



FIBA 3x3

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FIBA 3x3: FACTS AND FIGURES

WHO is FIBA:

- A non-profit organization established in 1932, comprised by over 200 national federation members and the sole world governing body for basketball recognized by the IOC.
- FIBA has developed 3x3 as second basketball discipline to attract the urban youth and provide more opportunities for its member associations and players worldwide.

WHAT is 3x3:

- **SIMPLE:** Half-court, 1 hoop, 2 teams, 3 players + 1 substitute, no in-game coaching
- **FAST:** 10-minute games, 12-second shot clock, no halftime
- **ENTERTAINING:** Game over at 21 pts, non-stop music, fan engagement
- **URBAN;** Played in iconic location in the heart of the cities, 3x3 tournaments are more than just basketball; they are an urban cultural festival with dancers, MCs and DJs

WHEN is the 3x3 season:

- **Challengers**, the pre-qualification to the World Tour begin in April and end in September
- **World Tour** from July to October
- **National Team** from May to October

WHERE is 3x3 played:

In National Team competitions: Yearly World Cup, U18 World Cups, Continental Cups, U18 Continental Cups, U23 Nations League

In the Professional Season which includes World Tour and Challengers where players gain ranking points and prize money

In Grassroots tournaments: 3x3 originated in the streets where it is continued to be played at grassroots levels.

HOW to watch 3x3:

- 50k spectators on site per event
- Broadcast in 100+ countries
- 90 million views on social media



FIBA 3x3 WORLD TOUR

The FIBA 3x3 World Tour is the pinnacle event of an 'open' network of FIBA-endorsed 3x3 tournaments. Any group of four players - regardless of their nationality - representing a city can qualify for the FIBA 3x3 World Tour by winning a qualifying tournament which will lead to the World Tour.

Each Masters has 12 teams competing for a ticket to the final and prize money. The top 12 teams in the World Tour season standings - including the winners of each Masters – qualify for the Final.

PAST WT WINNERS

Year	Winners
2012	San Juan (PUR)
2013	Brezovica (SLO)
2014	Novi Sad (SRB)
2015	Novi Sad Al Wahda (UAE)*
2016	Ljubljana (SLO)**

*Formerly known as Novi Sad (SRB)

**Formerly known as Brezovica (SLO)

2017 WT MASTERS Calendar:

Masters	Location	Date	Winners
1	Saskatoon, CANADA	July 15-16	Ljubljana (SLO)
2	Utsunomiya, JAPAN	July 29-30	
3	Prague, CZECH REPUBLIC	August 5-6	
4	Lausanne, SWITZERLAND	August 25-26	
5	Debrecen, HUNGARY	August 31-September 1	
6	Chengdu, CHINA	September 23-24	
7	Mexico City, MEXICO	September 30–October 1	
FINAL	Beijing, CHINA	October 21-22	



WORLD TOUR UTSUNOMIYA MASTERS

2nd Masters of the season

The second stage of the FIBA 3x3 World Tour 2017 is held in Utsunomiya, Japan, on July 29-30. The Masters will be staged at the Futaarayama Jinja Shrine, which was founded about 1,600 years ago. It is dedicated to the spirit of Toyokirihikonomikoto, the founder of the city. The Utsunomiya Futaarayama Shrine is one of the centres of the daily life in the city, where people go to pray.

The 12 participating teams compete for two days for the pride to represent their city, a USD 20,000 cheque and a chance to qualify for the FIBA 3x3 World Tour Bloomage Beijing Final on October 21-22 2017

Year	Winners	Top Scorer (pts)	MVP	MSP	Dunk Winner	Shoot-Out Winner
2016	Novi Sad Al Wahda (UAE)	Dusan Bulut (Novi Sad Al Wahda)	Dusan Bulut (Novi Sad Al Wahda)	Dusan Bulut (Novi Sad Al Wahda)	Jordan Kilganon (CAN)	Dusan Bulut (Novi Sad Al Wahda)

COMPETITION FORMAT

The following events are featured at each World Tour event:

Main Event

The 12 teams are divided into 4 pools of 3 teams playing in a round-robin first round against their two respective pool opponents. The top-two placed teams from each pool advance to a standard knock-out round which starts at the quarter-finals stage.

The winners of the 7 Masters, (Saskatoon, Utsunomiya, Prague, Lausanne, Debrecen, Chengdu and Mexico City) plus the best teams in the World Tour standings at the end of the season (between 5 and 11 depending if a team has won more than one stop) qualify for the FIBA 3x3 World Tour Bloomage Final, which will be staged in Beijing on October 21-22 2017.

Dunk Contest

Dunkers have 75 seconds and 3 attempts per round to complete a dunk. An attempt means the dunker had the intention to dunk and he or the ball touched the rim and/or the backstop unit. The only exception to the 75-second-rule is the third round of the final where there is no time limit. The 75 seconds start running once the dunker's name is called up. The first successful dunk is considered the valid one. A dunk is considered successful if the ball does not leave the ring in an upward vertical direction after it has left the dunker's hand. The dunks are marked (0, 5-10) by each one of the 3 members of the jury.

