



3x3 basketball

Regulatory Principles

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Definitions

- **3x3:** is a one-hoop-only basketball game played by 3 players (and one substitute) on each team, it includes inter alia 1x1, 2x2, skill contests and pick-ups
- **3x3 Competition Network:** is a FIBA-steered hierarchized system of 3x3 competitions integrating and comprising of the 3x3 Official Competitions as well as all (and only) FIBA-endorsed events
- **3x3 Official Competitions:** Olympic Tournaments, 3x3 World Championships (incl. U18), Zone Championships (incl. U18), the 3x3 World Tour and 3x3 All Stars
- **FIBA-endorsed event:** any event accepting the FIBA-endorsement terms
- **3x3planet.com:** is a players-centric digital platform and games repository*
- **3x3 Individual World Ranking:** is a ranking of all players registered in 3x3planet.com based on the ranking points collected at FIBA-endorsed events and pick-ups
- **3x3 Federation Ranking:** is the ranking of all National Federations (“NFs”) based on the 3x3 Individual World Ranking points of their top 100 nationals (with a confirmed 3x3planet.com account) in the respective category

* Through EventMaker, FIBA’s proprietary freeware to manage 3x3 events



Vision

- FIBA has introduced 3x3 as an official basketball discipline to increase grassroots participation in basketball, promoting the game of basketball to a wider audience and offering all national member federations of FIBA the possibility to grow
- FIBA has established an open, innovative, integrated 3x3 Competition Network for 3x3 comprised by all and only FIBA-endorsed 3x3 events in order to embrace and unite the 3x3 community worldwide
- Players of any nationality, age, gender, height and skills may participate in FIBA-endorsed competitions and players are free to form teams without nationality restrictions (except for national teams competitions)
- One specific 3x3 ball for all categories is to be developed*
- Simplicity and sustainability are the leitmotifs of 3x3

* In the meanwhile the official ball of 3x3 is size 6 in all categories



Governance

- FIBA regulates all 3x3 Official Competitions and provides the other FIBA-endorsed events with a framework via the 3x3 Competition Network
- FIBA establishes the official 3x3 Rules of the Game and the qualification criteria of the 3x3 Official Competitions
- All 3x3 competitions and activities are subject, mutatis mutandis, to the provisions contained in the FIBA Statutes, Internal Regulations and the specific rules and decisions taken by FIBA for 3x3; breaches may lead to sanctions
- An Advisory Board shall be established to advise FIBA on the strategic development of the discipline and on 3x3 World Tour matters



Endorsement

- **The FIBA-endorsed events are the backbone of the 3x3 Competition Network**
- Any event of any entity can become FIBA-endorsed; the faculty to endorse or not to endorse an event is a FIBA exclusive prerogative
- Any organizer complying with the FIBA-endorsement terms is welcome
 - Use EventMaker, use 3x3 official rules, hold FIBA harmless, give FIBA the right to use event data and images/footage, comply with FIBA's Code of Ethics
 - Endorsement can be challenged for important reasons by a national federation, but FIBA's final decision prevails
- FIBA, FIBA Zones, National federations shall not recognize or support 3x3 events which are not FIBA-endorsed
- Impairment of the organization of any FIBA-endorsed event and/or of the development of the 3x3 Competition Network may lead to sanctions, including e.g. suspension from any 3x3 competitions and/or activities



3x3 Official Competitions

- Open World Championships take place every two years (in even years), while U18 World Championships are held on an annual basis
 - Olympic Tournaments are considered as if World Championships
- World Championships are always simultaneous for same number of men and women teams
- Zone/Subzone Championships have to be simultaneous for men and women
- The format of 3x3 Official Competitions has to follow these criteria:
 - Round robin phase followed by single elimination; pools not bigger than six
 - Schedule to have a minimum of 2 and maximum of 4 games a day/team
- 3x3 Official Competitions have to comply with the FIBA-endorsement terms
- 3x3 Official Competitions shall be played only in venues furnished with equipment from FIBA's 3x3 official suppliers, or, in its default, with equipment approved by FIBA Equipment & Venue Centre



Qualification to World Championships and YOGs

- National Federations earn ranking points for the 3x3 Federation Ranking by holding or supporting FIBA-endorsed events
- Only NFs with a minimum of 3 FIBA-endorsed events held in their territory in the 12 months prior to the established cut-off date* are eligible
 - * 1 November before competition start for World Champs
- Eligible countries qualify as follows:

- **Host country**
- **Winner of previous edition**
- **3x3 Federation Ranking**

based

Subject to:

