

Malta Masters Tournament

September 2015

Rules



Playing Rules

1. FIBA Rules

Unless stated otherwise all games will be played under FIBA rules with a number of exceptions applicable for the Tournament as detailed hereunder.

2. Organising Committee

The Organising Committee's decisions are final in all matters and the Committee may change or alter any Rule or Regulation on the day to benefit the smooth running of the Tournament. The Committee will be responsible to take all decisions concerning grievances including matters related to eligibility and protests.

3. Entry Fee

An Entry Fee of €200 is due to be paid by each team registering up to a maximum of ten players. Thereafter a fee of €20 is payable for each additional player. This includes participation at all games and also a commemorative T-Shirt for each player. Payment must be effected by 30 August 2015 and can be carried out by a SWIFT Transfer to the following account held at Bank of Valletta plc , Sta Venera Branch

Account Designation: P Andrejevic and P Perotti Account Malta Masters
IBAN : MT97VALL22013000000040021784077
BIC/SWIFT: VALLMTMT

4. Timings of Games

- a. Each Game will consist of Two Half-Times of 15 Minutes each.
- b. The Clock will be stopped when the Ball is not in play including instances when there are fouls, ball out situations and during Time Outs and the taking of Free-Throws.
- c. One Time-Out per team is permitted during the First Half.
- d. Two Time-Outs per team are permitted during the Second Half.
- e. Half Time will be for a maximum of 5 minutes.

5. Tied Games

In the event of a tied game, a five-minute session will be played – NON STOP CLOCK except for the last minute when a stop-watch will be applied. Thereafter five selected players for each team will shoot one free throw each with the team scoring the most baskets being deemed winners. If the game is tied after each team has taken their free throws, the game will be decided on a sudden death shoot out with players taking free throws in the same order as the initial shoot out.

6. Fouls

- a. Players will be disqualified after 5 Personal Fouls in any match.
- b. As the games consist of 2 Halves, Teams will be in 'penalty' in each Half, once they reach 8 team fouls.

7. Pool Leagues

League positions are decided by awarding 2 points for a win, 1 point for a loss and no points awarded for a forfeit or default. If 2 teams are tied on league points then the result of the games involving the 2 teams will resolve the tie. If 3 teams are tied on league points, then a classification is set up which only takes account of the results of the tied teams against each other. Positions are determined by points difference applicable for all games calculated for each team – first by taking into account points difference and then highest number of points. In the unlikely event that the teams remain tied then selection will be by way of a lottery with the names placed in an Urn and drawn up by an independent member of the committee.

8. Teams and Players

Each Team may register up to a maximum of twelve players to participate in the Tournament. All players must be registered by 30 August 2015. It is permissible for one of the players to act also a Team Coach.

Players are ONLY permitted to play/register for ONE TEAM in any competition within the Masters Tournament.

9. Age Limit

Age limit for the 2015 tournament is that all men playing in the Men's 40's Tournament must be at least 40 by 31st of December 2015. Each Team is allowed two players who are at least 38 years by December 2015 as long as such players are not active in the national league of the respective country of the participating team.

10. It is expected,

That all players conduct themselves in the spirit of Masters Basketball. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action being taken. The Malta Masters Organisers WILL NOT tolerate abuse of referees or officials and any such abuse will result in immediate player disqualification with the possibility of future ban on playing in the tournament.

11. Charity

The Tournament is being organised on a non-profitable basis and all funds raised by way of participation fees and sponsorships, after settlement of expenses, will be paid to this year's designated Charity – Puttinu Cares Foundation <http://www.puttinucares.org/>