



**World InterUniversities Championships**

**Basketball 3x3 Championships Official Rules**

Max 5 players per team.

System: qualification round pools. Then matches will be play as knockout matches

Teams must report to the court prior to match tip-off time. After a 5 minute delay from scheduled match start time, the team that was not present will lose the match by forfeit.

**1. COURT AND BALL**

- a. The game will be played on a 3x3 playing court with 1 basket. A regular 3x3 playing court is 15 m (width) x 11 m (length). The court shall have a regular basketball playing court sized zone, including a free throw line (5.80 m), a 2-point line (6.75 m) and a “no-charge semi-circle” area underneath the basket. Half of a traditional basketball court may be used.
- b. A 3x3 ball shall be used in all categories.

**2. TEAMS**

Each team shall consist of no more than 5 players (3 players on the court and 2 substitutes).

**3. GAME OFFICIAL**

It doesn't matter if the game shall be managed by up to 1 or 2 officials

**4. BEGINNING OF THE GAME**

- 4.1. Both teams shall warm-up simultaneously prior to the game.
- 4.2. A coin flip shall determine which team gets the first possession. The team that wins the coin flip can either choose to benefit from the ball possession at the beginning of the game or at the beginning of a potential overtime.
- 4.3. The game cannot begin if one of the teams is not on the playing court with 3 players ready to play.

**5. SCORING**

- a. Every shot from inside the arc (1-point field goal area) shall be awarded 1 point.
- b. Every shot from behind the arc (2-point field goal area) shall be awarded 2 points.
- c. Every successful free throw shall be awarded 1 point.

**6. PLAYING TIME/BEGINNING OF THE GAME**

- a. The regular playing time shall be 1 period of 10 minutes. The game clock shall be stopped during dead ball situations and free throws. The game clock shall be restarted when:
  - i. During a check-ball, the ball is at the disposal of the offensive player after the check-ball has been completed.
  - ii. After a successful last free throw, the next offensive team is in possession of the ball.
  - iii. After an unsuccessful last free throw and the ball continues to be live, the ball touches or is touched by any player on the playing court.
- b. The first team to score 21 points or more wins the game if it happens before the end of regular playing time.

This “sudden death” rule applies to the regular playing time only (not to a potential overtime).

- c. If the score is tied at the end of regular playing time, an overtime shall be played. There shall be an interval of 1 minute before the overtime starts. The first team to score 2 points in the overtime wins the game.
- d. A team shall lose the game by forfeit if at the scheduled starting time of the game the team is not present on the playing court with 3 players ready to play. In case of a forfeit, the game score is marked with w-0 or 0-w (“w” standing for win). For the winning team this game result shall not be considered when calculating the team’s average score while for the losing team this game result shall be considered with 0 points when calculating the team’s average score. A team shall be disqualified from the competition after its second forfeit or in case of no-

show.

- 6.1. A team shall lose the game by default if it leaves the court before the end of the game or all the players of the team are injured and/or disqualified. In case of a default situation, the winning team may choose to keep its score as it stands or to have the game forfeited, whilst the defaulting team's score is set to 0 in any case. In case of a default where the winning team chooses to have the game forfeited, the game result shall not be considered when calculating the team's average score.
- 6.2. A team losing by default or a tortuous forfeit shall be disqualified from the competition.

*Notes:*

*1. If a game clock is not available, the running time's length and/or required points for "sudden death" is at the organizer's discretion. FIBA recommends setting the score limit in line with the game's duration (10 minutes/10 points; 15 minutes/15 points; 21 minutes/21 points).*

## **7. FOULS/FREE THROWS**

- 7.1. A team is in a penalty situation after it has committed 6 fouls. Players are not excluded based on the number of personal fouls subject to Art. 16
- 7.2. If the foul is committed on a player in the act of shooting, that player shall be awarded a number of free throws as follows:
  - If the shot released from the field goal area is successful, the goal shall count and, in addition, 1 free throw. 2 free throws shall be awarded as of the 7th team foul.
  - If the shot released from inside the arc is unsuccessful, 1 free throw. 2 free throws shall be awarded as of the 7th team foul.
  - If the shot released from behind the arc is unsuccessful, 2 free throws.
- 7.3. Unsportsmanlike and disqualifying fouls are counted as 2 fouls for team fouls purposes. The first unsportsmanlike foul of a player shall be penalized with 2 free throws, but no ball possession. All disqualifying fouls (including the second unsportsmanlike of a player) shall be penalized with 2 free throws and ball possession.
- 7.4. Team fouls 7, 8 and 9 shall always be penalized with 2 free throws. Team foul 10 and any subsequent team fouls shall be penalized with 2 free throws and ball possession. This clause is applied also to unsportsmanlike fouls and to fouls on the act of shooting and overrules Art. 7.2 and 7.3 but shall not be applied to technical fouls.
- 7.5. All technical fouls shall be always penalized with 1 free throw. The free throw shall be administered immediately. After the free throw, the check-ball shall be administered by the team which had control of the ball or was entitled to the ball when the technical foul was called. The game shall be resumed as follows:
  - If the technical foul was committed by a defensive player, the shot clock for the opponents shall be reset to 12 seconds.
  - If the technical foul was committed by the offensive team, the shot clock for that team shall continue from the time it was stopped.

