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CHAPTER 1: GENERAL PRINCIPLES

DEFINITIONS

1. The following definitions apply to the present Book of the Internal Regulations:

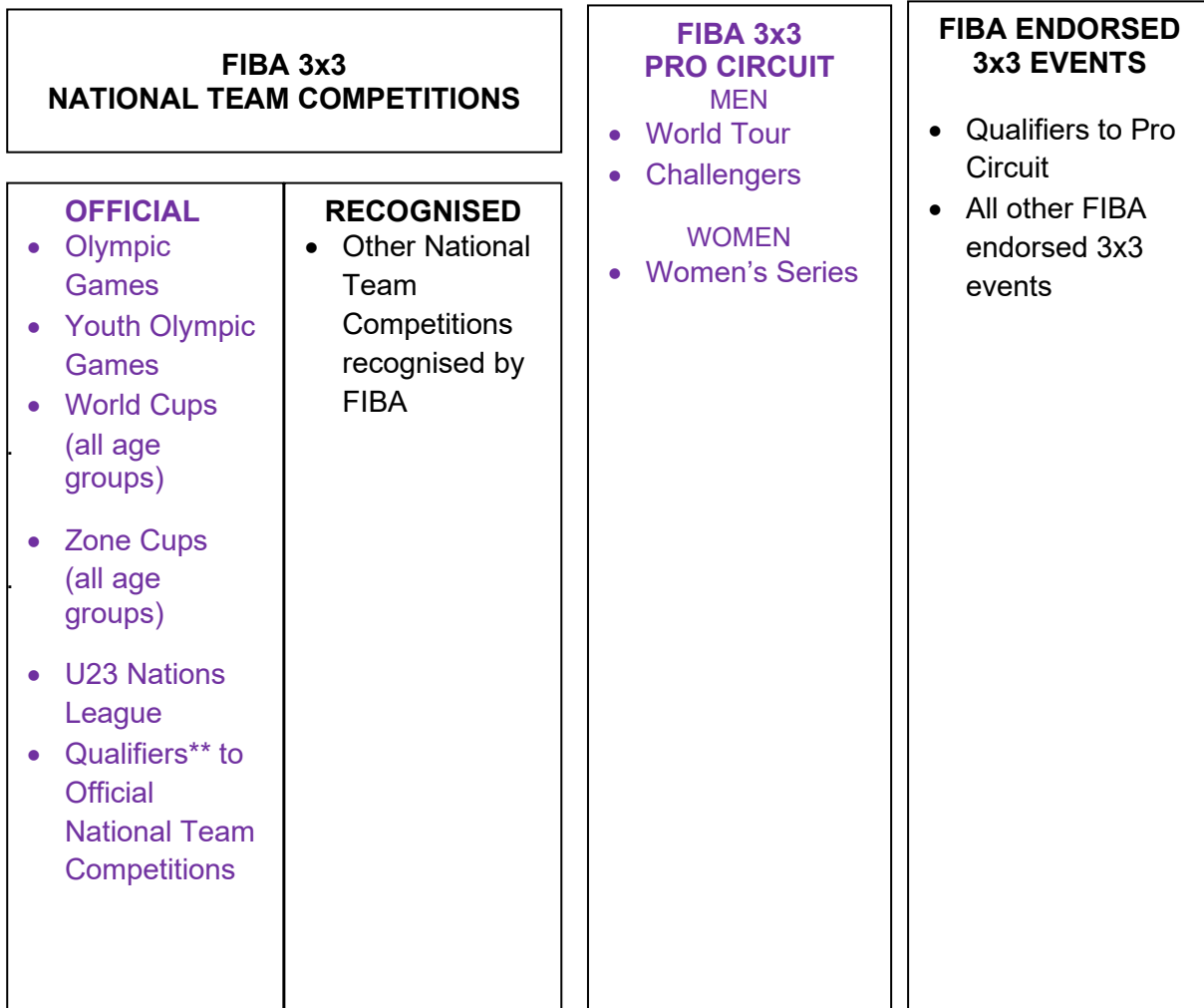
3x3	means a one-hoop-only basketball discipline played by three (3) players (and one (1) substitute) on each team. Any reference to 3x3 in the Internal Regulations shall include any basketball variation played on one-hoop only.
FIBA 3x3 Competitions	means a FIBA-steered hierarchised network of 3x3 competitions comprised of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions b) the FIBA 3x3 Pro Circuit c) the FIBA endorsed 3x3 events (see Diagram 1).
FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions	means any and all 3x3 national team competitions organised or recognised by FIBA, categorised as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions b) FIBA 3x3 Recognised National Team Competitions
FIBA 3x3 Pro Circuit	means, collectively or individually, the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) FIBA 3x3 World Tour b) FIBA 3x3 Challengers c) FIBA 3x3 Women's Series
FIBA endorsed 3x3 events	means any 3x3 competition which has accepted and complies with the FIBA 3x3 endorsement terms for FIBA endorsed 3x3 events listed at play.fiba3x3.com and uses the FIBA 3x3 Digital Platform to run and manage the competition.
FIBA 3x3 Official Competitions	means the FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions and the FIBA 3x3 Pro Circuit.
FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions	means the following FIBA 3x3 National Team competitions, regardless of the age category: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Olympic Games, b) Youth Olympic Games, c) FIBA 3x3 World Cups, d) FIBA 3x3 Zone Cups, e) FIBA 3x3 U23 Nations League f) Qualifiers to FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions
FIBA 3x3 Recognised National Team Competitions	means National Team Competitions recognised by FIBA, which are not FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions.



