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Definitions & Concepts

Backend:		The platform with the URL *backend.fiba3x3.com* that allows Zones and National Member Federations to extract reports, follow the 3x3 activity on their respective territory and register players to FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions
Cups:	Main Draw ("MD"):	The (in principle) 20-team tournament of a World Cup or (in principle) 12-team tournament of a Zone Cup.
	Qualification Draw ("QD"):	Qualification games played directly before the MD of a Zone Cup that qualifies a pre-defined number of teams to the MD. The QD is part of the Zone Cup and teams eliminated in the QD are ranked in the final standings of the respective Zone Cup based on their QD results, however, not higher than the teams playing in the Zone Cup MD.
	Qualification Tournament ("QT"):	A qualification tournament to a World Cup or Zone Cup that qualifies a pre-defined number of teams to the respective World or Zone Cup. The QT is part of the Zone Cup and teams eliminated in the QT are ranked in the final standings of the respective Zone Cup based on their QT results, but shall not be ranked higher than the teams playing in the Zone Cup MD.
	Qualifiers ("Qualifiers"):	A QT or QD of a World Cup or Zone Cup.
	FIBA 3x3 Champions Cup ("Champions Cup") :	The 3x3 national team competition composed of the best-ranked teams from the Cups (Open) of the previous calendar year and the Federation Ranking at Cut-off. Qualification to the Champions Cup follows the format defined in Book 6 of the FIBA Internal Regulations and this Handbook.
	FIBA 3x3 World Cup ("World Cup"):	The leading 3x3 event for national teams. FIBA organises World Cups in U23 and Open category. Qualification to the World Cup follows the formats defined in Book 6 of the FIBA Internal Regulations and this Handbook.

	FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup ("Zone Cup"):	The continental 3x3 championships for national teams. FIBA organises Cups in the Open category. Zone Cups are organised for Africa, the Americas, Europe and Asia-Oceania. Zone Cups are open to all eligible National Member Federations of a Zone.
Cut-Off Date:		The 12.00 UTC hours of 1 December (6-1 IR) on which the Federation Ranking is calculated to determine the eligible and/or qualified teams for all FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions in the following calendar year.
Eligibility:	Eligible Player:	A player that meets all the eligibility criteria for representing the 3x3 national team of a National Member Federation at a particular competition.
	National Member Federation Eligibility:	Status of a National Member Federation regarding the participation in FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions. The criteria for National Member Federation Eligibility are the same across all categories and National Member Federation Eligibility is always established on 1 December of the previous calendar year (e.g. on 1 December 2025 for the 3x3 National Team Season 2026).
	Player Eligibility	Status of a player regarding participation for a certain National Member Federation in FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions. Player eligibility can vary between different categories; however, a player can never be eligible for more than one National Member Federation across FIBA National Team Competitions and FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions.
	Top-10 Ranked Player:	A player ranked amongst the Top-10 verified players in a given category at 12.00 UTC, one day prior to the opening of player registration for a World Cup (in Open category) or the Olympic Games or Qualification Tournament to the Olympic Games (not applicable to the Youth Olympic Games).
	Verification:	Proof of eligibility of a player for FIBA 3x3 Official National Team competitions. Verification must be requested exclusively through the Backend. Verification may take

		up to 10 working days. Further, players are automatically verified based on the passports submitted at other selected FIBA 3x3 Official Competitions.
	Verified Player:	A player whose eligibility for representing the 3x3 national team of a National Member Federation has been proven and marked accordingly in FIBA´s 3x3 Backend. Verification can vary based on the age category of a competition and can be tracked by the National Member Federation in the *Players* section of FIBA´s 3x3 Backend.
FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking ("Federation Ranking"):		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 20 nationals (with a confirmed verified FIBA 3x3 Profile) in the respective category, combining their best results in each of the previous two (2) years respectively, in FIBA 3x3 Official Competitions, FIBA 3x3 Recognised National Team Competitions, and Recognised Qualifiers. 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.
FIBA 3x3 Individual World Ranking ("Individual World Ranking"):		A classification of all players registered in play.fiba3x3.com 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.
play.fiba3x3.com		The official FIBA 3x3 website for all FIBA 3x3 Competitions and player data.
Profile:	Confirmed Profile:	The play.fiba3x3.com profile of a player, confirmed by such a player. The confirmation status of a profile can be tracked by the National Member Federation in the *Players* section of FIBA´s 3x3 Backend. A confirmed profile will only be considered for the Federation Ranking and will only be considered eligible for national team purposes if it is verified.
	Not Registered Profile:	A play.fiba3x3.com player profile created manually by an event organiser in the EventMaker. A not registered profile is not accessible by the player and the ranking

		points on such profile are not considered for the Federation Ranking. Not registered profiles cannot get registered for FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions and cannot get verified.
	Pending Profile:	The play.fiba3x3.com profile of a player that the player has not been confirmed yet. The ranking points on such profiles are not considered for the Federation Ranking. Pending profiles cannot get registered for FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions and cannot get verified until it has been confirmed
Roster:	Event Roster:	A team roster of four players selected and registered by a National Member Federation for a specific FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition from among the players of its Extended Roster.
	Extended Roster:	A team roster of minimum four and maximum six eligible players nominated for a FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition.
	Substitute Player ("Substitute"):	A player registered for one of the two slots for replacement players within the Extended Roster.
Wild-Card:		FIBA invitation issued to a National Member Federation for one of its teams to play in a competition.
FIBA 3x3 Youth Nations League ("NL"):		A FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition for men and women in the U21 and U23 age categories played in several conferences. Participation is open to all eligible National Member Federations.
	Sextuple Stop ("Sextuple"):	six consecutive NL events of a conference played with a rest day in between the 3rd and 4th event within a 7-day period at the same venue.
	Triple Stop ("Triple"):	three consecutive NL events of a conference played within a three-day period at the same venue.

Note:
The present Handbook applies to all FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions. Capitalized terms in this Handbook are given the meaning set forth in the FIBA Internal Regulations, unless provided otherwise.

1. FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions

1.1. FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions means any and all 3x3 national team competitions organised or recognised by FIBA, categorised as follows:

a) FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions
b) FIBA 3x3 Recognised National Team Competitions

1.2. FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions means the following FIBA 3x3 National Team competitions, regardless of the age category:

a. Olympic Games,
b. Youth Olympic Games,
c. World Cups,
d. Champions Cup,
e. Zone Cups,
f. NL
g. Qualifiers to FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions

1.3. World Cups (Open and U23), the Champions Cup and Zone Cups (Open) and the NL are played, in principle, annually. FIBA may decide that no World Cup shall take place in the same calendar year as the Olympic Games.

1.4. FIBA 3x3 Recognised National Team Competitions are the only competitions played by national teams recognised by FIBA, which are not FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions. Such competitions are organised and executed by a separate governing body, with FIBA appointing a Technical Delegate to supervise the competition. Moreover, these competitions shall

a) be properly uploaded on play.fiba3x3.com;
b) use exclusively FIBA-appointed FIBA 3x3 Referees;
c) include best efforts to use FIBA-approved sports equipment;
d) follow the corresponding criteria, insofar as applicable, established by FIBA for national team competitions.

