



SCHENKER LEAGUE 2012/2013 OFFICIAL REGULATIONS

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CHAPTER 1. COMPETITION REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1. COMPETITION FORMAT

Article 1.1. JURIDICAL STRUCTURE

1.1.1. According to the Agreement between all Federations, Schenker League will be organized on regular basis with purpose to promote the popularity of volleyball in Eastern Europe countries.

All the participating Federations are entrusted to organize these competitions.

1.1.2. Schenker League is governed by Jury, consisting of:

- Secretary General of Estonian Volleyball Federation, secretary General of Latvian Volleyball Federation (2 persons)
- One representative both from Estonian, Latvian clubs (2 persons)
- One CEV Supervisor (from CEV List) both from Estonian, Latvian federations (2 persons)
- One marketing responsible, both from Estonian, Latvian clubs (2 persons)

Schenker League Jury accepts decisions on the principles of the consensus. Head Office of the Schenker League is defined according the decision of Jury. For the season 2012/2013 Head Office of Schenker League is located in Estonia.

1.1.3. Basic documents of Schenker League are:

- Agreement between Estonian, Latvian Volleyball Federations
- Schenker League Competition Regulations 2012/2013
- Budget of Schenker League for the season 2012/2013
- Contracts between clubs & players (in case such have been signed)

Article 1.2. MAIN GOALS

Main goal of the Schenker League is to involve strong competitive teams and to create the level of volleyball in the Baltic countries, to define Champion of Schenker League, Champions of Estonia, Latvia as well, candidates for the National teams of Latvia, Estonia.

Article 1.3. PARTICIPATING TEAMS*

1.3.1 Estonia

SELVER Tallinn
BIGBANK Tartu
Parnu VK
TTÜ
Rakvere Grossi Toidukaubad
VALIO Võru VK

1.3.2. Latvia

Lase-R
Poliurs/Ozolnieki
Daugavpils Universitate
VK Biolars/Jelgava

Article 1.4. ORGANIZATION FORMAT

The Schenker league shall consist of the three rounds:

1st Stage	Main Tournament
2nd Stage	Play-off matches and Final Four Tournament
3rd Stage	National Championships

ARTICLE 2. RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION OF TEAMS

Article 2.1. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1.1 Only club teams registered by their National Federation shall be eligible to participate in the Schenker League.
- 2.1.2 Every club has to settle all its payments and debts through the concerned National Federation.

Article 2.2. REGISTRATION AND CONFIRMATION

- 2.2.1. To be admitted to participate, all Federations shall register its respective clubs by forwarding the complete final classification of its Championships, in which this club take part.

The registration of club teams must be done by means of the:

Form SL-01 (Club registration)

Form SL-02 (Players registration)

Form SL-03 (Sport hall registration)

by registered letter or fax sent to the concerned National Federation's Office.

With registration all club teams also commit themselves to participate in all phases of the Schenker League and confirm respecting all the common Regulations and other binding documents, approved inside the each National Federation concerning participating in championships.

- 2.2.2. Club is registered, when all the documents, meant in p. 2.2.1 have been received in a set deadlines, all payments have been settled in the deadline till 17 September 2012. Teams, which have debts from previous seasons, cannot register for participating in Schenker league for season 2012/2013.

- 2.2.3. Deadlines of the official SL forms:

2.2.3.1. SL – 01 – Club Registration **11.06.2012**

2.2.3.2. SL – 02 – Players Registration **20.09.2012**

2.2.3.3. SL – 03 – Sport hall Registration **26.07.2012 for new clubs**

During competitions period new competitions hall can be registered no less then 30 days before concerned match.

For those clubs, who are playing in sport halls, not corresponding to demands of National TV, with concerned each National federation has the written agreement concerning transmitting the matches, deadline of the registering of additional hall is mentioned no later as 30 days before concerned match. Registration of hall, corresponding to concerned TV demands in above mentioned deadline, is mandatory for each participating club.

- 2.2.4. All forms have to be filled electronically, forms filled in handwriting are not accepted.

Article 2.3 TEAM COMPOSITION

For the season each club can register maximum 27 persons, i.e. 22 players and 5 officials. For each match, a club team can be composed of a maximum of 17 persons, i.e. 12 players and the following 5 officials:

- the team manager
- the head coach
- the assistant coach
- the medical doctor
- the physiotherapist/trainer

The presence of the Team Manager during the competition is recommended. He/she cannot sit on the bench. Any other persons are regarded as extra persons.

Within the 12 players up to 2 liberos can be listed. Therefore, the head coach has the right to register:

- 12 regular players + 0 liberos
- up to 11 regular players + 1 libero
- 7 to 10 players + 2 liberos

In case a team is composed of less than 9 players, the head coach has the right to register ONLY up to 1 libero.

Free substitution of the Libero players is allowed during the match according to the FIVB Rules of the Game.

/The Acting Libero can only be replaced by the regular replacement player for that position, or by the second Libero. The regular replacement player may replace either Libero. The coach has the right to replace the Acting Libero with the second Libero for any reason after a completed rally at any time during the match./

ARTICLE 3. RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION OF PLAYERS

Article 3.1 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1.1. Only players nominally registered on the team's collective licence, validated by National Federation, can take part in Schenker League. Each of these players must fulfil the following conditions :

- He must possess only one national license valid exclusively for the club, which applies for the Schenker League.
- If he is a foreign player, he must fulfil all conditions regarding the right to play in a club of another country

according to all provisions of the FIVB and CEV Regulations, dealing with international transfers and determining the player's Federation of Origin.