FIBA 3x3 World Tour (“WT”)	means a FIBA 3x3 Official Competition consisting of a series of WT Masters and one WT Final with prize money, structured on the basis of FIBA’s requirements, and played by teams of male professional players.
FIBA 3x3 Challenger (“Challenger”)	means a FIBA 3x3 Official Competition that is a premium WT Qualifier comprised of one stand-alone, international tournament with prize money, structured on the basis of FIBA’s requirements, and played by teams of male professional players.
FIBA 3x3 Individual World Ranking	shall have the meaning provided under article 6-114.
FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking	shall have the meaning provided under article 6-116.
play.fiba3x3.com	is the official FIBA 3x3 repository for all FIBA 3x3 Competitions and player data.
FIBA 3x3 Profile	is the unique global player account for FIBA 3x3.
FIBA 3x3 Digital Platform	means all FIBA 3x3 digital applications (e.g. EventMaker), services, web sites, apps, and data interfaces created for the purpose of globally managing 3x3 competitions and player data, related data capturing, processing, public presentation (e.g. event web sites) and distribution to FIBA stakeholders and partners.
FIBA 3x3 Women’s Series (“WS”)	means a FIBA 3x3 Official Competition consisting of a series of tournaments, structured on the basis of FIBA’s requirements, and played by teams of female professional players.
NT Handbook	Means the FIBA 3x3 National Team Handbook, as amended from time to time by FIBA.
Pro-Circuit Handbook	Means the FIBA 3x3 Pro-Circuit Handbook, as amended from time to time by FIBA.

Diagram 1:

FIBA 3x3 COMPETITIONS NETWORK*



*FIBA 3x3 Official Competitions are marked in purple colour

**May be either qualification draws or qualification tournaments

SCOPE OF THE REGULATIONS

2. The present Book of the Internal Regulations applies to all FIBA 3x3 Official Competitions.
3. The present Book of the Internal Regulations applies to FIBA Recognised National Team Competitions only to the extent so agreed between the organiser and FIBA.
4. The present Book of the Internal Regulations applies to FIBA endorsed 3x3 events only to the extent referenced to in the respective endorsement terms.

GOVERNANCE AND MAIN PRINCIPLES

5. FIBA has the authority to organise, sanction and control 3x3 basketball competitions worldwide.
6. FIBA is the sole owner of all media, digital, broadcasting, licensing, marketing, equipment and other rights of the FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions (with the exception of the Olympic Games and Youth Olympic Games) and the FIBA 3x3 Pro Circuit. FIBA directly regulates these competitions and the qualifiers thereto.
7. FIBA provides to FIBA endorsed 3x3 events a basic regulatory framework and services.
8. FIBA establishes the Official 3x3 Basketball Rules, which are mandatory for all FIBA 3x3 Competitions. Use of FIBA-approved 3x3 balls is mandatory for all FIBA 3x3 Competitions. FIBA may enact special provisions for FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions.
9. Books 1 to 5 of these Internal Regulations shall apply to the FIBA 3x3 Official Competitions, unless otherwise provided herein or unless special provisions are enacted for the same matter herein.
10. FIBA and its divisions, including National Member Federations, shall not recognise or support 3x3 events that are not part of the FIBA 3x3 Competitions Network.
11. FIBA and its divisions, including National Member Federations, shall recognise and support all FIBA 3x3 Competitions organised by National Member Federations or promoters appointed or endorsed by FIBA, whether taking place in their territory or not. Non-observance of this provision may lead to sanctions.
12. Any player, irrespective of nationality, age, gender, height or skills, may participate in FIBA endorsed 3x3 events. Players are free to form teams and to participate in FIBA 3x3 Competitions without restrictions other than those set forth in the regulatory framework and endorsement terms of FIBA.
13. The FIBA 3x3 Competition logos and other FIBA 3x3 marks, including without limitation the FIBA 3x3 Infinity logo (see Diagram 2) are registered trademarks exclusively owned by FIBA. Their use is subject to FIBA's prior written approval and to guidelines issued by FIBA.

Diagram 2:

The FIBA 3x3 Infinity logo



14. FIBA endorsed 3x3 events are granted the right to use a designation in the form of an endorsement stamp indicating their endorsement by FIBA and their association with the FIBA 3x3 Competition Network. FIBA will issue specific rules on the use of such endorsement stamp.
15. FIBA may enact special provisions for uniforms at FIBA 3x3 Official Competitions.



16. FIBA has a non-exclusive right to use all footage, pictures, media and other digital content from all FIBA 3x3 Recognised National Team Competitions and all FIBA endorsed 3x3 events, as well non-exclusive access to live feeds/stats/pictures for use on the FIBA 3x3 Digital Platform.
17. Insofar feasible for organisational reasons, teams shall have a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of four (4) games per day and teams shall have a minimum break in the length of one (1) game slot between two (2) games.
18. Nomination of referees in FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions is an exclusive prerogative of FIBA, which may issue specific directions in relation to the implementation of this provision.
19. FIBA may enact special Handbooks for the FIBA 3x3 Pro-Circuit and the FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions that shall regulate the respective competitions in detail.

CHAPTER 2: FIBA 3x3 NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

20. FIBA 3x3 World Cups and FIBA 3x3 Zone Cups of all age categories and the FIBA 3x3 U23 Nations League are played, in principle, annually. FIBA may decide that no FIBA 3x3 World Cup shall take place in the same calendar year as the Olympic Games. This provision applies mutatis mutandis to the FIBA 3x3 U18 World Cup and the Youth Olympic Games.
21. FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions are played simultaneously for men and women. Unless otherwise provided in the rules applicable to a specific competition (e.g. U23 Nations League) and to the individual contests,
 - a. Teams are comprised of four (4) players.
 - b. A National Member Federation may not be represented by more than one (1) male and one (1) female team, unless provided otherwise in the relevant competition rules.
 - c. Team delegations in FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions are made up of a maximum of eight (8) persons per team. Consequently, each team is entitled to a maximum of eight (8) accreditations.
22. FIBA, acting through the Secretary General, is entitled to apply changes to the competition formats of the FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions.
23. Medals (gold, silver, bronze) shall be awarded at FIBA 3x3 World and Zone Cups. Winners of Semi-Finals will play for the gold medal, the losers of the Semi-Finals will play for the bronze medal. All other teams, including those that played only the qualifiers (whether a qualification draw or tournament), will get ranked according to the 3x3 Official Rules of the Game. Medals shall be provided also for individual contests, if any.
24. FIBA will set up dedicated event websites for FIBA 3x3 World Cups and FIBA 3x3 Zone Cups. Unless otherwise authorised by FIBA, all information on these events will be published exclusively on the FIBA 3x3 Digital Platform.