**Professional Dunkers:**

Justin "Jus Fly" Darlington

Arek "Ar0" Przybylski

Chris Staples

Shoot-Out Contest

The Shoot-Out Contest qualification takes place on the first day and the final on the second.

Qualification:

- A maximum of one player per team participates in the qualification
- Each player shoot ten balls from the top of the arc in the shortest amount of time
- Participants are ranked by successful shot and by time in case of tie
- The best 4 qualify for the final

Final:

- There are three racks of five balls worth one point from three different spots behind the arc and one rack of three 'moneyballs' worth two points from the end line (11 metres)
- Time limit is a 60-second shot-clock.



AWARDS AND PRIZES

Awards

An **MVP (Most Valuable Player)** will be named by FIBA at the end of the event based on the player's performances during the whole tournament.

An **MSP (Most Spectacular Player)** will be named by the fans on the social media one week after the event based on the player's exciting plays during the whole tournament.

Prizes

Team competition:

Winning team: \$20,000

Runner-up team: \$10,000

Dunk Contest:

Dunk Contest winner: \$2,000

Dunk Contest second and third: \$500

Media Services

If you are a media professional and you wish to apply for a media accreditation to this event, please register in the FIBA Media Portal at <https://apps.st-software.com/fiba-publicregistration/en-US/Account>. You will only be able to request an accreditation after registration. The application period for this event will open on Monday May 15 and close on Sunday July 16. You will be notified of the success of your application before Sunday July 9 or 1 day later if you applied after that day. All applicants are responsible for their own visas. All TV broadcasters interested in acquiring TV rights should contact: For further information, please contact: annie.oshea@fiba.com



SCHEDULE OF PLAY

POOLS:

POOL A	POOL B	POOL C	POOL D
Ljubljana (SLO) Okayama (JPN) Ulaanbaatar (MGL)	Novi Sad Al Wahda (UAE) St Petersburg (RUS) Seoul (KOR)	Piran (SLO) Krakow R8 Basket (POL) Auckland (NZL)	Zemun Master (SRB) Liman (SRB) Hsinchu (TPE)

DAY 1

TIME	POOL	TEAM A	SCORE	TEAM B
14:30	A	Ljubljana SLO (1)		Ulaanbaatar MGL (9)
14:50	B	Novi Sad AlWahda UAE (2)		Seoul KOR (10)
15:15	C	Piran SLO (3)		Auckland NZL (11)
15:35	D	Liman SRB (5)		Hsinchu TPE (12)
16:10	A	Okayama JPN (8)		Ulaanbaatar MGL (9)
16:30	B	St Petersburg RUS (7)		Seoul KOR (10)
16:55	C	Krakow POL (6)		Auckland NZL (11)
17:15	D	Zemun SRB (4)		Hsinchu TPE (12)
17:55	A	Ljubljana SLO (1)		Okayama JPN (8)
18:15	B	Novi Sad AlWahda UAE (2)		St Petersburg RUS (7)
18:40	C	Piran SLO (3)		Krakow POL (6)
19:00	D	Zemun SRB (4)		Liman SRB (5)

DAY 2





TEAMS

LJUBLJANA (SLO)

Players: Ales Kunc, Jasmin Hercegovac, Tomo Cajic and Blaz Cresnar

Seed at WT Stop: 1

World Rank: 1

How they qualified to Utsunomiya: Based on their FIBA 3x3 Team Ranking (finished 2nd last year). They selected Utsunomiya with the 4th overall pick in the WT Draft.

Also qualified to: Saskatoon Masters (1st) - Debrecen Masters (based on ranking) + Prague (after winning the Lebanese Quest)

Instagram account: Ljubljana3x3

Twitter accounts: 3x3Ljubljana

2017 World Tour Record:

World Tour	Rank
Saskatoon	1

2017 Professional Record:

Challengers	Rank
Nanjing	2
Penang	1
Huai An	5
Ulaanbaatar	4
The Hague	14
Lipik	9

World Tour History

Years at the WT: 5 (2013-17)

Total Appearances: 11

Wins: 4 (Saskatoon 2017, Abu Dhabi Final 2016, Prague Masters 2016 and Istanbul Final 2013)

2nd Place: 3 (World Tour Prague 2013, World Tour Beijing 2015 and World Tour Debrecen 2016)



LJUBLJANA HEAD TO HEAD IN WT HISTORY

Opponent	Record	Games
Novi Sad Al Wahda	2-2	Istanbul Final 2013 – W Utsunomiya Masters 2016 – semi-finals – L Prague Masters 2016 - semi-finals - W Debrecen Masters 2016- final – L
Piran	1-1	Lausanne Masters 2015 – semi-finals (L) Abu Dhabi Final 2016 – Quarter-finals (W)
Zemun	0-1	Lausanne Masters 2015 – Pools - L
Krakow	1-0	Prague Masters 2013 – Pools – W
Okayama	1-0	Utsunomiya Masters 2016 – Quarter-finals - W