1.5. A National Member Federation may not be represented by more than one male and one female team in any FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition unless provided otherwise in the relevant competition rules.

1.6. Zone Cups are open to all eligible National Member Federations. In case of over-registration, FIBA will organise a Qualifier(s) prior to the Zone Cup.

1.7. Medals (gold, silver, bronze) shall be awarded at Cups. Winners of Semi-Final games will play for the gold medal, the losers of the Semi-Final games will play for the bronze medal. All other teams will be ranked according to the Official 3x3 Basketball Rules of the Game.

1.8. Books 1 to 5 of the FIBA Internal Regulations apply to the FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions, unless otherwise provided in Book 6 of the FIBA Internal Regulations. The present Handbook sets forth the specific provisions for the FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions. In case of any conflict or discrepancy, the following hierarchy shall apply (each category to prevail over any category mentioned below it):

a. FIBA General Statutes;

b. FIBA Internal Regulations and other rules, regulations, and decisions of FIBA; and

c. The present Handbook.

1.9. FIBA, acting through the Secretary General, is entitled to apply changes to the competition formats of the FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions.

1.10. Procedure for calling a national team player and the applicable release period: Articles 3-38 to 3-41, article 3-43 and articles 3-45 to 3-57 IR shall apply mutatis mutandis to FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions, excluding the NL. The player shall be available at least for a release period starting 120 hours before the beginning of the first game and ending 24 hours after the end of the last game of the relevant FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition.

2. Categories

2.1. The categories for FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions are U23 and Open. FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions are played simultaneously for men and women in the respective category. The men´s and women´s category may be of different size regarding team numbers if less teams register in one of the categories (however, in principle there should be no less than four teams in a category).

2.2. 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. Players must turn 19 or older by the end of such calendar year.

	U23		Open
	U21	U23	
	Latest year of birth:		
Calculation of minimum age:	year of the competition minus 19		
Example for competition in 2026:	2026-19 = 2007		
	Earliest year of birth:		
Calculation of max. age:	Competition year - 21	Competition year - 23	n/a
Example for competition in 2026:	2026-21 = 2005	2026-23 = 2003	n/a
	Players must be born in:		
	2005-2007	2003-2007	2007 or before

3. FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking

3.1. The FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking is the ranking of all National Member Federations based on the Individual World Ranking points of their top 20 nationals (with a verified Profile) in the respective category, combining their best results in each of the previous two (2) years respectively, in FIBA 3x3 Official Competitions, FIBA 3x3 Recognised National Team Competitions, and Recognised Qualifiers. 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. The Federation Ranking is published on fiba3x3.com and updated on a daily basis at 1200 UTC.

3.2. Ranking points of not verified profiles are not considered for the Federation Ranking even if this profile is ranked in the top 20 of a National Member Federation.

3.3. The Federation Ranking is calculated separately for the following categories: Youth men, Youth women, Open men and Open women. The Youth rankings are based on the ranking points of players that turn maximum 23 years of age in the current calendar year.

3.4. Further Combined Rankings (men and women together) are calculated for Youth and Open categories by taking the geometric mean of the ranking points of men and women in the given category (= square root of the product of ranking points of both men and women in the given category). If a National Member Federation has zero ranking points for a gender in a given category, the Combined Ranking for this category shall show zero points.

3.5. For the Individual World Ranking points of players whose national status for FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions has been determined in accordance with article 6-31 and who thereafter change their national status by a decision of FIBA under articles 3-1 to 3-34 IR, the following shall apply:

a. If the player's national status in favour of another National Member Federation is approved under the restriction of articles 3-17, 3-26, or 3-32 IR, the Individual World Ranking points of such a player from the day of the FIBA decision shall only be considered for the purposes of the FIBA 3x3 Team Ranking and not for the FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking of any National Member Federation. The Individual World Ranking points of such a player up to the date of the FIBA decision shall still be considered for the FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking of the National Federation Member of origin.

b. If the player's national status in favour of another National Member Federation is approved without restriction, the player's Individual World Ranking Points shall be considered, for the purposes of the FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking, in favour of the corresponding National Member Federation.

4. FIBA 3x3 World Cup (Open category)

4.1. In principle, the World Cup is played with 20 teams for men and 20 teams for women over seven days of competition. Teams are divided into four pools of five teams each. The competition is played as a Round Robin followed by a single elimination phase. Pool winners qualify directly for the quarter finals. Teams ranked second or third in their pool must enter a pre-quarterfinal play-in.

4.2. Unless provided otherwise by FIBA, acting through the Secretary General, the national team slots for World Cups are allocated at the Cut-Off Date according to the following sequence:

a. The team of the hosting National Member Federation;

b. The winner of the Champions Cup, held in the calendar year preceding the World Cup;

c. The winner of the previous edition of the FIBA 3x3 World Cup (in the Open Category) or the winner of the Olympic Games if more recent than the previous edition of the FIBA 3x3 World Cup

d. The winners of each of the Open Zone Cups, held in the calendar year preceding the World Cup:

e. The following applies to letters b, c and d of this article:

   i. If a team that qualified through a Zone Cup, or if applicable, as the winner of the previous edition of the Olympic Games, 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 Cup or if applicable, Olympic Games, and so on;

   ii. If no Zone Cup is organised in the relevant Zone in the year preceding the World Cup, the open slot(s) shall be allocated to the team(s) with the highest Federation Ranking that has not already been allocated a slot; and

   iii. If a Zone Cup is announced prior to the Cut-Off Date 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 art. 6-64.c IR once the FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup is played.

f. As applicable, the highest ranked teams in the Federation Ranking, ensuring that a maximum of 10 teams per gender come from the same Zone; and

g. The top three teams from the World Cup qualifier, if any.

Sequence to allocate slots to World Cup (Open)	
1.	Host
2.	Winner of Champions Cup
3.	Winner of the prior edition or winner of the prior Olympic Games if more recent
4.	Winners of Zone Cups
5.	Federation Ranking in the relevant category
6.	Top three of World Cup Qualifier (if any)

See art. 6-64 IR, for exceptions to the general sequence.

4.3. A World Cup Qualifier, insofar as approved by the Secretary General, will be held a few months prior to the respective World Cup. The following teams shall be qualified to participate in a World Cup Qualifier:

c) The team of the hosting National Member Federation;

d) Highest placed team from the relevant Zone Cups held in the calendar year preceding the World Cup that is not directly qualified to the World Cup (see Article 4.2); if no Zone Cup was organised in the relevant Zone, the open slot shall be allocated to the team with the highest Federation Ranking that has not already been allocated a slot to the World Cup or the World Cup Qualifier; and

e) The best-ranked not yet qualified for the World Cup teams as per the Federation Ranking of the relevant gender.

The participating teams that do not qualify for the World Cup will not be ranked in the final standings of the World Cup

4.4. FIBA retains the right to substitute a team for participation in the World Cup at any time if there are reasonable grounds to assume that this team may withdraw (e.g. visa process not followed).

5. FIBA 3x3 U23 World Cup

5.1. In principle, the U23 World Cup is played with 20 teams for men and 20 teams for women over five days of competition. Teams are divided into four pools of five teams each. The competition is played as a round robin followed by single elimination as of the Quarter-Finals.