ELIGIBILITY OF NATIONAL MEMBER FEDERATIONS IN FIBA 3x3 OFFICIAL NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS

25. National Member Federations eligible to participate in FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions are those with
 - a. a minimum of three (3) events of FIBA 3x3 Competitions in their territory in the twelve (12) months prior to the applicable Cut-Off Date (i.e. 1 November of the previous calendar year, unless otherwise determined by FIBA). Only competitions with a minimum category/division size of four (4) teams are considered for eligibility purposes; and
 - b. a valid 3x3 e-learning certification.

ELIGIBILITY AND NATIONAL STATUS OF PLAYERS IN FIBA 3x3 OFFICIAL NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS

General

26. In order to play for the national team of a country in the senior (Open) category of a FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition, a player:
- Must hold the legal nationality of that country; and
 - Must present a passport of that country issued by the competent authorities before the 1 January of the calendar year prior to the relevant FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition; and
 - Subject to Special Cases below, may not have previously played for the national team (basketball or 3x3) of another country in a main official competition of FIBA (see article 2-3).

FIBA may waive the requirement of letter b of this article in case of players who have met this requirement at a previous FIBA 3x3 Official Competition or who had their national status confirmed by FIBA pursuant to articles 3-15 et seq. prior to the date mentioned in letter b) of this article.

27. In addition to the requirements set forth in article 6-26, in order to play for the national team of a country in Olympic Games or any qualifier for the Olympic Games, a player:
- Must present a passport of that country issued by the competent authorities before 1 January of two (2) calendar years prior to the relevant edition of the Olympic Games; and
 - Must have reached the age of eighteen (18) by the start of the relevant edition of the Olympic Games (or other date as required by the relevant eligibility criteria approved by the IOC).

Other or further eligibility criteria may be established and communicated by circular letter of FIBA following IOC approval.

28. In order to play for the national team of a country in the underage categories (U17, U18, U23 etc) of a FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition, a player:
- Must hold the legal nationality of that country before the 1 January of the calendar year prior to the relevant FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition; and
 - Must present a passport of that country issued by the competent authorities before the end of the registration period for the relevant FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition; and
 - Subject to Special Cases below, may not have previously played for the national team (basketball or 3x3) of another country in a main official competition of FIBA (see article 2-3).

FIBA may waive the requirement of letter a of this article in the case of players who have met this requirement at a previous FIBA 3x3 Official Competition or who had their national status

confirmed by FIBA pursuant to articles 3-15 et seq. prior to the date mentioned in letter a of this article.

For the Youth Olympic Games, other or further eligibility criteria will be established and communicated by circular letter of FIBA following IOC approval.

29. In addition to the mandatory data and documents set forth in the NT Handbook, FIBA may request any data or documents it deems appropriate in order to verify that the requirements of articles 6-26 through 6-28 are met. The process for eligibility verification is set forth in the NT Handbook.

Special Cases

30. A player who has played for a national team in a main official competition of FIBA (see article 2-3) may not play for a national team of another country. However, in exceptional circumstances and his sole discretion, the Secretary General may authorise such a player to play for the national team of another country provided that there are close links (sporting or otherwise) between the player and this country. In exercising this discretion, the Secretary General shall take into account, amongst other possible considerations, whether such authorisation is in the interest of the development of basketball in this country.

Before making his decision, the Secretary General shall consult with both National Member Federations and the player involved.

Decisions by the Secretary General on special cases may be subject to the payment of an administrative fee of up to CHF 20,000.

A national team participating in a FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition may have only one (1) player authorised under this article.

Young Players

31. For the avoidance of doubt, a player who has transferred as a young player according to article 3-74 of these Internal Regulations (transfer linked to basketball) may not play until the player has reached the age of eighteen (18) in a FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition for the national team of any country other than the country from which the player transferred.

Special provisions for city states or dependent territories

32. To the extent that FIBA or its Regional Offices have enacted special eligibility provisions for players from city states or dependent territories, those provisions shall apply also to FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions.

Age

33. Players must be at least sixteen (16) years old at the end of the calendar year during which the FIBA 3x3 National Team Competition takes place; however, for the extended roster in the Open and U23 category, all players must turn nineteen (19) or older by the end of such calendar year.
34. To calculate the age limit corresponding to the respective underage FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition, the following procedure is used: the age limit of the competition must be

subtracted from the year in which the competition takes place with the understanding that this year begins on 1 January.

Other Eligibility Criteria

35. Players must be registered in play.fiba3x3.com with a confirmed FIBA 3x3 Profile.
36. For FIBA 3x3 World Cups, two (2) of the players from the national team roster shall be within the country's top 10 ranked, eligible, and verified players in the applicable gender category of the FIBA 3x3 Individual World Ranking one (1) day (at 1200 UTC) before the start of player registration to the relevant competition and shall have a confirmed FIBA 3x3 Profile. This article applies for the FIBA 3x3 World Cup and the Olympic Games, as well as for qualifiers to these two competitions. For the avoidance of doubt, this article is not applicable to U18 and U23 category events.
37. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of Book 3 on the national status and eligibility of players apply to FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions only if expressly referenced to in this Chapter.

