



Internal Regulations - SANCTIONS

The following sanctions have been adopted by the British Basketball Federation from the FIBA Internal Regulations Book 1 . They have been amended where appropriate to refer to the Federation's areas of responsibility.

The FIBA Article numbers have been retained to allow commonality against the FIBA Regulation.

These sanctions are applicable to any investigation that a BBF Disciplinary Panel or a BBF Appeals Panel, has been appointed to review and make a decision on.

This regulation should be read in conjunction with BBF Internal Regulations - Definitions

SANCTIONS

DISCIPLINARY OFFENCES

154. Unless otherwise specified, it shall be a Disciplinary Offence to violate, through any act or omission, the FIBA Code of Conduct (which incorporates by reference, via FIBA article 1-90 the provisions of the General Statutes, the Internal Regulations, and other rules and regulations, policies or decisions of FIBA or the BBF).
155. It shall also be a Disciplinary Offence for a Basketball Party to undertake acts or omissions amounting to attempted violations or to any type of complicity involving a violation or attempted violation of the FIBA Code of Conduct, including without limitation inciting, aiding, abetting, inducing, instructing, facilitating, encouraging, assisting or covering up a violation or attempted violation of the Code of Conduct. Investigation is the sole responsibility of the BBF and or FIBA
156. A violation of FIBA article 1-110 shall be considered an "Administrative Offence" and may be sanctioned as provided in article 166 below. If the same conduct also constitutes a Disciplinary Offence, it may also be sanctionable as a Disciplinary Offence.
157. Violations of the Official Basketball Rules may be sanctioned as provided in such rules, but may also constitute a Disciplinary Offence sanctionable under this document.
158. All Disciplinary Offences shall be sanctioned as provided in this document, unless otherwise specified.
159. Violations of the FIBA Internal Regulations Book 4 governing, Anti-Doping, shall be sanctioned exclusively in accordance with those provisions, by FIBA or the BBF, unless otherwise provided therein.
160. Unless otherwise specified, offences are sanctionable regardless of whether they have been committed intentionally or negligently.
161. In addition to personal responsibility, BBF Members, Professional Leagues and Clubs are strictly liable and may be sanctioned accordingly, for the conduct of their Participants, as well as of their supporters (including Spectators).
162. Unless provided otherwise, disciplinary proceedings may be initiated at the latest ten (10) years from the date the offence occurred (or, in case of continuous offences, from the date the offence ended) or the date of knowledge of the offence by FIBA or the BBF, whichever comes later.

LIST OF SANCTIONS

Disciplinary Offences

163. The following sanctions may be imposed on legal entities for Disciplinary Offences:

- a. warning;
- b. reprimand;
- c. fine up to £300,000;
- d. ban from selling tickets to supporters for away games;
- e. annulment of the result of an Official Game;
- f. order that an Official Game be replayed;
- g. deduction of points (for the current and/or a future competition);
- h. order that an Official Game be forfeited;
- i. playing of an Official Game behind closed doors;
- j. full or partial venue closure;
- k. playing of an Official Game in a third city ;
- l. withholding of financial benefits;
- m. prohibition on registering new players;
- n. disqualification from a competition in progress and/or exclusion from future competition(s);
- o. withdrawal of a title or award;
- p. withdrawal of a license or registration;
- q. service to the benefit of basketball community;
- r. reimbursement of expenses and/or damages incurred by FIBA or BBF, affected Member or Professional League (s) as a direct result of the violation; and
- s. a combination of the above measures.

164. The following sanctions may be imposed on natural persons for Disciplinary Offences:

- a. warning;
- b. reprimand;
- c. fine up to £100,000;
- d. suspension for a specified number of Official Games orfor a specified period of time;
- e. suspension from carrying out a function for a specified number of Official Games or for a specified period of time;
- f. suspension or removal from office;
- g. prohibition on participating in any or all FIBA or BBF and FIBA or BBF or its Member -related activities;
- h. withdrawal of a title or award;

- i. service to the benefit of basketball community; and
- j. a combination of the above measures.

165. Where an Official is found to be in breach of the of FIBA Code of Ethics and Integrity, sanction/s may include (in addition to those set out in articles 163 and 164 above) suspension of membership or status as an Official. In the case of the Official being FIBA licensed, then FIBA will be informed.

Administrative Offences

166. The following sanctions may be imposed for Administrative Offences (see article 156):

- a. warning;
- b. reprimand;
- c. an administrative fine:
 - i. For natural persons: up to £1,000 ; and
 - ii. For legal entities: up to £2,000.
- iii combination of the above measures.

GENERAL PROVISIONS ON SANCTIONS

167. Sanctions may be

- a. limited to a geographical area or to one or more competitions or parts thereof (e.g. Qualification Round etc.); or
- b. suspended for a probationary period of no less than one (1) year and no longer than five (5) years. If the same or similar offence is committed during the probationary period, FIBA or BBF may order that the original sanction be enforced. This may be added to the sanction imposed for the new offence.

168. The otherwise applicable sanction may be increased in the following circumstances:

- a. Recidivism involving the same or a similar offence, in which case the severity of the otherwise applicable sanction may be at least doubled. Recidivism involving Administrative Offences may be sanctioned as Disciplinary Offences. This article 168 only applies if a decision imposing a sanction for the subsequent same or similar offence is issued within five (5) years of the occurrence of the previous offence at stake; or
- b. If aggravating circumstances are present, in which case the BBF may impose an increased sanction and may, if warranted by the exceptional circumstances of the case, exceed the limits set in articles 163 and 164 shown above. .