5.2. Unless provided otherwise by FIBA, acting through the Secretary General, the national team slots for the U23 World Cup are allocated at the Cut-Off Date according to the following sequence:

a. The team of the hosting National Member Federation;

b. If a NL is being held in the same calendar year and subject to 6-21.b IR:

i. the winners of each conference of the NL of the same calendar year. In case the number of conference winners exceeds the number of available slots in the U23 World Cup, the available slots shall be awarded to the best-ranked conferences winners in the NL final standings (i.e. after the completion of all conferences) of the same calendar year;

ii. all remaining slots; if any, shall be allocated based on the NL final standings (i.e. after the completion of all conferences) of the same calendar year.

c. As applicable, the highest ranked teams in the FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking, ensuring that a maximum of 10 teams per gender come from the same Zone.

Sequence to allocate slots to U23 World Cup	
1.	Host
2.	NL Conference Winners
3.	NL Standings of all conferences
4.	Federation Ranking in the relevant category

See 6-64 IR, for exceptions to the General Sequence.

5.3 FIBA retains the right to substitute a team at any time if there are reasonable grounds to assume that this team may not be in a position to participate (e.g. visa process not followed).

6. FIBA 3x3 Champions Cup

6.1. The Champions Cup is played in principle with eight (8) teams per gender on three (3) days of competition, except if otherwise approved by FIBA. Teams are divided into two (2) pools of four (4) teams each. The competition is played as a round robin system followed by single elimination as of the Semi-Finals

6.2. Unless provided otherwise by FIBA, acting through the Secretary General, the national team slots for Champions Cup are allocated at the Cut-Off Date according to the following sequence:

a. The team of the hosting National Member Federation.

b. If different to the team in letter a., the winner of the previous edition.

   i. If the winner of the previous edition has already been allocated a slot as the Host or is not eligible at the Cut-Off Date, its slot shall be allocated to the next highest placed team from the previous edition that is eligible at the Cut-Off Date.

c. The winner of the last edition of the World Cup, held in the calendar year preceding the Champions Cup or the Olympic Games, whichever was held closer to the Cut-Off Date.

   i. If a team that qualified through the World Cup or the Olympics Games has already been allocated a slot or is not eligible at the Cut-Off Date, its slot shall be allocated to the next highest placed team from the same World Cup or Olympics Games and that is eligible at the Cut-Off Date.

d. The winners of each of the Zone Cups, held in the calendar year preceding the FIBA 3x3 Champions Cup.

   i. If a team that qualified through a Zone Cup has already been allocated a slot or is not eligible at the Cut-Off Date, its slot shall be allocated to the next highest placed team from the same Zone Cup that is eligible at the Cut-Off Date.

   ii. If no Zone Cup is organised in a relevant Zone in the year preceding the World Cup, the open slot shall be allocated to the team of such Zone with the highest Federation Ranking that has not already been allocated a slot; and

   iii. If a Zone Cup is announced prior to the Cut-Off Date (see article 6-25) 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, once the Zone Cup is played.

e. The highest ranked team in the Federation Ranking that has not qualified to the Champions Cup as per letters a to d above.

6.3. FIBA retains the right to substitute a team at any time if there are reasonable grounds to assume that this team may not be in a position to participate (e.g. visa process not followed).

6.4. Teams participating in the Champions Cup (excluding the teams of the hosting National Member Federation) shall be entitled to a travel allowance to be paid by FIBA to the respective National Federation after the team's participation in the competition:

Travel	Travel Allowance per team
Within Europe Zone	CHF 800
Within Asia Zone (ex GCC)	CHF 2.000
Within Asia Zone (ex GCC) and GCC	CHF 3.000
Within Oceania Zone	CHF 2.000
Within America Zone	CHF 2.000
Within Africa Zone	CHF 3.000
Inter-continental	CHF 5.500
Exception between Europe and MENA	CHF 2.500

**GCC = Gulf Cooperation Council countries*

6.5. To the extent that it is not in contradiction to the relevant competition Handbooks (i.e. FIBA 3x3 Pro Circuit Handbook for Men; FIBA 3x3 Women's Series Handbook for Women), the National Member Federation winning the FIBA 3x3 Champions Cup

a. In the Men's category: shall be entitled to designate two Performance Slots in FIBA 3x3 World Tour Masters offered by FIBA in the same calendar year conditional upon the benefitting team(s) team having at least four Confirmed Players having the nationality of the relevant National Member Federation. The relevant National Member Federation must identify the benefitting team(s) to FIBA before 1 April of the applicable Pro Circuit season, otherwise the present right will be deemed as waived. Allocation of the slots to the corresponding Pro Events will be at FIBA's sole discretion.

b. In the Women's category: shall be entitled to designate a single Guest Team to benefit from 5 wild-cards in 5 different FIBA 3x3 Women's Series Stops (see FIBA 3x3 Women's Series Handbook) conditional upon all players of such Guest Team having the nationality of the relevant National Member Federation. All players on the Extended Roster for such team cannot play for another FIBA 3x3 Women's Series team in the same season. Every slot shall be requested at least 6 weeks before the relevant FIBA 3x3 Women's Series stop or at least one week before the Automated Allocation to the requested FIBA 3x3 Women's Series stop.

7. FIBA 3x3 Zone Cups

7.1. Zone Cups are organised in the Open category. Zone Cups are played in principle with 12 teams for men and 12 teams for women over four days of competition, except if otherwise approved by FIBA. Teams are divided into four pools of three teams each. The competition is played with a round robin system followed by single elimination as of the Quarter-Finals.

7.2. Registration to 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.

7.3. If there are more than 12 teams registered in a gender to the respective Zone Cup, FIBA will organise the required Qualifier(s). FIBA will decide at its discretion the team(s) that, in addition to the hosting National Member Federation's teams, will be directly assigned to the Main Draw of the respective Zone Cup based on objective criteria (e.g. winner of the prior edition, highest ranked countries in the gender ranking in the Open category).

7.4. FIBA may organise a Qualifier specifically for National Member Federations in Groups C and D (see Book 1, Chapter 2 of IR), in order to qualify the winner in each gender to the respective Zone Cup.

7.5. 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 Federation Ranking. Teams will be allocated in the following sequence:

a. hosts;
b. National Member Federations with teams registered in both genders;
c. National Member Federations with teams registered in one gender.

Qualifier methodology table

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

7.6. Teams playing in a Qualifier of a Zone Cup that do not qualify to the MD will be ranked in the final standings of the Zone Cup based on their Qualifier results, however, not higher than the teams playing in the Zone Cup MD.

7.7. As a general rule, teams already qualified to the MD of a Zone Cup should not participate in the QT unless it is hosting this tournament. In such exceptional cases, the QT-hosting National Member Federation shall not be allowed to proceed to the elimination round or second pool round of the QT; instead, the next ranked team in the pool with the hosting National Member Federation shall proceed to the elimination round or second pool round of the QT.

7.8. FIBA retains the right to substitute a team at a Zone Cup MD at any time if there are reasonable grounds to assume that this team may withdraw (e.g. visa process not followed).

8. FIBA 3x3 Youth Nations League

8.1. The NL is played (in principle) in conferences of six teams per gender. However, if necessary, FIBA reserves the right to create conferences with a different number of teams.

