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### 1. TEAM COMPOSITION

- 1.1. A team shall be composed of a minimum of nine (9) participants and a maximum of twelve (12) participants. One (1) additional spot may be awarded to teams with a qualified coach to a maximum of thirteen (13) participants.
- 1.2. The regional team shall be the team declared champion at the CAF Regional Championship.
- 1.3. The regional team may augment two (2) players from another B/W/U within the region who have the approval of their Commanding Officer.

### 2. OFFICIALS

- 2.1. A three (3) person officials system will be used throughout the entire championship when feasible.
- 2.2. Minor and/or off court officials will assist as scorekeepers and/or timekeepers throughout the championship as required by the host base.

### 3. RULES

- 3.1. Play shall be conducted in accordance with the current rules of the [International Basketball Federation \(FIBA\) Rulebook](#) and the [CAF Sports Championships Operations Manual](#).

### 4. SUSPENSIONS

- 4.1. The minimum suspensions listed below will be applied when the following infractions occur during a Championship:

Rule	Description	Minimum of
Art 36	When a player receives accumulative of 5 technical fouls in one tournament. (A technical foul is a player non-contact foul of a behavioural nature)	1 game suspension
Art 38	A disqualifying foul is any flagrant unsportsmanlike action by players, substitutes, coaches, assistant coaches, excluded players and accompanying delegation members.	1 <sup>st</sup> offence – 1 game 2 <sup>nd</sup> offence – 2 games 3 <sup>rd</sup> offence – 3 games

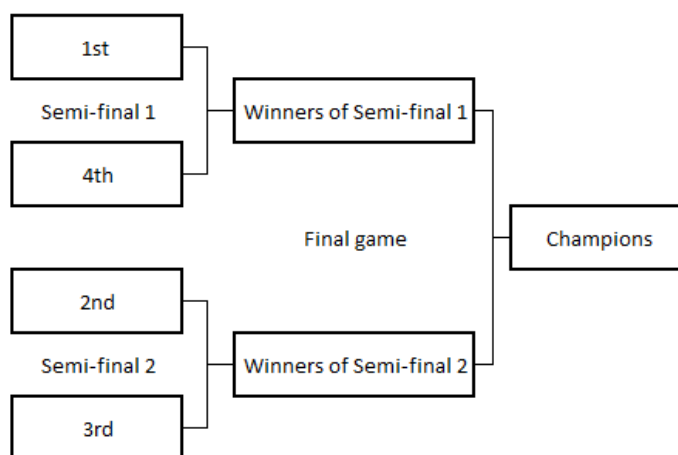
- 4.2. Reference [Chapter 5 – Suspensions](#), for infractions that may be applied to any sport.

### 5. CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

- 5.1. There will be a fifteen (15) minute warm-up prior to each game.
- 5.2. All games will be conducted in four (4) x ten (10) minute quarters with two (2) minutes between quarters and ten (10) minutes at half time.
- 5.3. The CAF Championship shall be conducted as a single round robin tournament, followed by a single elimination playoff. A winning team will be determined in all games, in accordance

with [FIBA rules](#). The final team standings from the round robin will determine play in the playoff. Points will be awarded as follows during round robin play;

- a. Two (2) points for a win (regulation or overtime);
  - b. One (1) point for overtime loss;
  - c. Zero (0) points for a regulation loss.
- 5.4. Should a tie exist following regulation time in round robin play, an overtime shall be conducted immediately following the game to determine the winner of the game. Points shall be awarded as per [para 5.3](#).
- 5.5. The overtime shall be conducted as follows;
- a. If the score is tied at the end of the fourth quarter, the game shall continue with as many overtimes of five (5) minutes duration each as necessary to break the tie. Between each five (5) minutes overtime there shall be a two (2) minute interval play.
- 5.6. Upon completion of the round-robin, two semi-final games will be played. The first (1<sup>st</sup>) place team will play the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) place team and the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place team will play the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) place team. The winner of each semi-final game will advance to the final game.



## 6. TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

- 6.1. Ties in the final round robin standings that affect advancement shall be broken as follows:
- a. If two (2) teams are tied, the winner of the game played between the two (2) teams during the round-robin play, shall advance to and/or be awarded the higher position, among the tied teams, in the semi-finals;
  - b. If three (3) or more teams are tied, the team with the best win/loss record, in the round-robin games played between the tied teams, shall advance to and/or be awarded the higher position, among the tied teams, in the semi-finals;
  - c. If a tie remains, the team with the higher game point difference of the games between them shall advance to and/or be awarded the higher position, among the tied teams, in the semi-finals;

- d. If a tie remains, the teams with the highest number of game points scored in the games between them shall advance to and/or be awarded the higher position, among the tied teams, in the semi-finals;
- e. If a tie remains, the teams with the higher game point difference of all games played in the round-robin shall advance to and/or be awarded the higher position, among the tied teams, in the semi-finals;
- f. If a tie remains the team with the higher number of game points score in all games in the round-robin shall advance to and/or be awarded the higher position, among the tied teams, in the semi-finals.

## 7. EQUIPMENT

- 7.1. The official ball of the championship shall be any Wilson Evolution basketball or Molten FIBA approved of the following; GG7X, GL7X, B7G5000, B7G45000.
- 7.2. All members must wear the following equipment listed in the table below:

MANDATORY	RECOMMENDED
<b>Players</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Nil</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mouth guard;</li> <li>▪ Semi-rigid ankle brace; and</li> <li>▪ Protective eyewear.</li> </ul>

## 8. INJURY PREVENTION

- 8.1. It is important that injury prevention strategies are reviewed by all members of the team, coaches, officials, athletic trainers, and organizers. Please refer to [Chapter 6](#), for further injury prevention.

## 9. AWARDS

- 9.1. At the end of each National Championship game, the Jury of Appeal will select two (2) game MVP's, one (1) from each team.
- 9.2. The winning team shall be awarded a banner and a trophy. Individual medals shall be presented to the members of the winning and runner-up teams.
- 9.3. At the end of the Regional/National Championships, the Jury of Appeal will select a Tournament MVP.
- 9.4. At the end of the National Championship, each team will select a Team MVP.
- 9.5. At the end of the National Championship, each team will nominate a player that has exhibited the highest level of sportsmanship including ethical & responsible behaviour, fair play, integrity and respect combined with a high standard of playing ability. The Jury of Appeal and/or Chief Official will select the recipient based on the nominations brought forward.
- 9.6. See awards breakdown in the table below;

<u>Awards / Recognition</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Nationals</u>	<u>Regionals</u>
Trophy	1	✓	TBD by regional constitution
Championship Banner	1	✓	TBD by regional constitution
Gold Medals	13	✓	✓
Silver Medals	13	✓	✓
Tournament MVP	1	✓	✓
Team MVP	4	✓	n/a
Game MVP	2 / game	✓	TBD by regional constitution
Sportsmanship	1	✓	TBD by regional constitution
Officials	9	✓	TBD by regional constitution
Trainers	3	✓	TBD by regional constitution
Jury of Appeal	3	✓	TBD by regional constitution
VIP's / Patrons	1	✓	TBD by regional constitution