



COMPETITION RULES

2019 – 2020

CADETS LEAGUE

(UNDER 14 MEN)
BORN - 2006

PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

Athleta – Depiro – Luxol – Starlites A – Hibs – Siggiewi – Starlites B

First part of the season (till December) – Tournaments bi weekly (no more than 7 players per team).

Games: 2 x 10 min halves; running clock but stopped in last minute only.

2 games per session per team.

No scoresheets kept – visual only.

Refereed by U16 players – under supervision.

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Full co-operation of all clubs and coaches is necessary if we are to be successful in providing more basketball for the young players.

An early indication of the number of teams who are to participate from each club will allow us to plan weekly fixtures.

Regular league competition

All teams will play each other on a two round system.

- Minimum of players per team; 8
- 4 sessions of 7 minutes (stopping time) will be played.
- Ball size; 6.
- Up to the 3rd Quarter all players on the bench have to play.
- If a team has less than 12 players on the bench (min. 8), then the opposing team has the option to use an equal number of players by the 3rd quarter.
- Minimum of one FULL quarter to be played by each player. (The above note applies)
- Maximum of three FULL quarters to be played by each player.
- A player cannot play the first 3 consecutive quarters.
- No Substitutions are allowed at any time during the first 3 quarters of the game, with the exceptions of the following:
 1. When there are any injured players, subs to be decided by the opposing coach.
 2. Fouled out players, subs to be decided by the opposing coach.
 3. 4th Quarter, subs are allowed, always abiding by the above

mentioned rules.

- Zone defence is not allowed.
1. If two or more teams finish with the same number of points at the top of the table a decider will be played.
 2. 2 points for a win and 1 point for a loss. No points will be awarded to those Teams handing over a walk-over
 3. The team with the highest number of points at the end of the League will be declared CHAMPION for Season 2019 – 2020.
 4. All MBA and FIBA rules apply for this League with the exception of the ones mentioned above.
 5. A team can field any player whether the player is a foreigner or Maltese. No restrictions on the number of foreigners on court during playing time.

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- 4 sessions of 7 minutes (stopping time) will be played.
- Ball size; 6.
- Up to the 3rd Quarter all players on the bench have to play.
- Minimum of one FULL quarter to be played by each player.
- If a team has fewer players on the bench (min. 8), then the opposing team has the option to use an equal number of players by the 3rd quarter.
- Maximum of three FULL quarters to be played by each player. (The above note applies)
- A player cannot play the first 3 consecutive quarters.
- No Substitutions are allowed at any time during the first 3 quarters of the game, with the exceptions of the following:

1. When there are any injured players, subs to be decided by the opposing coach.
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 2. 2 points for a win and 1 point for a loss. No points will be awarded to those Teams handing over a walk-over
 3. The team with the highest number of points at the end of the League (Top 4 Teams) will be declared CHAMPION for Season 2019 – 2020.
 4. All MBA and FIBA rules apply for this League with the exception of the ones mentioned above.
 5. A team can field any player whether the player is a foreigner or Maltese. No restrictions on the number of foreigners on court during playing time.

JUNIOR MEN LEAGUE

(UNDER 16 MEN)
BORN - 2004

PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

Athleta – Depiro – Luxol – Starlites – Hibs – Siggiewi – Starlites B

All teams will play each other on a two round system.

1. If two or more teams finish with the same number of points at the top of the table, placing will be according to Fiba rules.
2. 2 points for a win and 1 point for a loss. No points will be awarded to those Teams handing over a walk-over
3. The top four Teams will play a Final four series.
4. Format for Final Four is 1st placed vs 4th placed and 2nd placed vs 3rd placed.
5. A Final game will be played between the winners of Semi-final game 1 vs winner of Semi-final game 2. The winning Team, will be declared Champion of 2019-20
6. All MBA and FIBA rules apply for this League
7. All players participating in the Under 16 league shall have, before the start of the league, participated and completed a refereeing course organised by the MBA from time to time.
8. A team can only have a maximum of:
2 Foreign players with no distinction between pro and/or local foreigner.
Minimum 3 Maltese/Homegrown players on court during playing time.

JUNIOR WOMEN LEAGUE

(UNDER 16 WOMEN)

BORN - 2004

PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

Depiro – Luxol – Starlites – Hibs - Siggiewi

All teams will play each other on a three round system.