8.2. FIBA will allocate the National Member Federations to the respective conference by using reasonable and logistics criteria such as but not limited to: Combined Federation Ranking of the Youth category, geographical considerations, and available slots. FIBA may decide to otherwise allocate National Member Federations in case the hosting interest in a conference exceeds the number of required Triple or Sextuple hosting opportunities in a conference or in case the number of registered teams exceeds the available slots in a Zone/region. Each conference shall be played in a series of Triples. In exceptional cases FIBA may discretionally decide to play a conference in a Sextuple. Each conference shall have a separate conference standing.

8.3. In principle, each leg of a Triple composed of six teams shall be played with two pools per category. The competition is played with round robin system followed by a Final. No third-place game shall be played. In case of a conference composed of 5 teams, each leg shall be played with a round robin system with two pools per category, followed by a Final between the pool winners and a third-place game between the 2nd-ranked teams of each pool. In case of four teams or less in a conference or leg, the leg(s) shall be played with only one pool and no Final.

8.4. The winners of each conference of the NL shall qualify to the U23 World Cup of the same calendar year. Further teams may qualify to the World Cup based on the NL League Standings of the same calendar year as per the qualification process to this competition (Article 5.2 of this Handbook). In case the number of conference winners exceeds the number of available slots in the U23 World Cup, the available slots shall be awarded to the best-ranked conferences winners in the NL final standings (i.e. after the completion of all conferences) of the same calendar year. The calculation of the NL final standings shall be conducted as per the tour standing calculation as regulated in Appendix D of the Official 3x3 Basketball Rules. Every National Member Federation can only be represented by one national team per gender at the U23 World Cup, even if winning the U23 and U21 conference with its national teams.

8.5. Registration for the NL shall be open to all National Member Federations eligible as per Article 9 of this Handbook. However, FIBA can invite non-eligible National Member Federations at its discretion, with a view to develop 3x3 in a certain country. Registration shall only be possible with teams of both genders and shall follow the process described in Article 11.7 of this Handbook. Exceptions may be granted to teams filling in ad-hoc in case of withdrawals of other teams.

8.6. Registration of a second team comprised by only U21 players category shall be available only to those National Member Federations that participated in the previous edition of the NL. Insofar feasible, the U21 teams and U23 teams of a National Member Federation shall not be assigned to the same conference.

8.7. For the NL National Member Federations may carry an extended roster of six players per team for the season. Article 13.13 et seq. of this Handbook shall apply. FIBA highly recommends that National Member Federations bring more than four registered players per team to each Triple/Sextuple. Teams that appear with less than four registered players ready to play at any leg of any Triple/Sextuple will be subject to an administrative fine as regulated in Annex 1 to FIBA 3x3 Handbooks.

8.8. National Member Federations that withdraw their team of one gender from any leg of a Triple/Sextuple or an entire Tripe/Sextuple shall also forfeit the participation right of their team of the other gender in the same leg of a Triple/Sextuple or the entire Triple/Sextuple, regardless of any fault or negligence of the National Member Federation. Participation with only one gender in any Triple/Sextuple shall not be allowed.

8.9. To the extent that it is not in contradiction to the relevant competition handbooks (i.e. FIBA 3x3 Pro Circuit Handbook for Men; FIBA 3x3 Women´s Series Handbook for Women), the best-ranked National Member Federations of the U23 World Cup shall be granted (on request of the National Federation Member) an opportunity to register a team in the FIBA 3x3 Men´s Pro Circuit or FIBA 3x3 Women´s Series of the following year (as relevant) as indicated below:

a. A Pro Circuit validated team shall be granted (upon request) the privileges listed below if four (4) or more of its players are U25 and NL-alumni:

   i. For the best ranked National Member Federation in the U23 World Cup: two World Tour slots and two Challenger slots in the season following the U23 World Cup to the Pro Circuit.

   ii. For the second-best ranked National Federation Member in the U23 World Cup: one (1) World Tour slot and two (2) Challenger slots in the season following the U23 World Cup to the Pro Circuit.

b. Teams must request any allocation they might be entitled to under this section at the earliest on 1 February and no later than 1 April of the applicable Pro Circuit season, otherwise the right to request the allocations will be deemed as waived. Allocation of the slots to the corresponding Pro Events will be at FIBA's sole discretion.

c. The women´s teams of the two highest-ranked National Member Federations in the U23 World Cup shall be granted (upon request of the National Member Federation) a slot in the FIBA 3x3 Women's Series of the following season. The National Member Federation shall request this slot by 30 June of the applicable season, otherwise the present right will be deemed waived. If the relevant National Member Federation has already fielded a team for the FIBA 3x3 Women's Series, the slot will be granted as a second team of the same National Member Federation. In such case the team name shall be "[Country U25]". The following conditions apply to both of the aforementioned teams:

   i. The league registration fee for the FIBA 3x3 Women's Series shall be waived (if requested);

   ii. A player playing for one of the aforementioned teams cannot play for another FIBA 3x3 Women´s Series team in the same season;

   iii. All players on the Extended Roster of such FIBA 3x3 Women´s Series team must be U25 and NL-alumni.

9. National Member Federation Eligibility for FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions

9.1. Only NFs that meet the eligibility criteria at the Cut-Off as set forth in Article 9.2 of this Handbook may participate in FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions.

9.2. National Member Federations eligible to participate in FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions are those that have:

a. within their territory a minimum of three FIBA 3x3 Competitions organised, in the twelve (12) months prior to the applicable Cut-Off Date (i.e. 1 December of the previous calendar year, unless otherwise determined by FIBA;). Only competitions with a minimum category/division size of four teams are considered for eligibility purposes; and

b. a valid 3x3 e-learning certification held by a National Member Federation Backend user.

The 3x3 E-Learning platform is a complimentary educational tool for FIBA´s National Member Federations. The Backend users of a National Member Federation are granted access to this 3x3 E-Learning platform with the credentials of their play.fiba3x3.com profile at https://learning.fiba3x3.com/signup. The 3x3 E-Learning certification is individual and once obtained, is valid for two Cut-Offs before the need for renewal.

9.3. Eligibility criteria for the participation in FIBA 3x3 Recognised National Team Competitions are set by the organising body of the respective competition, as approved by FIBA. However, National Member Federations that are under a FIBA-suspension or were expelled by FIBA shall not be eligible to participate in any FIBA 3x3 Recognised National Team Competitions.

10. Team Registration to FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions

10.1. Team registrations for a Zone or World Cups shall be considered valid and binding also for the Qualifiers (if any) as communicated in the registration invitation. Further, registration to a Qualifier shall be considered valid and binding also for the Main Draw of the respective Zone or World Cup. Registrations for the NL shall be also considered valid and binding upon the National Member Federation for the U23 World Cup (if qualified).

10.2. National Member Federations that are qualified to the World Cup in the Open category must confirm their participation in the Backend during the period of 2 to 10 December of the year prior to the World Cup. For the U23 World Cup, the hosting National Member Federation and the winning National Member Federation from the previous edition must confirm their participation in the Backend during the period of 2 to 10 December of the year prior to the U23 World Cup. For the National Member Federations qualifying to the U23 World Cup through the NL, the NL registration shall be considered binding also for the U23 World Cup.

10.3. In case a qualified National Member Federation does not register its team(s) to a World Cup, substitute teams shall be assigned within 15 days (if feasible) by FIBA at its discretion, following universality and/or development criteria, regardless of whether the criteria in 6-25 IR are fulfilled.