LJUBLJANA HEAD TO HEAD IN 2017

Opponent	Record	Games
Liman	0-2	Ulaanbaatar Challenger - final -L Lipik Challenger - pool phase -L
Zemun	0-1	Nanjing Challenger 2017 – final -L
Krakow	1-0	Nanjing Challenger 2017 – Quarter-finals -W
St Petersburg	1-1	Penang Challenger 2017– Final – W Huai-An Challenger 2017– Quarter-finals - L
Ulaanbaatar	1-1	Nanjing Challenger 2017 – Pools – L Ulaanbaatar Challenger 2017 – Quarter-finals – W
Piran	0-1	Sao Paulo Challenger – semi-finals - L



PLAYER PROFILE

Jersey	Player Name -Phonetic Pronunciation -Nick Name	Height/Weight	Age	Nationality	World Ranking (National Ranking)
4	Jasmin Hercegovac [Yas-mean Hair- tsay-go-vatch] Aka "Iceman"	1.90m /96kg	40	Slovenian	1 (1)
5	Ales Kunc [A-lesh Koontz]	2.07m / 100kg	44	Slovenian	4 (3)
6	Tomo Čajić [To-mo Tcha- yitch]	2.01m / 107kg	31	Slovenian	3 (2)
7	Blaz 'Birdman' Cresnar [Blash Shray- snar]	2.16m / 112kg	31	Slovenian	8 (4)

Player Stats

Jasmin Hercegovac

Years at the WT: 5 (2013-17)

Total appearances: 12

Achievements

MVPs: Prague Masters 2016 and Abu Dhabi Final 2016

National Team: Member of Slovenian National team that won silver at FIBA 3x3 Europe Cup 2014

Instagram: Hercegovac3x3

Star profile video: <https://youtu.be/to6aBHZDNgs>



Ales Kunc

Years at the WT: 5 (2013-17)

Total appearances: 12

Achievements

Kunc represented Slovenia at two Eurobaskets (Europe Cup in traditional basketball)

National Team: Member of Slovenian National team that won silver at FIBA 3x3 Europe Cup 2014

Star profile video: <https://youtu.be/o0toxUrtBkU>

Blaz Cresnar aka Birdman

Years at the WT: 5 (2013-17)

Total appearances: 12

National Team: Member of Slovenian National team that won silver at FIBA 3x3 Europe Cup 2014

Tomo Cajic

Years at the WT: 4 (2015-17)

Total appearances: 9

Achievements

MVP: Saskatoon Masters 2017



NOVI SAD AL WAHDA (UAE)

Players: Dusan Domovic Bulut, Dejan Majstorovic, Marko Zdero and Marko Savic

Seed at WT Stop: 2

World Rank: 2

How they qualified to Utsunomiya: After finishing 2nd in the Ulaanbaatar Challenger

Also qualified to: Prague, Lausanne, Debrecen, Chengdu and Mexico

2017 Professional Record:

Challenger	Rank
Nanjing	6
Huai- An	2
Ulaanbaatar	2
Lipik	1

Team info:

They are Red Bull sponsored Athletes.

Represent Novi Sad, their Serbian hometown and their occasional residence of Al Wahda, a neighbourhood of Abu Dhabi in the city-based (and not national team) competition which the FIBA 3x3 World Tour is.

First-ever fully professional 3x3 team

Bulut, Savic and Zdero grew up in the same neighbourhood and have been friends since childhood.

Won the World Cup three times for Serbia (2012, 2016 and 2017)

World Tour History

Years at the WT: 5

Total appearances: 14

Wins: 9 (Prague 2013, Prague 2014, Tokyo Final 2014, Manila 2015, Rio de Janeiro 2015, Abu Dhabi Final 2015, Utsunomiya 2016, Debrecen 2016 and Beijing 2016)

2nd place: 1 (Istanbul Final 2013)



NOVI SAD AL WAHDA HEAD TO HEAD IN WT HISTORY

Opponent	Record	Games
Ljubljana	2-2	Istanbul Final 2013 – Final – L Utsunomiya Masters 2016 – Semi-finals – W Prague Masters 2016 – semi-finals- L Debrecen Masters 2016 – Final - W
St Petersburg	3-1	Prague Masters 2013 – Pools – L Prague Masters 2015 – Pools – W Beijing Masters 2016 – semi-finals – W Abu Dhabi Final 2016 – pools - W
Piran	4-0	Prague Masters 2013 – semi-finals – W Tokyo Final 2014 – quarter-finals – W Abu Dhabi Final 2015 – semi-finals – W Utsunomiya Masters 2016 – final - W
Krakow	1-0	Beijing Masters 2016 – Final - W

NOVI SAD AL WAHDA HEAD TO HEAD IN 2017

Opponent	Record	Games
Ulaanbaatar	1-0	Huai-An Challenger – Pools – W
St Petersburg	1-0	Huai-An Challenger – Semi-finals – W
Zemun	0-1	Huai-An Challenger – Final – L
Liman	1-1	Ulaanbaatar Challenger – Final – L Lipik Challenger – Final - W