1. If two or more teams finish with the same number of points at the top of the table, placing will be according to Fiba rules.
2. 2 points for a win and 1 point for a loss. No points will be awarded to those Teams handing over a walk-over
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4. Format for Final Four is 1st placed vs 4th placed and 2nd placed vs 3rd placed.
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2 Foreign players with no distinction between pro and/or local foreigner.
Minimum 3 Maltese/Homegrown players on court during playing time.

YOUNG MEN LEAGUE

(UNDER 19 MEN)

BORN - 2001

PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

Athleta – Depiro – Luxol – Starlites A – Hibs – Siggiewi – Starlites B

All teams will play each other on a two round system.

1. If two or more teams finish with the same number of points at the top of the table, placing will be according to Fiba rules.
2. 2 points for a win and 1 point for a loss. No points will be awarded to those Teams handing over a walk-over
3. The top four Teams will play a Final four series.
4. Format for Final Four is 1st placed vs 4th placed and 2nd placed vs 3rd placed.
5. A Final game will be played between the winner of Semi-final game 1 vs winner of Semi-final game 2. The winning Team, will be declared Champion of 2019-20
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2 Foreign players with no distinction between pro and/or local foreigner.
Minimum 3 Maltese/Homegrown players on court during playing time.
7. All MBA and FIBA rules apply for this League

YOUNG WOMEN LEAGUE

(UNDER 19 WOMEN)

BORN – 2001

PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

Depiro – Luxol – Starlites – Hibs - Siggiewi

A All teams will play each other on a three round system.

1. If two or more teams finish with the same number of points at the top of the table, placing will be according to Fiba rules.
2. 2 points for a win and 1 point for a loss. No points will be awarded to those Teams handing over a walk-over
3. The top four Teams will play a Final four series.
4. Format for Final Four is 1st placed vs 4th placed and 2nd placed vs 3rd placed.
5. A Final game will be played between the winner of Semi-final game 1 vs winner of Semi-final game 2. The winning Team, will be declared Champion of 2019-20
6. A team can only have a maximum of:
2 Foreign players with no distinction between pro and/or local foreigner.
Minimum 3 Maltese/Homegrown players on court during playing time.
7. All MBA and FIBA rules apply for this League

U23 MEN LEAGUE

(UNDER 23 MEN)

BORN - 1997

PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

Depiro – Luxol – Starlites A – Hibs – Athleta – Starlites B

All teams will play each other on a two round system.

1. If two or more teams finish with the same number of points at the top of the table, placing will be according to Fiba rules.
 2. 2 points for a win and 1 point for a loss. No points will be awarded to those Teams handing over a walk-over
 3. The foreign player/s who are listed on the team list for the under 23 and/or amateur league cannot play in first division.
 4. The foreign player/s who are listed on the team list for the first division cannot play in the under 23 and/or amateur league
 5. Any Maltese player/s listed on the under 23 and/or amateur and/or first division league team list may play in all divisions, if so eligible.
 6. The top four Teams will play a Final four series.
 7. Format for Final Four is 1st placed vs 4th placed and 2nd placed vs 3rd placed.
 8. A Final game will be played between the winner of Semi-final game 1 vs winner of Semi-final game 2. The winning Team, will be declared Champion of 2019-20
 9. A team can only have a maximum of:
2 Foreign players with no distinction between pro and/or local foreigner.
Minimum 3 Maltese/Homegrown players on court during playing time.
 10. All MBA and FIBA rules apply for this League
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U23 WOMEN LEAGUE

(UNDER 23 WOMEN)

BORN – 1997

PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

Depiro – Luxol – Starlites – Hibs

All teams will play each other on a three round system.

1. If two or more teams finish with the same number of points at the top of the table, placing will be according to Fiba rules.
2. 2 points for a win and 1 point for a loss. No points will be awarded to those Teams handing over a walk-over
3. The foreign player/s who are listed on the team list for the under 23 league cannot play in first division.
4. The foreign player/s who are listed on the team list for the first division cannot play in the under 23 league
5. Any Maltese player/s listed on the under 23 team list may play in all divisions, if so eligible.
6. Final series as follows:
 - a) First placed Team straight to the Final
 - b) 2nd placed will play 3rd placed in playoff SF.
 - c) Final between 1st placed team and winner of SF.
 - d) Winner of Final Game will be declared Champion 2019-20
7. A team can only have a maximum of:
 - 2 Foreign players with no distinction between pro and/or local foreigner.
 - Minimum 3 Maltese/Homegrown players on court during playing time.
8. All MBA and FIBA rules apply for this League

