



# **TANZANIA NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE REGULATIONS**

## **SEASON – 2024**

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## DEFINITIONS

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<b>EVENTS</b>	The National Basketball League which is to take place in the Territory
<b>FIBA</b>	Fédération Internationale de Basketball (International Basketball Federation)
<b>NBL</b>	National Basketball League
<b>TBF</b>	Tanzania Basketball Federation
<b>TZS</b>	Tanzanian Shilling
<b>TiGO</b>	Brand Name for Honora Tanzania PLC
<b>VIP</b>	Very Important Person

## **1. INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **1.1. Authority**

The Tanzania Basketball Federation (TBF) is the sole authority responsible for organizing and managing the Tanzania National Basketball League (NBL).

### **1.2. Purpose**

These regulations govern the rights, duties, and responsibilities of all parties participating in the Tanzania National Basketball League.

### **1.3. Scope of the League**

1.3.1. These regulations apply to all participating teams, players, officials, and stakeholders

1.3.2. They shall be read in conjunction with FIBA regulations and TBF statutes

1.3.3. The 2024 season shall run from October 09 – 24, 2024

## **2. LEAGUE ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE**

### **2.1. League Format**

The league will have 2 divisions (i.e. Male and Female categories)

2.1.1. Men's Division: 16 teams

2.1.2. Women's Division: 12 teams

### **2.2. Participation Teams**

As referred to **Schedule 1 appendix**.

### **2.3. Competition Venues**

Main venues for the 2024 season: -

2.3.1. Chinangali Park (2 Courts)

2.3.2. Don Bosco Dodoma (1 Court)

2.3.3. Or any other related Basketball Court selected by TBF Management.

## **2.4. Season Calendar**

2.4.1. Regular Season: April - September 2024

2.4.2. Playoffs: October - November 2024

## **3. TEAMS AND PLAYERS REGISTRATION**

All participating teams and its players roaster shall be registered through the TBF Map system with required relevant details on <http://map.tbf.or.tz>.

### **3.1. Team Registration Requirements**

Teams must submit:

3.1.1. Official team name and nickname

3.1.2. High-resolution team logo

3.1.3. Team colors (home and away)

3.1.4. Physical and postal address

3.1.5. Names of Chairman and Secretary

3.1.6. Name of certified Head Coach, Assistant Coach with FIBA,TBF or other recognize certification

3.1.7. Registration fee of TZS 200,000

### **3.2. Player Registration**

Each player must provide:

3.2.1. Full name and biographical information

3.2.2. Quality portrait photo

3.2.3. Physical attributes (height, weight)

3.2.4. Playing position

3.2.5. Jersey Number

3.2.6. Contact information

3.2.7. Phone number (Preferred Tigo Number)

- 3.2.8. Dully Filled declaration ID and consent form provided by Sponsor and promoter (TBF)  
(Attached as **schedule 2 appendix**)

### **3.3. Player Eligibility**

Each team must adhere to the league's strict players eligibility criteria as given below: -

- 3.3.1. Maximum roster size: 12 players (12 active for each game)
- 3.3.2. A team can have an additional of maximum four (4) players from other non-qualified teams to its existing regular season league/regional league roster.
- 3.3.3. Foreign players: Maximum 5 registered, 3 playing simultaneously
- 3.3.4. Foreign player registration fee: TZS 50,000
- 3.3.5. Local player registration fee: TZS 10,000 (if previously registered), TZS 15,000 (new registration)
- 3.3.6. No new team roster registration shall be allowed, only with an exception of clause 3.3.2.
- 3.3.7. A domestic player added to a team for the NBL must have an official letter of consent from their original team granting permission to play for the requesting team. For foreign players, an official FIBA transfer clearance is required.
- 3.3.8. No player under 18 years of age shall be allowed to play.
- 3.3.9. Any violation shall be subject to team expulsion from the league and/or fine.

