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Basketball
Technical Handbook

INTRODUCTION

This document outlines the rules and regulations governing men's and women's basketball competitions in the UAE University Games.

All participating universities, players, officials, and staff are expected to adhere to these guidelines to ensure fair play, sportsmanship, and the successful execution of the tournament. These rules are based on FIBA regulations, adapted for the university context, and aim to provide a comprehensive framework for the competition.

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1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1.1. The UAE University Games Basketball Competition is organized under the auspices of the Ministry of Sports (MOS) and UAE Schools & University Sports Federation (UAESUSF) in partnership with Abu Dhabi Entertainment Company (ADEC).

1.1.2. The competition shall be played by the FIBA Official Basketball Rules, except where specifically stated otherwise in these regulations.

1.1.3. All participants are expected to uphold the principles of fair play, respect, and sportsmanship throughout the competition.

2. SPORTSMANSHIP AND FAIR PLAY

Core Values

2.1.1 All participants in the UAE University Games Basketball competition are expected to embody the core values of respect, integrity, and sportsmanship.

2.1.2 Fair play and ethical behavior are fundamental to the spirit of university sports and must always be upheld.

Respect for Officials

2.1.3 Players, coaches, and team officials must respect the authority of referees and match officials.

2.1.4 Decisions of the referees must be accepted without protest during the match.

2.1.5 Any disagreements should be expressed through proper channels after the match.

Respect for Opponents

2.1.6 Teams must show respect to their opponents before, during, and after matches.

2.1.7 Handshakes between teams are encouraged before and after each match.

2.1.8 Excessive celebration that may be seen as taunting or unsportsmanlike is prohibited.

On-Field Conduct

2.1.9 Players must compete fairly and ethically, avoiding intentional fouls or attempts to deceive referees.

Bench Conduct

2.1.10 Team officials and substitutes in the technical area must behave responsibly and refrain from interfering with the match.

2.1.11 Verbal abuse or intimidation of opponents or officials is not allowed.

Academic Integrity

2.1.12 Universities are responsible for ensuring that all participating students maintain good academic standing.

2.1.13 Any attempt to field ineligible players or falsify academic records will be penalized.

Anti-Discrimination

2.1.14 Discrimination of any kind against a country, private person, or group of people on account of race, skin color, ethnic, national, or social origin, gender, language, religion or any other status is prohibited.

2.1.15 Any such behavior will be subject to disciplinary measures.

Education and Promotion

2.1.16 Universities are encouraged to conduct fair play workshops for their teams prior to the competition.

2.1.17 The UAE University Games will promote fair play through various initiatives and campaigns throughout the tournament.

Reporting Misconduct

2.1.18 Any participant who witnesses serious breaches of fair play or ethical conduct is encouraged to report such incidents to the tournament organizers. Confidentiality will be maintained for all reports made in good faith.

3. TEAM COMPOSITION & PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Squad Size

3.1.1 Squad size shall be capped at a maximum of 20 for both men's and women's competitions.

3.1.2 Only twelve players from the extended registered squad may be selected for game day, with five (5) players on the court and seven (7) on the bench.

Player Game Eligibility

3.1.3 Players' eligibility as per outlined in the "University Games Guidelines" document.

3.1.4 Each university must submit a squad list with player details and proof of enrolment prior to the commencement of the competition.

3.1.5 Accreditations and ID's must also be presented to the relevant match officials on match days; failure to present these may give the player ineligible, and the player will not be allowed to participate in the match.

3.1.6 Players should carry a valid university ID and an Emirates ID. If any player does not have an issued Emirates ID, a government-issued ID is sufficient.

3.1.7 The team manager and/or coach is responsible for ensuring all players are eligible to participate.

3.1.8 Fielding ineligible players may result in a forfeit of the game or disqualification from the competition.

4. GAME FORMAT

4.1.1 Games shall consist of four (4) 10-minute quarters with a running clock.

4.1.2 The last two (2) minutes of each quarter will use stop-clock timing.

4.1.3 There is a 2-minute interval between the 1st & 2nd quarter and the 3rd & 4th quarter.

4.1.4 Half-time break shall not exceed ten (10) minutes.

4.1.5 In case a game ends in a draw, an extra 5-minute overtime will be played to determine the winner. Multiple 5-minute overtimes may be played until a winning team is determined. A 5–minute overtime will be played, with the first 4 minutes on a running time basis and the last 1 minute on a stop-time basis.

4.1.6 FIBA's restriction on jersey numbers is not applicable. It is, however, required to have the jersey number on the front and back of the jersey.

4.1.7 Each team is entitled to:

a) Two (2) timeouts during the first half

b) Three (3) timeouts during the second half – In the event that a head coach does not use at least one of the allotted three timeouts before the two-minute mark of the game, the team will automatically forfeit one timeout.

4.1.8 All games from the quarter-final stage onwards will be played using full regulation time, with no running clock, including the extra time, in accordance with FIBA rules.

