



## 9th EDITION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OPEN Diplomatic Club, May 28<sup>th</sup> – June 13<sup>th</sup> 2011

### Basketball

**Place :** The competition will take place on the premises of the Diplomatic Club in Bucharest.

**Deadline for application: 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2011**

**The schedule of the games and/or the groups** will be established during the last technical meeting held on the **24<sup>th</sup> of May 2011** at the MFA headquarters.

#### A. Application rules:

- **Female, male or gender mixed teams can apply.**
- In order to take part in the competition you must fill in the application form and send it together with a copy of the diplomatic ID, official ID, MFA employee card or their ID card at [luminita.balan@mae.ro](mailto:luminita.balan@mae.ro). **Application forms without copies of the above mentioned documents will not be accepted.** In some cases additional documents are required as described below.
- **Players can apply in teams or as individuals**, if they can't form a team within the same diplomatic mission or a number of diplomatic missions, international organizations missions, cultural centers or economic missions.
- Depending on their number, individual applicants can form one or several teams. The structure of the team/teams will be suggested by the organizers and agreed upon by the concerned players.
- A team can apply with **maximum 10 members** as follows: **minimum 5 members holding a diplomatic or official ID issued by the Romanian MFA, maximum 2 local employees of the diplomatic mission, maximum 3 guest players out of which 2 holding the citizenship of the team's country/countries and 1 of a different citizenship.** Children or spouses of those holding a diplomatic or official ID issued by the Romanian MFA are encouraged to participate as regular players. The same rules apply to mixed teams formed by individual applicants or multi-embassy teams.
- **MFA teams** can be constituted by minimum 6 MFA employees, maximum 4 guest

players.

- **Mixed embassies and MFA teams are encouraged to apply.** A mix embassies/MFA team can be constituted of minimum 7 members holding MFA employee cards, diplomatic or official ID cards issued by the MFA and maximum 3 guest players.
- In the particular case of **international organizations missions** where most of the employees are Romanian, children or spouses of those holding a diplomatic or official ID issued by the Romanian MFA of an official employee card issued by the international organization mission can participate as regular and not guest players. In this case, copies of the official employee card, diplomatic or official ID card of the family member will be attached to the application form.
- In the particular case of **cultural institutes, economic offices etc.**, any person holding the country's citizenship and working for/ participating in an internship program in these institutions can participate as regular and not guest players. In this case copies of the signed and stamped internship contract will be attached to the application form.
- **Professional basketball players are not allowed as guest players.** Under the rules of this competition, the definition of a professional basketball player comprises players that are currently or have been in the last 4 years earning a salary as basketball players, being enlisted by the National Basketball Federation of Romania or any other country. Each team is encouraged to check the background information of its guest players.
- **In order to have a transparent competition the names of players in every team will be communicated to the other teams 3 days prior to the beginning of the Foreign Affairs Open.**
- If an announced player can no longer participate in the competition, he/she can be replaced by another player as long as the change is announced to the organizers at least 2 days prior to any competition week-end.

## **B. The competition structure**

### ***I. Should a number of 9 or more teams apply / be formed:***

The competition will be structured in 2 parts:

#### **1. Championship system, with the repartition of the teams on groups, without an eliminating character**

- There will be two groups with the same number of teams( $\pm 1$ );
- During the group games each of the team will play with the other teams;
- The order of the matches will be established after the selection of the groups;
- The winner of each match will gain two points;
- The matches cannot end in a tie.

#### **2. Semi-finals and finals**

- The teams in the first two places in each group will play in the semi-finals in the following way: the first team from group number one with the second team from group number two and vice-versa;
- The winning teams in the semi-finals will compete in the final for the first and second place;
- The losing teams in the semi-finals will compete for the third and fourth place.

### ***II. Should a number of 8 or less teams apply / be formed:***

The competition will be structured as follows:

## 1. Championship system, without an eliminating character

- Each of the team will play with the other teams;
- The winner of each match will gain two points;
- The matches cannot end in a tie.
- The winner and the final results table will be given by the number of gained points. In case that two or more teams have the same number of points at the end of the competition, the results in their direct game/games will establish the winner.

### C. The game rules

- All participants in the competition must have their diplomatic ID, official ID, MFA employee card or ID card during the event period. The competition organizers have the right to verify these documents at any time.
- Before the beginning of any match, the team captains will present the list of players and their T-shirt numbers for that specific match. The list can be consulted by the opposing team as well.
- **At any moment of a match, each team must have maximum 2 guest players in the field in the same time.** If that is not possible the game is lost with a **20-0 score**.
- The number of changes allowed during the match is unlimited.
- **In case one player fouls 6 times during the same game he will be eliminated. He can re-enter the competition in the next game.**
- For all the game rules which are not presented here, FIBA statements will be applied.

### D. The time of the games

- **30' divided in two equal parts**
- the break: 5'
- extra time: 5'

### E. The equipment

Each team must have distinctive equipment. **The T-shirts must have distinctive numbers for each player.**

### F. Not respecting the rules leads to

- Losing the match with a score of **20-0;**
- **A second misconduct takes to the elimination of the team from the competition;**
- Each team may argue if they consider that the rules were not respected.
- Signing the application forms means the acceptance of the competition rules.

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