PLAYER PROFILE

Jersey	Player Name -Phonetic Pronunciation -Nick Name	Height/Weight	Age	Nationality	World Ranking (National Ranking)
16	Nikola Pavlovic	1.96m / 95kg	24	Serbia	63 (17)
6	Dejan 'The Maestro' Majstorovic [Day-yan My- store-ovitch]	2.00m / 100kg	28	Serbia	7 (4)
4	Dusan Domovic Bulut aka 'MrBullutproof' [Do-shan Dough-maw- vitch Boo-loot]	1.91m / 90kg	32	Serbia	2 (1)
7	Marko Savic [Marko Sa- vitch]	1.96m / 112kg	30	Serbia	5 (2)

Player Stats

Dusan Bulut

Years at the WT: 5 (2013-17)

Total Appearances: 14

Achievements

MVP: Manila 2015, Rio 2015, Abu Dhabi 2015, Utsunomiya 2016, Debrecen 2016, Beijing 2016

National Team: Member of Serbian National team that won FIBA 3x3 World Cup 2012, 2016 and 2017.

Runner-Ups at FIBA 3x3 Europe 2016 Cup and Runner-Ups at FIBA 3x3 World Cup 2014 and Bronze Medallists at inaugural European Games (2015)



Star profile video: <https://youtu.be/8eqTrfMtljw>

Facebook Page: Dusan Domovic Bulut

Twitter: MrBullutproof

Instagram: Dusan.Bulut

Dejan Majstorovic

Years at the WT: 5 (2013-17)

Total Appearances: 13

Later addition to the team (in 2014)

Top scorer and MVP of FIBA 3x3 World Cup 2017

Former number one 3x3 player in the World

Instagram account: Dejan.Majstorovic8

Marko Savic

Years at the WT: 5 (2013-17)

Total Appearances: 14

Instagram: Marko_savic_17

Nikola Pavlovic

Years at the WT: 1 (2017)

Total appearances: 1

Pavlovic is replacing Marko Zdero, who is injured

Instagram: Pakiallday



PIRAN (SLO)

Players: Anze Srebott, Gasper Ovnik, Simon Finzgar and Adin Kavgic

Seed at WT Stop: 3

World Rank: 4

How they qualified to Utsunomiya: Based on their FIBA 3x3 Team Ranking (finished 3rd last year). They selected the Utsunomiya Masters with the third pick.

Also Qualified to: Chengdu Masters

Twitter: Piran3x3

Team Song: "TNT" – AC/DC

Won the FIBA 3x3 Europe Cups 2016.

World Tour History

Years at the WT: 6 (2012-17)

Total appearances: 12

Wins: Lausanne 2014

2nd Place: Madrid 2012; Lausanne 2015, Utsunomiya 2016

PIRAN HEAD TO HEAD IN WT HISTORY

Opponent	Record	Games
NOVI SAD AL WAHDA	0-4	Utsunomiya Masters 2016 – Final – L World Tour Final 2015 – semi-finals –L World Tour Final 2013 – Quarter-finals- L Prague Masters 2013 – semi-finals - L
LJUBLJANA	1-1	Lausanne Masters 2015 – semi-finals – W World Tour Final 2016 – quarter-finals - L
ST PETERSBURG	1-0	Utsunomiya Masters 2016 – semi-finals – W Prague Masters 2013 – Semi-finals - W
KRAKOW	1-0	World Tour Final 2016 – pools – W
OKAYAMA	1-0	Utsunomiya Masters 2016 – pools -W

PIRAN HEAD TO HEAD IN 2017

Opponent	Record	Games
Ljubljana	1-0	Sao Paulo Challenger – semi-finals - W



PLAYER PROFILE

Jersey	Player Name -Phonetic Pronunciation -Nick Name	Height/Weight	Age	Nationality	World Ranking (National Ranking)
5	Anze Srebovt	1.97m / 115kg	25	Slovenian	14 (5)
6	Gasper Ovnik	1.90m /100kg	35	Slovenian	16 (6)
4	Simon Finzgar aka "The Sphinx"	1.96m / 88 kg	37	Slovenian	17 (7)
7	Adin Kavgic	1.97m / 105kg	30	Slovenian	18 (8)

Player Stats

Simon Finzgar

Years at the WT: 6 (2012-2017)

Total appearances: 12

Finzgar is a former number one 3x3 player in the World

Simon Finzgar and Adin Kavgic are part of an exclusive group of players who have played in all 5 editions of the FIBA 3x3 World Tour (10 players so far including Javier Meras Rodriguez, Ismael Reina and Juan Vasco Trabado (Malaga), Tomoya Ochiai (Tokyo), Jure Erzen and Mensud Julevic (Kranj), Derek Griffin and Corey Campbell (Denver)

National Team: Member of the Slovenian national team that won the Europe Cup in 2016, finished third at the World Cup in 2016 and 2nd in the Europe Cup 2017.

Gasper Ovnik



Years at the WT: 5 (2013-2017)

Total appearances: 10

Favorite song: Tom Petty And The Heartbreakers - I Won't Back Down

National Team: Member of the Slovenian national team that won the Europe Cup in 2016, finished third at the World Cup in 2016 and 2nd in the Europe Cup 2017.

Anze Srebvt

Years at the WT: 4 (2014-17)

Total appearances: 9

National Team: Member of the Slovenian national team that won the Europe Cup in 2016, finished third at the World Cup in 2016 and 2nd in the Europe Cup 2017.