10.4. Upon expiry of the registration deadline to a World Cup (at 2400 UTC of 10 December or of another date as per Article 10.2 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.

10.4.1 FIBA may in its discretion grant National Member Federations that fail to complete their team registration prior to the expiry of the team registration deadline, a 48 hours extension at the cost of an administrative fee as regulated in Annex 1 to FIBA 3x3 Handbooks.

10.5. National Member Federations that wish to participate in Zone Cups must confirm the registration of their team(s) in the *NT Management* section of the Backend within the registration period communicated by FIBA in the invitation to register for this competition. FIBA shall not accept any team registration by email or other means of communication. 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.

FIBA may require registration fees for FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions. Such fees, if any, shall be communicated in FIBA´s invitation to register to a specific competition. The registration fee is non-refundable in case of team withdrawal. In case the payment for such registration fee is not settled by the due date, FIBA may consider the team registration void and remove the team(s) from the list of participating teams and elect insofar necessary a substitute team in its discretion.

10.6. Except for the Champions Cup, 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:

Automatic ineligibility to participate from the next edition of the same FIBA 3x3 National Team Competition, regardless of the fault or negligence of the National Member Federation.

A monetary fine which shall be measured depending on the fault or negligence of the National Member

Federation, as follows:

World Cup & Zone Cup & Olympic Qualifier	up to CHF 100,000
NL	up to CHF 80,000
Qualifiers* to World Cup & Zone Cup	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.

10.7. National Member Federations that earn a qualification slot for the Champions Cup but fail to confirm the participation of their team(s) will automatically be ineligible to participate in the next two (2) editions of the Champions Cup in that gender category, regardless of any fault or negligence on their part. In addition to the aforementioned automatic ineligibility, National Member Federations that have confirmed the participation of their team(s) for the Champions Cup and, after the confirmation became legally binding, do not participate for any reason whatsoever, will be subject to a monetary fine.

10.8. National Member Federations that wish to participate in the NL must confirm the participation of their team(s) in the Backend during the registration period communicated by FIBA.

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

10.10. Process and deadlines for team registration for FIBA 3x3 Recognised National Team Competitions will be defined and communicated by the organising body of the respective competition, as approved by FIBA.

11. Player Eligibility for FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions

11.1. Players must be registered in play.fiba3x3.com with a verified FIBA 3x3 Profile. Players with not verified, Pending or Non-registered Profiles are not eligible for FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions.

11.2. 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:

a. Must hold the legal nationality of that country; and

b. Must present a passport of that country issued by the competent authorities before 1 January of the calendar year prior to the relevant FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition; in case of 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; the date of FIBA's decision authorising a player to play for a dependent territory as a player under the restriction of art. 3-32 IR shall replace the date of issue of the relevant passport; and

c. Subject to Special Cases below, may not have previously played for the national team (5v5 or 3x3) of another country in a main official competition of FIBA (see 2-2 IR; 6-26c IR)

d. Must turn 19 years of age or older by the end of the calendar year during which the FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition takes place.

	Latest year of passport issuance:
Rule for Cups (excluding Olympics) in 2026:	Passports must be issued before 1 January 2025
Calculation:	year of the competition minus 2
Example for Cups (excluding Olympics) in 2026	2026-2 = 2024
Rule for Olympics and Olympic Qualifiers in 2028	Passports must be issued before 1 January 2026
Calculation	year of the competition minus 3
Example for Olympics and Olympic Qualifiers in 2028	2028-3 = 2025

11.3. In order to play for the national team of a country in the U23 category of a FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition, a player:

a) Must hold the legal nationality of that country; and

b) Must present a passport of that country issued by the competent authorities before the end of the registration period for the relevant underage FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition; and

c) Subject to Special Cases below, may not have previously played for the national team (5v5 or 3x3) of another country in a main official competition of FIBA (see 2-2 IR, 6-28 IR)

	Latest year of passport issuance:
Rule:	Passport must be obtained before end of registration period
Calculation:	year of the competition minus 0
Example for U23 Competitions in 2026:	2026-0 = 2026

11.4. FIBA may waive the requirement of Article 10.2.b and 10.3.a of this Handbook in the case of players who have met this requirement at a previous FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition or who had their national status confirmed by FIBA pursuant to 3-14 et seq. IR prior to the date mentioned in letter 10.3.a of this Handbook. Such confirmation shall be registered through a corresponding entry in FIBA´s MAP.

11.5. In addition to the mandatory data and documents set forth in this Handbook, FIBA may request any data or documents it deems appropriate in order to verify that these eligibility requirements are met.

11.6. For Olympic Games (incl. Youth Olympic Games), other or further eligibility criteria may be established and communicated by circular letter of FIBA following IOC approval.

11.7. A player who is included on the Final Team Delegation Roster for a FIBA National Team Competition (including the Event Roster for FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions, the Extended Roster of National Member Federation teams registered in the Women's Series and for the NL) shall be deemed to have irrevocably selected their national status in favour of the National Member Federation of that country or territory for 3x3 and basketball, without prejudice to the contents of articles 3-25 to 3-29.

11.8. Without prejudice to article 11.7 of this Handbook, when verifying a player´s account on the 3x3 platform, the nationality of the uploaded passport shall become the player's verified nationality and, automatically, their national status for 3x3 National Team Competitions. Players shall be clearly informed at such time that the passport uploaded during verification will determine their national status for 3x3 National Team Competitions and shall be given a 120-hour window to contest the verification under this nationality.

11.9. If, after a player's national status for FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions has been verified in accordance with article 11.8 of this Handbook, FIBA issues a decision under articles 3-1 to 3-34 IR regarding the national status of that same player in favour of a different National Member Federation, the following shall apply:

a) If the player's national status in favour of the other National Member Federation is approved under the restriction of articles 3-17, 3-26, or 3-32 IR, the player's eligibility for FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions shall be automatically revoked. From the moment of the FIBA decision, his verification settings in FIBA´s backend.fiba3x3.com shall show "eligibility revoked", clarifying that the player shall be considered non-eligible for any National Member Federation in any FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions.

b) If the player's national status in favour of the other National Member Federation is approved without restriction, the player's national status for 3x3 National Team Competitions shall be changed in favour of such National Member Federation, without prejudice to the eligibility requirements of articles 6-26 and 6-38 IR.

11.10. The player's verified nationality for the 3x3 Pro-Circuit must always reflect the player's national status for FIBA National Team Competitions (including FIBA 3x3 Competitions). To this end, FIBA may update any verified nationality for the 3x3 Pro Circuit in accordance with the IR. Without prejudice to the Secretary General's authority under art. 3-34 of the IR (Marginal Cases), such updates may be made at FIBA's discretion to uphold the principles regarding players' national status.

11.11. For the avoidance of doubt, a player who has transferred as a young player according to 3-81 or 3-82 IR (transfer linked to basketball) may not choose to play for the national team of any country in a FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition other than the country from which the player transferred, until the player has reached the age of 23 years.

11.12. 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.

11.13. For the extended roster in a FIBA 3x3 Official Competition, all players must turn 19 years or older by the end of such calendar year.

