



# 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 Cups (incl. U18), Zone Cups (incl. U18) and the 3x3 World Tour
- **FIBA-endorsed event:** any event accepting the FIBA-endorsement terms
- **play.fiba3x3.com:** is a players-centric digital platform and games repository\*
- **3x3 Individual World Ranking:** is a ranking of all players registered in play.fiba3x3.com based on the ranking points collected at FIBA-endorsed events
- **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 play.fiba3x3.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)
- A specific 3x3 ball for all categories has been developed
  - Official measures: size 6, weight 7
- Simplicity and sustainability are the leitmotifs of 3x3





## 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 has been 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 and 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

- World Cups (incl. U18) take place every year
  - Olympic Tournaments are considered as if World Cups
- World Cups are always simultaneous for same number of men and women teams
- Zone/Subzone Cups 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 preferentially 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 Cups and YOGs

- National Federations earn ranking points for the 3x3 Federation Ranking by holding or supporting FIBA-endorsed events
- Only 3x3 e-learning certified NFs with a minimum of 3 FIBA-endorsed events held in their territory in the 12 months prior to the established cut-off date (1 November of prior year) are eligible

1. **Host country**
2. **Winner of previous edition**
3. **3x3 Federation Ranking**

Subject to have a maximum of 50% of total countries coming from the same continent and complying with certain universality criteria \*\*\*

4. **A Qualifying Tournament, if any**

based

Sum of individual ranking points of the Top 100 nationals\* in a given category\*\*  
(Men, women, U18 men, U18 women, etc.)

\*Only confirmed play.fiba3x3.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 Cups, if any

- Only 3x3 e-learning certified 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 Cups have to be open to all national federations of its area
- Zone Cups 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 that can include a qualification tournament the days prior to the championships start
  2. two phase competitions whereas national federations are split into qualifying competitions with the best teams progressing to a second phase organized a few weeks later

\* Cut-off date is 1 November of year prior to competition start





## Registration to World & Zone

- 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 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
<b>Team 1</b> <i>(highest rank)</i>	<b>Team 2</b> <i>(2<sup>nd</sup> highest rank)</i>	<b>Team 3</b> <i>(3<sup>rd</sup> highest rank)</i>	<b>Team 4</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> highest rank</i>
		.....	<b>Team 5</b> <i>(5<sup>th</sup> highest rank)</i>
<b>Team n</b> <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
  - E.g. a roster in the World Cup has to be comprised by minimum 2 players turning 19 or older on the year of the competition
- Only players registered with a confirmed account in [play.fiba3x3.com](http://play.fiba3x3.com) are eligible to play
- In order to be eligible for national team purposes, a player cannot have previously played for the national team (5v5 or 3x3) of another country in an Official Competition (other than with a exceptional authorization by the FIBA Secretary General)
- The list of players (4 players) of the teams participating in national-team 3x3 Official Competitions have to be filled electronically via FIBA's 3x3 backend 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
- Social media rights of 3x3 Official Competitions are FIBA exclusive and must be primarily be used through and for [fiba3x3.com](http://fiba3x3.com) platform.
- The use of the 3x3 official ball and of the 3x3 teams / referees uniforms, if any, are mandatory in all 3x3 Official Competitions and all other competitions organized by FIBA\*\*
- 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 [fiba3x3.com](http://fiba3x3.com)

\* This page does not apply to Olympic Tournaments - \*\* FIBA will give advance notice as if 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
- Logo of Zone Cups are subject to guidelines\*
- Any other FIBA-endorsed event is limited to a “stamp”\* to indicate association with the Competition Network

*FIBA 3x3 “Infinity” logo*



\* Available at [www.fiba3x3.com/documents](http://www.fiba3x3.com/documents)

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