## **4. LEAGUE FORMAT AND COMPETITION RULES**

### **4.1. Competition System**

The League shall be run in the following league system: -

- 4.1.1. Group stage: Round-robin format
- 4.1.2. Quarter-finals: Top 8 teams qualify
- 4.1.3. Semi-finals: Best-of-three series
- 4.1.4. Finals: Best-of-three series



## **4.2. Game Rules**

- 4.2.1. All games shall be played according to FIBA Official Basketball Rules and this league regulation.
- 4.2.2. Four quarters of 10 minutes each
- 4.2.3. 24-second shot clock
- 4.2.4. Teams must arrive 60 minutes before scheduled tip-off

## **4.3. Points System**

The league points system shall follow FIBA rules and regulations as provided below: -

- 4.2.5. Win: 2 points
- 4.2.6. Loss: 1 point
- 4.2.7. Forfeit: 0 points (20-0 score)

## **5. OFFICIALS AND GAME MANAGEMENT**

### **5.1. Game Officials**

Each game shall have the following game officials at a time:-

- 5.1.1. 3 National level or above referees.
- 5.1.2. 2 Table officials
- 5.1.3. 1 Commissioner
- 5.1.4. 1 Statistician

### **5.2. Official Requirements**

Officials must adhere to the following conditions before being allowed to officiate the league:-

- 5.2.1. Be registered with TBF
- 5.2.2. Hold appropriate FIBA/TBF certification
- 5.2.3. Wear official TBF/ FIBA approved uniforms
- 5.2.4. Arrive 60 minutes before scheduled tip-off

### **5.3. Performance Assessment**

To ensure league's top officiating performance at all times, the following procedure shall be undertaken: -

- 5.3.1. Officials shall be evaluated using the TBF Referee Assessment Form
- 5.3.2. Regular performance reviews will be conducted
- 5.3.3. Poor performance / match fixing or Collusion may result in suspension or demotion

## **6. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES AND CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **6.1. Disciplinary Actions for a player and Team**

To ensure the League's brand and sponsors image are positively portrayed, the following shall be the offenses and fines shall be penalized for a player in a given misconduct: -

- 6.1.1. Disqualifying foul: TZS 30,000
- 6.1.2. Technical foul: TZS 20,000
- 6.1.3. Fighting: 2-games suspension plus fined of TZS 100,000
- 6.1.4. Referee abuse: 3-games suspension plus fined of TZS 100,000
- 6.1.5. Team no-show: Expulsion from the league
- 6.1.6. No team will be able to oppose or reject any referee and other matches official approved by the TBF Management to officiate the match of the league.

### **6.2 Referee and matches official conduct and behavior**

- 6.2.1 All referees and matches officials involved in the event(s) should act in accordance with the highest standards of professionalism, impartiality and integrity. The referee's and matches officials should adhere to FIBA rules and League Regulations in all decisions made during the match.
- 6.2.2 Every referee and game officials must follow the FIBA rules and League regulations to perform their duties properly. If he does not do so, disciplinary action will be taken against him or her.
- 6.2.3 TBF management will develop and enforce a code of conduct for the league, outlining the ethical standards and behaviours expected of all matches officials. The code of

conduct includes provisions that prohibit bias, corruption and any actions that could undermines the fairness and transparency of the event (s).

- 6.2.4 As per contract agreement, the TBF Management is responsible for taking appropriate disciplinary action against and referee or matches officials found to be in violation of the code of conduct.

### **6.3 General disciplinary measures**

- 6.3.1 Any team officials or players of the team if abuses and make a mess at the matches officials and cause any damage to the events equipment, facilities or properties. The responsible team will pay the costs of the damaged and the responsible person will be fined TZS 300,000 plus suspended for six (6) months not to participate in any basketball activities.
- 6.3.2 As per sponsorship agreement, any coach, players or team officials must go to the media for an interview when required to do so. If it is known that the coach, players or team officials refuses, TBF Management will take appropriate disciplinary action against the person including fined penalty.

### **6.4 Accuracy of results**

- 6.4.1 The results of all matches in the event(s) should be accurately recorded, reported and verified in a timely manner. The matches officials should report any discrepancies and rectified immediately upon discovery and TBF Management (President and Secretary General) should be notified immediately without delay.
- 6.4.2 In the event of any dispute or discrepancy concerning the results of the event(s), the TBF Management shall promptly investigate the matter and take appropriate corrective measures to ensure the integrity of the events.