5. COMPETITION STRUCTURE

Regional Conferences

5.1.1. The UAE University Games Basketball Competition shall be played across 3 distinct conferences.

a. Eastern Conference: Northern Emirates including Ajman, Fujairah, Ras Al Khaimah, Sharjah, and Um Al Quain.
b. Central Conference: Dubai
c. Western Conference: Abu Dhabi (including Al Ain and Al Dhafra)

5.1.2. Conferences may be merged in some instances for a worthy cause. This will be at the discretion of the UAE University Games organizers and relevant subcommittees and shall be communicated to all participants prior to the commencement of the competition.

Group Stage

5.1.3. All teams are grouped based on their sport, gender, and conference (Central, Western, Eastern).

5.1.4. Each conference involves a single group for each sport and gender.

5.1.5. Teams are ranked from 1 to 3 at the beginning of the season within each sport and gender category to guide scheduling and avoid early matchups between top-ranked teams.

5.1.6. Matches are scheduled randomly, with efforts to avoid matchups between Rank 1 teams (as declared at the beginning of the season).

a) Rank 1: Universities whose teams qualified for the playoffs in the previous edition of the UAE University Games.
b) Rank 2: Universities whose teams participated in the previous edition but did not qualify for the playoffs, as well as newly participating universities that possess established sports facilities.

c) Rank 3: Newly participating universities that do not have dedicated sports facilities.

5.1.7. Each team plays a minimum of:

a) 8 Games if their group has more than 10 teams.
b) 6 Games if their group has 10 or fewer teams.
c) Playoff games if qualified.

5.1.8. Rankings are determined using the following rules:

Win = 2 points, Loss = 1 point, Forfeit = 0 points.

5.1.9. Ties in points are resolved using:

a) Point Differential between tied teams.
b) Points Scored.
c) Head-to-Head (if applicable).

Pre-Knockout Stage

5.1.10. After the League Phase, the top teams advanced to the knockout structure.

5.1.11. Central Conference Qualifier

a) Due to the large number of participating teams, Central Conference is guaranteed 3 spots to the Quarterfinals.
b) The top 2 teams from Central qualify directly to the Quarterfinals.
c) Teams ranked 3rd to 6th play as follows:
    i. Game 1: Central 3rd vs Central 6th
    ii. Game 2: Central 4th vs Central 5th
    iii. Game 3: Winner of Game 1 vs Winner of Game 2 → Qualifies to Quarterfinals as Central Qualifier

5.1.12. Western & Eastern Inter-Conference Qualifier

a) Western and Eastern Conferences contribute 5 teams to the Quarterfinals.

b) The top 2 teams from Western & Eastern qualify directly to the Quarterfinals.
c) Teams ranked 3rd to 6th in Western & Eastern play as follows:
    i. Game 1: Western 3rd vs Western 6th
    ii. Game 2: Western 4th vs Western 5th
    iii. Game 3: Winner of Game 1 vs Winner of Game 2 → Western Qualifier
    iv. Game 4: Eastern 3rd vs Eastern 6th
    v. Game 5: Eastern 4th vs Eastern 5th
    vi. Game 6: Winner of Game 4 vs Winner of Game 5 → Eastern Qualifier
    vii. Game 7: Western Qualifier vs Eastern Qualifier → Winner qualifies to Quarterfinals as Inter-Conference Qualifier

Knockout Phase

5.1.13. The knockout phase includes the top 8 teams.
5.1.14. Includes 3rd Place Playoff.
5.1.15. Quarterfinal Matchups

a) QF1 Central 1st vs Inter-Conference Qualifier
b) QF2 Western 2nd vs Eastern 2nd
c) QF3 Western 1st vs Central Qualifier
d) QF4 Eastern 1st vs Central 2nd

5.1.16. Semifinals

a) Semifinal 1 → Winner QF1 vs Winner QF3
b) Semifinal 2 → Winner QF2 vs Winner QF4

5.1.17. Finals

a) 3rd Place Match → Loser SF1 vs Loser SF2

b) Final → Winner SF1 vs Winner SF2

6. THE COURT

Court Dimensions

6.1.1 The playing court shall be 28.0m long and 15.0m wide.

6.1.2 The court shall be surrounded by a boundary area of at least 2.0m.

6.1.3 The minimum dimensions for the entire court area are 32.0m long and 19.0m wide.

6.1.4 The space above the court shall be free from obstruction for a minimum height of 7.0m.

Court Markings

6.1.5 The court shall be marked with 50mm lines in accordance with the FIBA Official Rules of Basketball.

6.1.6 All lines shall be drawn in white or other contrasting colors.

Equipment

6.1.7 Regulation size seven (7) basketballs will be used for the Men's competition.

6.1.8 Regulation size six (6) basketballs will be used for the Women's competition.

6.1.9 All equipment, including backboards, baskets, and nets, must meet FIBA specifications.

7. GAME SCHEDULE AND TIMINGS

7.1.1 The competition schedule will be released at least 7 days before the start of the tournament.

7.1.2 Teams must arrive at the venue at least 1 hour before the scheduled tip-off time.

7.1.3 Warm-up time on the court will be allocated 20 minutes before tip-off, subject to court availability.

7.1.4 A team that delays the tip-off by up to 15 minutes will be subject to disciplinary action. Beyond 15 minutes, the game may be awarded to the opposing team with a 20-0 score.