3.1.2 The number of foreign players per team who, according to the FIVB and CEV Regulations, are bound to possess a valid International Transfer Certificate when applying for a Schenker League, is unlimited.

3.1.3 Only Players not suspended by CEV and/or FIVB for the competition concerned are allowed to participate in Schenker League.

3.1.4. Internal transfer procedure of players from club to club in each country has regulated by the Official Rules, confirmed by concerned National Federation of each participating country.

3.1.5. In case National Federation Regulations require, clubs have to sign contracts with players and to present to concerned National federation the list with contractual players, where have seen period of the signed contracts, which is also confirmed by signature of each player. In case no contracts have been signed between clubs and players, with signature on the collective licence player and club confirms, that player on concerned season belongs to concerned club.

Article 3.2 LICENSES

3.2.1 The number of players allowed to be listed on the Schenker League license is limited to 22 players.

3.2.2. Collective licence has to be confirmed by concerned club and National Federation with the signatures and seals.

3.2.3. Applications for transferred and/or additional players reaching the Office of concerned National Federation after **15 January 2013** are not accepted.

3.2.4 The certified collective license and the official identity paper (or individual licence) of each player must be presented to the First Referee before the starting of each match.

3.2.5. Concerned National Federation has to inform all involved parties about additional or substituted players till 15 January 2013.

ARTICLE 4. COMPETITION CLAUSES

Article 4.1 GENERAL RULES GOVERNING THE COMPETITION

The matches shall only take place in competition halls, approved by the concerned National Federations and played with balls, homologated by Jury of Schenker League.

Schenker League shall be organized and played under Official FIVB Volleyball Rules and taking into consideration existing other concerned Regulations, official documents, approved both by Estonian, Latvian Volleyball Federations.

Fixed Match protocol must be applied before the beginning of each match.

Article 4.2 COMPETITION METHODS IN THE DIFFERENT ROUNDS/PHASES

4.2.1 **Schenker League** shall consist of the following competition phases:

1st Stage - Schenker League Main Tournament – 3 rounds

2nd Stage - Schenker League Play-off competitions – ¼ finals, Final Four

3rd Stage - National Championships

4.2.2. 1st Round – Main tournament

All participating 10 clubs are playing according to the triple round robin system by principle:

- In first two rounds one home, one away match;
- In third round higher ranking has home match against two next opponent teams (attached excel file);
- Third round match calendar has composed by Berger table according to the results of 2011/2012 Schenker league Final Ranking, teams ranking 1-5 will have 4 home matches in third round and teams ranking 6-10 will have 5 home matches in the third round.

It is recommended in Estonia, Latvia, that both away matches take place in the same weekend.

During the 1st, 2nd, 3rd round matches take place on Saturdays and Sundays, in case of necessity on Thursdays.

After the finishing of the Main tournament the ranking of the championship (further Ranking) is established.

4.2.3. 2nd Round – Play-off Competitions

4.2.3.1. Quarterfinals

First ¼ Final – according the results of the Main tournament 1st team play against 8th team (1-8);

Second ¼ Final – according the results of the Main tournament 2nd team play against 7th team (2-7);

Third ¼ Final - according the results of the Main tournament 3rd team play against 6th team (3-6);

Fourth ¼ Final - according the results of the Main tournament 4th team play against 5th team (4-5);

In each quarterfinal teams are playing two matches. In case of equal result, i.e. (3-0; 0-3; 3-1; 1-3; or 3-2; 2-3) „Golden set” will be played on the court of team, where second game is played. First match in each quarterfinal will be played on the court of team with lower ranking, second match, and in case of necessity „Golden set” – on the court of team with higher ranking. „Golden set” is played till 25 points (with two point difference). All quarterfinal matches take place on the

same dates.

Competition days of Quarterfinals are Thursdays, Saturdays, in case of necessity on Sundays.

Winners of Quarterfinals are qualified to Final Four for the 1st -4 th place, losers of quarterfinals are eliminated.

4.2.3.2. Final Four (FF) 1-4 place

In the FF take part winners of the ¼ finals, competitions will be held as two days tournament.

½ Final & Final: ½ Final, Final and match for the 3rd place will be played according the system of FF.

In the first ½ final will meet team with the highest ranking in the main tournament with that winner of ¼ final, which in the main tournament has the lower ranking.

The second ½ final will be played accordingly.

Losers of the ½ finals are playing for the 3rd place, winners of the ½ finals will play for the 1st place.

FF matches take place on Saturday & Sunday.

Saturday – are played both ½ finals.

Sunday – game for 3rd and 1st place.

Match for the bronze medal will take place before the match for the gold medal of the Schenker League.

4.2.4. 3rd Round - National Championships

Schenker League National Championships are regulated by concerned Federations with the separate Rules, adopted by each National Federation.

Article 4.3. MATCH PROGRAMME

Starting time of the matches is from 12:00 till 20:00, i.e.:

Thursdays – not earlier than 18:00, not later than 20:30;

Saturdays – not earlier than 14:00, not later than 19:30, matches between foreign clubs – it is recommended, if possible to start not later than 18:00

Sundays – not earlier than 12:00, not later than 18:00.

Starting time can be modified due to the TV and marketing reasons in a deadline, but no later as 10 days before the concerned match.