Instagram account: srebovt10

Advin Kavgic

Years at the WT: 6 (2012-2017)

Total appearances: 12

Toughest player to guard: Alexandr Pavlov

National Team: Member of the Slovenian national team that won the Europe Cup in 2016, finished third at the World Cup in 2016 and 2nd in the Europe Cup 2017.

Simon Finzgar and Adin Kavgic are part of an exclusive group of players who have played in all 5 editions of the FIBA 3x3 World Tour (10 players so far including Javier Meras Rodriguez, Ismael Reina and Juan Vasco Trabado (Malaga), Tomoya Ochiai (Tokyo), Jure Erzen and Mensud Julevic (Kranj) and Derek Griffin and Corey Campbell (Denver)



ZEMUN MASTER (SRB)

Players: Bogdan Dragovic, Marko Dugosija, Lazar Rasic and Nikola Vukovic

Seed at WT Stop: 4

World Rank: 5

How they qualified: Winning the Nanjing Challenger

Also Qualified to: Prague, Chengdu and Mexico Masters

2017 Professional Record:

Challenger	Rank
Nanjing	1
Odense	6
Lipik	5
Sibiu	2
Huai An	1

World Tour History

Years at the WT: 3 (2015-17)

Total appearances: 3

ZEMUN HEAD to HEAD

Opponent	Record	Games
KRAKOW	0-1	Lausanne 2015 - Quarter Finals -L
LJUBLJANA	1-0	Lausanne 2015 – Pools -W

ZEMUN HEAD to HEAD in 2017

Opponent	Record	Games
LJUBLJANA	1-0	Nanjing Challenger – Final - W
ST. PETERSBURG	1-0	Lipik challenger– Pools - W
KRAKOW	1-0	Lipik Challenger – Pools - W
NOVI SAD AL WAHDA	1-0	Huai An Challenger – Final - W



PLAYER PROFILE

Jersey	Player Name -Phonetic Pronunciation -Nick Name	Height/Weight	Age	Nationality	World Ranking (National Ranking)
3	Bogdan Dragovic	1.95m / 88kg	26	Serbia	33 (13)
5	Marko Dugosija	1.98m / 100kg	26	Serbia	12 (6)
4	Nikola Vukovic	2.03m /115kg	26	Serbia	24 (8)
6	Lazar Rasic	1.96m /95kg	30	Serbia	25 (9)

Player Stats

Bogdan Dragovic aka "Dragon"

Years at the WT: 3 (2015-17)

Total appearances: 3

Instagram: Bogibatina5

Marko Dugosija

Years at the WT: 2 (2016 & 2017)

Total appearances: 2

Instagram: Dugi_11

Achievements



Won the Beijing Masters last year replacing Novi Sad Al Wahda's Dejan Majstorovic (Injured)

Lazar Rasic

Years at the WT: 3 (2015-17)

Total appearances: 3

Instagram: Lazarsen

Nikola Vukovic

Years at the WT: 3 (2015-2017)

Total appearances: 3

Instagram: Nikola_vufi_

Achievements

MVP of the Nanjing Masters, where they defeated Ljubljana in the final.



LIMAN (SRB)

Players: Stefan Stojacic, Stefan Kojic, Marko Brankovic and Aleksandar Ratkov

Seed at WT Stop: 5

World Rank: 6

How they qualified to Utsunomiya: Won the Ulaanbaatar Challenger

Also qualified to: Saskatoon Masters (5th)

2017 World Tour Record:

World Tour	Rank
Saskatoon	5

2017 Professional Record:

Challenger	Rank
Ulaanbaatar	1
Odense	3
Lipik	2

World Tour History

Years at the WT: 2 (2016-17)

Total appearances: 3 (Lausanne Masters 2016 – finished 4th, Saskatoon Masters 2017, finished 5th) – Same team that finished 4th in Lausanne last year.

LIMAN HEAD TO HEAD IN WT HISTORY

Opponent	Record	Games
KRAKOW	1-0	Lausanne 2016 – Pools - W

LIMAN HEAD to HEAD IN 2017

Opponent	Record	Games
LJUBLJANA	2-0	Lipik Challenger - Pools - W Ulaanbaatar Challenger - Semi-finals - W
NOVI SAD AL WAHDA	1-1	Ulaanbaatar Challenger – Final – W Lipik Challenger – Final - L



PLAYER PROFILE

Jersey	Player Name -Phonetic Pronunciation -Nick Name	Height/Weight	Age	Nationality	World Ranking (National Ranking)
5	Marko Brankovic <i>Marko Brann- co-vitch</i>	2.00m / 92kg	22	Serbia	36 (14)
17	Aleksandar Ratkov	1.94m / 94kg	25	Serbia	23 (7)
6	Stefan Kojic <i>Stay-fan Co- yitch</i>	2.01m / 94kg	25	Serbia	31 (11)
4	Stefan Stojacic <i>Stay-fan Sto-ya- tchitch</i>	1,92m / 96kg	28	Serbia	11 (5)

Player Stats

Marko Brankovic

Years at the WT: 2 (2016-2017)