12. Player Verification

12.1. Verified Players are players whose eligibility for the respective age category for a particular National Member Federation has been confirmed by FIBA and who are enrolled in FIBA´s 3x3 Backend as verified players. National Member Federations can track the verification status for each of their players in the *Players* section of the Backend.

12.2. Players are verified upon request of a National Member Federation in the Backend – insofar as passports are being provided – or automatically upon becoming part of the roster of a team in a Challenger, Women´s Series or World Tour based on the presented passport during registration to such competition.

12.3. When verifying a player´s account on the 3x3 platform, the nationality of the uploaded passport shall become the player's verified nationality and, automatically, their national status for FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions. Players shall be clearly informed at such time that the passport uploaded during verification will determine their national status for FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions and shall be given a 120-hours window to contest the verification under this nationality.

12.4. If a player, whose national status has already been verified, has their national status is changed by a FIBA decision in favour of another National Member Federation under the restriction of articles 3-17, 3-26, or 3-32 IR, the player's eligibility for FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions shall be automatically revoked. From the moment of the FIBA decision, such player's verification settings in FIBA´s backend.fiba3x3.com shall show "eligibility revoked", clarifying that the player shall be considered non-eligible for any National Member Federation in any FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions.

12.5. Players need to get verified only once. Verification is individual- and category-driven, but not competition-driven.

12.6. Player verification may get requested by a National Member Federation at any time. However, player verification will take minimum 120 hours from the moment the verification request is submitted with all required documents and may take up to 10 working days. Timely verification requests shall be a National Member Federation responsibility.

12.7. Only players with a Confirmed Profile on play.fiba3x3.com can get verified. National Member Federations can track the confirmation status for each of their players in the *Players* section of the Backend.

12.8. Players are verified exclusively based on their passports or their FIBA MAP entries. Expired passports are accepted as support documents for player verification if the currently valid passport was issued after the deadline mentioned in Articles 11.2.b or 11.3.b of this Handbook. A player enrolled in FIBA´s MAP is not automatically verified in the Backend, unless requested by the National Member Federation.

12.9. A National Member Federation that wishes to verify a player shall upload the currently valid passport – together with a previous passport if the currently valid passport was issued after the deadline mentioned in Articles 11.2.b or 11.3.a of this Handbook – when requesting the verification of a player in the Backend. The verification request shall only be approved if name, gender and date of birth of the profile match exactly the data on the submitted passport. If this data does not match, the player shall edit the profile accordingly before verification is requested. The player will be informed once the verification request is submitted and will be given a 120-hour window to contest the verification under this nationality. Hence, the verification request can be processed at the earliest 120 hours after submission of the request.

12.10. In case the previous passport was kept by the passport issuing authority, a confirmation from the passport issuing authority with a certified translation to English stating the passport number as well as issue and expiry date of this previous passport shall be submitted.

12.11. Further, a FIBA MAP entry that clarifies that the player had met the passport criteria before the deadline mentioned in Articles. 11.2.b or 11.3.b of this Handbook may replace the passport during the verification process.

12.12. For competitions where players must hold a particular ranking position or a minimum number of ranking points in order to be considered eligible for this competition, only players verified before 12.00 UTC of one day prior to the opening of the player registration for this competition will be considered. Players verified after the communicated deadline will not be considered nor eligible.

13. Player and Delegate Registration to FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions

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

13.1. Player and team delegate registration for all FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions shall run exclusively through the *NT Management* section in the Backend. FIBA shall not accept any player or team delegate registration by email or other means of communication.

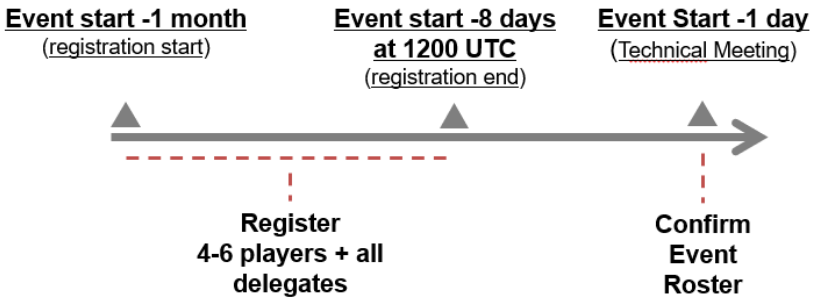
13.2. The mandatory data for each player during player registration shall include height and jersey number that the player will wear at the event. Registering incorrect jersey number(s) that require FIBA to change the jersey number(s) at the Technical Meeting shall lead to an administrative fine per incorrect number as regulated in Annex 1 to FIBA 3x3 Handbooks, incorrect jersey number(s) in a game shall lead to an administrative fine per incorrect number as regulated in Annex 1 to FIBA 3x3 Handbooks.

13.3. National Member Federations must register four eligible players for the four Event Roster slots per team for each competition. National Member Federations may only register players whose eligibility has already been verified by FIBA (see article 6-29).

13.4. For all FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions, except for the NL, National Member Federations should register two (2) eligible potential Substitutes for the two Substitute slots until one week prior to competition start. After the lapse of this deadline, no other potential Substitutes can be nominated. Further, all team delegates shall be registered until one week prior to the competition start. Delegates shall only require a confirmed play.fiba3x3.com profile. Verification of delegates is not necessary. FIBA may, in its discretion, grant an extension of this deadline, by applying an administrative fee per player or team delegate as regulated in Annex 1 to FIBA 3x3 Handbooks.

13.5. Player and team delegate registration for all FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions, except for the NL, opens one month prior to the event and closes one week prior to the event (see Diagram 1). FIBA may amend by circular letter to the National Member Federations the above registration deadlines. FIBA may in its discretion grant National Member Federations that fail to register four (4) players by closing of registration an extension of 48h to complete their registration. Such extension shall come at an administrative fee as regulated in Annex 1 to the FIBA 3x3 Handbooks.

Diagram 1: Player and Team Delegate registration deadlines



13.6. With the closing of registration, any player or delegate that is registered is locked into the Final Delegation Roster and cannot be removed anymore. FIBA may grant exceptions to the limit of six players until 24 hours prior to the competition start for an administrative fee as regulated in Annex 1 to FIBA 3x3 Handbooks.

13.7. At all FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions the National Member Federation may substitute the registered Event Roster players with registered Substitutes at their discretion until the Technical Meeting of the competition without giving any reasons to FIBA. Such substitutions shall be done by the National Member Federation in the Backend via the *Substitute* button next to each event roster player in the *NT Management* section. After the closing of the Technical Meeting no more roster changes are possible.

13.8. For the Olympic Games and its qualifiers, as well as for the FIBA 3x3 World Cup (note: not applicable to U23 World Cup, World Cup Qualifier, Champions Cup, Zone Cups and NL):

a. All players on the Extended Roster must have participated in two (2) completed events of any FIBA 3x3 Official Competitions, any FIBA 3x3 Recognised National Team Competitions, or any Recognised Qualifiers, in either the current year or the two (2) prior calendar years, one (1) day (at 1200 UTC) before the start of player registration of the relevant competition; and

b. Two (2) of the players from the Event Roster shall be within the country's top ranked, eligible, and verified players in the applicable gender category of the Individual World Ranking one (1) day (at 1200 UTC) before the start of player registration to the relevant competition. This list of top ranked players shall be of sufficient number to include the top 10 players who have not participated in the NL in the previous calendar year.

