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### 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 FIBA 3x3 World Cup or (in principle) 12-team tournament of a FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup.

**Cups - Qualification Draw ("QD"):** A qualification played directly before the MD of a FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup that qualifies a pre-defined number of teams to the MD. The QD is part of the FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup and teams eliminated in the QD are ranked in the final standings of the respective FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup based on their Qualifier results, however, not higher than the teams playing in the FIBA Zone Cup MD.

**Cups - Qualification Tournament ("QT"):** A qualification tournament to a FIBA 3x3 World or FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup that qualifies a pre-defined number of teams to the respective FIBA 3x3 World or FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup. The QT for ranking purposes is considered part of the respective FIBA 3x3 World or FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup and teams eliminated in the QT are ranked in the final standings of the respective FIBA 3x3 World or FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup based on their QT results, however, not higher than the teams playing in the FIBA 3x3 World or FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup MD.

**Cups - Qualifiers ("Qualifiers"):** A QD or QT of FIBA 3x3 World Cup or FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup.

**Cups - FIBA 3x3 World Cup:** The leading 3x3 event for national teams. FIBA organizes FIBA 3x3 World Cups in U18, U23 and Open category. Qualification to the FIBA 3x3 World Cup follows the formats defined in Book 6 of the FIBA Internal Regulations and this Handbook.

**Cups – FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup:** The continental 3x3 championships for national teams. FIBA organizes FIBA 3x3 Zone Cups in U17 and Open category. FIBA 3x3 Zone Cups are organised for Africa, the Americas, Europe and Asia-Oceania. FIBA 3x3 Zone Cups are open to all eligible National Member Federations of a Zone.

**Cut-Off Date:** The 12.00 UTC hours of 1 November (6-25 IR) on which the FIBA 3x3 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.

**Eligibility - 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 November of the previous calendar year (e.g. on 1 November 2021 for the 3x3 National
Eligibility - 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 all FIBA National Team Competitions (5v5 and 3x3).

Eligibility - Top-10 Ranked Player: A player ranked amongst the Top-10 verified players in a given category at 12.00 UTC 1 day prior to the opening of player registration for a FIBA 3x3 World Cup or FIBA 3x3 World Cup QT (in Open category) or the Olympic Games or Qualification Tournament to Olympic Games (not applicable to Youth Olympic Games).

Eligibility - Verification: Proof of eligibility of a player for FIBA 3x3 National Team competitions. Verification has to 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 FIBA 3x3 Official Competitions.

Eligibility - 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: 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 Federations will be ranked based on their highest ranked player in the corresponding category. (6-121 IR)

FIBA 3x3 Individual World Ranking: 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. (6-114 IR)

play.fiba3x3.com The official FIBA 3x3 repository for all FIBA 3x3 Competitions and player data.

Profile - Confirmed Profile: The play.fiba3x3.com profile of a player that the player confirmed upon creating the profile. The confirmation status of a profile can be tracked by the National Member Federation in the Players section of FIBA’s 3x3 Backend.

Profile - Non-Registered Profile: A play.fiba3x3.com player profile created manually by an event organiser in the EventMaker. A non-registered profile is
not accessible for the player and the ranking points on such profile are not considered for the 3x3 Federation Ranking. Non-registered profiles cannot get registered for FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions and cannot get verified.

**Profile - Pending Profile:**
The play.fiba3x3.com profile of a player that the player did not confirm yet. The ranking points on such profiles are not considered for the FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking. Pending profiles cannot get registered for FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions and cannot get verified.

**Roster - Event Roster:**
A team roster of 4 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.

**Roster - Extended Roster:**
A team roster of minimum 4 and maximum 6 eligible players nominated for a FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition.

**Roster - Substitute Player ("Substitute"):**
A player registered for one of the 2 slots for replacement players within the Extended Roster.

**Wild-Card:**
FIBA invitation issued to a National Member Federation to play in a competition.

**FIBA 3x3 U23 Nations League ("U23NL"):**
A FIBA 3x3 Official Competition for men and women under the age of 23 played in several conferences. Participation is open to all eligible National Member Federations.

**FIBA 3x3 U23NL - Triple Stop ("Triple"):**
3 consecutive U23NL events of a conference played within a 3-day period at the same venue.

