Qualification to national-team based 3x3 Official Competitions
Quick Guide for national federations

The 3x3 Federation Ranking is the main criteria used to identify the teams qualified to the national-team based 3x3 Official Competitions. It is based on the 3x3 Individual World Ranking.

The 3x3 Individual World Ranking takes into account the number of points collected by players in the last 12 months. National Federations are ranked according to the aggregate points tallied by their Top 100 ranked nationals, with a confirmed 3x3planet account, in the 3x3 Individual World Ranking in each category (men, women, U18 men, U18 women). Players cumulate individual ranking points based on their performance in FIBA-endorsed events and the level of said event in the 3x3 Competition Network’s hierarchy.

The 3x3 Federation Ranking not only rewards the elite performances of the players but also the 3x3 activity in the territory of each National Federation; the standing in the 3x3 Federation Ranking is driven by the number of players and their playing frequency (the more events are organised the more the Top 100 players will accumulate points).

In order to be eligible to participate in the 3x3 Official Competitions, National Federations are required to have at least three FIBA-endorsed events in their territory in the previous 12 months up to the cut-off date (1 November* of previous year for World Championships, 1 June 2014 for the exceptional case of the Nanjing Youth Olympics).

* 1 November means that the ranking is calculated at 12.00 UTC on 1 November. If 1 November is a Friday, Saturday or Sunday (when the ranking is not calculated) then the ranking is calculated at 12.00 UTC on the previous Thursday.

Within the eligible countries, the host country and the titleholder directly qualify, whilst the other participants earn their ticket through their position in the 3x3 Federation Ranking, subject to three restrictions:

(i) A minimum of 36 countries** must participate (men and women combined).
(ii) A maximum of 12 teams** can come from the same FIBA Zone in each gender.
(iii) A minimum of one team per FIBA Zone in each gender.

** Example for competitions with 24 men teams and 24 women teams

A national federation can improve its position in the 3x3 Federation Ranking in a category by maximising the individual points gathered by their national players within the Top 100 in the relevant category and ensure that the highest ranked nationals have a fully confirmed 3x3planet account.

Both can be achieved by having its nationals playing in more events; participation in tours and high-level events are mostly recommended. High-level events are FIBA 3x3 World Tour events & their feeders or national-team competitions such as world, zone and subzone championships.

The 3x3 Federation Ranking is published on a monthly basis on www.fiba.com. National Federations can check the most updated ranking at their convenience with their exclusive access to the FIBA 3x3’s online platform.

More on the 3x3 Individual Ranking and 3x3 Competition Network can be found on www.fiba.com/3x3/downloads.