Article 4.4. COMPETITION PERIOD

4.4.1 The definite competition calendar for each period will be determined by the Schenker League Jury and published on the websites of concerned clubs and National Federations. By written request of club and with official authorization of concerned Federation in competitions calendar, it is possible to make changes in a fixed deadlines. Final decision about the changes in a competitions calendar will be defined by Schenker League Jury.

4.4.2. Schenker League competitions(1st, 2nd Stage) will take place from 06th October 2012 till 09th March 2013.

In composing of the Schenker League competitions calendar have to be taking into consideration following competitions:

- European Cup competitions;
- EEVZA Championships competitions;
- "Baltic Cup" competitions for the junior teams;

4.4.3. 1st Stage - Main Tournament

06.10.2012 – 17.02.2013

2nd Stage - Play-off, i.e. ¼ Final

21.02.2013 – 24.02.2013.

Final Four

02.-03.03.2013

3rd Round National Championships

dates tbd additionally by concerned NF,
Planned 09.03.2013 – 28.04.2013

Article 4.5. ORGANIZERS OF EVENTS

4.5.1 Each participating club is the organizer of all its home matches on the basis of these Regulations and under the supervision and guarantee of the respective National Federation .

4.5.2 FINAL FOUR

Priority for organizing of Final four has given to the club with the highest ranking according the results of Main tournament. Club interested in organizing of Final Four shall apply by written letter to concerned National Federation at latest **next day** after the Main Tournament is finished, i.e. till **18 February 2013**. The duly completed letter shall be returned before the deadline sent out by the concerned Federation and Schenker League office.

Final decision about place of FF competitions will be defined according to the decision of Schenker League Jury. In case no candidate applies to organize FF competition, organizer of FF will be decided by separate decision of Schenker League Jury.

Article 4.6. ALLOCATION OF POINTS AND CLASSIFICATION

4.6.1. The following rule to determine the winning team will be applied:

Winning match with result 3:0, for winner 3 points, for loser 0 points

Winning match with result 3:1, for winner 3 points, for loser 0 points

Winning match with result 3:2, for winner 2 points, for loser 1 point

For any team refusing to play a match or not appearing at a match first time, a match will be accounted for as lost by 0-3 (0-25; 0-25; 0-25) by the team concerned, in case team refusing second time, it shall be excluded from the rest of the Schenker League competitions. The results obtained up to the moment of its exclusion shall be cancelled. This will be sanctioned as a withdrawal by forfeit from a financial and sports point.

4.6.2. In case of equality in the number of points gained by two or several teams, they will be classified in descending order by the winning and losing matches, set quotient resulting from the division of the number of all sets won by the number of all sets lost in Main tournament. If the tie persists, as per the set quotient, they will be classified in descending order by the set points quotient resulting from the division of all set points scored by the total of set points lost during all sets. If the tie continues, as per the sets points' quotient, the teams are decided between by the result of the match(es), which the teams have disputed between them.

ARTICLE 5 .TEAM UNIFORMS

Article 5.1 PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT

5.1.1 Team Equipment (jerseys, shorts, shoes and warming-up suits) must comply with the Schenker League Club Teams Equipment Standards. Each team must have 2 [TWO] sets of uniforms, each one of a different colour numbered 1-18. It is allowed to use special Sponsors' numbers, given to players. In this case concerned team has to bring to each match substitution plate with concerned number and give it to organizers' representative.

5.1.2 The number of publicities on the jerseys, shorts and warming-up suits is unlimited as far as they don't interfere with the place and visibility of the numbering and the player's name. The publicity on players jerseys can be different. The libero uniform(s) must be different colour or style from the teams uniform and might display different publicity than all other team players.

5.1.3 The Schenker League Club Team Equipment Standards are:

JERSEYS:

The uniform jersey shall have an athletic look. All players of the same team must wear the same colour and style. The Libero Player(s) must wear an uniform whose jersey must be of a clearly different colour from the other members of the team. The Libero uniform may have a different design and could be numbered different the rest of the team.

- Sleeves: Athletic type non-sleeves or short sleeves are allowed. Long sleeves (exceeding elbow height) are not allowed.
- Body fit: Jerseys must not be loose or baggy and should follow the bodyline.
- No numbers are allowed on the sleeves.
- The player's family name or nick-name on the back, must be centred, right below the collar. Players' name on the jerseys is recommended.
- Publicities can be placed free on the front and back part of the shirts.

SHORTS:

The uniform shorts shall have an athletic look. All players of the same team must wear the same colour and style. It is recommended that the Libero wears shorts of a contrasting colour to the rest of the team.

IN CASE OF CLASH WITH THE CHOICE OF THE UNIFORM COLOURS, THE HOME TEAM WILL ALWAYS DECIDE ABOUT THE COLOUR TO WEAR DURING THE GAME. IN CASE BOTH TEAMS HAVE SAME COLOUR OF UNIFORMS, HOME TEAM DECIDE IN WHICH COLOUR IT WILL PLAY AND VISITING TEAM HAS TO USE OPPOSITE COLOUR OF UNIFORM.

SHOES:

Shoes and trademarks may differ in design. Basic colours should be similar. Players cannot choose to wear shoes which colours have black marking soles.

WARMING-UP SUITS:

When warming up suits are worn in the warm up courts or in the competition control area, they must be of the same colour and style for the entire team and when worn by team officials.

Article 5.2. OFFICIALS' UNIFORMS

During the matches for the head coach, the assistant coach, doctor and physiotherapist/trainer are recommended to be dressed similarly.

ARTICLE 6. CASES NOT FORESEEN

All cases not provided for by the current regulations shall be settled by the Jury of Schenker League.

