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**Volleyball Federation
of Estonia**

**Volleyball Federation
of Latvia**

**Volleyball Federation
of Lithuania**

BALTIC WOMEN VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE 2009 REGULATIONS

1. Introduction

National federations of the Baltic countries aims to make the competitions for women teams more attractive for spectators, media and sponsors in order to guarantee the competition a higher status that will also result in a benefit to the main performers.

2. Participants

Participants of Baltic Women Volleyball League are two best women teams of season 2007-2008 or 2008-2009 from each of the Baltic (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania) countries.

Estonian teams are invited:

- 1) **Olympic GMP** (former Viimsi VK Milstrand/EBS) - I place 2008 (Tallinn Team)
- 2) **Viljandi Metall** - II place 2008

Latvian teams are invited:

- 1) **FC Riga** - I place 2008
- 2) **LU/Jelgava** - II place 2008?

Lithuanian teams are invited:

- 1) **Kaunas Heksa** - I place 2008?
- 2) **Jonava Achema** - II place 2008?

3. Competitions System and Match Calendar

No main tournament will be played

Six teams will qualify to Final Tournament (Final Six), where the games will be played as follows:

I Day (Friday) - Quarterfinals:

- Match 1 - LTU 1. vs LAT 2
Match 2 - LTU 2. vs EST 2

II Day (Saturday) – Semifinals and game for 5th Place:

- Match 3 - Winner of Match 1 vs EST 1
Match 4 - Winner of Match 2 vs LAT 1
Match 5 (for 5th place) - Loser of Match 1 vs Loser of Match 2

III Day (Sunday)

- Match 6 (for 3rd Place) - Loser of Match 3 vs Loser of Match 4
Match 7 (for 1st Place) - Winner of Match 3 vs Winner of Match 4

Match for the 3rd place has to be played before the match of the 1st place.

Priority to organize of Final Six Tournament has club from Estonia, second priority club from Latvia, 3rd priority club from Lithuania. Written confirmation of the possible organizing of Final Six has to be sent to respective National Federation **till 25 January 2009.**

4. Starting time of the matches

Starting time of the matches are between 12:00 (on Sundays 10:00) till 20:00

5. Balls

The only ball to be used for all matches is the MIKASA MVA-200 (new). Each hosting team has to provide at least 12 MIKASA MVA-200 (new) balls for the warming-up of the match. During the trainings teams have to use own balls.

6. Uniforms

All participating teams have to present to representative of hosting club of final tournament two samples of uniforms. It is not allowed to play in the same color of uniform for both teams; in this case that is responsibility of hosting club.

7. Referees

Referees (1st and 2nd Referee, scorer, two line judges) are nominated by Refereeing commission of the respective National federation of the hosting club; other staff (ball retrievers, floor moppers, and announcer) is nominated by hosting club.

Visiting clubs can to bring own referee, nominated by respective NF Referee Commission, in this case visiting club has to inform hosting club at least 10 days before final tournament. In this case visiting team is responsible for covering of all expenses of nominated referee (per diem, transportation, lodging, meals).

8. Registration and financial items

Registration of the teams is going through the respective National Federation – deadline 25. January 2009 – form WBL- 02

Participation fee is **150.- EUR** (remark: “Women Baltic League”), which must be paid till

01. February 2009 by clubs to:

ESTONIAN VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION, reg. code 80023481

Address: Pirita tee 12, 10127 TALLINN; ESTONIA

Account no: 221002100266 Swedbank, code 767

S.W.I.F.T. code: HABA EE2X

IBAN Code: EE072200221002100266

All travel (to and back to the competitions place as well as during the competitions) and lodging costs will be bear by participating teams themselves. Hosting club of final tournament in case of request of visiting teams assists to arrange the possible cheapest accommodation for official delegation (max 17 persons).

Hosting team of the final tournament is responsible for all organizing expenses, including sports hall, equipment, etc. Hosting club team of final tournament is responsible for covering of the expenses of two linesmen's for 7 matches, EST VF will cover Referees and Secretary expenses for 7 matches.

9. Others

Administration and awarding of this competition will be in close co-operation of three federations – EST VF, LTU VF and LAT VF.

The highest authority of League is Jury.

Jury members are three NF Secretary Generals of participating countries. Jury's headquarters is in Estonia.

Visiting team before the match has to present to the 1st referee of the match collective license, issued and confirmed by respective National Federation.

Hosting team has to arrange training possibilities for visiting teams according the official FIVB Regulations and also water for the players during the trainings and games.

Participation of the first three teams in the Awarding ceremony is mandatory.

All matters don't announced in these Regulations could be the object of the discussions, but final decision is made by Jury.