AMATEUR LEAGUE MEN

MBA SHIELD

PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

Athleta – Depiro– Starlites – Hibs – Victoria Libertas - Fusion

Group A: 3 Teams

Group B: 3 Teams

PHASE ONE

Pool 1

Team 1	vs	Team 2
Team 3	vs	Team 1
Team 2	vs	Team 3

Pool 2

Team 4	vs	Team 5
Team 6	vs	Team 4
Team 5	vs	Team 6

1. All teams will play each other on a one round system.
2. If two or more teams finishes with the same number of point's classification will be calculated as per FIBA rules.
3. If two or more teams finish with the same number of points at the top of the table 1 round decider will be played.
 - a) A team can field any player whether the player is a foreigner or Maltese. No restrictions on the number of foreigners on court during playing time.
 - b) All MBA and FIBA rules apply for this tournament except for the ones mentioned above

PHASE TWO – SEMI FINALS:

SEMI FINAL ONE (1) First placed team in Pool 1 – Phase 1, will play against the second placed team in Pool 2 - Phase 1. Direct elimination.

SEMI FINAL TWO (2) First placed team in Pool 2 – Phase 1, will play against the second placed team in Pool 1 - Phase 1. Direct elimination.

FINAL:

Winner of semi final one will play against winner of semi final two.

Winner of final game will be declared Winner of MBA Shield for Season 2019 – 2020

KNOCK OUT (KO)

PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

Athleta – Depiro– Starlites – Hibs – Victoria Libertas - Fusion

PRELIMINARY GAME:

Draws will be held between all teams to determine the 2 teams of the Prelim Game.
2 Bye Teams (Starlites one of the Bye Teams as winner of 2018-19 KO)

Semi Finals:

Draws will be held for the 2 bye Teams and the Winners of the Prelim Games.

FINAL:

Winner of semi final one will play against winner of semi final two.

Winner of final game will be declared KO winner for Season 2019 – 2020.

1. A team can field any player whether the player is a foreigner or Maltese.
No restrictions on the number of foreigners on court during playing time.
2. All MBA and FIBA rules apply for this tournament except for the ones mentioned above

Winner of final game will be declared Winner of BOV KO for Season 2019 – 2020

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

Athleta – Depiro– Starlites – Hibs – Victoria Libertas - Fusion

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1. All teams will play each other on a two round system.
 2. If two or more teams finishes with the same number of point's classification will be calculated as per FIBA rules.
 3. A team can field any player whether the player is a foreigner or Maltese. No restrictions on the number of foreigners on court during playing time.
 4. All MBA and FIBA rules apply for this League
 5. Top four teams will qualify for play-offs series.
 6. Semi Finals will be played on a best out three games. 1st placed vs 4th placed and 2nd placed vs 3rd placed.
 7. Final between winning Teams of both Semi Finals will be played on a best out of five games.
 8. The winner of this Final will be declared CHAMPION for Season 2019 – 2020.

DIVISION ONE WOMEN

MBA SHIELD

PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

Luxol - Depiro – Hibernians - Starlites

1. All teams will play each other on a one round system.
 2. If two or more teams finishes with the same number of point's classification will be calculated as per FIBA rules.
 3. Final between 1st placed Team and 2nd placed Team
 4. The winner of this Final will be declared MBA Shield Winner for Season 2019 – 2020.
 5. A team can only have a maximum of:
 - 1 Foreign player with no distinction between pro and/or local foreigner.
 - Minimum 4 Maltese/Homegrown players on court during playing time.
 6. All MBA and FIBA rules apply for this League
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KNOCK OUT (KO)

PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

Luxol - Depiro – Hibernians - Starlites

SEMI FINALS:

Draws will be held between all Teams.

SF 1:	1	vs	2
SF 2:	3	vs	4

FINAL:

Winner of semi final one will play against winner of semi final two.

Winner of final game will be declared KO winner for Season 2019 – 2020.

1. A team can only have a maximum of:
 - 1 Foreign player with no distinction between pro and/or local foreigner.
 - Minimum 4 Maltese/Homegrown players on court during playing time.