**Note:**
The present Handbook applies to all FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions. Capitalized terms in this Handbook are given the meaning set forth in Book 6 of the FIBA Internal Regulations, unless provided otherwise.

Articles and text passages highlighted in bold font are adopted verbatim from Book 6 of the FIBA Internal Regulations. The exact article is referenced in brackets after the respective article/passage.
1. **FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions**

1.1. FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions are any and all 3x3 national team competitions organised or recognised by FIBA, categorised as follows:
   - FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions
   - FIBA 3x3 Recognised National Team Competitions (6-1 IR)

1.2. FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions are the following FIBA 3x3 National Team competitions, regardless of the age category:
   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 (6-1 IR)

1.3. 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. (6-20 IR)

1.4. FIBA 3x3 Recognised National Team Competitions are National Team Competitions recognised by FIBA, which are not FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions. (6-1 IR) 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
   - be properly uploaded on play.fiba3x3.com;
   - 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 (1) male and one (1) female team in any FIBA 3x3 National Team Competition unless provided otherwise in the relevant competition rules. (6-21b IR)

1.6. FIBA 3x3 Zone Cups are open to all eligible National Member Federations. In case of over-registration, FIBA will organise a Qualification Draw or separate Qualification Tournament(s) prior to the Zone Cup.

1.7. Medals (gold, silver, bronze) shall be awarded at FIBA 3x3 World Cups, FIBA 3x3 Zone Cups and the U23NL Final. Winners of Semi-Finals will play for the gold medal, the losers of the Semi-Finals will play for the bronze medal (optional in U23NL Final). All other teams, including those that played only the Qualifiers (whether a qualification draw or tournament), will get ranked according to the Official 3x3 Basketball Rules. Medals shall be provided also for individual contests, if any. (6-23 IR)

1.8. The U23NL is open to all eligible National Member Federations. FIBA issues an invitation at the end of the calendar year informing all National Member Federations about the conditions for the next edition and inviting all eligible National Member Federations to register for the upcoming edition.
1.9. 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 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.

1.10. FIBA, acting through the Secretary General, is entitled to apply changes to the competition formats of the FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions. (6-22 IR)

1.11. Regarding the procedure for calling a national team player and the applicable release period 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. (6-38 IR)
2. Categories

2.1. The categories for FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions are U17, U18, U23 and Open. FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions shall always be played in parallel for men and women (6-21 IR) in the respective category. The men’s and women’s category may be of different size regarding team numbers if less teams register in 1 of the categories (however, no less than 4 teams in a category).

2.2. To calculate the age limit for a category, 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 (6-34 IR). Players must be at least 16 years old at the end of the calendar year during which the FIBA 3x3 National Team Competition takes place (6-33 IR).

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2.3. In Open and U23 competitions only 1 player on the extended roster of 6 players may be eligible for the U18 category.
3. FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking

3.1. 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. The FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking is published on fiba3x3.com and updated on a daily basis at 1200 UTC. (6-116, 6-117 IR)

3.2. Ranking points of Non-Registered Profiles are not considered for the FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking even if this profile is ranked in the top 25 of a National Member Federation.

3.3. The FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking is calculated separately for the following categories: U18 men, U18 women, U23 men, U23 women, Open men and Open women.

3.4. Further Combined Rankings (men and women together) are calculated for U18, U23 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.
4. FIBA 3x3 World Cup (Open category)

4.1. In principle, the FIBA 3x3 World Cup is played with twenty (20) teams for men and twenty (20) teams for women over six (6) days of competition. Teams are divided into four (4) pools of five (5) teams each. The competition is played as a Round Robin followed by single elimination. (6-59 IR). Pool winners qualify directly for the quarter finals. Teams ranked second or third in their pool must enter a pre-quarter-final play-off.

