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CHAPTER 1**DEFINITIONS:**

Associations	Associations and/or Organized Bodies who organize basketball outside the MBA framework.
Clubs	Constituted Bodies and teams not connected with any political Party and/or organization and properly affiliated with the MBA
Administrators Officials	The following are considered as club administrators and/or club officials: Club President – Deputy President – Vice President – Secretary – Treasurer – Club Delegate – Substitute Delegate – Committee member.
Coaches Assistant Coaches	Technical persons. Qualified or not.
Team Followers Statisticians Scouts etc.	All other persons authorized to sit on the bench during a game.
Medical Para Medical	Qualified Medical or Para Medical individuals.
Players	Male and female individuals who play the game of basketball as per the rules and regulations established by FIBA and the MBA.

**ELIGIBILITY**

1. A player can be eligible to take part in a basketball competitive match if he is registered with a club affiliated to the Malta Basketball Association (MBA) and in accordance with the current Registration and Licences Policy issued by the MBA.
2. A player can play in only two categories until he reaches the age of sixteen (16) years. Such a player is eligible to play in the category he qualifies by age and the next age category or he can play in accordance with article 59 of this policy document.
3. If the club has no team in the next higher age category, this does not give the right to the player to play in any other category.

REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

4. A player registration form is to be deposited at the MBA offices within thirty (30) days from the date of signature of the player and not later than seven (7) days prior to the player's first match.
5. When a player registration form is submitted to the MBA it shall be received, signed and dated by a designated MBA official. This registration shall be approved or refused within seven (7) working days, provided that the registration is accompanied by all the required supporting documents. On the presentation of a player registration a receipt must be issued to the club concerned.
6. The MBA will issue licence cards to all players under the age of fourteen (14) years of age.
7. When a player is released or transferred the licence card is to be returned to the MBA by the club within 15 days from the date of such release or transfer.
8. If a player is required to obtain an international clearance, this player will be allowed to play only if the international clearance is obtained and received by the MBA.

**PLAYERS ON LOAN**

9. A club transferring a player on loan is to submit the appropriate loan form (mba08) to the MBA. At the end of the loan period the player will return automatically to his former club. For the purposes of these rules a 'loan form' is to be considered as a 'registration form'.

PLAYERS OF DISBANDED CLUBS

10. Players registered with a disbanded club prior to the start of the season will be transferred to the MBA without compensation and will be allowed to sign with a new club when the appropriate transfer fee is paid to the MBA. This is applicable only if the disbanded club had any outstanding dues with the MBA. In all other circumstances the player is to be considered as free released.
11. If a club disbands and/or withdraws a team forming part of the club whereby the player cannot play in any category with a team of this club, such player is to be considered as free released with no compensation.
12. If a club cannot provide a player with a playing possibility, this player is to be transferred to the MBA without compensation and will be allowed to sign with a new club when the appropriate transfer fee is paid to the MBA. This is applicable only if this club has any outstanding dues with the MBA. In all other circumstances the player is to be considered as free released.
13. In any circumstance before a player is registered with a new club the regulations stipulated in the GENERAL RULES must be adhered to.

TRANSFER OF PLAYERS AFTER THE START OF COMPETITIONS

14. After the start of the MBA competitions, a club may transfer a maximum of two (2) players in each category (male/female) to any other club during any one season. Such transfer must be made with the consent of the player concerned. All regulations on the registration of players must be adhered to.



CHAPTER TWO

REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

Up to eight (8) years of age

15. No registration is required in this age category.
16. The team official is to produce the birth certificate and a photograph of the player to be registered on the day of the tournament authenticated by a club official.
17. A player is free to move from one club to another at the end of each season.
18. No compensation is to be paid when a player transfers from one club to another.

Nine (9) years of age up to fourteen (14) years of age

19. A registration between the ages of nine and fourteen (both years included) is to be considered as a 'Junior Registration'.
20. Clubs can register players all the year round.
21. The registration Form (MBA01) is to be deposited at the MBA offices by not later than seven (7) days before the player's first game.
22. A registration must be accompanied by an ORIGINAL Public Registry birth certificate and two (2) passport size photographs.
23. The MBA will issue a licence card for each player under the age of fourteen (14) years. If a club/player fails to present the licence card when requested, prior to a game, he shall be stopped from playing by the game officials.
24. A player is free to move from one club to another at the end of each season.
25. Compensation is to be paid according to the age as established in this policy document.
26. Every player must pay an annual license fee as established in Chapter Six.

**Fifteen (15) years of age up to eighteen (18) years of age**

27. A registration between the ages of fifteen and eighteen (both years included) is to be considered as a 'Youth Registration'.

