

## 1. EVENTS

Basketball competitions will be conducted from 13 June to 24 June 2023 and will comprise the following events:

- Men and women teams

## 2. PARTICIPANTS

### 2.1. Invitation to Participate

DIBF and the Organising Committee will invite all National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) and all National Deaf Basketball Association (NDBA) members in good standing to participate in the competition.

### 2.2. Eligibility

#### 2.2.1. Hearing Loss

Participation in the competition is restricted to athletes who are deaf and/or hard of hearing. Refer to the [ICSD Audiogram Regulations](#) for additional details on measurement of hearing loss.

#### 2.2.2. Age

There are no age restrictions for these competitions.

#### 2.2.3. Compliance

Only athletes who comply with the [DIBF Internal Regulations](#) and [ICSD Deaf World Championships Regulations](#) are allowed to participate in the competition.

### 2.3. Number of Teams

Each National Federation/Association may enter one (1) men's team and one (1) women's team. Participation in the World Deaf Championships is limited to a maximum of sixteen (16) men's teams and sixteen (16) women's teams.

### 2.4. Qualified Teams

Participation is determined through a qualification system below:

#### Men's (16 teams)

Greece (Host)	Lebanon
Argentina	Lithuania
Australia	Poland
China	Slovenia
Dominican Republic	Spain
Hong Kong	Ukraine
Israel	USA
Kenya	Venezuela

#### Women's (8 teams)

Greece (Host)
Italy
Kenya
Lithuania
Poland
Türkiye
Ukraine
USA

### 2.5. Number of Athletes

Each team may have a maximum of twelve (12) athletes.

### **2.6. Competition Entry Rules**

Only an authorised representative of each NDSF/NDBA is allowed to submit competition entries.

### **2.7. Non-Starting Athletes**

A fine of \$100 USD will be levied on each non-starting athlete unless he/she submits a doctor's declaration in writing English that he/she should not be allowed to start.

## **3. REGISTRATIONS**

### **3.1. Preliminary Team Registration**

The preliminary team registration deadline for the 2023 World Deaf Basketball Championships is **30 November 2021**.

### **3.2. Final Team Registration**

The final team registration deadline for the 2023 World Deaf Basketball Championships is **12 June 2022**.

### **3.3. Preliminary Name Registration**

The final name registration (24 athletes) for the 2023 World Deaf Basketball Championships must be submitted no later than **12 March 2023**.

### **3.4. Final Name Registration**

**At the technical meeting** prior to competition, a roster of 12 names must be presented and these athletes must come from the preliminary name registration of 24 athletes.

## **4. COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **4.1. Technical Organisation**

DIBF is being responsible for the technical organisation of the competition in conjunction with the Federation Internationale de Basketball (FIBA).

### **4.2. Committees**

#### **4.2.1. Technical Committee**

The Technical Committee is comprised of the DIBF Sports Director and other members nominated by the Organising Committee and approved by DIBF:

Jürgen ENDRESS	DIBF Sports Director
Yaakov KEREN	DIBF Technical Director
Dario PIGNATARO	DIBF Technical Director
Peter BADAVAS	DIBF Technical Staff
Andreas MAGGANAS	FIBA Chief Referee
Fabio SCARPA	DIBF Chief Referee
Babis MARKAKIS	Sports Liaison Officer

#### **4.2.2. Protest Committee**

The Protest Committee is comprised of the DIBF Sports Director and other members nominated by the Organising Committee and approved by DIBF:

Jürgen ENDRESS	DIBF Sports Director
Andreas MAGGANAS	FIBA Chief Referee
Fabio SCARPA	DIBF Chief Referee

#### **4.3. Competition Rules**

The competitions will be conducted in accordance with the [Rules and Regulations of the FIBA](#) (version: [2022](#)). In case of disagreement in the interpretation of the Rules and Regulations, the English text shall prevail. Unforeseen incidents not covered by the Rules and Regulations shall be dealt with as follow:

**4.3.1.** Cases of a general nature will be resolved in accordance with the [DIBF Internal Regulations](#), [ICSD Deaf World Championships Regulations](#) and this Basketball Technical Regulations.

**4.3.2.** Cases of a technical nature related to competition rules will be resolved in accordance with the FIBA Rules and Regulations.

#### **4.4. Competition Equipment**

All equipment used during competition must comply with the FIBA Rules and Regulations.

#### **4.5. Competition Clothing**

**4.5.1.** Participants must wear competitive uniforms representing their nationality, duly registered and published in accordance with the FIBA Rules and Regulations.

**4.5.2.** Participants must observe the [DIBF Internal Regulations](#) and [ICSD Deaf World Championships Regulations](#) regarding advertisements on their uniforms and clothing worn in the competition area.

#### **4.6. Draw**

The draw for all events will be conducted under control of the Technical Committee and in accordance with the FIBA Rules and Regulations.