REGISTRATION OF TEAMS IN FIBA 3x3 OFFICIAL NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS

38. Articles 3-33 to 3-37 and Articles 3-39 to 3-49 shall apply mutatis mutandis to FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions, excluding the U23 Nations League. The player shall be available at least for a release period starting one hundred and twenty (120) hours before the beginning of the first game and ending twenty-four (24) hours after the end of the last game of the relevant FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition.
39. National Member Federations that wish to participate in FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions and the Olympic Games/Youth Olympic Games (as communicated by circular letter of FIBA following IOC approval), must confirm the registration of their team(s) on the FIBA 3x3 Digital Platform within thirty (30) days following FIBA's invitation to register, unless otherwise specified in the invitation. Upon expiry of the registration deadline, the registration of a team that
 - a. was confirmed by the National Member Federation becomes legally binding;
 - b. was not confirmed by the National Member Federation is deemed withdrawn and FIBA may elect a substitute team in its discretion.
40. National Member Federations that have confirmed the participation of their team(s) in a FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition and cancel their participation after the confirmation became legally binding or fail to appear at the opening of the given competition, will be sanctioned as follows:
 - a. Automatic ineligibility to participate in the next edition of the same FIBA 3x3 National Team Competition, regardless of the fault or negligence of the National Member Federation.

- b. A monetary fine, which shall be determined depending on the fault or negligence of the National Member Federation, as follows:

World Cup & Zone Cup (open) & Olympic Qualifier	Up to CHF 100,000
Nations League	Up to CHF 80,000
Qualifiers* to World Cup & Zone Cup (open)	Up to CHF 50,000
Youth Cups and related qualifiers	Up to CHF 50,000

* in the case where Qualifiers are played back-to-back with the corresponding Cup, the maximum fine applies.

Additionally, a ban from participating in any FIBA 3x3 National Team Competition, in any case not exceeding one (1) Olympic cycle may be imposed by the Secretary General.

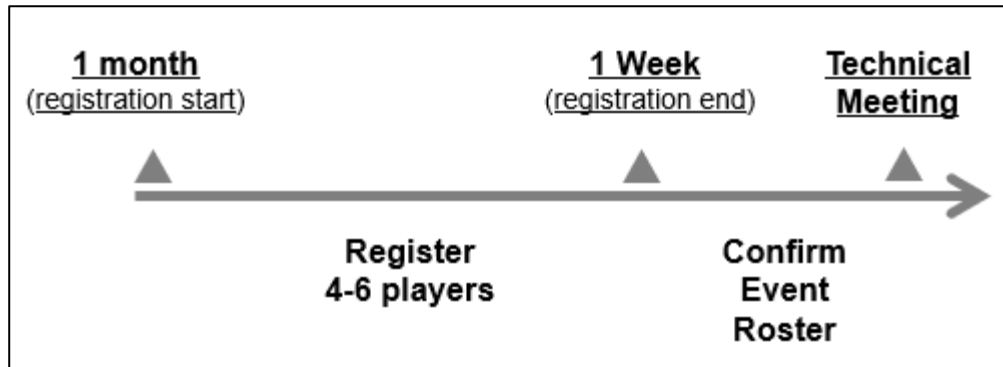
41. Other or additional registration requirements may be enacted by FIBA in the special competition provisions of these Internal Regulations or in competition-specific documentation (e.g. the NT Handbook, manual).

REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS IN FIBA 3x3 OFFICIAL NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS

42. Players must be registered by their National Member Federation in the FIBA 3x3 Digital Platform.
43. Player registration opens one (1) month prior to the event and closes one (1) week prior to the event (see Diagram 3). As an exception, player registration for the FIBA U23 World Cup and the FIBA 3x3 U23 Nations League follows the timelines set forth in the NT Handbook.

Diagram 3:

Player registration deadlines



FIBA may amend by circular letter to the National Member Federations the above registration deadlines.

44. National Member Federations must register four (4) players per team for each competition. National Member Federations may only register players whose eligibility has already been verified by FIBA (see article 6-29).

The FIBA 3x3 U23 Nations League allows for an extended roster of six (6) players, meaning that in a given FIBA 3x3 U23 Nations League tournament the team roster is made up of four (4) players, but up to six (6) different players can be called during the entire FIBA 3x3 U23 Nations League competition.

[Note: FIBA recommends National Member Federations to maintain a pool of at least ten (10) potential national team players].

National Member Federations are entitled to register an additional player who will participate in the Dunk Contest only, as per article 6-54 below.

45. National Member Federations should nominate two (2) eligible potential substitutes until one (1) week prior to competition start. For the FIBA 3x3 World Cup and related qualifiers in the Open category, those substitutes shall be selected from within the country's top 10 ranked and eligible players in the applicable gender. After the lapse of this deadline, no other potential substitutes can be nominated.
46. National Member Federations may substitute until the technical meeting up to two (2) players of the team roster with any of the two (2) substitutes nominated in accordance with the process of article 6-45 above. After the closing of the technical meeting no more roster changes are possible.
47. National Member Federations that fail to register four (4) players per team prior to the closing of registration shall lose their participation right, may be replaced through a decision of FIBA by a substitute team and will be sanctioned with a monetary fine as set forth in article 6-40. Additionally, a ban from participating in any FIBA 3x3 National Team Competition for a period of time not exceeding one (1) Olympic cycle may be imposed by the Secretary General.

TECHNICAL MEETING

48. Attendance at the technical meeting is mandatory. Unless otherwise decided by FIBA, the technical meeting shall comply with the following procedure and take place in the evening prior to competition start.
49. Every participating National Member Federation must be represented by at least one (1) English speaking team representative.
50. The team representative must bring the following to the technical meeting:
 - Passport of each participating player (ID cards are not accepted)
 - One (1) complete set of dark uniforms and one (1) complete set of light uniforms
 - Team roster with jersey numbers
 - Applicable FIBA 3x3 Player Entry Forms signed by all players or their legal guardian in the case of minors (Entry forms are optional for FIBA 3x3 Recognised National Team Competitions)
 - Registration forms for Dunk Contests (as relevant).

