LEAGUE OF RAFFA

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SEASON 02 Rules

1. General

- Unless otherwise announced by the organizers, tournament games will be held at Jumeirah Baccalaureate School Gym, Al Wasl Road, Dubai, or New Indian Model School Dubai, Rebat Street, Al Garhoud, Dubai. The tournament begins on **October 4, 2026**. The venue for each game will be announced by the organizers and posted at www.leagueofraffa.com.This is a Drug and Alcohol-Free Event.
- The Chairman/Commissioner reserves the right to accept or reject any player who is not officially registered or drafted for participation in the league.
- Team Leaders are responsible for ensuring that all players fully understand the league rules and regulations.
- Season 02 – consists of 08 teams.
- Each team may consist of a minimum of ten (10) drafted players and shall pay an entry fee of AED 260.00 (Jersey and uniform costs are excluded. An additional AED 5 will be collected for the pocket.).

2. Terms of Payment

- The deadline for the registration entry fee (minimum AED 150.00) is Oct 04, 2026.
- The deadline for the remaining balance of the quota fee and jersey fee is on November 08, 2026 (Week 4 of the season).
- Teams with the highest completed quota fee before opening day will have the advantage of choosing their opening-day game schedule and opponent.
- The team with the second-highest quota fee paid before opening day will also have the opportunity to choose its game schedule without drawing lots.
- The remaining team matchups will be determined through a draw.

3. No Exemptions

- Only Filipino expatriates are allowed to join the league.
- The league falls under the Division Category Class E – Unrated.
- Participation in the tournament signifies acceptance of all league terms, conditions, and regulations.

4. Teams

- Team Leader attendance is mandatory during Draft Day.
- Each team roster must consist of a minimum of ten (10) and a maximum of Fifteen (15) drafted players.

- Player trading is allowed immediately after Draft Day and up to three (3) days thereafter, subject to approval by league administrators and both teams involved.
- Teams must wear designated jerseys numbered from 0–99.
- Each team is responsible for its own warm-up basketballs and personal belongings. The organizers are not liable for lost or misplaced items.
- No player may transfer from one team to another without approval from league administrators.

5. League Format

- The tournament will follow a single round-robin elimination format among 08 teams.
- There is no twice-to-beat advantage for the teams that finish in the top two of the standings. All teams will play in the quarterfinals.
- In case of a two-way tie, head-to-head results will determine ranking. For three-way ties or more, the quotient system will apply.
- Quarterfinal matchups will follow the league standings.
  - Rank 1 vs Rank 8
  - Rank 2 vs Rank 7
  - Rank 3 vs Rank 6
  - Rank 4 vs Rank 5
- The Finals and Battle for 3rd Place will be single-game matches.
- Each quarter will last 12 minutes for a total regulation time of 48 minutes.
- Pasarelle system rules and substitution limitations will apply as outlined by the league committee.
- Running time will be implemented throughout the game, except during timeouts and designated final-minute stoppages.
- Players are allowed a maximum of five (5) fouls per game.
- Bonus free throws begin on the fifth team foul per quarter.
- Teams are allotted timeouts according to league rules.
- Overtime periods will be 3 minutes for the first overtime and 2 minutes for succeeding overtimes.
- Teams arriving late may be penalized with free throws or default, depending on delay duration.
- Players without complete uniforms will result in corresponding free-throw penalties for the opposing team.

6. Technical Fouls

- Technical fouls will be issued for unsportsmanlike behavior and will count as personal fouls.
- Accumulation of two technical fouls may result in disqualification from the game or further disciplinary action.
- Any form of intimidation, verbal abuse, or physical threat toward officials, players, or spectators will not be tolerated.
- A technical foul penalty includes two free throws and possession awarded to the opposing team.

- Acts of violence, aggression, or damage to equipment may result in immediate disqualification and removal from the premises.

7. Conduct

- All participants, team leaders, and spectators must refrain from profanity, abusive language, or unsportsmanlike behavior.
- This is a Drug and Alcohol-Free Event. Any player or coach found using alcohol or drugs will be disqualified.
- Team coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and supporters.
- The tournament organizers are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged personal belongings.
- Smoking is strictly prohibited inside the venue.

8. Trophies and Awards

- The Champion Team will receive a Championship Trophy, championship shirts, and medals.
- The Runner-Up Team will receive a trophy and medals.
- Tournament MVPs, Mythical 5 awardees, and special award recipients will receive trophies and medals.
- All participating teams and players may receive Certificates of Appreciation.