#### **4.7. Competition Plan**

The competition plan will be conducted in accordance with the FIBA Rules and Regulations.

#### **4.8. Officials**

##### **4.8.1. Judge/Referee/Umpire**

Allocation of the officials to conduct the events will be made by the Technical Committee. Wherever possible, officials will possess the DIBF/FIBA international license valid for 2022. However, officials with the highest level of national accreditation may be assigned.

**4.8.2. Appointment**

The Organising Committee and the DIBF will appoint FIBA and DIBF Commissioners and an appropriate number of officials to conduct each event.

**4.9. Unforeseen Incidents**

In the event of unforeseen incidents not covered by the rules and regulations, the Technical Committee will make a determination. In the absence of the Technical Committee, the DIBF Sports Director will make a determination.

**5. VENUES****5.1. Competition Venue**

The competitions will take place at: [Heraklion Arena](#) and [Lido Sports Hall](#)

**5.2. Training Venue**

The training will take place at: [Heraklion Arena](#) and [Lido Sports Hall](#)

**6. SCHEDULES****6.1. Competition Schedule**

Refer to competition schedule on the official 2023 World Deaf Basketball Championships website: [Official Website of 2023 WDBC](#)

**6.2. Training Schedule**

Refer to training schedule on the official 2023 World Deaf Basketball Championships website: [Official Website of 2023 WDBC](#)

**6.3. Technical Meeting****6.3.1. Date and Location**

The Technical meeting will take place at: [Conference Room, ibis Style Hotel](#)

1. Technical Meeting will be held at 20:00 on 12 June 2023.
2. Technical Meeting will be held at 10:00 on 22 June 2023.

**6.3.2. Attendance**

Each participating NDSF/NDBA may be represented by a maximum of two officials, of whom at least one must be deaf. The NDSF/NDBA may also bring an interpreter if necessary.

Each NDSF/NDBA must bring two (2) sets of uniforms to the 1. Technical Meeting for review and approval.

## 7. CONTROL AND SANCTIONS

### 7.1. Hearing Devices

The use of any hearing aid(s)/amplification or cochlear implant is not allowed in the restricted zone area.

#### 7.1.1. Restricted Zone Area

The restricted zone area is in effect at the moment the athlete enters the competition area during the official warm-up and competition periods.

#### 7.1.2. Violation and Penalty

When this rule is violated, refer to [ICSD Audiogram Regulations](#) 8: Violations and Penalties.

### 7.2. Medical Control

Refer to [ICSD Anti-Doping Rules](#), 9. CONTROL AND SANCTIONS.

## 8. PROTESTS

### 8.1. Procedures for lodging a protest

All sport related protests will be resolved in accordance with the FIBA Rules and Regulations and will be adjudicated by the Protest Committee.

**8.1.1.** Any protest must be written in English on the Official Protest Form. The form and a deposit \$100 USD must be given to the DIBF Technical Director within 15 minutes after the official public posting of results.

**8.1.2.** The DIBF Sports Director will decide whether the protest is sport-related or eligibility-related. The Protest Committee will review all sport-related protests, and the DIBF Representative will review all eligibility-related protests.

**8.1.3.** The deposit of \$100 USD will be returned to the applicant only if the protest is considered valid.

### 8.2. Procedure for reviewing a protest

The Protest Committee will meet in the competition venue or a designated office at a time decided upon by the DIBF Sports Director.

**8.2.1.** The DIBF Sports Director will chair of the Protest Committee.

**8.2.2.** The Sport Liaison Officer (SLO) will be responsible for booking a meeting room and interpreters.

**8.2.3.** The SLO will contact and inform all members of the Protest Committee of the meeting time and location.

**8.2.4.** The DIBF Sports Director will be responsible for liaising with the State Sports Association's Competition Manager.

**8.2.5.** After adjudication, the DIBF Sports Director will forward the original Official Protest Form (along with the protest fee if the protest was denied) to the DIBF Secretariat. The SLO will forward a copy of the form to the Organising Committee.

## **9. ADDENDUMS**

### **9.1. Official Balls**

The balls are Molten Official B7G4500 for Men's and Molten Official B6G4500 for Women's.

### **9.2. Visual Signals on Backboards (Reference: 4.4.)**

The backboards must have red square LED strips around them. The lighting system is activated by the referee's whistle and the timekeeper's signal, otherwise by the timekeeper's manual button.

### **9.3. Violation and Penalty (Reference: 7.1.2.)**

When this hearing aid rule is violated, the offending player's team is declared in default and forfeits the match with the result 0:2 for the match and 0:20 points (Article 20 in FIBA Official Basketball Rules). The "Violations and Penalties" section in the Audiogram Regulations serves as a reference in such situations.

Notice: These regulations are subject to change.