CHAPTER 2. TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION & LOGISTICS

ARTICLE 1. RESPONSIBLE BODIES

Article 1.1 COMPETITION RESPONSIBLE

JURY

As the Schenker League responsible organ, the Schenker League Jury:

Proposes organizational guidelines and instructions governing the running of the competitions in accordance with the regulations;

Directs and supervises the technical groundwork;

Coordinates the timetable of the matches;

Supervises the running of the competition during the whole period;

Article 1.2 NATIONAL FEDERATION RESPONSIBLE

1.2.1 The National Federation supports, supervises and guarantees the entire preparation and organization of single matches by its club team(s) as well as their participation in the entire competition. For this reason each National Federation with teams participating in the Schenker League nominates a National Federation's Schenker League Responsible within its Federation:

National Federation Responsible's duties are, to:

- be familiar with all regulations;
- permanently help the team(s) to coordinate its (their) actions with strict respect to the Schenker League regulations;
- have a permanently used e-mail address;
- supervise the smooth running of the events in his/her country;
- help in solving problems which may occur in the organization, forward information about unclear raised situations to Jury for the taking of final decision;
- guarantee that the teams will pursue the Schenker League Regulations;
- start his/her activities in due time before the official registration of the teams;
- take part in any possible inspection visit of the competition venue(s);
- advice the participating club(s) in all organizational, technical, marketing items;

1.3 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS

For each single match, the National Federation of the hosting club must appoint:

- The first and the second referees, 1 experienced scorer for the international scoresheet, 2-4 linesmen,

Article 1.4 PARTICIPATING CLUBS

The participating clubs are responsible for the preparation of all matches and the organization and smooth running of all home matches according to the current Schenker League Regulations. Each participating club shall nominate for the whole period of the competition a responsible person who shall be in contact with the National Federation for the entire organization of the competition.

The hosting club according to these Regulations must assist each visiting team as from their arrival at the competitions place till departure; as per request of visiting club, has to arrange the hotel, meals and has to ensure with sport hall for training sessions, and competitions according the Official FIVB Rules. Request concerning the necessity of booking of hotel has to be sent by visiting club to organizing club not later than 1 month before concerned match.

The hosting club must nominate:

- 1 scoreboard operator, 1 announcer;
- 5-6 ball retrievers;
- 2-6 floor moppers;
- 2-4 quick moppers
- all other staff for the organizing of the home match.

ARTICLE 2. COMPETITION SITE

Article 2.1 COMPETITION HALL / AREA / CONDITIONS / APPROVALS

All matches shall be staged in halls, meeting the requirements laid down to these regulations. Therefore concerned National Federation mandatory has to approve sport halls, where Schenker League matches will be held. In case of new sport hall, which is not previously used, each club has to return the duly completed official form SL-03 "Request for Approval of a Competition Hall" to concerned National Federation for approval. List of sport halls, where take place

Schenker League competitions mandatory have to be approved by concerned National Federation. In case of TV transmission of any of matches in all rounds (1st , 2nd, 3rd) of Schenker League, sport hall, where takes place concerned match must to apply to demands of National TV, with whom concerned National Federation has signed written agreement, otherwise, hosting club has to change a sport hall. In case club doesn't fulfil their duties concerning demands of TV, with whom a signed contract by concerned National Federation exists for concerned games and doesn't change the hall, it has to be sanctioned accordingly, i.e. by decision of Schenker League Jury, team can be excluded from further competitions. Sanctions are mentioned in a Table of Sanctions.

2.1.1. Coaches line is mandatory in the sport hall.

2.1.2. Organizing club has ensure online statistics (with online score) of each home match and sending it to the Schenker League server. Game statistics has to be done in the electronical format, approved by Schenker League.

Article 2.2 TRAINING FACILITIES

Any club team organizing a match shall commit itself to ensure that per the request of visiting team, the visiting team be granted the following training facilities:

-on the day prior to the competition day – 90 minutes

-on the competition day - 60 minutes;

At least the one training must take place in the competition hall under the same conditions as during the match. On the competition day, training must be completed 5 [FIVE] hours before the official starting time of the match. In case no request for trainings received from visiting club at least 10 days before the concerned match, it will regard, that visiting team doesn't use the hall for the trainings. If the problems in arranging of competitions hall for the trainings exist, it has to be settled in the negotiations between the clubs.

During the trainings sessions and matches, mineral water without gas must be available for the visiting team, provided by organizing club.

ARTICLE 3. ACCOMMODATION

For all matches, each organizing club per request of visiting team, shall organize its lodging & food at the competition venue in a good standard hotel in dbl rooms with WC, shower, etc. All the costs of hotel, including meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) can't to exceed 40 EUR per person per day and must be covered by visiting team itself. In case visiting team chooses by themselves the hotel of highest level, they have to pay mentioned price difference. Official delegation (for whom organizing club has to arrange lodging and food for above mentioned price) can't to exceed 20 persons. Visiting team has to send request for accomodation to organizing club 1 month before the concerned game at latest. Clubs has the rights to cover expenses of accomodation on the basis of mutual barter too.

ARTICLE 4. RESULTS AND STATISTICS

Article 4.1 MATCH RESULTS AND REPORTS

For all matches club representatives in a ½ hour after the ending of the game has to inform his own Federation responsible about the result of the match, upon ending of the match the dispatch of the originals of the scoresheet on the first working day, but no later as 3 days after the game.