4.2. 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 according to the following sequence:

   a. The team of the hosting National Member Federation;
   b. The winner of the previous edition (if different than the team in letter a);
   c. The winners of each of the FIBA 3x3 Open Zone Cups, held in the calendar year preceding the FIBA 3x3 World Cup:
      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. If no FIBA 3x3 Open Zone Cup is organised in the relevant Zone 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. If a FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup is announced prior to the Cut-Off Date (see 6-68 IR) 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 art. 6-61.c IR once the FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup is played.
   d. The top three (3) teams from the FIBA 3x3 World Cup qualifier, if any; and
   e. 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. (6-61 IR)

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<td>3. Winners of Zone Cups</td>
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<td>4. Top 3 of World Cup Qualifier (if any)</td>
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<td>5. FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking in the relevant category (see gender rule, above)</td>
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See art. 6-61 IR, for exceptions to the general sequence.

4.2. A World Cup Qualifier, insofar as approved by the Secretary General, will be held a few months prior to the respective FIBA 3x3 World Cup. (6-62 IR) The following teams shall be qualified to participate in a FIBA 3x3 World Cup Qualifier:

- The team of the hosting National Member Federation;
• Highest placed team from the relevant FIBA 3x3 Zone Cups held in the calendar year preceding the World Cup that is not directly qualified to the FIBA 3x3 World Cup (see Article 4.2); if no FIBA 3x3 Open Zone Cup was organised in the relevant Zone, the open slot shall be allocated to the team with the highest FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking that has not already been allocated a slot to the World Cup or the World Cup Qualifier; and

• The best-ranked not yet qualified for the FIBA 3x3 World Cup teams in the FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking of the relevant gender.

The participating teams that do not qualify for the FIBA 3x3 World Cup will be listed in the final standings of the FIBA 3x3 World Cup in positions 21st and following. (6-62 IR)

4.4 FIBA retains the right to substitute a team 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 FIBA 3x3 U23 World Cup is played with twenty (20) teams for men and twenty (20) teams for women over five (5) days of competition. Teams are divided into four (4) pools of five (5) teams each. The competition is played as a round robin followed by single elimination as of the Quarter-Finals. (6-59 IR)

5.2. Unless provided otherwise by FIBA, acting through the Secretary General, the national team slots for the FIBA 3x3 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. The winner of the previous edition (if different than the team in letter 4.2.a; and
   c. 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. (6-61IR)

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See 6-61 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 U18 World Cup**

6.1. In principle, the FIBA 3x3 U18 World Cup is played with twenty (20) teams for men and twenty (20) teams for women over five (5) days of competition. Teams are divided into four (4) pools of five (5) teams each. The competition is played as a round robin followed by single elimination as of the Quarter-Finals. (6-59 IR)

6.2. Unless provided otherwise by FIBA, acting through the Secretary General, the national team slots for the FIBA 3x3 U18 World Cup 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 previous edition (if different than the team in letter a);

c) 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.
   i. If a team that qualified through a FIBA 3x3 U17 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. If no FIBA 3x3 U17 Zone Cup is organised in the relevant Zone 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. If a FIBA 3x3 U17 Zone Cup is announced prior to the Cut-Off Date (see 6-68 IR) 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 art. 6-4.2. Error! Reference source not found. once the FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup is played.

d) 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. (6-61 IR)

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6.3 FIBA retains the right to substitute a team at any time if there are reasonable grounds to assume that this team may withdraw (e.g. visa process not followed).
7. **FIBA 3x3 Zone Cups**

7.1. FIBA 3x3 Zone Cups are organised in U17 and Open category. FIBA 3x3 Zone Cups are played in principle with twelve (12) teams for men and twelve (12) teams for women over 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 a round robin system followed by single elimination as of the Quarter-Finals. (6-68 IR)

7.2. 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. (6-69 IR)

7.3. 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). 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 Open category for Open FIBA 3x3 Zone Cups or the U18 category for FIBA 3x3 U17 Zone Cups). (6-72 IR)

7.4. FIBA may organise a Qualifier specifically for National Member Federations in Groups C and D, in order to qualify the winner in each gender to the respective FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup. (6-73 IR)

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 FIBA 3x3 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. (6-75 IR)

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7.6. 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 Qualifier results, however, not higher than the teams playing in the FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup Main Draw. (676 IR)

7.7. As a general rule, teams already qualified to the FIBA 3x3 Zone Cup should not participate in the Qualification Tournament 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 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. (6-77 IR)

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

8. **FIBA 3x3 U23 Nations League**

8.1. The U23NL is played in principle in conferences of six (6) teams per gender, however FIBA reserves the right to accommodate a number of teams different than a multiple of six (6), if necessary.