### **6.5 Appeals Process**

Objections and appeals must be sent and accompanied by payment to the Technical and Competition Director of the event. TBF will select the technical and competition committee which

will be responsible to hearing all objections and appeals and make decisions based on FIBA rules, Event regulations adopted and in consultation to TBF higher authority.

6.5.1 Appeals must be submitted within 24 hours

6.5.2 Appeal fee: TZS 150,000 (non-refundable)

6.5.3 Complaint fee: TZS 100,000 (non-refundable)

## **7. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS AND SPONSORSHIP**

### **7.1. League Sponsorship Rights**

The Tanzania National Basketball League is proudly sponsored by the following partners: -

7.5.1 **Main Sponsor:** Mchezo Limited

7.5.2 **Official Betting Sponsor:** BETPAWA

7.5.3 **Broadcast/Live Coverage:**

7.5.4 **Telecommunications:** Honora Tanzania Public Limited Company (Tigo)

As per sponsorship agreement with league sponsors the following shall be adhered to all parties (i.e. League Promoter -TBF, League Sponsors, League Stakeholders – Teams, Players, Fans and Media and the Public):

7.5.5 Official league name: "**Tanzania National Basketball League**"

7.5.6 Exclusive VIP category rights

7.5.7 Branding rights at all venues

7.5.8 Digital platform integration

### **7.2. Team Sponsorship**

Teams may have individual sponsors provided they:

7.2.1. Do not conflict with league sponsors

7.2.2. Comply with TBF regulations

## **8. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

The total amount of **TZS. 14,000,000** prize money will be distributed fairly for both Men's and Women's basketball teams, while also awarding individual players (MVP, Best Scorer, Best Defender, Best Rookie and Sportsmanship) as follows;

### **8.1. Team Awards (70% of Total)**

- 8.1.1. Men's Champions Teams: TZS 2,800,000.
- 8.1.2. Women's Champions Teams: TZS 2,800,000.
- 8.1.3. Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up Team: TZS 1,400,000.
- 8.1.4. Women's 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up Team: TZS 1,400,000.
- 8.1.5. Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up Team: TZS 700,000
- 8.1.6. Women's 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner -up Team: TZS 700,000

### **8.2. Individual Awards (30% of Total)**

The following awards shall be provided as recognition for each individual achievement: -

- 8.2.1. Most Valuable Player (Men): TZS 700,000
- 8.2.2. Most Valuable Player (Women): TZS 700,000
- 8.2.3. Best Scorer (Men): TZS 420,000
- 8.2.4. Best Scorer (Women): TZS 420,000
- 8.2.5. Best Defender (Men): TZS 420,000
- 8.2.6. Best Defender (Women): TZS 420,000
- 8.2.7. Best Rookie (Men): TZS 420,000
- 8.2.8. Best Rookie (Women): TZS 420,000
- 8.2.9. Sportsmanship Award (Men): TZS 280,000
- 8.2.10. Sportsmanship Award (Women): TZS 280,000

**Note:** This breakdown ensures both the teams and individual players are fairly recognized while keeping the prizes competitive and motivational for all participants.



### **8.3. Locker Room Bonus**

As per BETPAWA sponsorship; Locker Room Bonus of **TZS 2,240,000** will be provided for the winning team per game where by each of the 12 players who played in the game and 4 technical staff members shall receive **TZS 140,000**.

## **9. MEDICAL AND SAFETY REGULATIONS**

### **9.1. Medical Requirements**

- 9.1.1. Each team must have a qualified medical professional (Team Doctor)
- 9.1.2. Pre-season medical examination mandatory for all players
- 9.1.3. Ambulance service required at all games

### **9.2. Insurance**

- 9.2.1. Teams must provide adequate insurance coverage for its players.
- 9.2.2. TBF will maintain public liability insurance for the event.

## **10. COMMUNICATION**

- 10.1. Any issues related to Sponsorship, no any person (players, Team Official, Team fans or other) is allowed to communicate with the Sponsor. On doing so, TBF management will term that action as highly misconduct and will take appropriate corrective measures to ensure integrity of the events.
- 10.2. The TBF management will communicate to the Sponsor any issue that is in needs to discuss and resolve during the events

## **11. FINAL PROVISIONS**

### **11.1 Matters Not Provided For**

The TBF Executive Committee shall decide on any matters not covered by these regulations.