- a maximum of 50% of total teams coming from the same continent
- a ratio of participating teams/countries not higher than 1.33****

Sum of individual ranking points of the Top 100 nationals** in a given category*** (Men, women, U18 men, U18 women), whereas the resulting sum is double for e-learning certified federations

**Only confirmed 3x3planet.com users taken into account

*** Tiebreaker: sum of all ranking points in a given category

**** First 50% of qualified teams per gender identified by host country, previous edition's winner and ranking; subsequent 50% of teams are qualified by ranking subject to those additional countries may only be represented by one gender (alternating check starting with female)



Zone Championships, if any

- Only national federations with a minimum of 3 FIBA-endorsed events in their territory in the 12 months prior to the established cut-off date* are eligible
- Zone Champs have to be open to all national federations of its area
- Zone Champs can be organized in the two following ways at the discretion of each Zone:
 1. one single event with open invitation to any eligible national federation interested in participating
 2. two phase competitions whereas national federations are split into groups for simultaneous one-day competitions with the winners progressing to a second phase organized a few weeks later

* Cut-off date is 1 November before competition start



Registration to World & Zone Championships

- Once registration period opens, qualified national federations have 30 days to register to the competition
- In the event that a qualified national federation does not register its team within the 30 days period, FIBA/FIBA Zone will substitute that national team with another national team at its discretion
- If, after having sent its final registration form, a team cancels its participation or should fail to appear at the opening of the given competition, the corresponding national federation member will be sanctioned with a monetary fine of CHF 10'000; additionally, a ban from any 3x3 Official Competition for a period of time not exceeding one Olympic cycle may be imposed



Draw & seeding in 3x3 Official Competitions

- To reinforce the value of the 3x3 Individual World Ranking and 3x3 Federation Ranking, there is no drawing procedure
- It is replaced by an automated seeding into pools according to the rank of the national federation member in the 3x3 Federation Ranking or team ranking points in non national-team competitions at seeding date; the order is as shown in the table below and ensures balanced pools

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
Team 1 <i>(highest rank)</i>	Team 2 <i>(2nd highest rank)</i>	Team 3 <i>(3rd highest rank)</i>	Team 4 <i>4^hd highest rank)</i>
		Team 5 <i>(5th highest rank)</i>
Team n <i>(lowest rank)</i>			



Player's eligibility to 3x3 Official Competitions

- National team selection is a national federation prerogative and has to follow the principle of aligning a competitive team
- Only players registered in 3x3planet.com and that have played in a minimum of 2 FIBA-endorsed events in the last 12 months prior to the registration of the players to the event are eligible to play
- The list of players (4 players) of the teams participating in national-team 3x3 Official Competitions have to be filled electronically via 3x3planet.com's back-end by the corresponding national federation member within the given deadlines for each competition



Rights to the 3x3 Competition Network*

- FIBA holds all media, digital, broadcasting, licensing, marketing, equipment and other rights associated with the 3x3 Official Competitions
- FIBA may
 - Assign these rights to an organizer either for a fee or none at all
 - Require organizers to allow signage of FIBA 3x3 global partners
- Rights of Zone Champs are exploited by the Zones, within the limits foreseen in these regulations for brand usage, sport equipment (incl. ball & uniforms), data & media. Subject to these limits, Zones are free to select any (other) partners for their 3x3 events. However, contracts shall provide for the right to exit - without penalties for FIBA - at the end of each 3x3 season to allow, if available, global partnerships in certain categories**
- Social media rights of 3x3 Official Competitions are FIBA exclusive and must be primarily be used through and for 3x3planet.com platform.
- Once defined by FIBA, the use of the 3x3 official ball and of the 3x3 teams / referees uniforms are mandatory in all 3x3 Official Competitions and all other competitions organized by FIBA or Zones**
- Organizers of any competitions part of the 3x3 Competition Network shall grant non-exclusive ownership on all footage, pictures, media and digital rights to FIBA and allow access to live feeds/stats/pictures on 3x3planet.com

* This page does not apply to Olympic Tournaments - ** FIBA will give advance notice when these are defined/required



Branding

- The FIBA 3x3 logos and stamps are registered trademarks by FIBA; their use are subject to guidelines*
- The use of the infinity logo is restricted to FIBA only
- Each Zone shall use the specific 3x3 logo for National Team Championships; its use is subject to guidelines*



FIBA 3x3 "Infinity" logo



- Any other FIBA-endorsed event is limited to the “stamp” to indicate association with the Competition Network:



FIBA-endorsed stamp

* Available at www.fiba.com/3x3/downloads



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