All MBA and FIBA rules apply for this KO

SUPER CUP

FINAL:

Winner of Division One Women (Starlites season 2018-19) will play against finalist of Knock Out Division One Women (Hibs season 2018-19).

Winner of this game will be declared Super Cup WINNER.

1. A team can only have a maximum of:
1 Foreign player with no distinction between pro and/or local foreigner. Minimum 4 Maltese/Homegrown players on court during playing time.

All MBA and FIBA rules apply for this Cup

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

Luxol –Depiro – Hibernians - Starlites

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1. All teams will play each other on a four round system.
 2. If two or more teams finish with the same number of points at the top of the table, placing will be according to Fiba rules.
 3. 2 points for a win and 1 point for a loss. No points will be awarded to those Teams handing over a walk-over
 4. Final series as follows:
 - a) First placed Team straight to the Final
 - b) 2nd placed will play 3rd placed in playoff SF will be played on a best out of 3 games.
 - c) Final between 1st placed team and winner of SF will be played on a best out of 5 games.
 - d) Winner of this Final Game will be declared Champion 2019-20
 - e) All MBA and FIBA rules apply for this League
 - f) A team can only have a maximum of:
1 Foreign players with no distinction between pro and/or local foreigner. Minimum 4 Maltese/Homegrown players on court during playing time.

LOUIS BORG CUP

PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

Luxol - Depiro – Hibernians – Starlites

1. All MBA and FIBA rules apply for this tournament.

SEMI FINALS:

Draws will be held between all Teams.

SF 1:	1	vs	2
SF 2:	3	vs	4

FINAL:

Winner of semi final one will play against winner of semi final two.

Winner of final game will be declared LBC winner for Season 2019 – 2020.

1. A team can only have a maximum of:
 - 1 Foreign players with no distinction between pro and/or local foreigner. Minimum 4 Maltese players on court during playing time.

Note: All games will be played on two games – aggregate of both results. Games 1 & 2 are considered as the same game i.e. Game 2 is a continuation of Game 1.

INDEPENDENCE CUP TOURNAMENT

PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

Luxol - Depiro – Hibernians – Starlites

Draws will be held between all Teams.

Team 1	vs	Team 2
Team 3	vs	Team 4
Team 2	vs	Team 3
Team 4	vs	Team 1
Team 1	vs	Team 3
Team 2	vs	Team 4

FINALS: 1st placed vs 2nd placed

Winner of final game will be declared Independence Cup winner for Season 2019 – 2020.

1. All teams will play each other on a one round system.
2. If two or more teams finishes with the same number of point's classification will be calculated as per FIBA rules.
3. 2 halves of 15 minutes (playing time) will be played.
4. Non registered players can participate in this tournament
5. A team can only have a maximum of:
 - 1 Foreign players with no distinction between pro and/or local foreigner. Minimum 4 Maltese players on court during playing time.
6. Time Outs: **One** in the first half and **Two** in the second half
7. Team Fouls: A Team is in Team Foul Penalty Bonus after **7 team fouls**.
8. Personal Fouls: A player is fouled out after **4 fouls**
9. Should a game end level, an overtime period of **3 minutes** will be played. **One time-out** for each team in such an overtime period. If further overtime periods are needed, these will also be of 3 minutes duration each and with one time out for each team.
10. Direct disqualification of a player / coach / team official will automatically entail a minimum of one game suspension (next game). (Non-direct disqualification of a player / coach due to an accumulation of two major (Technical or Unsportsmanlike) fouls will bear no suspension). This is similar to the normal season.
11. All MBA and FIBA rules apply for this tournament except for the ones mentioned above