### **11.2 Enforcement**

These regulations come into force on November 1, 2024.

### **11.3 Amendments**

TBF reserves the right to amend these regulations as necessary needed to suit the events and agreed contract.

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**Approved by:**

Tanzania Basketball Federation

**Date:** October 30, 2024

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# **APPENDICES**

### 12.1. SCHEDULE I – TEAMS LIST

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The following are the teams that will be competing in the 2024 Tanzania National Basketball League Season.

#### MEN'S TEAMS

No.	Club / Team Name	Region	Classification
1	JKT Basketball Club	Dar ES Salaam	Defending Champion
2	Army Basketball Club	Dar ES Salaam	Finalist
3	Kisasa Heroes Basketball Club	Dodoma	Semi Finalist
4	Dar City Basketball Club	Dar ES Salaam	Semi Finalist
5	Outsiders Basketball Club	Dar ES Salaam	Zonal Representative
6	Mvumi Rippers Basketball Club	Dodoma	Zonal Representative
7	Kihonda Heats Basketball Club	Morogoro	Zonal Representative
8	Young Vita Basketball Club	Mara	Zonal Representative
9	K-Sixers Kahama Basketball Club	Shinyanga	Zonal Representative
10	Tanganyika Basketball Club	Kigoma	Zonal Representative
11	Pamoja Basketball Club	Arusha	Zonal Representative
12	MoCCU Basketball Club	Kilimanjaro	Zonal Representative
13	Eagles Kings Basketball Club	Mwanza	Zonal Representative
14	Tabora Bees Basketball Club	Tabora	Zonal Representative
15	Stone Town Basketball Club	Zanzibar	Zonal Representative
16	Ruaha Junior	Iringa	Zonal Representative

#### WOMEN'S TEAMS

No.	Club / Team Name	Region	Classification
1	Vijana Queens	Dar ES Salaam	Defending Champion
2	Fox Divas	Mara	Finalist
3	Pazi Queens	Dar ES Salaam	Semi Finalist
4	Don Bosco Pentalene	Dodoma	Semi Finalist
5	JKT Stars	Dar ES Salaam	Zonal Representative
6	Don Bosco Lioness	Dar ES Salaam	Zonal Representative
7	JKU Queens	Zanzibar	Zonal Representative
8	Vipper Queens	Dodoma	Zonal Representative
9	Orkeeswa	Arusha	Zonal Representative
10	Iringa Queens	Iringa	Zonal Representative
11	Mbeya Flames Queens	Mbeya	Zonal Representative
12	Polisi	Rukwa	Zonal Representative

## **12.2. SCHEDULE II – TEAM DELEGATE DECLARATION FORM**

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The following declaration form must be dully filled and submitted before start of the league. Every member of the team in required to submit valid and accurate information.

*The form is attached on separate sheet*





## TANZANIA NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

### LOCKER ROOM WIN BONUS

*Declaration of ID and consent*

First Name	
Middle Name (If Any)	
Last Name (Surname)	
Contact Number	
Mobile Money Number	
Mobile Money Account Holder's Name	
Relationship of Player to Mobile Money Account Holder	
Mobile Network Operator	

#### Terms and Conditions

I, the undersigned, do hereby agree to the following:

I confirm that all the information I have provided is accurate as of the date it has been signed.

I consent to all my 2024 betPawa Tanzania National Basketball League Locker Room Win Bonuses being paid into this Mobile Money Account and acknowledge that betPawa are in no way responsible for what happens to these funds from the moment they have been transferred to that Mobile Money Account. Any disputes regarding these transfers are between the Mobile Money Account Holder and I.

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*Signature*

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*Date*

### 12.3. SCHEDULE III – LEAGUE ACTIVITY PLAN

The NBL activity plan includes media day, group stages, knockout rounds, media coverage, and fan events, ensuring a structured, engaging season.