*Note: An offensive foul shall not be penalized with free throws.*

## **8. HOW THE BALL IS PLAYED**

- 8.1. Following each successful field goal or last free throw (except those followed by ball possession):
  - A player from a non-scoring team shall resume the game by dribbling or passing the ball from inside the court directly underneath the basket (not from behind the end line) to a place on the court behind the arc.
  - The defensive player is not allowed to play for the ball in the "no-charge semi-circle area" underneath the basket.
- 8.2. Following each unsuccessful field goal or last free throw (except those followed by ball possession):
  - If the offensive player rebounds the ball, he may continue to attempt to score without returning the ball behind the arc.
  - If the defensive player rebounds the ball, he must return the ball behind the arc (by passing or dribbling).
- 8.3. If the defensive team steals or blocks the ball, it must return the ball behind the arc (by passing or dribbling).
- 8.4. Possession of the ball given to either team following any dead ball situation shall start/resume with a

check-ball, i.e. an exchange of the ball (between the defensive and the offensive player) behind the arc at the top of the playing court.

- 8.5. A player is considered to be “behind the arc” when neither of his feet is inside or on the arc line.
- 8.6. In the event of a jump ball situation, the game shall be resumed with a check-ball for the last defensive team. The shot clock shall be reset to 12 seconds.

## 9. STALLING

- 9.1. Stalling or failing to play actively (i.e. not attempting to score) shall be a violation.
- 9.2. If the court is equipped with a shot clock, a team must attempt a shot for a field goal within 12 seconds. The shot clock shall start as soon as the ball is at the disposal of the offensive player (following the exchange with the defensive player or after a successful field goal underneath the basket).
- 9.3. An offensive player, after the ball has been cleared, shall not dribble inside the arc with his back or side to the basket for more than 3 consecutive seconds.

*Note: If the court is not equipped with a shot clock and a team is not sufficiently trying to attack the basket, the officials shall give in the last 5 seconds the offensive team an information on the remaining second by counting them loudly and signaling them with an extended arm.*

## 10. SUBSTITUTIONS

Both teams are entitled to request a substitution when the ball becomes dead prior to a check-ball or free throw. The substitute can enter the game without any prior notice to the officials or table officials while the ball is dead and the game clock is stopped. The substitutions can only take place behind the endline and require no action from the officials or table officials.

## 11. TIME-OUTS

- a. Each team shall be granted 1 time-out. Any player or substitute can request a time-out when the ball becomes dead prior to a check-ball or free throw.
- b. In addition to the teams’ time-outs, in FIBA 3x3 Official Competitions or if so decided by the organizer 2 additional TV time-outs that shall be granted at the first dead ball after the game clock shows 6:59 and 3:59 respectively in all games.
- c. All time-outs shall last 30 seconds.

## 12. STANDINGS OF TEAMS

For both in pools and in overall competition standings (other than standings in tours), the following classification rules shall apply.

If teams that have reached the same stage of the competition are tied, the steps to break the tie shall be applied in the following order. Each step shall be calculated only once. If teams are still tied after one step, the next step shall be applied to break the tie between those teams still tied:

- Most wins (or win ratio in case of unequal number of games in inter-pool comparison).
- Head-to-head comparison (only taking win/loss into account and applies within a pool only).
- Most points scored in average (without considering winning scores of forfeits).

If teams are still tied after those 3 steps, the team(s) with the highest seeding win(s) the tie-breaker.

## 13. DISQUALIFICATION

A player shall be disqualified for the remainder of the game when he is charged with 2 unsportsmanlike fouls. A player disqualified from the game may be further disqualified from the event by the organizer. Independent thereof, the organizer shall disqualify player(s) concerned from the event for acts of violence, verbal or physical aggression, tortuous interference in game results, a violation of FIBA’s Anti-Doping rules (Book 4 of the FIBA Internal Regulations). The organizer may also disqualify the entire team from the event depending on that team’s other members’ contribution (also through non-action) to the aforementioned behavior. FIBA’s right to impose disciplinary sanctions under the regulatory framework of the event, the Terms and Conditions of play.fiba3x3.com and the FIBA Internal Regulations remains unaffected by any disqualification under this Art. 16.

**Also:** The organizing committee reserves the right to change the format of the tournament if it is in the best interest of competitors and based on organizational needs. The team will obviously be warned of the changes in time.

**Every coach and player must take note of the rules of the game with the exceptions above. With this document we would like to acknowledge that you know and are aware of the rules of the game and accept them for this Championship.**