POOL SEEDING

51. In all FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions, teams are seeded into pools according to the rank of the National Member Federation in the respective category of the FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking as of the first day of the month in which the pools are published, as per diagram 4. Special rules may be enacted for Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games, Olympic Qualifying Tournaments, and the FIBA 3x3 U23 Nations League.

Diagram 4:

Pool seeding methodology table

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^h highest rank</i>
		Team 5 <i>(5th highest rank)</i>
Team n <i>(lowest rank)</i>			

Note: Dashed arrows in the original diagram indicate the seeding process: Team 1 is seeded into Pool A, Team 2 into Pool B, Team 3 into Pool C, Team 4 into Pool D, and Team 5 into Pool D. Team n is seeded into Pool B.

DUNK CONTESTS

52. The Dunk Contest shall be held only at FIBA 3x3 World Cups in the Open Category. The format of the Dunk Contest is regulated in the NT Handbook.



53. In each Dunk Contest one (1) gold medal, one (1) silver medal and one (1) bronze medal shall be awarded.
54. Every participating National Member Federation may register one (1) male player for the Dunk Contest in FIBA 3x3 World Cups in Open category. Said player may be registered in addition to the team roster of four (4) players but may participate only in the Dunk Contest. In such case, the additional player's National Member Federation must cover full-board accommodation for him during his stay. Further, any player who has won a Dunk Contest at a FIBA 3x3 World Tour event during the season preceding the FIBA 3x3 World Cup in question may be invited by FIBA to take part in the Dunk Contest of said FIBA 3x3 World Cup. Such invitation will not impact a National Member Federation's quota of a maximum of four (4) players plus an optional player participating in the Dunk Contest. Every player participating in the Dunk Contest shall wear his National Member Federation's national team uniform. In case the National Member Federation does not allow the player to wear the National Team Uniform in the Dunk Contest, FIBA may allow the player to participate with a neutral uniform under the FIBA flag.

NATIONAL TEAM UNIFORMS

55. The national team uniforms must comply with the regulations on team uniforms in FIBA Official Competitions, as set forth in Book 2 of these Internal Regulations (as applicable) and the provisions on national team uniforms in the NT Handbook, in addition to the relevant provisions in this Book 6.
56. The FIBA 3x3 "infinity" logo (see Diagram 2) may not be displayed on national team jerseys except if the team wears apparel of FIBA's Global Partner. In any case, the FIBA 3x3 Branding Guidelines have to be followed.
57. Each team must bring two sets of jerseys – one (1) set of light colour and one (1) set of dark colour.
58. Players may not change their jersey number during the competition, irrespective of dark or light jersey. Players must wear the jersey number confirmed in the technical meeting.

CHAPTER 3: SPECIAL COMPETITION PROVISIONS

FIBA 3x3 WORLD CUPS

Competition Format

59. In principle, FIBA 3x3 World Cups are played with twenty (20) teams for men and twenty (20) teams for women over five (5) days of competition in the U18 and U23 categories and over six (6) days of competition in the Open category. Teams are divided into four (4) pools of five (5) teams each. The competition is played as a Round Robin followed by single elimination.

Qualification

60. Both the male and female national teams of the hosting National Member Federation are qualified directly. With the exception of the host, to be allocated a spot, the team's National Member Federation must be eligible (see article 6-25) at the Cut-Off Date.
61. Unless provided otherwise by FIBA, acting through the Secretary General, the national team slots for FIBA 3x3 World Cups are allocated at the Cut-Off Date (see article 6-25) according to the following sequence:
- a. The team of the hosting National Member federation;
 - b. If different than the team in letter a., the winner of the previous edition or the Olympic Games (in the Open Category) or the Youth Olympic Games (in the U18 Category) if more recent than the previous edition;
 - c. In the Open Category, the winners of each of the FIBA 3x3 Open Zone Cups, held in the calendar year preceding the FIBA 3x3 World Cup;
 - d. In the U23 Category, only if a FIBA 3x3 U23 Nations League is being held in the same calendar year and subject to 6-21.b):
 - i. the winners of each conference of the FIBA 3x3 U23 Nations League of the same calendar year;
 - ii. all remaining slots shall be allocated based on the FIBA 3x3 U23 Nations League final standings (i.e. after the completion of all conferences) of the same calendar year.
 - e. In the U18 Category, the top three (3) teams from each of the FIBA 3x3 U17 Zone Cups, held in the calendar year preceding the FIBA 3x3 U18 World Cup;
 - f. The following applies to letters c) and d):
 - i. i. If a team that qualified through a FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup has already been allocated a slot and/or is not eligible at the Cut-Off Date, its slot shall be allocated to the next highest placed team that is eligible at the Cut-Off Date from the same FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup, and so on;
 - ii. ii. If no FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup is organised in the relevant Zone and Category in the year preceding the FIBA 3x3 World Cup, the open slot(s) shall be allocated to the team(s) with the highest FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking that has not already been allocated a slot; and

- iii. iii. If a FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup is announced prior to the Cut-Off Date (see Article 6-68) and played after the Cut-Off Date but before the end of the same calendar year, the slot shall be reserved and allocated as set forth in this Article 6-61.c) once the FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup is played.
- g. In the Open Category, the top three (3) teams from the FIBA 3x3 World Cup qualifier, if any; and
- h. As applicable, the highest ranked teams in the FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking, ensuring that a maximum of ten (10) teams per gender come from the same Zone.

