

*To the National Federations affiliated to FIBA*

10 May 2019

## **Circular Letter n° 10**

### **Amendments to the FIBA Internal Regulations – Online System for International Transfers**

Dear President,  
Dear Secretary General,

In reference to the Circular Letter n°7 – Amendments to the FIBA Internal Regulations, dated 9 April 2019, we would like to provide you with the below detailed information on transitioning to FIBA's new mandatory online system for international transfers, which will come into effect **on 15 May 2019** (I.), as well as with an overview of the new system and associated amendments to Book 3 of the FIBA Internal Regulations (II.).

#### **I. Important information for transitioning to the new system**

As mentioned, starting on 15 May 2019, all international transfers will be processed exclusively through FIBA's online Management and Administration Platform ("FIBA MAP").

National Member Federations ("NMFs") will need to have at least one user registered in FIBA MAP with the international transfers credentials. In order to register, please complete and return the enclosed FIBA MAP Transfer User Registration Form to [transfers@fiba.basketball](mailto:transfers@fiba.basketball) **no later than Wednesday 15 May 2019**.

#### **II. Overview of the new system and key amendments**

The following provides an overview of the new system to request a Letter of Clearance from FIBA for an international transfer (see articles 3-59 through 72 of the FIBA Internal Regulations v. 15 May 2019). Please see below for special cases involving foreign first registrations, young players, and international transfers from academic or other institutions.

- The NMF that wishes to issue a license to a player seeking to transfer internationally, i.e. the "Requesting NMF", submits a request to FIBA for a Letter of Clearance through FIBA MAP;

- When all information is provided and any applicable fee is paid by a Requesting NMF, FIBA MAP confirms the request for a Letter of Clearance is “Complete”;
- Once the request is Complete, the NMF of Origin, i.e. the NMF from which the player is transferring, must reply within six (6) days by either agreeing or disagreeing with the request and providing any necessary information;
- The Requesting NMF has two (2) days to dispute the reply received from the NMF of Origin; and
- Depending on the replies (or lack thereof) from the NMFs involved in the transfer, FIBA either (i) issues a Letter of Clearance; (ii) refuses a Letter of Clearance; or (iii) performs further investigations.

Kindly take note of the following special cases for international transfer:

- **Young Players:** See articles 3-74 to 89 of the FIBA Internal Regulations for the special case of international transfers involving Young Players. International transfers before a player’s 18<sup>th</sup> birthday are not allowed, except in special cases as decided by the FIBA Secretary General after an examination of the circumstances by the FIBA Secretary General and upon consultation with the relevant parties. No administrative fee is charged, however, depending on the circumstances training compensation or a contribution to the Solidarity Fund may be required.
- **Foreign First Registrations:** NMFs wishing to issue a first license to a player who does not hold the nationality of the NMF must obtain a Letter of Clearance from FIBA. The request must be accompanied by a written declaration by the player confirming that he has never been licensed by any NMF (see article 3-67.c of the FIBA Internal Regulations). No administrative fee will be charged in this case.
- **Academic Institution or other Organisations:** See articles 3-90 to 3-92 of the FIBA Internal Regulations for the special case of players transferring from an academic institution or other organisation. Please take note that in this case, all such players will require a Letter of Clearance, which may require consultation with the NMF where the academic institution or other organisation is located as well as the NMF where the player was last licensed (if different from the Requesting NMF).

In addition, we draw your attention to the following key amendment: in principle, requests for a Letter of Clearance require the payment of an administrative fee of CHF 250. The payment will be made through the FIBA MAP Online Payment System and redistributed as follows: CHF 150 to the NMF of Origin; CHF 50 to the Requesting NMF; and CHF 50 to FIBA.

Kindly note that the updated FIBA Internal Regulations are available for download on the FIBA website via the following link: <https://www.fiba.basketball/documents>.



Please be informed that this transition process is supervised by FIBA NF & Sport Director, Mr Radovic, in coordination with the five FIBA Executive Directors of the Regional Offices. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the FIBA Transfers Team by email ([transfers@fiba.basketball](mailto:transfers@fiba.basketball)).

Yours Sincerely,

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Secretary General

Cc: Mr Zoran Radovic, FIBA NF & Sport Director  
FIBA Regional Offices

Attached: FIBA MAP Transfer User Registration Form