8.2. The male and female teams from the same National Member Federation are allocated to the same conference. FIBA will endeavour to ensure that National Member Federations are drawn to the conferences based on regions or reasonable travel options. Each conference is played with a series of Triples. Each conference shall have a separate conference standing.

8.3. In principle each leg of a Triple shall be played with two (2) pools per category. The competition is played with round robin system followed by a Final. No 3rd-place game shall be played. In case of 4 or less teams in a conference or leg, the leg(s) shall be played with only one (1) pool.

8.4. The exact number of teams qualifying from each conference to the U23NL Final (if any) and the competition format for the U23NL Final shall be announced by FIBA year-by-year once all conferences have been set. The hosting National Member Federation shall receive a Wild-Card with both genders. FIBA reserves the right to assign additional Wild-Cards that it may assign at its discretion, with a view to develop 3x3 in a certain country. Teams filling in ad-hoc in case of withdrawals of teams shall not be eligible to qualify for the U23NL Final. In principle conferences played with 4 or less teams shall not qualify more than one (1) team to the U23NL Final.

8.5. Registration for the U23NL shall only be possible with both genders and shall follow the process described in Article 10.8 of this Handbook. Exceptions may be granted to teams filling in ad-hoc in case of withdrawals of teams.

8.6. Registration of a second team comprised by only U21 players category is allowed. Insofar feasible, the U21 teams and U23 teams of a National Member Federation shall not be assigned to the same conference.

8.7. The U23NL National Member Federations may carry an extended roster of 6 players per team for the season. Article 13.12 et seq. of this Handbook shall apply.

8.8. Subject to the spirit and letter of the relevant competition handbooks (i.e. FIBA 3x3 Pro Circuit Handbook for Men and FIBA 3x3 Women’s Series Handbook for Women), the best teams of the U23NL shall be offered (on request) an opportunity to play, in the FIBA 3x3 Men’s Pro Circuit or the FIBA 3x3 Women’s Series (as relevant) as follows:

   a. Each men’s team that wins one of the U23NL conferences shall be offered (on request) one (1) slot in one (1) Challenger during the same season. FIBA will pay a travel allowance as per Pro Circuit Handbook. To be eligible, the Extended Roster of the validated team playing in the allocated Challenger shall be comprised of at least four (4) players from the U23 NL team’s Extended Roster.

   b. The men’s team that wins the U23NL will be offered (on request) the following:

      i. If a Pro Circuit validated team (other than a Hard-Seeded team) is made up of four (4) or more of the six (6) confirmed players of the winning U23NL roster: two (2) World Tour slots and two (2) Challenger slots in the season following its win of the U23NL. FIBA will pay a travel allowance as per FIBA 3x3 Pro Circuit Handbook; or

      ii. If a Pro Circuit validated team (other than a Hard-Seeded team) is made up of three (3) of the six (6) confirmed players of the U23NL roster: one (1) World Tour slot and one (1) Challenger slot in the season following its win of the U23NL. FIBA will pay a travel allowance as per FIBA 3x3 Pro Circuit Handbook.
c. The winning women’s team and the first runner-up team of the U23NL shall be offered (on request) a slot in the FIBA 3x3 Women’s Series of the following season. If the relevant National Member Federation has already fielded a team for the FIBA 3x3 Women’s Series, the slot will be as the second team of the relevant National Member Federation. If requested, 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;

   ii. The event registration fee for the first stop of the team in the FIBA 3x3 Women Series shall be waived;

   iii. For any additional stop in a FIBA 3x3 Women’s Series, the team shall be required to pay the applicable event registration fee;

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

   v. A minimum of two (2) players of such FIBA 3x3 Women’s Series team playing in the first stop for this team in the FIBA 3x3 Women’s Series must be from the Extended Roster of the U23NL team winning the U23NL or finishing as the first runner-up of the U23NL; for the entire season, the remaining players of such FIBA 3x3 Women’s Series team shall be filled exclusively with U24 players.
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 (6-25 IR) 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

a. with 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 (6-25 IR) held by a NF Backend user.