*The table shows the list of activities during the Playoffs*

No.	Activity	Activity Description	Dates
1	Team Arrivals	All teams should be at the event venue	08 Nov 2024
2	Teams Media Day	Media Day for Teams, Sponsor and Promoter	09 Nov 2024
3	Official Opening	Official Games Opening	10 Nov 2024
4	Group Stage Games	Group Games for Male and Female Teams	10 – 12 Nov 2024
5	Quarter Finals	Last 8 Games for Male and Female Teams	13 Nov 2024
6	Semi Finals	Semi Final Games for Male and Female Teams (Best Of 3 Series for Male Teams)	14 – 16 Nov 2024
7	Third Place	The Third Place Classification Games for both Male & Female Teams	17 – 18 Nov 2024
8	The Finals	Final Games (Series Games) for Male & Female Teams – Best Of 3 Series for Male & Female Teams	17 – 19 Nov 2024
9	Official Closing Ceremony	The Official Closing Ceremony	19 Nov 2024
CLOSURE OF 2024 SEASON			

#### **12.4. SCHEDULE IV – GAME OFFICIALS ASSESSMENT FORM**

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The following assessment form must be fully filled at the end of each game by each team coach of both teams and submitted to the referee supervisor. The game officials will be evaluated regularly using TBF assessment standards.

*The form is attached on separate sheet*

EVENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MATCH NO: \_\_\_\_\_ SEASON: \_\_\_\_\_

Referee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Match Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Match Venue: \_\_\_\_\_

Please assess the performance of the referee in the following areas by marking the appropriate option:

1. **Punctuality:** Was the referee on time for the match? [ ] Yes [ ] No
2. **Appearance:** Did the referee's attire and appearance meet the league's standards? [ ] Yes [ ] No
3. **Knowledge of Rules:** Did the referee demonstrate a strong understanding of the rules? [ ] Yes [ ] No
4. **Communication:** Did the referee effectively communicate with players, coaches, and table officials? [ ] Yes [ ] No
5. **Game Control:** Did the referee maintain control of the game and ensure fair play? [ ] Yes [ ] No
6. **Positioning:** Was the referee consistently in the right position to make accurate calls? [ ] Yes [ ] No
7. **Decision Making:** Were the referee's decisions fair and consistent throughout the game? [ ] Yes [ ] No
8. **Conflict Resolution:** Did the referee effectively resolve conflicts and maintain a calm demeanour? [ ] Yes [ ] No
9. **Teamwork:** Did the referee collaborate well with the other officials on the court? [ ] Yes [ ] No
10. **Overall Performance:** Please rate the overall performance of the referee for this match. [ ] Rating (1-10)
11. **Comments & Feedback (Optional):**

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Evaluator Name (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** This form must be submitted to the referee supervisor at the end of every game. Only Coaches are required to fill this form

## **12.5. SCHEDULE V – LEAGUE’S CODE OF CONDUCT**

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The Code of Conduct ensures that the Tanzania National Basketball League maintains high standards, respects sponsor agreements, and promotes a positive experience for all involved.

*The code is attached on separate sheet*



# TANZANIA NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

## CODE OF CONDUCT

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This Code of Conduct outlines expected behaviors for players, game officials, team officials, fans, and the general public associated with the Tanzania National Basketball League (NBL). It is designed to ensure respect, fair play, and professionalism, thereby upholding the reputation and integrity of the league.

### 1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This code applies to all participants, officials, and fans in the Tanzania National Basketball League, and is guided by FIBA standards and leaguespecific regulations. It promotes a positive image for sponsors, ensures a safe and respectful environment, and upholds the values of sportsmanship and fair competition.

### 2. CLASSIFICATION OF PARTICIPANTS AND EXPECTED CONDUCT

#### A. PLAYERS

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##### 1. Sportsmanship and Fair Play

Players must exhibit exemplary conduct on and off the court, maintaining a professional image that reflects positively on the league and its sponsors. Unsportsmanlike conduct, such as deliberate fouling, offensive language, and aggressive behavior, will result in disciplinary actions including fines or suspensions.