Examples: all players listed in the scenarios below will meet the criteria of above letter b:

Rank	***Player Type Example 1***	***Player Type Example 2***	***Player Type Example 3***
1	*non-NL player*	*non-NL player*	*NL player*
2	*non-NL player*	*NL player*	*non-NL player*
3	*non-NL player*	*non-NL player*	*non-NL player*
4	*non-NL player*	*non-NL player*	*non-NL player*
5	*non-NL player*	*non-NL player*	*NL player*
6	*non-NL player*	*NL player*	*non-NL player*
7	*non-NL player*	*non-NL player*	*non-NL player*
8	*non-NL player*	*NL player*	*non-NL player*
9	*non-NL player*	*non-NL player*	*non-NL player*
10	*non-NL player*	*non-NL player*	*NL player*
11	*N/A*	*non-NL player*	*non-NL player*
12	*N/A*	*non-NL player*	*NL player*
13	*N/A*	*non-NL player*	*non-NL player*
14	*N/A*	*N/A*	*non-NL player*

Example 1: No NL players of the previous year will be considered as none are within the Top-10 ranked, eligible and verified nationals that have not played in NL the previous year. The list is limited to 10 players only.

Example 2: Three NL players of the previous year are within the Top-10 of ranked, eligible and verified nationals. Considering they played in the NL, the list is extended to 13 players to include enough players who did not play in the NL in the previous year.

Example 3: Four NL players of previous year appear on the list whereas only three are within the Top-10 of ranked, eligible and verified nationals. As such, the list is extended to 13 players rather than 14 to include enough players who did not play in the NL in the previous year.

13.9. National Member Federations that fail to register four players per team prior to the closing of registration or the extended deadline referred to in Article 13.5 of this Handbook shall lose their participation right, may be replaced through a decision of FIBA by a substitute team, and sanctioned as set forth in articles 6-40 and 6-41 IR. Additionally, a ban from participating in any FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition for a period of time not exceeding one Olympic cycle may be imposed by the Secretary General.

13.10. National Member Federations that appear with only three players for a team at the team´s first game may be sanctioned with an administrative fine as regulated in Annex 1 to FIBA 3x3 Handbooks.

13.11. For the NL, National Member Federations may carry an Extended Roster of six players per team for the season. Players are locked into the Extended Roster and cannot be removed anymore as soon as they play in one leg of the NL. FIBA may grant exceptions for removing up to two locked-in players for an administrative fee as regulated in Annex 1 to FIBA 3x3 Handbooks. Players that have not yet played may be removed from the Extended Roster at any time. In case a National Member Federation has more than one team of a gender in the NL, no player shall play in more than one NL team of the National Member Federation.

13.12. For the NL, the relevant National Member Federation shall register a minimum of four players until one week prior to the start of the respective Conference and shall maintain a minimum of four players on the registered roster at all times during the NL season. It shall be possible to add in the Backend, until the start of the Technical Meeting of a leg, further players or replace players not yet locked into the roster.

13.13. The final roster of a team for a NL stop shall be announced by the National Member Federation at the Technical Meeting of the respective leg. FIBA staff on site of a NL stop will not check player eligibility. Therefore, players not registered by the Technical Meeting are not allowed to enter the competition.

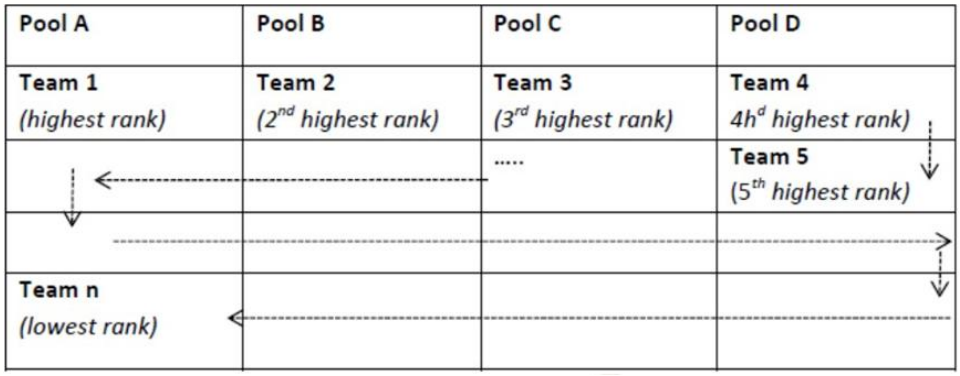
13.14. Processes and deadlines for player registration for FIBA 3x3 Recognised National Team Competitions will be defined and communicated by the organising body of the respective competition.

14. Pool Seeding

14.1. In all FIBA 3x3 Official 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 1 January of the calendar year in which the competition takes place, as per Diagram 4, unless FIBA decides otherwise. Special rules may be enacted for Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games, Olympic Qualifying Tournaments, and the NL.

For NL seedings, please refer to article 14.2 of this Handbook.

Diagram 4: Pool seeding methodology table



14.2. For the NL, teams shall be seeded according to the FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking seven (7) days prior to the respective Triple/Sextuple.

In a NL Triple with two pools teams shall be seeded as follows:

Stop 1	
Pool A	**Pool B**
highest rank	2nd-highest rank
4th-highest rank	3rd-highest rank
5th-highest rank	6th-highest rank

Stop 2	
Pool A	**Pool B**
2nd-highest rank	highest rank
4th-highest rank	3rd-highest rank
5th-highest rank	6th-highest rank

Stop 3	
Pool A	**Pool B**
highest rank	2nd-highest rank
3rd-highest rank	4th-highest rank
5th-highest rank	6th-highest rank

15. Technical Meeting

15.1. Unless otherwise decided by FIBA, the technical meeting shall take place at 21.00 local time of the day prior to competition start.

15.2. Every participating National Member Federation must be represented by at least one English-speaking team representative with all required documents and the team uniforms.

15.3. For teams missing the Technical Meeting, FIBA shall arrange a second Technical Meeting in the morning of Day 1 of the competition, for which FIBA may charge an administrative fee to the team that failed to appear at the Technical Meeting as regulated in Annex 1 to FIBA 3x3 Handbooks.

15.4. The team representative must bring the following to the Technical Meeting:

- Original passport of each participating player (ID cards are not accepted)
- One complete set of dark-coloured uniforms and one complete set of light-coloured uniforms
- Team roster list with jersey numbers
- FIBA 3x3 Entry Forms, if not already provided in another FIBA 3x3 Official Competition in the current year. The entry form must be signed by all players and delegates

15.5. Documents still missing at the end of the Technical Meeting may be handed in at the latest by the start of the relevant team's first game. FIBA may charge an administrative fee for this late submission as regulated in Annex 1 to FIBA 3x3 Handbooks.

Players who are not identified to FIBA´s satisfaction or who have not provided the signed FIBA 3x3 Entry Form before the start of their first game, shall not be allowed to enter the competition.

16. National Team Uniforms

16.1. The national team uniforms for all FIBA 3x3 Official National Competitions must comply with the regulations on team uniforms in FIBA Official Competitions, as set forth in Book 2 of the FIBA Internal Regulations. Regarding additional accessories the provisions of the Official 3x3 Basketball Rules shall apply.