The E-Learning is a complimentary E-Learning platform for FIBA’s National Member Federations. The Backend users of a National Member are granted access to this 3x3 E-Learning platform with the credentials of their play.fiba3x3.com profile at https://learning.fiba3x3.com/signup. E-Learning certification, once obtained, is valid for 2 Cut-Offs before it needs to get renewed by a National Member Federation staff member.

9.3. Eligibility criteria for the participation in FIBA 3x3 Recognised National Team Competitions are set by the organising body of the respective competition.
10. Team Registration to FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions

10.1. Team registrations for a FIBA 3x3 Zone or World Cup shall be considered valid and binding also for the Qualifier (if any) as communicated in the invitation to register. Further, registration to a Qualifier shall be considered valid and binding also for the Main Draw of the respective FIBA 3x3 Zone or World Cup.

10.2. National Member Federations that are qualified to the FIBA 3x3 World Cups must confirm the participation of their team(s) in the Backend during the period of 1 to 30 November of the year prior to the FIBA 3x3 World Cup. If the competition is announced after 1 November of the previous year, FIBA will communicate to the National Member Federation the applicable registration deadline.

10.3. 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 6-25 IR are fulfilled. (6-64 IR)

10.4. Upon expiry of the registration deadline (at 2400 UTC of 30 November 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. (6-66 IR)

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 48h extension at the cost of an administrative fee of USD 2,500.

10.5. National Member Federations that wish to participate in FIBA 3x3 Zone Cups must confirm the registration of their team(s) in the NT Management section of the Backend within thirty (30) days following FIBA’s invitation to register, unless otherwise specified in the invitation. 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. (6-39 & 6-66 IR)

10.6. FIBA may require contribution fees for FIBA 3x3 Official Competitions. Such shall be communicated in FIBA’s invitation to the respective National Member Federations to register to a competition.

In case a contribution fee is applicable, the team registration shall only be considered complete once FIBA (or competition host) receives the payment or a proof of payment. In case the payment for such contribution fee is not settled until the invoice 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.

10.7. 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 with a monetary fine of up to CHF 10,000. 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. (6-40 IR)

10.8. National Member Federations that wish to participate in the U23NL 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). (6-41 IR)

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

11.1. Players must be registered in play.fiba3x3.com with a confirmed FIBA 3x3 Profile. (6-35 IR) Players with Pending or Non-registered Profiles are non-eligible for FIBA 3x3 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 by the competent authorities before the 1 January of the calendar year prior to the relevant FIBA 3x3 National Team Competition; (6-26s & b IR) in case of Olympic Games or any Qualifier for the Olympic Games a player must present a passport of that country by the competent authorities before 1 January of two (2) calendar years prior to the relevant edition of the Olympic Games (6-27a IR); 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). (6-26c IR)
   d. in case of Olympic Games or any Qualifier for the Olympic Games: 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). (6-27b IR)

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11.4. In order to play for the national team of a country in the underage categories (U17, U18, U23 etc.) of a FIBA 3x3 National Team Competition, a player:
   a) Must hold the legal nationality of that country before the 1 January of the calendar year prior to the relevant FIBA 3x3 National Team; and
   b) Must present a passport of that country issued by the competent authorities before the end of the registration period for the relevant FIBA 3x3 National Team Competition; and

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)
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11.5. **FIBA may waive the requirement of Article 11.2.b and 11.3.a of this Handbook 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 3-15 et seq. IR prior to the date mentioned in letter a of this article. (6-26 & 6-28 IR)** Such shall be confirmed through a corresponding entry in FIBA’s MAP.

11.6. **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. (6-29 IR)**

For players in U17, U18 and U23 Competitions FIBA may request at its discretion other supporting documents in addition to a passport to clarify the nationality of a player in case such player cannot prove with a FIBA MAP entry or a passport that the respective nationality was obtained before the deadline mentioned in Article 11.3.a of this Handbook. However, such documents shall only establish the eligibility for U17, U18 and U23 competitions, but not for competitions in the Open category.