8. KIT AND EQUIPMENT

8.1.1 Each team must have a light and dark colored kit in contrasting colors.

8.1.2 The home team shall wear their light-colored kit. The away team shall wear their dark-coloured kit.

8.1.3 Jersey numbers are not restricted to FIBA's traditional number regulations but must be clearly visible and correspond to the numbers listed on the team sheet.

8.1.4 No jewelry or accessories are allowed during play.

8.1.5 Players may wear compression sleeves, knee/ankle braces, and headbands provided they are of appropriate material and color as determined by the officials.

9. GAME PROCEDURES

Team Sheets

9.1.1 Must be submitted to the scorer's table at least 30 minutes before tip-off.

9.1.2 Must list all players, their jersey numbers, and team officials.

9.1.3 Must designate the team captain and start five players.

Technical Area

9.1.4 Only registered team officials, substitute players, and medical staff are allowed in the team bench area.

9.1.5 A maximum of three team officials can be in the team bench area at any time.

9.1.6 Teams must occupy the bench on the side of their own basket during warm-up.

Abandoned Games

9.1.7 The UAE University Games has the authority to determine the outcome of abandoned games.

9.1.8 Generally, if 75% of the game has been played (30 minutes), the result at the time of abandonment will stand.

9.1.9 Games abandoned before this point may be replayed in full or resumed from the point of abandonment, as determined by the organizing committee.

10. OFFICIATING

Official Appointments

10.1.1 Five (5) certified basketball officials will be appointed for each game:

a) Two referees (a 3rd referee will be added for quarterfinal games onwards)

b) One timekeeper

c) One scorekeeper

10.1.2 Officials will be appointed by The UAE University Games in partnership with the UAE Basketball Association.

Match Report

10.1.3 The venue manager must submit a game report within 24 hours of the game completion to the organizing committee.

10.1.4 The report should include:

a) Final score and quarter-by-quarter scores

b) Details of any technical fouls, unsportsmanlike fouls, or disqualifying fouls

c) Any notable incidents or injuries

d) Any protests lodged by either team

Official Report in Case of an Incident

The referee must submit a detailed report of any incident to the Operations Team, who will then share it with the Organizing Committee.

11. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

Technical Fouls

11.1.1 Two technical fouls in the same game result in automatic ejection

Unsportsmanlike Fouls

11.1.2 Two unsportsmanlike fouls in the same game result in automatic ejection

Serious Offenses

11.1.3 Fighting or attempting to fight; minimum two-game suspension

11.1.4 Leaving the bench area during an altercation: one-game suspension

11.1.5 Physical contact with an official: minimum three-game suspension

11.1.6 The disciplinary committee may impose additional sanctions on serious offenses.

Team Misconduct

11.1.7 Teams responsible for game abandonment will face disciplinary action.

Forfeited Matches

11.1.8 If a team forfeits a game within 48 hours of the scheduled start time, the forfeiting team shall be subject to a penalty of AED 3,000 payable to the Organizing Committee within 30 days upon receipt of penalty notice/invoice.

12. APPEALS AND DISPUTES

12.1.1 Appeals must be submitted in writing within 24 hours of the game in question.

12.1.2 The Appeals Committee's decision is final and binding.

12.1.3 Appeals can be made on the following grounds:

a) Misapplication of rules
b) Player eligibility issues
c) Serious procedural errors

12.1.4 Judgment calls by officials cannot be appealed.

12.1.5 The Appeals Committee's decision is final and binding.

12.1.6 Appeals may be submitted via **management@uaeuniversitygames.ae** email, with the **Subject: Appeal – Basketball Game (Date of Game)**

13. MEDICAL AND SAFETY PROVISIONS

13.1.1 Each venue should have a qualified medical professional present, a fully equipped first-aid kit and suitable provisions to ensure rapid emergency treatment if necessary.

13.1.2 A player who suffers a head injury must be assessed by the medical professional before being allowed to continue.

14. FINAL PROVISIONS

14.1.1 Matters not provided for in these regulations will be decided by the UAE University Games, through its Local Organizing Committee and assigned subcommittees where applicable.

14.1.2 These regulations are approved by The UAE University Games, under the auspices of the Ministry of Sports (MOS) and United Arab Emirates Sports Federation for School and University Education Institutions (UAESUSF) in partnership with Abu Dhabi Entertainment Company (ADEC) and UAE Basketball Association and will come into force immediately.

14.1.3 This remains a live document, and the 'UAE University Games' reserves the right to make amendments to these regulations, as necessary.