Article 4.2 GAME STATISTICS

Each club has the obligation to provide during home matches game statistics during the match using official statistics program – *Volleysoft*, which has livescore and live results output. In case of misinformation in live results, home club, who is responsible for making the game statistics, must immediately after the match inform the respective National Federation and Head Office of Schenker League about the correct results.

Home team must provide the visiting team and press statistics after every set and match.

User manual for Volleysoft will be delivered to teams by Head Office of SL and seminars will be organized before the season of SL.

ARTICLE 5. TRANSPORT & VISA

Article 5.1. Travel of teams

For all matches visiting team must organize own travel schedule to the official venue of competition, indicated by the organizer of the match. The travel schedule of the visiting team has to be organized in such a way, that they arrive in a competitions place in a time. Visiting team is responsible for own international and local transportation expenses.

Article 5.2. Travel of referees & technical delegates

The referees have to arrive in the competitions place 1 hrs before the starting of the match. Technical delegates (in case of such a nomination) have to arrive in the competitions place 1,5 hrs before the starting of the match at latest.

Article 5.3. Official venue of arrival & departure

The hosting club before the starting of the season will communicate to the concerned National Federation's representative and clubs about the official arrival/departure venue and official address of the sport hall, where take place home match of the organizing club.

Article 5.4. Local transportation

Local transportation within the hosting country, i.e. transportation between the official venue of arrival & departure, the competition hall, training hall and hotel(s), shall be arranged and paid by the visiting club.

ARTICLE 6. VISA

Each club shall be responsible to apply for the necessary visa for themselves, due to travel to the competition site, thereby accounting for the deadline set by the diplomatic/consular authorities of the country to be visited. In case of necessity concerned National Federation, has to assist for their clubs in process of visa issuing.

Each visiting team which needs visa for its delegation member(s) must send their request for invitation including the list of person(s), passport numbers and other necessary information to the hosting team, if possible no later than 30 days before the first/next upcoming visiting match.

The hosting team must reply within 48 hours following the receipt of the latter request by sending the official invitation to its embassy and to the visiting team thereby strictly applying all procedures fixed by its own embassy in the concerned country. Visa costs to be paid by the clubs, who need the visa.

ARTICLE 7. ACCREDITATIONS

It is mandatory that teams before the starting of the match present to the first referee of the match following documents:

- collective licence of the team, issued and duly completed by concerned National Federation and club;
- individual licences, issued by concerned National Federation or ID cards, or passports of players.

Sport hall has to be accredited by concerned National federation.

MINIMUM TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS OF SPORT HALL FOR SCHENKER LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

EQUIPMENT	
Post & pads	According to the FIVB rules
Net	According to the FIVB rules
Net antenna	According to the FIVB rules
Net measuring rod	2.50 m long
Referee's chair	According to the FIVB rules
Scorer's table	1 (max 5 persons)
Manual scoreboards	3 (minimum 1 is mandatory)
Balls	12 – 20
Support for 5 balls	1
Pressure gauge	2 (kg & hectopascal)
Long mops	4 – 6 (minimum 2 is mandatory)
Line judges flags	2 - 4
Substitution plates	2 x 1 – 18
Benches (3 m long)	2 (or 2 x 10 chairs)
Rubber wheel trolley	2 (supermarket style)
Rubber wheel carts	2 (for 12 balls each)
Flag of participating teams (country flag)	Mandatory (to be produced by the organizer)
FACILITIES	
Flooring	Wood (GERFLOR or MONDOFLEX recommended)
Lighting	Measured 1 m above the floor: - Min. 700- 1000 LUX, - Not dazzling - No shadows on playing area
Sound system	Mandatory
Air conditioning	If appropriate
Electric scoreboard indicating:	Mandatory

Name of the teams	Mandatory
Team to serve	Preferable
Time-outs used per team	Preferable
Substitutions used per team	Preferable
Score of the current set	Mandatory
Score of the previous set(s)	Preferable
COMPETITIONS AREA	
LENGTH	34 m
Court size including complete Controll Area	≥34 x 19 m
Court	18.0 m
Free zone	2 x 8 m
Free passage way	Min 2 x 2 m
WIDTH	19 m
Court	9.0 m
Free zone	2 x 5 m
Free passage way	Min 2 x 2 m
HEIGHT	9.0 m*
MINIMUM SEATING CAPACITY	
For spectators	500 spectators
For press	Depending on the number of present journalists
INTERNET CONNECTIONS	
Specifications	Internet wireless connection has to be available in sport hall. LAN connection for statistician is recommended.

Court area: The court area must be of exactly 34 x 19m. It is allowed that other lines than those foreseen for Volleyball are on the floor. In case the court area is less than 34 x 19 m, for this hall has to be additional approval of concerned National Federation.

**In case of less of all mentioned parametrs, it will be confirmed by concerned National Federation allowance to play in each particular sport hall.*

Balls: All matches of Schenker League will be played with the MIKASA MVA200 balls. Hosting club provides with the balls for the game, for warming-up teams are using own balls.

CHAPTER 3. REFEREEING REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1. DUTIES OF REFEREES

All referees have to take over their appointments from concerned National Federation. Withdrawals are only accepted in exceptional cases and have to be announced to the Office of concerned National Federation immediately.

