

**To the National Federations participating in the ABA League**

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Slovenia, Serbia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

By e-mail

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Dear friends,

Following the request from a number of National Federations to clarify the position of FIBA Europe towards the ABA League, please note the following:

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in May/June 2015, after the de-recognition of the previous Adriatic League (managed by the company SIDRO d.o.o.), 12 clubs from six (6) countries established a new company under Croatian law called ABA League which was approved by the National Federations of Serbia, Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Upon the proposal of the six National Federations the Board of FIBA Europe recognized the ABA League as an official competition on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

In April 2016 FIBA Europe was informed by several National Federations that for various reasons they no longer recognize the ABA League and therefore the Executive Committee of FIBA Europe, at its meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016, decided to suspend the recognition of the ABA League: <http://www.fiba.com/en/news/fiba-europe-executive-committee-evaluates-national-federations-response-and-decides-further-steps>

Therefore, prior to making a final determination on the status of ABA League as an Officially Recognised Organisation, we kindly ask you to clarify the current joint position of your six National Federations towards this club competition in your region.

Best regards,



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