28. The registration windows are as follows:

- 1st – 31st July (both dates inclusive) of each current year;
- 26th – 31st October (both dates inclusive) of each current year;
- 2nd – 10th January (both dates inclusive) of each current year

Players registered on or before the 26th October can play as from 2nd November
Players registered on the 27th October can play as from 3rd November
Players registered on the 28th October can play as from 4th November
Players registered on the 29th October can play as from 5th November
Players registered on the 30th October can play as from 6th November
Players registered on the 31st October can play as from 7th November

Players registered on the 2nd January can play as from 9th January
Players registered on the 3rd January can play as from 10th January
Players registered on the 4th January can play as from 11th January
Players registered on the 5th January can play as from 12th January
Players registered on the 6th January can play as from 13th January
Players registered on the 7th January can play as from 14th January
Players registered on the 8th January can play as from 15th January
Players registered on the 9th January can play as from 16th January
Players registered on the 10th January can play as from 17th January

29. The Registration Form (mba01) is to be deposited at the MBA's offices not later than seven (7) days before the player's first game.

30. A registration must be accompanied by an ORIGINAL Public Registry birth certificate (if not yet presented) and a photocopy of the Identity Card of the player.

31. The player must carry with him at all times his identity card or a certified copy thereof to be shown if and when requested prior to a match. Failure to do so will render the player ineligible.

32. The player can only be released by the club with whom he is registered.

33. Compensation is to be paid according to the age as established in this policy document.

34. Every player must pay an annual license fee as established in Chapter Six.



Over 18 years

35. A registration over the age of eighteen years is to be considered as a 'Senior Registration'.

36. The registration windows are as follows:

- 1st – 31st July (both dates inclusive) of each current year;
- 26th – 31st October (both dates inclusive) of each current year;
- 2nd – 10th January (both dates inclusive) of each current year

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Players registered on the 6th January can play as from 13th January
Players registered on the 7th January can play as from 14th January
Players registered on the 8th January can play as from 15th January
Players registered on the 9th January can play as from 16th January
Players registered on the 10th January can play as from 17th January

37. The Registration Form (mba01) is to be deposited at the MBA's offices by not later than seven (7) days before the player's first match.

38. A registration must be accompanied by a photocopy of the Identity Card and two (2) passport size photographs of the player.

39. A registration (form supplied by MBA only) for not less than 3 years is to be signed by the player binding him to a club.

40. Compensation is to be paid as per this policy document according to age as established in these regulations.

41. Every player must pay a yearly licence fee as established in Chapter Six of this policy document.



Players over the age of 18 years holding a non-Maltese Passport

42. A team can register not more than one player from outside the European Union in each category.
43. A club can register any number of players who are citizens of the European Union.
44. Sections 35 to 41 (both inclusive) are applicable to this category of players.

Players over the age of 18 years considered as Maltese

45. A player holding more than one passport provided that one of them is Maltese is to be considered as a Maltese Player.
46. A player who has resided in Malta and registered with the Association for a period of three (3) years prior to reaching the age of 18 years, shall be considered as a Home-Grown player (Maltese Player)

Players under the age of 18 years holding a non Maltese Passport

47. Clubs can register not more than three players from outside the European Union and any number of players who are European Union citizens.

Players under the age of 18 years considered as Maltese

48. A player registered before he reaches the age of 14 years is to be considered as a "Maltese Player" so long as the period registered with the MBA is of two or more seasons.
49. A player, born abroad, whose father or mother or both are Maltese citizens is to be considered as a Maltese Player until he reaches the age of 18 years.
50. A player, who has resided in Malta for a period of three (3) years prior to reaching the age of 18 years, will be considered as a Home-Grown player (Maltese Player)



CHAPTER THREE

Registration quota

52. Up to 12 years	no limit
53. Under 14 category	30
54. Under 16 category	24
55. Under 18 category	15
56. Under 20 category	12
57. Senior category	12
58. A second team	14

59. Players of the age of 15 years can participate additionally in senior competitions as long as both parents or his/her legal guardian sign a declaration of authentication and responsibility (Form mba xx).

CHAPTER FOUR

Release of players

60. From the date of a player's first registration until the player attains his 14th birthday the player is entitled to change clubs on the payment of the relative compensation at the end of the season.

61. A player can be released by the club at any time.

62. A player can be released at the end of a registered period against compensation as established in this policy document or by an agreement reached with any other club.

63. The release form is to be deposited at the MBA registration office and it must be signed and dated by the registration officer. A receipt of the release form must be given to the player and the club concerned.



CHAPTER FIVE

Players' Contract

64. A player who is over the age of 18 years can enter into an agreement/contract with a club. Such agreement/contract is beyond the scope of this policy document and IS NOT accepted by the MBA.
65. The official registration forms only provided by the MBA and duly signed by all the parties concerned are recognized.
66. The MBA will recognize only the period of time of registration as per this registration policy document. A player having any issue related to his registration shall have the right of recourse to the Players/Clubs Relations Board.