1.1. Each Referee must wear the latest official refereeing uniform of their country.

1.2. Each Referee must examine:

- The nomination of the scorer;
- The court equipment and size is in accordance with CEV and FIVB requirements;
- The hosting club has the necessary scoresheet and "Line-up sheets" that must be filled in the language of country, where the match takes place, in case it possible, English language is preferred. Checks if the scorers know how to perform their work before and during the match;
- Before the match first referee must receive collective licence forms of both teams. Using these forms the referees must check the composition of the teams, the preparations of the scoresheet as well as the officials allowed to sit on the bench during the game.

1.3. Prior to the start of the match the First referee organizes a meeting with all officials (scorers, line-judges, ball retrievers) and court personnel in order to coordinate their uniform application and interpretation of the FIVB Rules and current regulations.

The First Referee has the following tasks:

- carry out a final inspection regarding refereeing matters of the sports infrastructure and material in the competition areas;
- brief the scorers and line-judges about their duties;
- explain all refereeing matters;
- To check collective licence of the teams and passports, ID cards or individual licences, issued by concerned National Federation;
- After the match in the scoresheet has to make remarks about any of faults fixed in sport hall;
- 30 minutes after the match to inform Responsibles of all National Federations about the sanctions of players of the concerned match, in case such sanctions have been applied;
- After the match has to fill sanctions list, in case sanctions to any of team member have applied;

Scorer has to fill the scoresheet with following additional tasks:

- has to write down the amount of spectators in the scoresheet.

ARTICLE 2. APPOINTMENT OF REFEREES & TECHNICAL DELEGATES

Article 2.1. PRINCIPLES

2.1.1. Only referees appearing on the annual referees list, which is approved by a concerned National Federation may be appointed to officiate the matches. Schenker League Jury accepts the common referees list, presented by concerned Federation.

2.1.2. Technical delegates can be nominated, but it is not mandatory, started from the Main Tournament competitions. Schenker League Jury confirms common list of technical delegates, presented by concerned National Federations. Technical delegates can be chosen from the list of official CEV and FIVB technical delegates list, Board members of concerned National Federations, Responsible persons of Federations, International, National Referees, who are no more refereeing. Representatives of concerned clubs cannot be nominated as technical delegate.

2.1.3 In case of nomination of technical delegates, order of nomination in each country is coordinated by concerned National Federation.

Article 2.2. APPOINTMENTS IN VARIOUS ROUNDS

2.2.1. During the 1st Round – Main Tournament and 3rd Round – National Championships, all referees' appointments, including the 1st, 2nd referee, linesmen, and scorer are done by the Referee Commission of concerned National Federation. All other officials (announcer, ballretrievers floor moppers, etc.) are appointed by the hosting club.

2.2.2. Starting the 2nd Round – Play-off competitions- ¼ finals – visiting team has the rights to bring to the match own referee. This referee has to be nominated by the Referee Commission of National Federation of visiting team from the annual list. In case the visiting team brings the referee, they have to inform about that organizing club and National Federation of the hosting team 3 days before the match at latest.

2.2.3. The number of referees appointed is as follows:

- Main tournament - 1st, 2nd referee, 2 linesmen, 1 scorer of a country where concerned match takes place;
- Play-off - 1st, 2nd referee of home or home and visiting country, 2-4 linesmen, 1 scorer of a country where concerned match takes place;

- Final Four Matches 1-4 places - four referees (2 From Estonia 2 from Latvia) and 2-4 linesmen will be nominated by the Referee Commission of concerned National Federations. For the Final match as the 1st referee will be nominated referee from country, where the Final Four tournament takes place. Schenker League Jury with separate decision can make changes in order of nominations for the Final Four tournament.
- For 3rd Round – National championships - 1st, 2nd referee, 2-4 linesmen, 1 scorer.

ARTICLE 3. OFFICIATING REFEREES

Article 3.1 WORKING MATERIALS

The referees have to follow the Official Volleyball Rules and all official documents listed below:

- Match Protocol
- Volleyball Rules
- Refereeing Guidelines & Instructions
- Case Book
- Guidelines for Line-Judges
- Court personnel Guidelines
- Floor mopping Guidelines

Article 3.2 ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

For single matches and Final Four tournament, the appointed referees have to arrive on the competition hall 1 hour before the match. The departure is fixed after the match.

Same conditions apply for the Technical delegates in case of their nomination.

ARTICLE 4. CASES NOT FORESEEN

All cases not provided by the current regulations shall be settled by the Schenker League Jury.

CHAPTER 4. MARKETING REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1. CORPORATE IDENTITY OF THE COMPETITION

Article 1.1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1.1. Participating clubs and their National Federation shall make sure that the competition is always recognizable as an event of all involved National Federations.

1.1.2. Therefore, in the competition hall the following must be displayed:

- the flags of all participating countries
- the competition title banner (3,40 x 1 m or 3,00 x 1m, in Estonia possible 2,00 x 1m)

1.1.3 All the printed materials produced shall display:

- the competitions logo, which shall be one size bigger than any other logo;
- the competition title

Article 1.2. COMPETITION TITLE BANNERS

The competition title banner shall be produced and fixed on the panel in good visibility of the Main TV camera (in case of TV transmission), in case no TV, it has to be fixed on the most visible place.

ARTICLE 2. MARKETING RIGHTS ON COMPETITION VENUES

In the additional documents may be included provisions for the distribution of marketing rights between Schenker League and the hosting clubs.

In principle, the Schenker League owns at least 2 [TWO] advertising banners around the court.

The competition title banner must be produced by the organizers and it has to be located in the most visible place around the court.