Diagram 5:

General sequence to allocate slots to FIBA 3x3 World Cups*

U18	U23	Open
Host		
Winner of the prior edition		
Top 3 in U17 Zone Cups	FIBA 3x3 U23 Nations League conference Winners	Winner of Zone Cups
	FIBA 3x3 U23 Nations League final standings of all conferences	Top 3 of World Cup qualifier
FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking in the relevant category		

* See art. 6-61, FIBA, above for exceptions to the general sequence.

62. A FIBA 3x3 World Cup qualifier, insofar as approved by the Secretary General, will be held a few months prior to the respective World Cup. The qualification to such FIBA 3x3 World Cup qualifier shall follow the provisions of the NT Handbook in addition to the relevant provisions in this Book 6. The participating teams that do not qualify to the FIBA 3x3 World Cup will be listed in the final standings of the FIBA 3x3 World Cup in positions 21st and following.

Registration

63. The team registration for a FIBA 3x3 World Cup and a qualifier thereto shall follow the applicable provisions of the NT Handbook in addition to the relevant provisions in this Book 6.
64. In case a qualified National Member Federation does not register its team(s), substitute teams are assigned within fifteen (15) days (if feasible) by FIBA at its discretion following universality and/or development criteria, regardless of whether the criteria in article 6-25 are fulfilled.
65. National Member Federations that are qualified to the FIBA 3x3 World Cups must confirm the participation of their team(s) in FIBA 3x3 Digital Platform during the period of 1 to 30 November of the previous year. If the competition is announced after 1 November of the previous year, FIBA will communicate to the National Member Federation the applicable registration deadline.

66. Upon expiry of the registration deadline (at 2400 UTC of 30 November or of another date as per article 6-64 above), the registration of a team that
- a. was confirmed by the National Member Federation becomes legally binding;
 - b. was not confirmed by the National Member Federation is deemed withdrawn and FIBA may elect a substitute team in its discretion.

Equipment

67. FIBA 3x3 World Cups are played in principle with the equipment supplied by FIBA's 3x3 official suppliers.

FIBA 3x3 ZONE CUPS

Scheduling and Competition Format

68. The scheduling of the FIBA 3x3 Zone Cups shall be announced before the Cut-Off Date (see art. 6-61). FIBA 3x3 Zone Cups are played in principle with twelve (12) teams for men and twelve (12) teams for women on three (3) days of competition, except if otherwise approved by FIBA upon request of the respective Zone. Teams are divided into four (4) pools of three (3) teams each. The competition is played with round robin system followed by single elimination as of the Quarter-Finals.

Qualification

69. Registration to FIBA 3x3 Zone Cups is open to all eligible National Member Federations of the respective Zone. However, FIBA can invite non-eligible National Member Federations at its discretion, with a view to develop 3x3 in a certain country.
70. Both national teams, i.e. male and female, of the hosting National Member Federation are qualified directly.
71. The qualification system for the FIBA 3x3 Zone Cups shall comply with the applicable provisions of the NT Handbook and this Book 6.
72. If there are more than twelve (12) teams registered in a gender to the respective FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup, FIBA will organise the required qualifier(s) (i.e. either a qualification tournament or qualification draw). FIBA will decide at its discretion the team(s) that will directly qualify, in addition to the hosting National Member Federation's teams, to the FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup based on objective criteria (e.g. winner of the prior edition, highest ranked countries in the gender ranking in the respective age category).
73. FIBA may organise a qualifier specifically for National Member Federations in Group C and D (see Book 1, Chapter 2 of the FIBA Internal Regulations), in order to qualify the winner in each gender to the respective Zone Cup.
74. In case there is less than one (1) month between the last qualifier to a FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup and the FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup itself, the seeding as per article 6-51 will be accomplished based on the FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking of the day after the last qualifier.

75. FIBA will endeavour to ensure that teams are drawn to the qualifiers based on regions or based on the combined ranking of the National Member Federation in the respective age category of the FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking. Teams will be allocated in the following sequence: hosts; National Member Federations with teams registered in both genders; national teams registered in one gender.

Diagram 6:

Qualifier methodology table

Qualifier A	Qualifier B	Qualifier C
Team 1 (highest rank)	Team 2 (2 nd highest rank)	Team 3 (3 rd highest ranked)
Team 6 (6 th highest rank)	Team 5 (5 th highest rank)	Team 4 (4 th highest rank)
Team 7 (7 th highest rank)		
Team n (lowest rank)		

Detailed description of Diagram 6: The table shows a 4x3 grid. The first two rows are filled with team names and their ranks. The third row has 'Team 7 (7th highest rank)' in the first column, with a dashed arrow pointing right to the second column and a dashed arrow pointing down to the third column. The fourth row has 'Team n (lowest rank)' in the first column, with a dashed arrow pointing left to the second column and a dashed arrow pointing down to the third column.

76. Teams playing in a qualifier to a FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup that do not qualify will be ranked in the final standings of the FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup based on their qualification tournament or qualification draw results, however not higher than the teams playing in the FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup main draw.
77. As a general rule, teams already qualified to the FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup should not participate in the qualification tournament, unless hosting this tournament. In such exceptional cases the hosting National Member Federation shall not be allowed to proceed to the elimination round or 2nd pool round of the qualification tournament, instead the next ranked team in the pool with the hosting National Member Federation shall proceed to the elimination round or 2nd pool round of the qualification tournament

Equipment

78. FIBA 3x3 Zone Cups and qualifiers to FIBA 3x3 Zone Cups should be played preferentially with FIBA Venue & Equipment Centre approved equipment (indoor or outdoor, as applicable).

FIBA 3x3 U23 Nations League

Competition Format

79. The FIBA 3x3 U23 Nations League is played annually in conferences of (in principle) six (6) teams per gender, unless decided otherwise by FIBA. Each conference is played with an identical number of four stops.