16.2. The FIBA 3x3 "infinity" logo 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 must be followed.

16.3. Each team must bring two sets of jerseys – one set of light colour and one set of dark colour.

16.4. 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.

16.5. For uniforms not complying with this Handbook, the FIBA 3x3 Branding Guidelines, or the IR, an administrative fine may be applied as regulated in Annex 1 to FIBA 3x3 Handbooks.

16.6. For other ancillary gear, accessories, or equipment not complying with the Official 3x3 Basketball Rules, an administrative fine per player per game may be applied.

16.7. For incorrect jersey number(s) in a game, an administrative fine per incorrect number may be applied as regulated in Annex 1 to FIBA 3x3 Handbooks.

16.8. FIBA staff does not carry FIBA logo stickers or badges with them. It is the responsibility of each National Member Federation to print the FIBA logo on its uniforms prior to the relevant FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition.

17. Delegations in FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions

17.1. Team delegations in FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions are made up of a maximum of eight persons per team. Consequently, each team is entitled to a maximum of eight accreditations; National Member Federations with a men´s and a women´s team in a FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition are entitled to a maximum of 16 accreditations. This shall not include National Member Federation staff members that are registered through the media accreditation system.

17.2. Any team delegate for a competition shall be registered through the Backend. Only delegation members holding a confirmed profile on play.fiba3x3.com can get registered. Verification shall not be required. The same deadline as for player registration shall be applicable. FIBA will channel all communication during the competition with the teams through these registered team delegates. In case no team delegates are registered, no accreditations for team delegates will be issued and the maximum number of accreditations per team as per Article 17.1 of the present Handbook shall be reduced accordingly. Registration of team delegate(s) after the closing of registration shall come with an administrative fee per team delegate as regulated in Annex 1 to FIBA 3x3 Handbooks.

17.3. Accreditations are for individual and personal use and are not transferable. Abuse of accreditation privileges, such as but not limited to passing on the accreditation to third persons, ignoring access limitations, shall lead to the removal of accreditation privileges, in addition to the imposition of administrative fines to the respective National Member Federation as regulated in Annex 1 to FIBA 3x3 Handbooks.

17.4. Participation in official photo sessions and post-game interviews on-court and in the Mixed Zone shall be mandatory at FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions. Non-participation shall be subject to an administrative fine as regulated in Annex 1 to FIBA 3x3 Handbooks.

17.5. The host of a FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition is responsible for covering the full-board accommodation and local transportation of four players per team. This responsibility of the host shall be from hotel check-in time, one day before competition start, until hotel check-out time, one day after the competition ends. The National Member Federation shall cover full-board accommodation and transportation costs for any additional persons travelling with the team or any extended stay.

17.6. The host of a FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition is responsible for assisting the participating National Member Federations by providing invitation letters for the visa application upon request by the participating National Member Federation. The participating National Member Federation is entirely responsible of covering the costs of the visa application, contacting the host for the necessary documents and obtaining the necessary visas on time.

17.7. National Member Federations not providing their travel details for a FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition within the deadline communicated by FIBA in the circular letter may be deprived of airport transfer as provided by the host.

17.8. The host of a FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition shall only hold the minimum number of rooms per team (two double rooms) if a National Member Federation does not provide the required number of rooms for their teams within the deadline communicated by FIBA in the circular letter.

17.9. National Member Federations arranging the arrival of their teams or departure from airports other than the ones communicated by FIBA in the circular letter shall be entirely responsible for the arrangement and the costs for the transfer to and from such airports.

17.10. National Member Federations are entirely responsible for arrangement and costs of their delegation´s

international travels to a FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition.

17.11. Participating National Member Federations shall settle all costs for any additional booked persons, rooms, nights or other services with the Host of a FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition prior to hotel check-in. The Host of a FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition shall be entitled to withhold all room keys until the participating National Member Federation has settled all extra costs with the Host or has proven the payment to the Host's satisfaction. Participating National Member Federations shall be prepared to provide hotel deposits at the official hotels of a FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition. In case FIBA is required to settle on behalf of a participation National Federation the extra costs for services booked with the Host, such National Member Federation shall not be able to register for any FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition until FIBA is fully refunded for these costs.

18. Fees, Fines & Sanctions

18.1. FIBA may apply a standard set of administrative fees, fines and sanctions for exceptions to and infractions and violations of the present Handbooks as per the *Annex 1 to FIBA 3x3 Handbooks – Fees, Fines & Sanctions Catalogue*.

18.2. In case of outstanding competition-related fees, administrative fines or disciplinary fines imposed on a National Member Federation in connection to its participation in previous FIBA 3x3 Official Competitions or FIBA 3x3 Recognised National Team Competitions (i.e. team registration fees, administrative fees or fines, disciplinary fines, hosting-related license or contribution fees) the teams from such National Member Federation may not be able to register for any FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition until all such pending payments have been settled.

18.3. If a National Member Federation does not provide all documents listed in Article 15.4 of this Handbook prior to the first game of a registered team, such a team may be disqualified by FIBA and in that case will be deemed to have withdrawn after the team's participation became binding.

18.4. A disqualified team will

f) not be awarded individual ranking points

g) will not be ranked in the standings of the given event.

18.5. The disqualification will have no impact on the standings of other teams in the same event.

18.6. National Member Federations are jointly liable for any administrative fines or disciplinary fines imposed upon a player of their teams. Accordingly, such National Member Federation will be invoiced for such a administrative fine or disciplinary fine.

18.7. If a player is suspended or disqualified during a FIBA 3x3 National Team Competition, the suspension will be served in the next FIBA 3x3 Official Competition where the player's national team or FIBA 3x3 Pro Circuit team (if applicable) is qualified and registered, whichever happens first.

18.8. If a player is charged with a Disqualifying Foul during a FIBA 3x3 National Team Competition, such a player will be disqualified for the rest of such competition and face an automatic one FIBA 3x3 Official Competition suspension, without prejudice to the imposition of an administrative fine as regulated in Annex 1 to FIBA 3x3 Handbooks. Depending on the severity of the violation, FIBA may also initiate disciplinary proceedings against the player. A player receiving a disqualifying foul or disqualified from a FIBA 3x3 National Team Competition as per article 18.10 below will not be awarded individual ranking points for this competition.

18.9. As per rule 1-107 letter c IR, players and team delegates shall accept the referees' decisions without arguing. To that extent, players and team delegates must refrain from approaching referees after the conclusion of a games to challenge field of play decisions. Appropriate forms to make any observations or complaints regarding the conduction of the game are available with the Sports Team on site. Depending on the seriousness of a violation to this article, FIBA may impose administrative sanctions as regulated in Annex 1 to FIBA 3x3 Handbooks and may also initiate disciplinary proceedings against the player or delegate.

18.10. Any player or team delegate involved in violent conduct, verbal abuse or physical aggression against game officials (3-163 IR) or Basketball Officials (1-88 IR) will be disqualified for the rest of the competition and face an automatic one FIBA 3x3 Official Competition suspension, without prejudice to the imposition of an administrative fine as regulated in Annex 1 to FIBA 3x3 Handbooks. Depending on the severity of the violation, FIBA may initiate disciplinary proceedings against the player or delegate.