Every visiting team can bring one advertising banner (size 3,40 x 1m or 3 x 1m) and it has to be located on the good visible place, located around the court. In case visiting team uses this possibility, home team has to be informed about that at least 10 days before the starting of competition.

The remaining banner positions are to be used by the organizers, namely.

Organizing clubs are responsible for the ensuring of all marketing issues on the competitions site according to the Schenker League requirements.

In case during the Schenker League season concerned National Federations or Schenker League sign additional contracts with sponsors (same in both countries or separately in each country), all concerned clubs will be informed additionally about that and in case of such an agreement, clubs have to provide with additional banners, which mandatory have to be installed in sport halls accordingly.

2.1. PLAYERS' UNIFORMS

It is recommended, that the Logo of Schenker League to be printed on players' uniforms. The clubs can print the logo directly on the upper right sleeve of the uniform or on the any free place on front of shirt. Size of Schenker League logo has to be max 40cm².

2.2. NET POST COVERS

The net post covers belong to the organizing National Federation and organizing club accordingly. In case of request of Main Sponsor of Schenker League or National Federation Sponsor, it is delivered to clubs and concerned advertising mandatory has to be installed by all concerned clubs.

2.3. NET ADVERTISING

Net advertising belongs to organizing National Federation and organizing club accordingly.

According to the request of Main sponsor of Schenker League, changes in Marketing Rights can be done and in that case are mandatory for all participating clubs.

2.4. SECOND RING ADVERTISING

It is allowed to install a second row of advertising behind the first row around the court. Any permanent and non-permanent advertisement in the competition hall shall be allowed in sport hall.

2.5 VIP AND HOSPITALITY

For all the matches up to the semi-finals, up to 10 tickets are to be reserved for the visiting teams and their sponsors as per their request.

However, the organizers shall supply for each of the matches of the semi-finals and finals, free of charge, the following quantity of tickets for National Federations and its official partners:

- 10 [TEN] VIP and 10 [TEN] normal tickets per match for each National Federation
- 20 [TWENTY] VIP and 20 [TWENTY] normal tickets for the each National Federations sponsor(s)

2.6. TICKETS FOR OPPONENT TEAM

The organizer is obliged to reserve minimum 10% of the seating capacity of the hall to the fans of the opponent team, for the matches of the semi-finals and finals.

ARTICLE 3. CEREMONIES AND PROTOCOL

Article 3.1 OPENING CEREMONY

Short Opening ceremony has to be organized before the first game of the season. No opening ceremony mandatory during the Schenker League Final Four competition.

Article 3.2. AWARDING CEREMONY

The short Awarding Ceremony will be organized after the Final match.

Presence of all awarded teams is mandatory in the Awarding Ceremony. Organizer has the rights to make changes in the script of Awarding Ceremony, teams has to be informed about that accordingly.

Article 3.3. PRIZES

3.3.1 PRIZES OF HONOUR

According the results of the 2nd Round of Schenker League (FF) three winning teams (each team max 22 persons) receives following awards, provided by Schenker league.

- Players and a maximum of 6 accompanying persons of the 1st team receive gold medals, Cup, team Diploma, memory prizes,
- Players and a maximum of 6 accompanying persons of the 2nd ranked team receive silver medals, Cup, team Diploma, memory prizes,
- Players and a maximum of 6 accompanying persons of the 3rd ranked team receive bronze medals, Cup, team Diploma, memory prizes.

Participating in Awarding Ceremony is mandatory.

3.3.2 INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Decision about individual awards will be supposed additionally.

ARTICLE 4. CASES NOT FORESEEN

All cases not provided for by the current regulations shall be settled by the Schenker League Jury.

CHAPTER 5. MEDIA REGULATIONS

Article 1. MEDIA ITEMS

Article 1.1 PRESS CONFERENCES

The opening press conferences have to be organized before the starting of the season in Latvia and Estonia, where representatives of all clubs have to take part.

Article 1.2. DUTIES OF CLUBS

Every of participating clubs are responsible for:

- providing all the information about the competition to media of their own countries and informing about all actual news concerning the competition

Article 1.3. COURT AREA

A convenient number of seats have to be arranged for the journalists in the sport hall in case of attendance.

Article 1.4. ORGANIZATION

In all matches the hosting club may organize a press conference upon completion of the game depending on the interest of the media.

Article 1.5. PHOTOS

Hosting club is responsible for the photos of the home matches. Photos have to be published in their own websites.

Article 1.6. WEBSITE

Each participating club has to run its own website, where the information about Schenker League is reflected.

Article 2. CASES NOT FORESEEN

All cases not foreseen in these regulations shall be settled by the Schenker League Jury

CHAPTER 6. MEDICAL REGULATIONS

Article 1. HEALTH CERTIFICATES AND MEDICAL CARE

Article 1.1 HEALTH CERTIFICATE

All participating players must have Health Certificate, issued not earlier than one month prior to the competition, valid for the whole season.

Every club with the registering of the players to the Schenker League confirms that all health condition of all players corresponds for the participating in mentioned competitions.

Article 1.2 FIRST AID

In case of injury, the hosting club has to provide assistance with the transportation to the Hospital. In case of an injury or serious illness, the player or his club will be responsible for covering of all concerned expenses.

Article 1.3 MEDICAL CARE

For each team, including all athletes and officials registered on the Schenker League Collective licence form it is advised to have the medical insurance.

In case of accident or sickness abroad within the scope of the Schenker League competition (including the journey from the home to competition venue and back of all persons) the assistance and medical expenses costs, as well as the repatriation if needed, are covered by the concerned insurance company or by each participant themselves.