Total appearances: 3

Instagram: Brankovic_24

Aleksandar Ratkov

Years at the WT: 2 (2016-2017)

Total appearances: 2

Favorite song is "My way" from Calvin Harris

Toughest player to guard: Dominique Gentil

Instagram: Aleksa_ratkov

Stefan Kojic



Years at the WT: 2 (2016-2017)

Total appearances: 3

Favorite song: "You don't know me" from Jax Jones

Won the "Red Bull King of the Rock" World Championship in 2016

Instagram: Instazvonko

Stefan Stojacic

Years at the WT: 2 (2016-2017)

Total appearances: 3

Had a lot of success in basketball youth categories (won the European Championships U18, U20 and the World Championships U19 with Serbia defeating USA and Stephen Curry in the gold-medal game in 2007)

Was the Shoot-Out Contest winner of the Saskatoon Masters

Instagram: Stefan_stojacic_teji89

Star profile video: <https://youtu.be/EiBNlqBjATM>



KRAKOW R8 BASKET (POL)

Players: Lukasz Bodych, Michael Hicks, Pawel Pawlowski and Piotr Renkiel

Seed at WT Stop: 6

Team Rank: 8

How they qualified to Utsunomiya: Finished 3rd at the Penang Challenger (qualified due to winners Ljubljana being already qualified)

Also Qualified to: Lausanne Masters

World Tour History

Years at the WT: 4 (2013-15-16-17 - Previously known as Gdansk)

Total appearances: 7

2nd Place: Beijing Masters 2016

2017 Professional Record:

Challenger	Rank
Nanjing	5
Penang	3
Odense	9
Lipik	10

KRAKOW HEAD TO HEAD IN WT HISTORY

Opponent	Record	Games
NOVI SAD AL WAHDA	0-1	Beijing Masters 2016 – Final - L
LJUBLJANA	0-1	Prague Masters 2013 – Pools – L
PIRAN	0-1	Abu Dhabi Final 2016 – Pools - L

KRAKOW HEAD to HEAD in 2017

Opponent	Record	Games
LJUBLJANA	0-1	Nanjing Challenger – quarter-finals - L
ST PETERSBURG	1-1	Penang Challenger – semi-finals – L Lipik Challenger – Pools – W
ZEMUN	0-1	Lipik Challenger – Pools - L



PLAYER PROFILE

Jersey	Player Name -Phonetic Pronunciation -Nick Name	Height/Weight	Age	Nationality	World Ranking (National Ranking)
3	Piotr Renkiel	1.90m / 92kg	29	Poland	39 (3)
4	Michael Hicks	1.95m / 95kg	34	Poland/USA	15 (1)
5	Pawel Pawlowski	1.98m / 95kg	35	Poland	22 (2)
6	Lukasz Bodych	2.01m / 105kg	27	Poland	109 (5)

Player Stats

Piotr Renkiel

Years at the WT: 3 (2015-17)

Total appearances: 6

Favorite song: "All eyez on me" – 2Pac

Instagram: Piotr_Renkiel

Achievements

Won the World Tour Prague Masters in 2015 (Team Kolobrzeg) and finished 10th in the Abu Dhabi Final 2015.

Michael Hicks aka "Money in the bank"

Years at the WT: 3 (2015-17)

Total appearances: 5

Favorite song: "Wild Thoughts" by DJ Khaled

Star Profile Video: <https://youtu.be/AwOuNa7PzLk>

Achievements



Named Most Spectacular player of the Lausanne Masters 2015 and 2016

Lukasz Bodych

Years at the WT: 1 (2017)

Total appearances: 1

Pawel Pawlowski

| **Years at the WT:** 4 (2013-2015-17)

Total appearances: 7

Instagram : Still_in_the_game_14



ST PETERSBURG (RUS)

Players: Ilya Alexandrov, Dmitrii Kriukov, Leo Lagutin and Maksim Zimarin

Seed at WT Stop: 7

Team Rank: 12

How they qualified to Utsunomiya: Finished 2nd at the Penang Challenger

Team Song: -

2017 Professional Record:

Challenger	Rank
Penang	2
Huai- An	3

World Tour History

Years at the WT: 5 (2012-14, 2016-17)

Total appearances: 7

ST PETERSBURG HEAD to HEAD

Opponent	Record	Games
NOVI SAD AL WAHDA	1-3	Prague 2013 – pools – W Prague 2014 – pools – L Beijing 2016 – semi-finals – L Abu Dhabi Final 2016 – Pools - L
PIRAN	0-2	Prague 2013 – semi-finals - L Utsunomiya 2016 – semi-finals - L

ST PETERSBURG HEAD to HEAD in 2017

Opponent	Record	Games
KRAKOW	1-0	Penang Challenger 2017 – semi-finals - W
LJUBLJANA	1-1	Penang Challenger 2017 – final – L Huai-An Challenger 2017 – Quarter-Finals – W
NOVI SAD AL WAHDA	0-1	Huai-An Challenger – semi-finals - L



PLAYER PROFILE

Jersey	Player Name -Phonetic Pronunciation -Nick Name	Height/Weight	Age	Nationality	World Ranking (National Ranking)
5	Dmitrii Kriukov	1.99m / 95kg	27	Russian	64 (4)
6	Ilya Aleksandrov	1.94m / 103kg	35	Russian	65 (5)
3	Leo Lagutin	1.90m / 88kg	31	Russian	27 (1)
4	Maksim Zimarín	1.91m / 96kg	34	Russian	42 (2)

Player Stats

Dmitrii Kriukov

Years at the WT: 1 (2017)

Total appearances: 1

National Team: represented Russia at the FIBA 3x3 World Cup 2017 (8th)

Ilya Alexandrov

Years at the WT: 1 (2017)

Total appearances: 1

First appearance at the World Tour despite playing in every national team event since 2012.

