2026 WS Handbook Quick Guide

A. Introduction

The Women's Series ("WS") https://ws.fiba3x3.com is a FIBA 3x3 Official Competition for female 3x3 professional teams played as a series of WS stops and a WS Final, the winner of WS Final being the winner of WS. Teams qualify to the WS Final based on WS standings after the last WS stop before the Final, including 1 slot for the host of the WS Final.

There are 2 kinds of League-Registered Teams: **Federation Teams** and **Commercial Teams**; those teams pre-register to participate in the Automatic Allocation to each WS stop (at their own discretion). Furthermore, also **Invited Teams** and **Guest Teams** may play in the WS, but only League-Registered Teams have certain benefits (such as participating Pre-Allocation and Automatic Allocation) and can play in WS Final.

Invited Teams and Guest Teams cannot pre-register to the Automatic Allocation process to WS stops but can reconvert into a Commercial Team, Guest Teams can also reconvert into a Federation Team; however, there can be only 1 team per Federation or per Commercial Brand.

WS events are (in principle) 2 days long and consists of a main draw of 12 teams and up to 2 qualification draws (each qualifying 1 team to main draw); participating team are:

- those selected within the teams registered via Pre-Allocation to a WS stop;
- those awarded a slot within the pre-registered to the Automatic Allocation process (as described below;
- Invited Teams and Guest Teams, as applicable;
- in addition, to host wild cards and those earning a slot via WS qualifier.

B. League-registered Teams

	Federation Team	**Commercial Team**
Team name	Country name in English + "Commercial suffix" e.g. Spain *Toyota* ESP	Brand name e.g. Microsoft GER
Player's nationality	Only nationals	No nationality restrictions
Season roster size	Extended Roster of up to 6, option to change up to 2	
Uniform	Teams bring own uniform, same for all season with light & dark version	
Season fee	USD 25.000	TBD
Travel	Teams pay own travel, except WS Final that is paid by FIBA	
Accommodation	FIBA pays accommodation & local transport	
Branding	n.a.	Branding rights (A-board, communal)

C. Other Teams

In addition to the League-Registered Teams there are other kind of teams:

- Invited Teams: A team from a Federation, that is not a Federation Team, but has been invited to play in the WS by FIBA. Only Federations with teams registered in current and previous season to both WS (including playing in 5 WS Events in previous season) and Nations League will be invited. FIBA will do its best efforts to offer each Invited Team at least 2 WS Stops early in the season after the first Pre-Allocation of League-Registered Teams.
- Guest Teams: A team, other than a League-Registered Team or an Invited Team, that is offered to play in WS Stop via a Stand-by Slot or qualified via WS Qualifier.

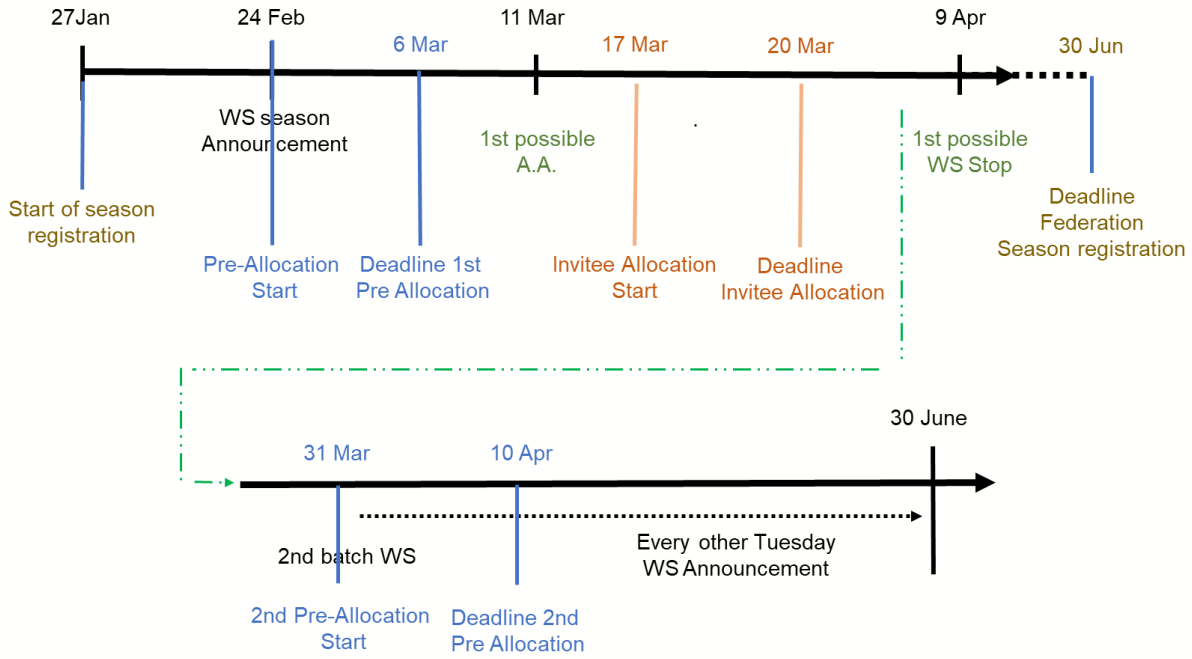
D. Team Rosters

A team's Extended Roster is comprised of 6 players. League-Registered Team can replace up to 2 Confirmed Players from the Extended Roster during the Season by paying the stipulated fee (Annex 1). All players added to the Extended Roster via the foreseen replacement process are only eligible to play in the WS Final, if they have played at least 1 WS stop during the Season.