11.7. **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. (6-27 IR)**

11.8. **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. (6-30 IR)

11.9. **For the avoidance of doubt, a player who has transferred as a young player according to 3-75 IR (transfer linked to basketball) may not play until he has reached the age of eighteen (18) in a FIBA 3x3 National Team Competition for the national team of any country other than the country from which he transferred. (6-31 IR)**

11.10. **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 National Team Competitions. (6-32 IR)**
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 or – with the exception of soft-validated teams in Challengers – 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. Every player only needs to get verified once. Verification is individual- and category-driven, but not competition-driven.

12.4. Player verification may get requested by a National Member Federation at any time. However, player verification may take up to 10 working days. Timely verification request shall be a National Member Federation responsibility.

12.5. 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.

12.6. Players are verified exclusively based on their passports or their FIBA MAP entries. Expired passports are accepted for player verification. A player enrolled in FIBA’s MAP is not automatically verified in the Backend, unless requested by the National Member Federation.

12.7. A National Member Federation that wishes to verify a player shall upload the currently valid passport – together with an expired 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.

12.8. In case the expired 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 expired passport shall be submitted.

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

12.10. For players in U17, U18 and U23 Competitions FIBA may request at its discretion other supporting documents to clarify the nationality of a player in case such player cannot prove with a FIBA MAP entry or passport that the respective nationality was obtained before the deadline mentioned in Articles 11.2.b or 11.3.a of this Handbook. However, such verification then shall only be valid for U17, U18 and U23 competitions, but not for competitions in the Open category.

12.11. 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 1 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.
13. Player Registration to FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions

[Note: FIBA recommends National Member Federations to maintain a pool of at least ten (10) potential national team players per category]. (6-44 IR)

13.1. Player 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 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 of USD 200 per team,

13.3. National Member Federations must register four (4) eligible players for the 4 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). (6-44 IR)

13.4. For all FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions except for the U23NL National Member Federations should register two (2) eligible potential Substitutes for the 2 Substitute slots until one (1) week prior to competition start. After the lapse of this deadline, no other potential Substitutes can be nominated. (6-45 IR)

FIBA may in its discretion grant an extension of this deadline at an administrative fee of USD 500 per player.

13.5. Player registration for all FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competitions except for the U23NL opens one (1) month prior to the event and closes one (1) week prior to the event (see Diagram 1). (6-43 IR)

Diagram 1: Player registration deadlines

FIBA may amend by circular letter to the National Member Federations the above registration deadlines. (6-43 IR)
FIBA may in its discretion grant National Member Federations that fail to register 4 players by closing of registration an extension of 48h to complete their registration. Such extension shall come at an administrative fee of USD 2,500.

13.6. With the closing of registration any player registered for 1 of the 4 Event Roster slots and any player registered for 1 of the 2 Substitute slots is locked into the Extended Roster and cannot be removed anymore from the roster. FIBA may grant exceptions to this limit of 6 players for an administrative fee of USD 2,500.

13.7. 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 FIBA 3x3 World Cups and World Cup Qualifiers in the Open category, four (4) from the extended roster (and minimum two (2) of the players from the event 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. For the avoidance of doubt, this article is not applicable to FIBA 3x3 U18 and U23 World Cups or any FIBA 3x3 Zone Cups. (6-36 IR)

13.9. National Member Federations that fail to register four (4) players per team prior to the closing of registration and after the extended deadline offered in Article 13.6 of this Handbook 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 of up to CHF 10,000. 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. (6-47 IR)

13.10. National Member Federations that appear with only three (3) players for a team at the Technical Meeting of a competition may be sanctioned with an administrative fine of USD 2,500.

13.11. For the U23NL National Member Federations may carry an Extended Roster of 6 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 U23NL. 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 (1) team of a gender in the U23 NL, no player shall play in more than one (1) U23 NL team of the National Member Federation.

13.12. The relevant National Member Federation shall register any player who will play in a stop of the U23NL in the Backend, at the latest by the Monday before the first leg where he or she intends to play.

Exceptions to this deadline shall come at an administrative fee of USD 500 per player. However, a request for such exception must be made at the latest by 18.00 (CET/Geneva time) on the last working day (in Switzerland) before the competition start.

13.13. The final roster for a U23NL stop shall be announced by the National Member Federation at the Technical Meeting of the respective stop. FIBA staff on site of a U23NL stop is neither obliged nor entitled to check player eligibility and therefore players not registered by then are not allowed to enter the competition.