National Team: represented Russia in the World Cup 2017 (8th) and Europe Cup 2017 (6th). Also, he played the first ever 3x3 World Cup in 2012 in Athens, Greece (5th), won bronze at the World Cup 2014 in Russia, finished 10th at the Europe Cup 2010, won gold at the European Games 2015 in Baku and finished 4th and 10th in the Europe Cup and World Cup in 2016.



Leo Lagutin

Years at the WT: 5 (2012-14, 2016-17)

Total appearances: 7

Instagram: Leopold4ipo27

National Team: represented Russia in the World Cup 2017 (8th) and Europe Cup (6th). In 2016, he played the World Cup (10th). He also won gold at the European Games 2015 in Baku.

Maksim Zimarin

Years at the WT: 2

Total appearances: 4



OKAYAMA (JPN)

Players: Kenji Hilke, Sho Hasegawa, Devaughn Washington and Gary Hamilton

Seed at WT Stop: 8

How they qualified to Utsunomiya: Current leaders in the .EXE Xebio 3x3 League (pro Japanese league)

World Tour History

Years at the WT: 2

Total appearances: 2

OKAYAMA HEAD TO HEAD IN WT HISTORY

Opponent	Record	Games
PIRAN	0-1	Utsunomiya Masters 2016 – Pools – L
LJUBLJANA	0-1	Utsunomiya Masters 2016 – Quarter-finals - L

PLAYER PROFILE

Jersey	Player Name -Phonetic Pronunciation -Nick Name	Height/Weight	Age	Nationality	World Ranking (National Ranking)
5	Kenji Hilke	1.97m / 93kg	32	Japan	147 (9)
4	Sho Hasegawa	1.94m	35	Japan	85 (3)
6	Devaughn Washington	2.04m / 107kg	28	USA	433 (23)
7	Gary Hamilton	2.08m / 127kg	32	USA	216 (12)



Player Stats

Kenji Hilke

Years at the WT: 4 (2014-17)

Total appearances: 4

Twitter: KenjiHilke

Instagram: KenjiHilke

Sho Hasegawa

Years at the WT: 1 (2017)

Total appearances: 1

National team:

Represented Japan at the first ever FIBA 3x3 Asia Cup in 2013 (9th)

Twitter: show_time6

Instagram: 420_show

Devaughn Washington

Years at the WT: 2 (2015 & 2017)

Total appearances: 2

Instagram: Speeket12j

Mixtape: <https://youtu.be/-VvZ3NXQQkQ>

Gary Hamilton

Years at the WT: 2 (2016-17)

Total appearances: 2

Twitter: Lurchy2



ULAANBAATAR (MGL)

Players: Delgernyam Davaasambuu, Dulguun Enkhbat, Tserenbaatar Enkhtaiwan and Tsenguunbayar Gotov.

Seed at WT Stop: 9

How they qualified to Utsunomiya: Finished 3rd at the Nanjing Challenger (qualified due to Ljubljana (2nd) being already qualified)

Team Song: Mongolia National Anthem

2017 Professional Record:

Challenger	Rank
Nanjing	3
Huai An	9
Ulaanbaatar	12

World Tour History

Years at the WT: First Mongolian team in 3x3 World Tour History

Total appearances: 1

ULAANBAATAR HEAD to HEAD in 2017

Opponent	Record	Games
LJUBLJANA	1-1	Ulaanbaatar Challenger – Pools – L Nanjing Challenger – Pools - W
NOVI SAD AL WAHDA	0-1	Huai An Challenger – Pools - L
ZEMUN	0-1	Nanjing Challenger – Semi-finals - L



PLAYER PROFILE

Jersey	Player Name -Phonetic Pronunciation -Nick Name	Height/Weight	Age	Nationality	World Ranking (National Ranking)
6	Delgernyam Davaasambuu	1.94m / 99kg	27	Mongolian	510 (2)
7	Tserenbaatar Enkhtaiwan	2.00m / 95kg	27	Mongolian	580 (3)
4	Enkhbat Dulguun	1.89m / 84kg	25	Mongolian	609 (4)
5	Tsenguunbayar Gotov	1.91m / 90kg	27	Mongolian	499 (1)

Player Stats

Delgernam Davaasambuu aka “Dek”

Years at the WT: 1 (2017)

Total appearances: 1

Instagram: dekdeldgernyam

Toughest player to guard: Jasmin Hercegovac

Tserenbaatar Enkhtaiwan

Years at the WT: 1 (2017)