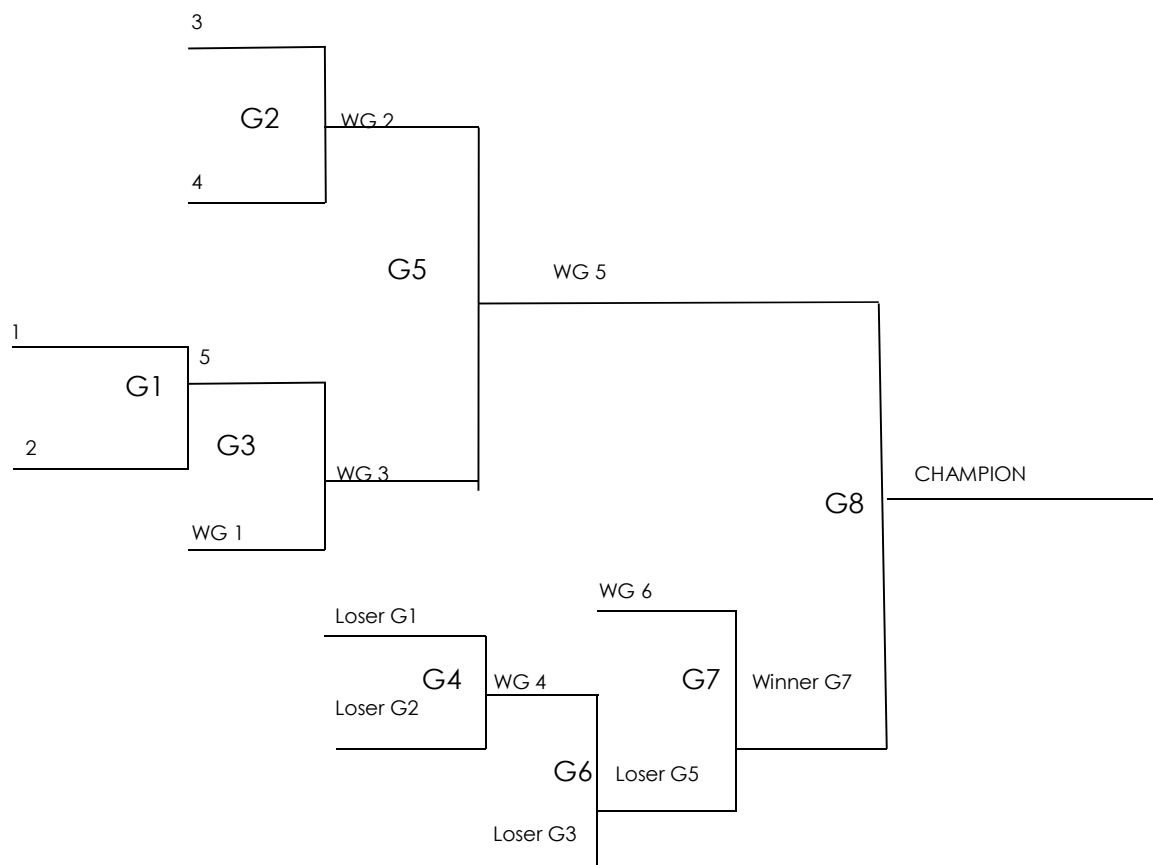
DIVISION ONE MEN

MBA SHIELD

PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

Luxol - Depiro – Athleta - Hibernians – Starlites

5 TEAM DOUBLE ELIMINATION



Game One
1

vs

2

Game Two
3

vs

4

Game Three
5

vs

Winner G1

Game Four
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Loser G1	vs	Loser G2
Game Five Winner G2	vs	Winner G3
Game Six Winner G4	vs	Loser G3
Game 7 Winner G6	vs	Loser G5
Game 8 – FINAL Winner G5	vs	Winner G7

1. A team can only have a maximum of:
 - 2 Foreign players with no distinction between pro and/or local foreigner. Minimum 3 Maltese/Homegrown players on court during playing time.
2. All MBA and FIBA rules apply for this tournament except for the ones mentioned above

Winner of final game will be declared Winner of MBA Shield for Season 2019 – 2020

KNOCK OUT (KO)

PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

Luxol - Depiro – Athleta - Hibernians – Starlites

PRELIMINARY GAME:

Draws will be held between all teams to determine the 2 teams of the Prelim Game and 3 Bye Teams (Hibs one of the Bye Teams as winner of 2018-19 KO)

Semi Finals:

Draws will be held for the 3 bye Teams and the Winner of the Prelim Game.

FINAL:

Winner of semi final one will play against winner of semi final two.

Winner of final game will be declared KO winner for Season 2019 – 2020.

- 1) A team can only have a maximum of:
 - 2 Foreign players with no distinction between pro and/or local foreigner. Minimum 3 Maltese/Homegrown players on court during playing time.

All MBA and FIBA rules apply for this KO

SUPER CUP

FINAL:

Winner of Division One Men (Athleta season 2018-19) will play against finalists of Knock Out Division One Men (Hibs season 2018-19)

Winner of this game will be declared Super Cup WINNER.