The Event Roster shall be comprised of exactly 4 players who are available, able and eligible to play in the WS event. A team with 3 players will be allowed to play, but subject to a fee (Annex 1), whilst a team with 2 players or less is ineligible to play.

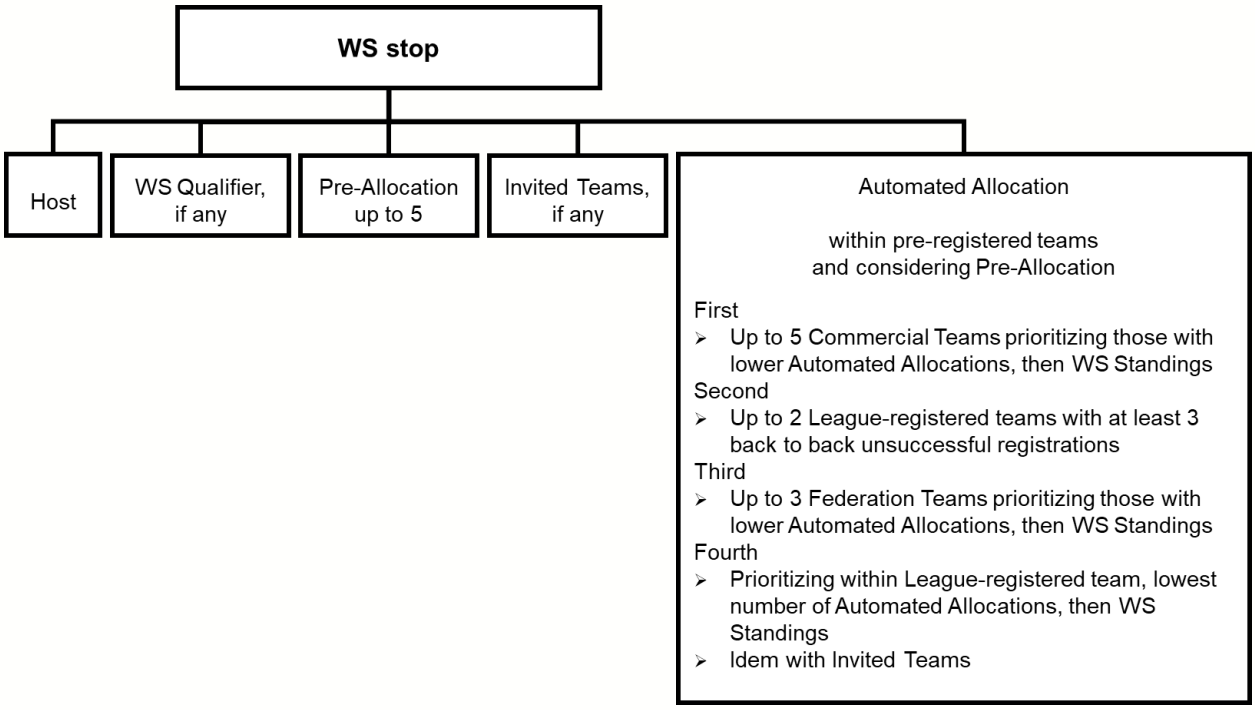
Players have to turn at least 19 years old in calendar year of WS season and can only play for one team during the season; a player is considered confirmed once she plays for a team and cannot change teams anymore.

E. Deadlines



F. Allocation to a WS stop

The allocation of teams in a WS stop follows the below process:



If FIBA requires Stand-by Slots to fill missing slots in a given WS Stop, those slots will be awarded at FIBA sole's discretion to (in principle, in this order) League-Registered Teams, Invited Teams and Guest Teams.

G. Seeding

Host Wild Card, Commercial Teams and up to the top 5 in WS Standings within the Federation Teams (on seeding date and subject to available direct slots in Main Draw) are always allocated to Main Draw.

Teams are seeded based on the Team Ranking and placed in pools based on their seeding number in principle by the 3 Wednesdays before the WS Event Stop at 1600 UTC,the seeding for WS Final will be done 2 Wednesdays before..

H. Uniforms

Both sets of uniforms (light and dark) have to be identical: they can only differ in color and shall bear the same markings. The same set of jersey has to be used throughout the entire WS Season and it will require FIBA's approval that will not be unreasonably withheld.

Advertising on playing uniforms must be identical for all players of a team. If Federation Teams have logos of sponsors on the jersey, the most prominent one has to be the related to the commercial suffix. Jerseys require a clearly visible player's number: minimum height respectively are 5 cm on the front and 20 cm on the back of playing shirt.

Players may not change their jersey number during the WS Season, irrespective of dark or light jersey.

Players must wear the same jersey number during the whole season. Team name must appear on the front of playing shirt, the player name must appear on the back.

The FIBA 3x3 “infinity” logo (see FIBA 3x3 Branding Guidelines) may not be displayed on jerseys except if the team wears apparel of a FIBA approved partner. In any case, the FIBA 3x3 Branding Guidelines have to be followed.

I. Other

Players and team managers are required to download the FIBA 3x3 Pro App available on Google Play Store and/or App Store.

Teams are responsible to timely obtain visas and fulfill other travel requirements to arrive and play in Pro Events.

Note: In case of discrepancy between this Quick Guide and the WS Handbook, then latter prevails.

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