FIBA 3x3 NATIONAL TEAM RECOGNISED COMPETITIONS

General Principles



80. FIBA may set certain recognition criteria before accepting a competition as a FIBA 3x3 Recognised National Team Competition. The same applies to 3x3 competitions which are part of multi-sport events, other than the Olympic Games (e.g. Asian Games, University Games etc).
81. The suspension of a National Member Federation extends also to the participation of teams from its country in FIBA 3x3 Recognised National Team Competitions.

Competition Format

82. FIBA 3x3 Recognised Competitions are played with round robin system followed by single elimination, except if otherwise approved by FIBA upon request of the organiser.

Equipment

83. Organisers of FIBA 3x3 Recognised Competitions should make best efforts to use in their competitions only FIBA Venue & Equipment Centre approved equipment (indoor or outdoor, as applicable).

CHAPTER 4: FIBA 3x3 PRO CIRCUIT

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

84. The following definitions apply to this Chapter:

Confirmed Player	means a player assigned to a Validated Team for the entire Season in accordance with the provisions of the present Book of the Internal Regulations.
Event Roster	means a team roster of four (4) players selected and registered by a Validated Team for a specific Pro Event from among the players of its Extended Roster.
Extended Roster	means a team roster of minimum three (3) and maximum six (6) eligible players nominated for the Pro Circuit for a given Season.
Hard-Seeded Team	means a ranked Validated Team that fulfilled the requirements, as set out in the Pro-Circuit Handbook, for becoming one of the Hard-Seeded Teams for the respective season; the number of Hard-Seeded Teams is limited to the number indicated in the Pro-Circuit Handbook.
FIBA 3x3 Team Ranking	shall have the meaning provided under article 6-118.
Pro Event	means a WT event, Challenger or a WS event.
Pro Season	means the period starting on the first competition day of the first Pro Event of a Season in the respective gender and ending simultaneously with the end of the Season (or the day after the last Pro Event of the Season, if later).
Season	means the 12 months period ending on 1 November (at 1200 UTC).
Season-Start Team Ranking	Shall have the meaning provided under article 6-119.
Validated Team	means a team whose Extended Roster has been validated by FIBA.
Wild Card	means an invitation to play in an event.
WT Masters Main Draw	means the 12-team tournament of a WT Masters.
WT Masters Qualifying Draw	means a pool that qualifies one team to the WT Masters Main Draw.
WT Qualifier	means a 3x3 competition that is organised by a FIBA-designated organiser and that qualifies at least one (1) team to one (1) WT Masters.

WT Standings

refers to the aggregate of four points awarded to teams participating in the WT according to the 3x3 Rules of the Game.

Hard-Seeded and Validated Teams

85. The team validation process shall be conducted through the FIBA 3x3 Digital Platform as further detailed in the Pro-Circuit Handbook.
86. Only Validated Teams can play in the Pro Circuit, except if otherwise foreseen in the Pro-Circuit Handbook.
87. A team can become a Validated Team at any time during the Season.
88. Confirmed Players are assigned to a Validated Team for the entire Season and cannot play for another Validated Team in any Pro Event during the same Season.
89. Players are allowed to transfer and to team up with other players including those from other Validated Teams of the previous Season, during the period between the start of the Season and until they become Confirmed Players. For the avoidance of doubt, the same applies to players who have been nominated for the upcoming/current Season but have not yet become Confirmed Players.
90. Validated Teams cannot change Confirmed Players, save for exceptional circumstances as decided by FIBA (e.g. a player's serious injury before the first WT participation).
91. Validated Teams shall select and register their Event Roster for each Pro Event within the deadline applicable to each Pro Event.
92. Validated Teams (men) are preferentially allocated to Challengers (see article 6-109.c) below).
93. Only Validated Teams (men) can become Hard-Seeded Teams.

Eligibility & Team Rosters

94. The teams eligible to play in WT are the Validated Teams respecting the relevant provisions of the Pro-Circuit Handbook.

Team Names

95. Teams in Pro Events will use toponymic-inspired names approved by FIBA in its sole discretion. Team Names have to comply with the requirements provided in the Pro-Circuit Handbook.

Prize Money

96. Prize money earned at Pro Events will be paid directly by FIBA, in principle within a month after the respective Pro Event, via bank transfer and after applicable deductions (e.g. fines), if any and as specified in the Pro-Circuit Handbook.
97. During the team validation process, teams will have to provide one (1) bank account to which prize money will be transferred. The prize money will be transferred in its totality to such bank

account only. Teams are responsible for paying the relevant taxes and other charges, if any, on all amounts received from FIBA or from the Pro Event hosts.

Team Manager

98. The team manager is a person authorised (based on a template prepared by FIBA) by the players of a team to act on behalf of the team towards FIBA. The team manager may be a player of the team or a third party.

Team Commercial Signage

99. Commercial signage on players (e.g. advertising tattoos and bicep bands, etc.) is allowed under the conditions specified in the Pro-Circuit Handbook.

FIBA 3x3 WORLD TOUR

General Principles

100. The WT consists of a series of WT Masters and one WT Final.
101. FIBA retains the right of including a special WT Masters, with a different qualification process, relying mainly on direct qualification of (all or some) Hard-Seeded Teams and Wild Cards.

Qualification and Allocation of WT Slots

102. Teams qualify to the WT Masters:
- through FIBA-designated WT Qualifiers (which may either be Challengers or other WT Qualifiers), or
 - as Hard-Seeded Teams, or
 - through Wild Cards,
- in accordance with the process specified in the Pro-Circuit Handbook.
103. Teams qualify to the WT Final through WT Masters and WT Standings, as specified in the Pro-Circuit Handbook.
104. A WT Masters may have Qualifying Draws of three (3) teams each.
105. The slots in the Main Draw of a WT Masters are allocated through:
- Hard-Seeded Teams
 - Wild Cards
 - Challengers
 - Other WT Qualifiers
 - Qualifying Draw

The allocation process is specified in the Pro-Circuit Handbook.