1. A team can only have a maximum of:
 - 2 Foreign players with no distinction between pro and/or local foreigner.
 - Minimum 3 Maltese/Homegrown players on court during playing time.

All MBA and FIBA rules apply for this Cup

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

Luxol - Depiro – Athleta - Hibernians – Starlites

1. All teams will play each other on a three round system.
 2. If two or more teams finishes with the same number of point's classification will be calculated as per FIBA rules.
 3. A team can only have a maximum of:
 - 2 Foreign players with no distinction between pro and/or local foreigner.
 - Minimum 3 Maltese/Homegrown players on court during playing time.
 4. All MBA and FIBA rules apply for this League
 5. Top four teams will qualify for play-offs series.
 6. Semi Finals will be played on a best out three games. 1st placed vs 4th placed and 2nd placed vs 3rd placed.
 7. Final between winning Teams of both Semi Finals will be played on a best out of five games.
 8. The winner of this Final will be declared CHAMPION for Season 2019 – 2020.
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LOUIS BORG CUP

PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

Luxol - Depiro – Athleta - Hibernians – Starlites – Mellieha VLS

PHASE 1:

Two preliminary games will be played. Two Teams; Bye. Draws will be held between all participating teams to determine 2 Bye Teams.

Preliminary Games:

Draw 1	vs	Draw 2
Draw 3	vs	Draw 4

BYE Teams : 5 & 6

SEMI FINALS:

Draws will be held between the winners of the preliminary games and the bye Teams.

FINAL:

Winner of semi final one will play against winner of semi final two.
Winner of final game will be declared LBC winner for Season 2019 – 2020.

- 1) A team can only have a maximum of:
 - 2 Foreign players with no distinction between pro and/or local foreigner.
Minimum 3 Maltese/Homegrown players on court during playing time.

All MBA and FIBA rules apply for this Tournament

Note: All games will be played on two games – aggregate of both results. Games 1 & 2 are considered as the same game i.e. Game 2 is a continuation of Game 1.

INDEPENDENCE CUP TOURNAMENT

PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

Luxol - Depiro – Athleta - Hibernians – Starlites – Mellieha VLS – La Salle

Group 1: Depiro – Mellieha Libertas Spalding – Starlites GIG
Group 2: Gzira Athleta – BUPA Luxol – Hibs – La Salle

Group 1:

Depiro	vs	Mellieha
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Starlites	vs	Depiro
Mellieha	vs	Starlites

Group 2:

Hibs	vs	Luxol
Gzira Athleta	vs	La Salle
Luxol	vs	Gzira Athleta
La Salle	vs	Hibs
Gzira Athleta	vs	Hibs
La Salle	vs	Luxol

1. The teams are divided into two groups. The teams in each group will respectively play each other on a one round system and the top two classified teams in each group will qualify for the cross semifinals.
2. If two or more teams finishes with the same number of point's classification will be calculated as per FIBA rules.
3. 2 halves of 15 minutes (playing time) will be played.
4. Non registered players can participate in this tournament
5. Every team will have to abide with its respective category league rules as regards the entitlement of the use of foreign players. ***
6. Time Outs: **One** in the first half and **Two** in the second half
7. Team Fouls: A Team is in Team Foul Penalty Bonus after **7 team fouls**.
8. Personal Fouls: A player is fouled out after **4 fouls**
9. Should a game end level, an overtime period of **3 minutes** will be played. **One time-out** for each team in such an overtime period. If further overtime periods are needed, these will also be of 3 minutes duration each and with one time out for each team.
10. Direct disqualification of a player / coach / team official will automatically entail a minimum of one game suspension (next game). (Non-direct disqualification of a player / coach due to an accumulation of two major (Technical or Unsportsmanlike) fouls will bear no suspension). This is similar to the normal season.
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*** Division 1 teams can make use of a maximum of two foreign players on the court at any time. The Amateur League team and the visiting Italian team will then abide to their league rules.

1st placed Team will be declared Winner of Independence Cup for Season 2019 – 2020

GENERAL RULE TO ALL GAMES

Whenever the venue Ta-Qali Main Pavilion becomes impracticable or extremely slippery and the game officials declare that the court is impractical to play, where it is possible, the following procedures have to be taken;

- Pre due fixture: game will be transferred to the New Training Courts
- During Warm up: game will be transferred to the New Training Courts
- Game in progress: game will be transferred to the New Training Courts