protested points.
- The Federation committees shall meet to look into the protest; should the latter be accepted in the form and content, 80% of the protest fee shall be reimbursed and the Federation Board Committee shall take the appropriate measures. However, should the protest not be accepted in the form and content, the protesting club shall lose the entire protest fee.
- In the event where the protest tackled matters before the beginning of the game, the same should be noted on the scoresheet by the captain before beginning the game otherwise such protest shall be considered invalid.

Any protest that does not meet the abovementioned conditions shall be neglected and disregarded.

## **Chapter Fourteen: General Provisions**

### **Article 197:**

The Federation authority shall include every person who has joined it, who is registered in its records and in the records of the member clubs.

### **Article 198:**

The Federation member clubs shall be absolutely prohibited from joining any other institution or federation of basketball.

### **Article 199:**

The Lebanese Basketball Federation shall be deemed the sole authority and exclusive reference to settle all differences and conflicts arising between its

member clubs and the Federation and has the discretion power to decide upon the size of sanctions and fines that are not mentioned herein.

**Article 200:**

No player shall be allowed to participate in a federal national team (pertaining to a college or university or other) without getting the written approval of the Federation on a request he would have applied via his club for this purpose; any violation of the same shall subject the player to one to three month suspension.

**Article 201:**

The member clubs shall send the dates of their respective tournaments to the general secretariat at the beginning of the season in order to include them in the yearly calendar. The detailed program shall be examined at least fifteen days before the beginning of such tournaments so as to enable the appointment of referees for the games and notify them within the legal terms.

**Article 202:**

In the event where a coach leaves a club during the championship be it because of the club management or the coach, the provisions of the agreement held between the two teams shall be respected and they shall seek the Federation's arbitration in the matter.

**Article 203:**

The Lebanese Basketball Federation shall implement the FIBA rules and regulations concerning professionalism and running its affairs; FLB shall implement all international resolutions for this purpose considering it is the sole legal representative of FIBA in Lebanon.

**Article 204:**

During the signature period determined by FLB, the foreign player shall not have the right to play with any other club than the one he signed with on the contracts in

the event he left it, until after one season passes from the end of agreement, unless he was given a letter of clearance from the club.

**Article 205:**

- The legally nationalized players shall be allowed, and as per the applicable Lebanese laws, to play in clubs as Lebanese the minute the nationalization decree is issued pursuant to the provisions of Article 121 and the following general provisions and shall abide by the legal signing time limits set herein.
- In the event where the player is under the process of being nationalized, and he signed the contracts of the club before the beginning of the season, he shall be considered as a foreign player all through the said season, even if the nationalization decree was issued. Similarly, the player who shall gain nationality by marriage shall respect the signing time limits stated herein.

**Article 206:**

The nationalized player shall have the right to play as a member in the National Team of Lebanon ever since he receives the Lebanese citizenship, and shall have the right to play with his club in the international clubs whose laws allow the same.

**Article 207:**

The foreign player who has not reached 18 and received the Lebanese nationality shall have the right to play as a Lebanese ever since the nationalization decree is issued with compliance to the provisions of Article 121 and the following general provisions, and the club shall not have the right to more than one player with a similar situation.

**Article 208:**

The Board Committee shall have the right to take any appropriate decision that was not mentioned herein, including the sanctions stated and non-stated as well as the interpretation of the General Statute clauses and approval of any decision that was not mentioned.

**Article 209:**

The Federation Board of Directors shall be considered the competent authority to look into all conflicts, disputes and sanctions imposed and monetary fines as well as to interpret contracts and everything that was not mentioned.

The injured party shall have the right to appeal its decisions before the Protest and Appeals subcommittee at first and then before the Lebanese Arbitrary Committee for Sports (if any) and later on before BAT and CAS.

**Article 210**

In case there was influence as for the results of any game arising from bets and in the case where the participation of any official or technical or referee or player was verified therewith, his name shall be erased from the Federation Registries for life, and the Federation shall be entitled upon a claim presented by any club to refer to the Bets' Company as to attain to know the persons involved, the federation as well can move spontaneously.