CHAPTER SIX

Licence Fees

67. Associations	€50
68. Clubs	€25
69. Coaches	
a. Senior	€50
b. Junior	€30
70. Assistant Coaches	€15
71. Team Followers/Statisticians/Scouts	€10
72. Medical/Para Medical	€10
73. Player (each player with no exception)	€1

All the above license fees are to be paid yearly.

The relative payment shall be effected on presentation of the players' list or when a new registration is effected.



CHAPTER SEVEN

Compensation

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| 74. 09 years of age | €50 |
| 75. 10 years of age | €110 |
| 76. 11 years of age | €180 |
| 77. 12 years of age | €260 |
| 78. 13 years of age | €350 |
| 79. 14 years of age | €600 |
| 80. 15 years of age | €800 |
| 81. 16 years of age | €1,000 |
| 82. 17 years of age | €1,200 |
| 83. 18 years of age | €3,500 |
| 84. For each season playing in the First Division | €100 (per year) |
| 85. For each season playing in the Second Division | €30 (per year) |
| 86. National team appearance (FIBA & MOC Competitions): | |
| Junior | €20 per official appearance (listed on score sheet) |
| Youth | €50 per official appearance (listed on score sheet) |
| Senior | €100 per official appearance (listed on score sheet) |
| 87. A depreciation of 20% per annum is to be calculated on the value of a player over the age of 35 years, from the age of 35 onwards on a reducing balance method. | |

NOTE:

Transfer fees are to be paid to the MBA.

In the event that a club has any outstanding dues with the MBA only the difference between the fee and the outstanding dues will be paid to the club. Should there be any unpaid balances between clubs the transfer fee will be retained by the MBA until such balances are cleared.



Any club having outstanding dues with the MBA or another club will be precluded from signing new players unless an agreement is reached to the contrary.

CHAPTER EIGHT

LITIGATION

88. Litigation in connection with the registration and transfer of player will be dealt with by the Players/Clubs Relations Board (PCRB).

89. Composition, rules, fees, regulations and procedures governing the PCRB are laid down in the MBA Statute and/or Bye Laws (General Rules).

CHAPTER NINE

Registration window

90. Associations	All year
91. Clubs	1st – 8th August
92. Administrators/Officials	All year
93. Coaches/Assistant Coaches	All year
94. Team Followers/Statisticians/Scouts	All year
95. Medical/Para Medical	All year
96. Players:	
a. 8 to 14 years (Junior)	All year
b. 15 to 18 years (Junior)	1 st - 31 st July 26 th - 31 st October 2 nd - 10 th January
c. Over 18 years (Senior)	1 st - 31 st July 26 th - 31 st October 2 nd - 10 th January

97. A player, who was previously registered with a club and is not on the official list of players submitted by the club to the MBA by the 8th August of



each year, can register with a new club between the 20th and 25th August (both days included).

98. A club must present to the MBA a new list of players within seven days from the closure of each and every transfer window. This will be necessary only if the club has registered or released any player during that particular transfer window.

99. In case of any conflict in the interpretation of this policy document the President's Council shall be the sole interpreter of this policy document and no party shall have any right of appeal.

**Clarifications – addendum to the registration policy:**

- i. Any players on clubs lists during the current season 2010 / 2011 are considered property of the clubs whether or not there is a registration document with the exception of loaned players which belong to their original club.
- ii. Wherever in a registration/contract there is the term free release it is now to mean released with compensation in accordance to the table of compensation.
- iii. It is hereby understood that the club must always inform the player whether he is a member of the 1st team or of the 2nd team.
- iv. All contracts between clubs and players deposited at the MBA before season 2011/2012 unless informed to the contrary will be honoured by the MBA.
- v. Registrations of players signed by the player before season 2010/2011; will be presumed to have a validity of three years starting from season 2010/2011.
- vi. Those players who have been registered before season 2010/2011 and either reached the age of 26 in season 2010/2011 or will reach the age of 26 in seasons 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 will be entitled to a release against compensation as per chapter 7 of the registrations and license policy in that season.
- vii. For registrations signed before season 2010/2011 by parents /guardians of a player under the age of 18 then that registration is still valid until the player reaches the age of 18 at which point the player can either opt to change club against the stipulated compensation as per chapter 7 of the registrations and license policy, or re sign with his current club for a minimum registration being that of 3 years.
- viii. Provided that in the case of those players who have reached the age of 18 or over and who have not yet signed a registration in their own name and with their own signature can be released against compensation as per chapter 7 of the registrations and license policy, or re-sign with his current club for a minimum of three years.



- ix. For the purpose of the re-registration or release against compensation of 18 year olds this applies to those persons who have attained the age of 18 before the 1st August of that year.

- x. In the case where a player refuses to re-sign his/her registration, as long as this player is kept on the registered team list he is still property of the club and can be transferred to another club only against the stipulated compensation during a window or released by the club which the player is registered with. Once a player is no longer registered on a respective team list by category, then that player is considered to be unregistered, and is free to register with any club.