106. FIBA reserves the right to modify allocation to a WT event before the first WT event of the Season.
107. Teams and players are allowed to qualify to any of the WT Masters and to more than one (1) WT Masters, however players are bound to the Extended Roster restriction mentioned in the Pro-Circuit Handbook.

FIBA 3x3 CHALLENGERS

Qualification

108. A Challenger is in principle comprised of sixteen (16) teams. Ten (10) teams are allocated to the Main Draw and six (6) teams are allocated to two (2) Qualifying Draws of three (3) teams each. The winner of each Qualifying Draw qualifies to the Challenger's Main Draw.
109. The slots in the Challengers are allocated through:
 - a. Wild Cards
 - b. FIBA-selected qualifiers
 - c. Automated Allocation based on FIBA 3x3 Team Ranking

The process is further specified in the Pro-Circuit Handbook.

FIBA 3x3 WOMEN'S SERIES

110. A WS tournament is in principle comprised of eight (8) or twelve (12) teams allocated through
 - a. Wild Cards
 - b. Automated Allocation (based principally on prior number of allocations and FIBA 3x3 Team Ranking) as described in the Pro-Circuit Handbook.

CHAPTER 5: FIBA ENDORSED 3x3 EVENTS

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

111. Any 3x3 event that accepts and complies with the FIBA 3x3 endorsement terms on the FIBA 3x3 Digital Platform can become a FIBA endorsed 3x3 event. FIBA may refuse endorsement in exceptional circumstances, as determined by the Secretary General; In particular, such refusal may be based on non-compliance of the 3x3 event with applicable rules to protect the health and safety of players and spectators of the 3x3 event, after consultation with the relevant National Federation.
112. Without prejudice to FIBA's right to endorse events which comply with the FIBA 3x3 endorsement terms and to the rights of players and event organisers established in the Internal Regulations and the FIBA 3x3 endorsement terms, National Member Federations may adopt policies that
- a. Serve the objective of accelerating the development of 3x3 in the country; and
 - b. Grant services and/or benefits to 3x3 event organisers and players, which are additional to those provided for under the Internal Regulations and the FIBA 3x3 endorsement terms.

Decisions or actions which are not in line with the spirit and letter of the Internal Regulations and the FIBA 3x3 endorsement terms, may be sanctioned by FIBA.

113. FIBA may decide in its sole discretion that one or more FIBA endorsed 3x3 events shall become WT Qualifiers and/or Pro Circuit events, subject to the organiser accepting and complying with the additional rights and obligations, respectively, for such events.

CHAPTER 6: RANKING

FIBA 3x3 INDIVIDUAL WORLD RANKING

114. A classification of all players registered in play.fiba3x3.com (“FIBA 3x3 Individual World Ranking”) is based on the ranking points collected at FIBA 3x3 Competitions pursuant to the FIBA 3x3 Ranking Full Guide as amended and implemented with retroactive effect from time to time.
115. The FIBA 3x3 Individual World Ranking is published on fiba3x3.com and updated on a daily basis at 1200 UTC, except for the period 24 December – 6 January.

FIBA 3x3 FEDERATION RANKING

116. The FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking is the ranking of all National Member Federations based on the FIBA 3x3 Individual World Ranking points of their top 25 nationals (with a confirmed FIBA 3x3 Profile) in the respective category. In case of a tie in ranking points, the tied National Member Federations will be ranked based on their highest ranked player in the corresponding category.
117. The FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking is published on fiba3x3.com and updated on a daily basis at 1200 UTC.

FIBA 3x3 TEAM RANKING

118. A classification of teams (“FIBA 3x3 Team Ranking”) is maintained and regularly updated by FIBA at 1200 UTC, based on the FIBA 3x3 Ranking Full Guide.
119. The Season-Start Team Ranking shall be the FIBA 3x3 Team Ranking applying the FIBA 3x3 Ranking Full Guide of the upcoming Season to the results of FIBA 3x3 Competitions that took place in the preceding Season.

CHAPTER 7: DISCIPLINARY

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

120. Subject to the provisions of this Chapter, the provisions of Book 1, Chapters 6 (Sanctions), 7 (Procedural Provisions) and 8 (Appeals) apply mutatis mutandis to all FIBA 3x3 Official Competitions.
121. With respect to violations or decisions arising from or in connection with FIBA 3x3 Recognised National Team Competitions or FIBA endorsed 3x3 events, article 1-225 of these Internal Regulations applies mutatis mutandis.
122. With respect to violations of these Internal Regulations or of the Pro-Circuit Handbook provisions, arising from or in connection with the Pro Circuit, FIBA may at its discretion:
 - a. open disciplinary proceedings and seek appropriate punishment in correlation to the loss and damages generated by the person having committed the violation, pursuant to the applicable FIBA Internal Regulations;
 - b. apply automatically the scale of specific Pro Circuit sanctions set out in the Pro-Circuit Handbook.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR FIBA 3x3 OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS

123. If a team is represented by only two (2) players or less at the technical meeting of a Pro Circuit event, that team can be disqualified and substituted by FIBA. For the purposes of sanctioning, said team is deemed to have cancelled its participation after it became legally binding (see article 6-40).
124. FIBA retains the right to apply article 6-123 above at any time if there are reasonable grounds to assume that a team may withdraw or not participate in the competition (e.g. visa process not followed).
125. A disqualified team
 - a. will not be awarded individual ranking points,
 - b. will not be ranked in the standings of the given event,
 - c. will forfeit any prize money from the given event, and will be required to reimburse it if already paid
 - d. will be displayed as “DQF”.
126. The disqualification of a team will have no impact on standings of other teams in the same event.
127. FIBA has the right to set off the amount of any fine against a team's prize money, even if the violation was committed by one member of the team alone.