The Organizers of Schenker League are not responsible for any medical expenses incurred while competing in the Schenker League.

ARTICLE 2. DOPING CONTROL

Article 2.1. BY NON SCHENKER LEAGUE-BODIES

The hosting club has to accept the doping control, which is based on the World Anti-doping Code or the National Law of the organizing country. Such doping control has to be accepted without limit in any round of the competition.

Article 2.2. SANCTIONS AFTER THE END OF THE COMPETITION

If one player is controlled positive:

- this anti-doping rule violation leads to the disqualification of the athlete's individual results obtained with all consequences for the athlete, including forfeiture of his medal and prize,
- the period of ineligibility for the violation of the anti-doping rules (suspension) shall be according to FIVB/CEV Medical Regulations,
- The team itself will not be affected by this individual sanction and its ranking will remain unchanged.

If two or more players are controlled positive:

- these anti-doping rule violations lead to the disqualification of the athlete's individual results obtained with all consequences for the athlete, including forfeiture of his medal and prize.
- the period of ineligibility for the violation of the anti-doping rules (suspension) shall be according to FIVB /CEV Medical Regulations
- all the players of the team will lose their medals and prizes
- the team will be disqualified and its results will therefore not be taken into consideration for the general ranking of the competition, thus affecting the ranking of other teams according to the following system:
 - o If the team incriminated was 1st, the runner-up (2nd) will automatically be declared winner of the competition,
 - o If the team incriminated was 2nd, the 3rd ranked team will be the 2nd.
 - o If the team incriminated was 3rd, the 4th ranked will be the 3rd.
 - o Etc.

The National Federations are asked to fully respect the decision and the sanctions applied, and any player suspension will also be valid at the national level meaning that the player will not be eligible for participation in any national competition or club competition for the sanctioned period.

Article 2.3. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

Following documents should be used additionally:

- FIVB Medical Regulations
- World Anti-Doping Code
- Prohibited Substances list – Standard List (Yearly updated)
- WADA Regulations and Guidelines

ARTICLE 3. CASES NOT FORESEEN

All cases not provided for by the current regulations shall be settled by the Schenker League Jury.

CHAPTER 7. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Article 1. COMPETITION FEES TEAM REGISTRATION

For each team registering to participate in the Schenker League, the entry fees have to be paid through the concerned National Federation at the set deadline. General Registration for Schenker League is **700 EUR**.

Article 1.2 LICENSE FEE

The license fee for each player amounts **16 EUR**.

Article 1.3 ORGANIZATION FEE

No other organization fee has to be paid for the whole competition.

Article 2. PROTESTS

Article 2.1 FINANCIAL DEPOSIT

Any protest or claim shall be accompanied by a deposit of **100 EUR** and it has to be paid into the account of National Federation of club, which hands in the protest. In case of the satisfaction of protest, deposit will be returned back to mentioned club.

ARTICLE 3. ORGANIZATION COSTS

Article 3.1 TRANSPORT

3.1.1 TRAVEL EXPENSES OF TEAMS

3.1.1.1 In all matches, each team shall bear its own return travel expenses to the official venue of arrival/departure indicated by the hosting club.

3.1.1.2 The travel expenses from the official venue to the competition site and back, as well as the local transport, shall be borne by the visiting club too.

3.1.2 TRAVEL EXPENSES OF OFFICIALS & REFEREES

In all matches, the hosting club shall bear all travel expenses for the Technical Delegate (if nominated) and the Referees appointed by the Referee Commission of concerned National Federation, in the Final Four competitions – by participating clubs. The visa costs are to be paid by the National Federations.

Article 3.3 FOOD & LODGING EXPENSES OF TEAMS

For all matches each visiting team shall bear its own food & lodging expenses at the competition venue according to the amount no more than 40 EUR per person per day. In case club organizes hotel reservation with the highest quality, they are responsible for own expenses.

Article 3.4 FOOD & LODGING EXPENSES OF REFEREES & OFFICIALS

In case of such nomination, for all matches the hosting club, where the match takes place on the second day, shall bear the food and lodging expenses for officials and the referees appointed by the Referee Commission of concerned National Federation. For the Final Four matches the food and lodging expenses for the nominated referees, have been beared by concerned National Federation.

Article 3.5 PER DIEM

3.5.1. The Per Diem is regulated in accordance with the Rules of each participating National Federation and according to the Rules, accepted by each participating National Federation at home games has to be paid by the hosting club to nominated Referees (the first and the second referees, Technical delegate, if nominated, linesmen, scorer, announcer, ball retrievers, floor moppers).

3.5.2 The Per Diem will be paid in local currency. The Per Diem shall be paid to its recipient after the finishing of concerned game accordingly.

Article 3.6. ORGANIZING COSTS

Hosting club is responsible concerning all organizing costs of home games, i.e. renting of sport hall, etc.

ARTICLE 4. FINANCIAL DAMAGES

The participating clubs are responsible for their financial damages. In case of not solving all financial obligations, the concerned club is considered to fail its participation in the Schenker League.

ARTICLE 5. FINES & SANCTION

In case of non respecting the present regulations, the fines will be applied. Any modification of this list shall be approved by the Schenker League Jury.

The financial sanctions listed in the table of financial sanctions do not exclude any other sanctions.

ARTICLE 6. CASES NOT FORESEEN

All cases not provided for by the current regulations shall be settled by the Schenker League Jury.

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