Total appearances: 1

Instagram: Tseba_0523

Toughest player to guard: Ales Kunc

Enkhbat Dulguun

Years at the WT: 1 (2017)

Total appearances: 1

Instagram: dulgun_enkhbat



Toughest player to guard: Dusan Bulut

Tsenguunbayar Gotov

Years at the WT: 1

Total appearances: 1

Toughest player to guard: Jasmin Hercegovac



SEOUL (KOR)

Players: Seungjun Lee, Gobong Choi, Minsu Park, Hisanori Takafuji

Seed at WT Stop: 10

How they qualified to Utsunomiya: Won the South Korean Tour

World Tour History

Years at the WT: 1

Total appearances: 1

PLAYER PROFILE

Jersey	Player Name -Phonetic Pronunciation -Nick Name	Height/Weight	Age	Nationality	World Ranking (National Ranking)
6	Seung Jun Lee	2,05m / 98kg	39	South Korean/US	916 (4)
7	Kwan Jae Park	1.95m / 110kg	36	South Korean	559 (2)
4	Minsu Park	1.81m /73kg	27	South Korean	9889 (43)
5	Hisanori Takafuji	1.80m /75kg	31	Japanese	3041 (111)

Player Stats

Seung Jun Lee

Years at the WT: 1

Total appearances: 1

National Team: Represented South Korea at the 3x3 World Cup 2017 (17th)
Led the team in scoring at the event



Also a model in South Korea

Kwan Jae Park

Years at the WT: 1

Total appearances: 1

He played 3x3 professionally in Japan

Hisanori Takafuji

Years at the WT: 1

Total appearances: 1

He played 3x3 professionally in Japan

Minsu Park

Years at the WT: 1

Total appearances: 1



AUCKLAND (NZL)

Players: Rory Fannon, Sherif Hassan, Anthony Jones, Michael Woodbridge

Seed at WT Stop: 11

How they qualified to Utsunomiya: Winning the Burger King 3x3 New Zealand Quest

World Tour History

Years at the WT: 1

Total appearances: 1

PLAYER PROFILE

Jersey	Player Name -Phonetic Pronunciation -Nick Name	Height/Weight	Age	Nationality	World Ranking (National Ranking)
3	Anthony Jones	1.88m / 72kg	25	New Zealand	1243 (18)
6	Rory Fannon	2.08m / 102kg	29	New Zealand	821 (13)
4	Michael Woodbridge	1.88m / 85kg	22	New Zealand	-
5	Sherif Hassan	1.94m / 105kg	24	New Zealand	2726 (49)

Player Stats

Anthony Jones aka "Ants"

Years at the WT: 1

Total appearances: 1

Favorite song: Humble – Kendrick Lamar

Instagram: anthonyjones07



Rory Fannon aka “Big Cat”

Years at the WT: 2

Total appearances: 2 – Finished 11th in Beijing last year

Favorite Song: Post Malone – White Iverson

Instagram: roryfannon

National team

Represented New Zealand at the World Cup in 2014 (12th) and 2016 (19th). Also, he played the Oceania Cup 2015 (2nd)

Michael Woodbridge

Years at the WT: 1

Total appearances: 1

Favorite song: Lose yourself – Eminem

Role Model: Muhammad Ali

Sherif Hassan

Years at the WT: 1

Total appearances: 1

Favorite song: Beats, Rhymes and Life – Clear Soul Fources

Instagram: sherif806



HSINCHU (TPE)

Players: Hsieh Cheng-Yang, Han Chun Kai, Cheng Yu Lin, Liu Yu-Chen

Seed at WT Stop: 12

How they qualified to Utsunomiya: Won the Taipei National Quest

Team Song: "Run This Town" – Jay Z ft. Rihanna and Kanye West

World Tour History

Years at the WT: 1

Total appearances: 1

PLAYER PROFILE

Jersey	Player Name -Phonetic Pronunciation -Nick Name	Height/Weight	Age	Nationality	World Ranking (National Ranking)
3	Chun Kai Han	1.75m / 70kg	28	Chinese Taipei	1815 (4)
5	Cheng-Yang Hsieh	1.92m / 105kg	28	Chinese Taipei	1797 (1)
6	Yu-Chen Liu	1.88m / 95kg	27	Chinese Taipei	1814 (3)
4	Cheng-Yu Lin	1.78m / 76kg	24	Chinese Taipei	1813 (2)



Player Stats

Chun Kai Han aka "Hankobe"

Years at the WT: 1

Total appearances: 1

Cheng-Yang Hsieh

Years at the WT: 1

Total appearances: 1

Yu-Chen Liu

Years at the WT: 1

Total appearances: 1

Cheng-Yu Lin

Years at the WT: 1

Total appearances: 1



FIBA 3x3 OVERALL STATS and RECORDS

ALL-TIME

Biggest Win in WT History: 21-4 (+17)

RJ Madureira vs Sao Paulo YMCA, WT Rio de Janeiro Masters 2013

Most points scored by an individual player in a game in WT history: 19

Corey Campbell (Team Denver, WT San Juan Masters 2013)

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