13.14. Process 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 National Team Competitions except the U23NL, 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 below diagram. Special rules may be enacted for Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games and Olympic Qualification Tournaments. (6-51 IR)

Pool seeding methodology table

14.2. 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 will be accomplished based on the FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking of the day after the last Qualifier. (6-74 IR)

14.3. For the U23NL teams shall be seeded according to the FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking of the Monday before the respective Triple.

14.4. In a U23NL Triple with 2 pools per gender, the pool seeding of the 2nd leg of this Triple shall have the highest-ranked team and the 2nd highest ranked team switch pools, e.g. the highest ranked team shall play in pool B and the 2nd highest ranked team shall play in pool A. The pool seeding of the 3rd leg of this Triple shall have the 3rd highest-ranked team and the 4th highest-ranked team switch pools, e.g. the 3rd highest-ranked team shall play in pool A and the 4th highest-ranked team shall play in pool B.
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 (1) English speaking team representative (6-49 IR) with all required documents and the team uniforms. (6-49 IR)

For teams missing the Technical Meeting, FIBA shall arrange a 2nd Technical Meeting in the morning of Day 1 of the competition, for which FIBA may charge an administrative fee of USD 2,500 per team that failed to appear at the Technical Meeting.

15.3. 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
- FIBA 3x3 Player Entry Forms, if not already provided in another FIBA 3x3 Official Competition in the current year, signed by all players or their legal guardian in the case of minors
- Registration forms for Dunk Contests (as relevant) (will be sent out by FIBA) (6-50 IR)

15.4. 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 of USD 200.

Players who are not identified with their passport or who have not provided the signed FIBA 3x3 Player 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 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. (6-55 IR) Regarding additional equipment 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 have to be followed. (6-56 IR)

16.3. Each team must bring two sets of jerseys – one (1) set of light colour and one (1) set of dark colour. (6-57 IR)

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. (6-58 IR)

16.5. For uniforms not complying with this Handbook, an administrative fine of 200 USD per uniform may be applied.

16.6. For other ancillary gear or equipment not complying with the Official 3x3 Basketball Rules, an administrative fine of 100 USD per game may be applied.

16.7. For incorrect jersey number(s) in a game, an administrative fine of 400 USD per game may be applied.
17. Delegations in FIBA 3x3 National Team Competitions

17.1. 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; (6-21c IR) 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. Passport upload 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 nominated team delegates. In case no team delegates are nominated, no accreditations for team delegates can be issued and the maximum number of accreditations per team as per Art. 17.1 of the present Handbook shall be reduced accordingly.

17.3. The host of any FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition is responsible for covering the full-board accommodation and local transportation of
   a. 4 players and 1 team delegate per team in U17 and U18 category
   b. 4 players per team in U23 and Open category

from hotel check-in time one day before competition start until hotel check-out time one day after competition end. For any additional persons travelling with the team or any extended stay the participating National Member Federation shall cover full-board costs.

17.4. The host of any FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition is responsible for assisting the participating National Member Federations with invitation letters for the visa application upon request by the participating National Member Federation. Covering the costs of the visa application, contacting the host with the necessary documents and obtaining visa on time shall be entirely in the responsibility of the participating National Member Federation.

17.5. Teams not providing their travel details and required number of rooms at a FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition until the deadline communicated by FIBA in the circular letter for the respective competition may lose their right for airport transfer provided by the host. Further, after this deadline communicated by FIBA the LOC shall only hold the minimum number of rooms for such teams (2 double rooms in U23 and Open category; 2 double rooms and 1 single room in U17/U18 category).

17.6. National Member Federations arranging their arrival/departure to/from a FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition to/from another airport than the airport communicated by FIBA in the circular letter for the respective competition shall be entirely responsible for the arrangement and the costs for the transfer to such airport.