##### 2. Adherence to Game Rules

Players are expected to comply with all FIBA and NBL rules, including uniform regulations and sponsor compliance. Unauthorized display of brands conflicting with league sponsors is prohibited to protect sponsorship agreements.

##### 3. Punctuality and Preparedness

Players must arrive at the game venue at least one hour before the scheduled start time. Late arrivals not only disrupt schedules but also interfere with live broadcasting and other media commitments.

##### 4. Disciplinary Measures

Infractions, such as technical fouls, disqualifying fouls, or fighting, will result in penalties. For example, a disqualifying foul carries a TZS 30,000 fine, and fighting may result in a twogame suspension plus a TZS 100,000 fine.

## **B. GAME OFFICIALS**

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### **1. Impartiality and Professionalism**

Game officials are required to uphold neutrality and fairness in all calls, strictly following FIBA and NBL guidelines. Any suspected bias or impropriety will lead to disciplinary investigation and potential suspension.

### **2. Appearance and Preparedness**

Officials must arrive at the venue at least one hour before the game, fully prepared and dressed in league-approved uniforms. They are responsible for maintaining an image of professionalism that aligns with the league's reputation.

### **3. Continuous Assessment**

Officials will be evaluated regularly using TBF assessment standards. Poor performance, favoritism, or involvement in any misconduct may result in suspension or removal from league officiating.

## **C. TEAM OFFICIALS (COACHES, MANAGERS, MEDICAL STAFF)**

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### **1. Behavioral Expectations**

Team officials must demonstrate leadership by ensuring players abide by league conduct and time management rules. Coaches and other officials must avoid conduct that could incite hostility or conflict during games.

### **2. Media and Fan Engagement**

Team captains and coaches are expected to participate in pre and postmatch interviews, providing a professional representation of their team and the league. Prematch interviews should occur at least 30 minutes before the game, with postmatch interviews within five minutes after the game ends.

### **3. Conflict Resolution**

Officials must actively deescalate any disputes, ensuring that all interactions with referees, players, and opposing teams reflect sportsmanship and respect.

## **D. FANS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

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### **1. Respectful Behavior**

Fans must show respect to all players, officials, and other spectators. Disruptive behavior, such as offensive language, throwing objects, or violent actions, will lead to removal from the venue and possible further actions.

### **2. Support for Sponsors and League**

Fans are prohibited from displaying or promoting brands that conflict with league sponsors. Compliance with sponsorship agreements is essential to maintaining positive relations with sponsors and securing league sustainability.

### **3. No Tolerance for Violence**

Any form of violence or disorderly conduct, including fighting or harassment, will not be tolerated. Fans must adhere to stadium rules, ensuring an enjoyable experience for all spectators.

## **3. GENERAL RULES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS**

### **3.1. Compliance with Sponsorship Agreements**

All participants must respect league sponsors by refraining from unauthorized advertising of competing brands. Violating sponsor exclusivity may result in penalties, as maintaining sponsor relations is crucial to league operations.

### **3.2. Commitment to League Integrity**

Everyone associated with the league, including players, officials, and fans, must avoid any actions that could harm the league's reputation or the reputation of its sponsors. Negative statements or misinformation that jeopardize sponsorships or damage the league's image will be met with disciplinary actions.

### **3.3. Reporting and Consequences**

Any violation of this code may be reported to the league authorities. Depending on the severity of the infraction, offenders may face fines, suspension, or permanent bans. Repeat violations will attract escalating consequences, ensuring a culture of accountability and respect.

## **4. ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENTS**

This Code of Conduct is enforced by the Tanzania Basketball Federation (TBF). Amendments to the code may be made as necessary, and all participants will be informed of any updates prior to the season or as changes occur. The aim is to foster a respectful, competitive, and enjoyable environment for all stakeholders of the Tanzania National Basketball League.

## **5. Acknowledgment**

By participating in or attending Tanzania National Basketball League, all parties agree to adhere to this Code of Conduct, upholding the league's values and contributing to a positive atmosphere that celebrates sportsmanship and respect for all by ensuring that the Tanzania National Basketball League maintains high standards, respects sponsor agreements, and promotes a positive experience for all involved.

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Approved by:  
Tanzania Basketball Federation  
Date: October 30, 2024