169. Pending resolution of a disciplinary matter, FIBA or BBF may impose a provisional suspension or other provisional sanction.

170. In the event of a fine, and unless otherwise stipulated in the decision, the applicable amount shall be paid in full within thirty (30) days from notification of the decision to the bank account of BBF without any deductions (e.g. bank charges) or set offs. Late payments shall incur interest at a rate of 5% per annum and, at BBF's discretion, prohibition from participation until the entire amount has been paid.
171. Unless otherwise stipulated in the decision, BBF may issue mandatory directions regarding the implementation of sanctions (e.g. conduct of an Official Game behind closed doors) within the spirit and letter of the decision.
172. In addition to article 182.b, below, non-observance of sanctions imposed hereunder constitutes a separate Disciplinary Offence and shall be subject to the sanctions provided for under this document. BBF may suspend the Basketball Party from BBF or any event until compliance occurs
173. Unless otherwise stipulated in the decision, sanctions are carried over to the following same Basketball Competition (or season, as applicable), until they are fully served.
174. Depending on the seriousness of the offence, the BBF may decide that a sanction shall apply also to a Member, Professional League, a Club or any competitions including club competitions.
175. Where a sanction is imposed by FIBA or BBF and the person concerned avoids the application of the relevant decision for a period of time (e.g. by participating in activities of an organisation that does not recognise or implement the FIBA - BBF decision), such period shall not be credited against the period of sanction unless the FIBA Secretary General or BBF Chair decides otherwise.
176. BBF or FIBA may suspend in accordance with article 167.b or reduce any part or all of a sanction for a breach of the Code of Ethics and Integrity in an individual case where the Person charged with such breach has provided substantive information or assistance to FIBA /BBF that results in FIBA - BBF discovering or bringing forward a breach of the FIBA Code of Ethics and Integrity or the FIBA Anti-Doping Rules against another Person.
177. A period of suspension imposed for a violation of the FIBA Code of Ethics and Integrity shall be tolled during any period for which the Person is suspended under the FIBA Internal Regulations governing Anti-Doping.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR SANCTIONING VIOLATIONS RELATED TO OFFICIAL GAMES

178. A violation of FIBA article 1-106 involving the use of unregistered player(s) or ineligible player(s) shall result in forfeiture of the Official Game. In the event of a second offence, the team may be disqualified from the competition and a future suspension and/or a disciplinary fine may additionally be imposed.
179. A violation of FIBA article 1-106 involving presenting less than ten (10) eligible players at the beginning of an Official Game shall incur a disciplinary fine. Only applies to BBF managed competitions.

180. It shall be considered an aggravating circumstance (see article 181) if unsportsmanlike conduct (see FIBA Internal Regulations Book 1 articles 1-107 and 1-109) involves any of the following:
- a. Interruption of the Official Game;
 - b. Interruption of the Official Game and for any reason whatsoever it is not resumed, it shall be considered a particularly aggravating circumstance; or
 - c. An injury occurs, which shall be considered a particularly aggravating circumstance.
181. For a violation of FIBA article 1-107 or 1-109 involving aggravating circumstances (article 180 above), in addition to any other applicable sanctions, the following shall apply:
- a. If the Official Game was interrupted for any reason whatsoever and not resumed it shall incur a minimum sanction of one (1) Official Game behind closed doors for the Member's or Professional League Club responsible. It may also incur, in addition to any other applicable sanction, (i) the forfeiture of the Official Game by the club involved that bore sole or greater responsibility for the violation; or (ii) the game to be replayed in the event that the level of responsibility is equally shared; and/or
 - b. If the violation involved an injury it shall incur a minimum sanction of one (1) Official Game behind closed doors.
182. Unless otherwise stipulated in the relevant decision:
- a. The sanction shall be applied to the Official Game immediately following the notification of the decision. If there is no Official Game on the day of the notification of the decision, the sanction shall be applied as of the day after notification of the decision. For the purposes of this clause, a decision communicated by email or facsimile shall be presumed to have been received by the person or entity concerned once the email has been sent from an email server used by BBF or FIBA or in the case of a facsimile once the facsimile has been successfully transmitted by FIBA or the BBF; and
 - b. If a coach or Player participates in an Official Game while under suspension or disqualification, the following shall apply:
 - i. the Official Game shall be forfeited against the team of the Player or the Coach; and
 - ii. the sanction on the coach or Player will be doubled or reset and start again, as decided by the body that imposed it.
183. In the event that the competent BBF disciplinary body decides that a Club shall lose an Official Game by forfeit, and unless otherwise stipulated in the decision or in this Chapter, the following shall apply:
- a. If the Official Game is awarded to the Club that won the same Official Game (or, in case of stoppage, was leading the score at the time of stoppage) by more than twenty (20) points, then said score shall remain valid;
 - b. In the event that paragraph (a) above does not apply, then the score shall be recorded as twenty to zero (20-0) against the Club that lost the Official Game by forfeit;
 - c. In cases of point classification (e.g. Group Phase), the offending Club shall receive zero (0) points in the classification; and

- d. In cases of home and away format with point difference, the offending Club shall lose the series.

184. In case the forfeiture of the Official Game is a result of default, the following shall apply:

- a. If the Official Game is awarded to the Club that was at the time of stoppage in the lead, then the score when the Official Game was stopped shall remain valid;
- b. In the event that paragraph (a) above does not apply, then the score shall be recorded as two to zero (2-0) against the Club that lost the Official Game by default
- c. In cases of point classification (e.g. Group Phase), the offending Club shall receive one (1) point in the classification; and
- d. In cases of games played in a series format with point difference (e.g. Play-Offs), the offending Club shall lose the series.