17.7. Except for the participation in the U23NL Final the participating National Member Federations are entirely responsible for arrangement and costs of their delegation’s international travels to a FIBA 3x3 Official National Team Competition.
18. Individual Contest

18.1. The Dunk Contest shall be held only at FIBA 3x3 World Cups in the Open category. The format of the Dunk Contest is regulated as per the appendix 1 to this Handbook. (6-52 IR)

18.2. In each Dunk Contest one (1) gold medal, one (1) silver medal and one (1) bronze medal shall be awarded. (6-53 IR)

18.3. Every participating National Member Federation may register one (1) male athlete for the Dunk Contest in FIBA 3x3 World Cups in Open category. Said athlete may be registered in addition to the team roster of four (4) players but he may participate only in the Dunk Contest. In such case, the additional athlete’s National Member Federation must cover full-board accommodation for him during his stay. Further, any athlete 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 Word Cup. Such invitation will not impact a National Member Federation’s quota of a maximum of four (4) players plus an optional athlete participating in the Dunk Contest. Every player/athlete 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 additional athlete to wear the national team uniform in the Dunk Contest, FIBA may allow the athlete to participate with a neutral uniform under the FIBA flag. (6-54 IR)

18.4. FIBA, acting through the Secretary General, is entitled to modify the format of an Individual Contest.
19. Fees, Fines & Sanctions

19.1. 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.

19.2. If a team does not provide all documents listed in Article 15.3 of this Handbook prior to their first game, that team can be disqualified by FIBA and in that case is deemed to have withdrawn after the team participation became binding.

19.3. A disqualified team will

- not be awarded individual ranking points
- will not be ranked in the standings of the given event,
- will be displayed as “DQF”. (6-125 IR)

19.4. The disqualification will have no impact on standings of other teams in the same event. (6-126 IR)
Appendix 2: Format of the Dunk Contest

1. The Dunk Contest format is as follows:
   
a) Rules:

   The jury is composed of five (5) members or, if not feasible, by three (3) members. Each judge will score zero (0) or any number from five (5) to ten (10). Only successful dunks are graded.
   
   In each round the first successful dunk of up to three attempts will be counted. If the first or second attempt is successful, there will be no further attempts.
   
   It is considered an attempt if the ball or hand touches the rim with the intention to complete the dunk. An attempt is considered successful if the ball, after leaving the athlete’s hand and entering the basket from above, does not leave the rim in an upward vertical direction.
   
   In case of three (3) unsuccessful attempts in a round, the athlete will receive zero (0) points for this round.
   
   The highest and the lowest score are not taken into consideration and only the remaining three (3) scores account for the score of a successful dunk. In case of a draw in the Semi-Final or Final, the score of the previous round (qualification score in case of a tie in the Semi-Final; Semi-Final score in case of a tie in the Final) shall be the first tie-breaker. If athletes are also tied by their score of the previous round, the tied dunkers are given one (1) additional dunk (3 attempts) each. Tie-breaking dunks are not graded, but the jury will take a majority decision after the last player has completed the final dunk attempt. Tie-breakers shall only be applied for breaking ties for medal positions or positions to advance to the next round.

b) Qualification:

   There will be two (2) rounds. The results of the two rounds are added up to a total score. The athletes will start in alphabetical order (by family name). For each dunk the athletes will have seventy-five (75) seconds starting from the moment their name is announced. The athlete needs to start his final attempt before the time runs out. The four (4) athletes with the highest score shall advance to the Semi-Final.

c) Semi-Final:

   The same format of competition will apply as in the qualification round. The athlete with the lowest score in the Qualification will go first and the athlete with the highest score will go last. In case of a tied score, the alphabetical order (by family name) will define the starting order. The scores of the Qualification are not carried over to the Semi-Final, i.e. the scores start from zero again. The two (2) athletes with the highest score in the Semi-Final will advance to the Final. The athlete with the third (3rd) highest score in the Semi-Final will advance to the next round.

   d) Final

   The same competition format will apply as in Qualification and Semi-Finals with two (2) exceptions: the athletes will compete in three (3) rounds and there will be no time limit in the third (3rd) round of the Final. The athlete with the lower score in the Semi-Final will go first and the athlete with the higher score will go second. In case of a tied score, the alphabetical order (by family name) will define the starting order. The scores of the Semi-Final are not carried over to the Final, i.e. the scores start from zero again. The athlete with the highest total score in the Final will be the gold medal winner, the second (2nd) finalist will be the silver medal winner.