

# **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:

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