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# FIBA 3X3 WOMEN'S SERIES HANDBOOK

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# DEFINITIONS

<u>Automated Allocation:</u>	Allocation procedure for WS Stops that is open to League-Registered teams, as per article 4 of the present Handbook.
<u>Eligible Player:</u>	A player that meets all the eligibility criteria for being selected to the Event Roster of a given team.
<u>Event Roster:</u>	The four (4)-player roster registered by a team to participate in a given WS stop. Event Roster shall be submitted to FIBA at the latest one (1) week prior the start of the WS Stop.
<u>FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking:</u>	The ranking of all national member federations as defined in FIBA internal regulations and ranking guide ("Federation Ranking").
<u>FIBA 3x3 Women Series ("WS"):</u>	A FIBA 3x3 Official Competition for women's 3x3 teams managed by National Federations and played as a series of WS Stops and a WS Final, the winner of WS Final being the winner of the WS Season. Each participant team represents a National Federation.
<u>Handbook:</u>	This FIBA 3x3 Women's Series Handbook.
<u>League:</u>	The WS.
<u>League-Registered Team:</u>	A team that is registered to play in the WS season. Registration is effective only once both the registration form and the payment of the registration fee have been received and confirmed by FIBA. At this time, said team is considered registered to the WS for the entire season.
<u><a href="http://play.fiba3x3.com">play.fiba3x3.com</a>:</u>	The official FIBA 3x3 repository for all FIBA 3x3 Competitions, including WS, as defined in Book 6 of FIBA's internal regulations.
<u>Substitute Player:</u>	A player registered as a potential substitute to play at a WS Stop. League-registered Teams can register up to two (2) potential substitutes for each stop until one (1) week prior the start of the given WS Stop. Only the Substitute Player registered for a given WS stop can replace a player from the Event Roster until the technical meeting of the given competition.
<u>Team Manager:</u>	A person authorised by the National Federation registering a team following the Annex of this document, to act on behalf of the team towards FIBA.
<u>Verification:</u>	Proof of eligibility of a player to join a 3x3 WS competition team. Verification, if not already granted, can only be requested by National Member Federations. Verification has to be requested exclusively through the Backend. Verification may take up to 10 working days.



Verified Player:

A player whose eligibility for joining a 3x3 WS team has been proven and marked accordingly in FIBA 's 3x3 Backend. Verification can be tracked by the National Member Federation in the *Players* section of FIBA's 3x3 Backend.

Wild Card:

Invitation to play in a tournament.

WS Final:

The Final of the WS, to which teams, in addition to any Wild Card, qualify based on standings of teams following the completion of the WS Stops.

WS Standings:

The tour standing based on the aggregate of tour points awarded to teams participating in the WS according to the 3x3 Rules of the Game.

WS Stop:

A single tournament in the WS.

# 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This Handbook applies only to the Women's Series competition.
- 1.2. The Women's Series consists of a series of WS Stops and one WS Final.
- 1.3. Teams qualify to WS Stops
  - through Automated Allocation based on Federation Ranking, or
  - through Wild Cards,as further explained in article 4 of this Handbook.
- 1.4. Teams, other than any Wild Card, qualify to the WS Final through WS Standings, as further explained in this Handbook.
- 1.5. All FIBA regulations, insofar they are applicable to 3x3 competitions, apply to the Women's Series. This Handbook sets forth the specific provisions for the Women's Series. In case of any conflict or discrepancy, the following hierarchy shall apply (each category to prevail over any category mentioned below it):
  - FIBA General Statutes;
  - FIBA Internal Regulations (Book 6 and, to the extent applicable, also Books 1-5);
  - This Handbook;
  - FIBA 3x3 National Team Handbook
  - Other rules, regulations and decisions of FIBA.

# 2. LEAGUE-REGISTRATION

- 2.1. Only National Federations may register a team to play in the WS.
- 2.2. Each National Federation is permitted to register one (1) team to play in the WS. As the sole exception to this rule, the top two (2) National Federations of the U23 Nations League of the previous season are permitted to register a second team, formed only by U24 players, as further detailed in the FIBA 3x3 National Team Handbook.
- 2.3. National Federations may register a team for the WS at any time during the Season.
- 2.4. National Federations register for the WS by submitting a fully completed WS registration form (see Appendix) by email to [3x3ws@fiba.basketball](mailto:3x3ws@fiba.basketball) and by paying the WS League-Registration fee of USD 10,000 (ten thousand US Dollars).
- 2.5. Only League-Registered teams can pre-register for Automatic Allocation and receive a Wild Card from a WS Stop host.

## 3. TEAM ROSTER AND ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. Teams must request the verification of eligibility for all the players that they want to register to an Event Roster or as a Substitute Player for a WS Stop. Players only need to become verified once and are then verified for all future FIBA 3x3 competitions. The verification status of a player can be tracked by the corresponding National Federation in the players section of FIBA 3x3 backend (<https://backend.fiba3x3.com>). Only players with an account (players may only have one profile) with the status *Confirmed* may be verified. Players with a *Not registered* or *Pending* status may not be verified.

Note: Player Verification may take up to ten (10) working days. It is the National Federation's responsibility to request verification in a timely manner.

More details about the verification process may be found at <https://fiba3x3.com/docs/3x3-national-teams-eligibility-and-registration-wizard.pdf>

- 3.2. The roster of teams is not limited during the season. Teams are free to register any player for each WS Stop as long as the player's eligibility has been verified in advance and the deadlines and other eligibility rules explained in this Handbook are followed. Once a player has played for a team, she cannot play for a different team in the same season.

For the avoidance of doubt, there is no limit in the number of players allowed to play for a team during the WS season. However, it should be emphasised that the Event Roster is four (4) players, as mentioned in this Handbook.

- 3.3. For every WS Stop they are participating in, teams shall register their Event Roster by sending via email to [3x3ws@fiba.basketball](mailto:3x3ws@fiba.basketball) the full name and the link to the play.fiba3x3.com account of the four (4) players that will form the Event Roster and the two (2) potential Substitute Players. The registration of the Event Roster and Substitute Players shall be sent to FIBA at the latest one (1) week prior to the start of the respective WS Stop.
- 3.4. The Event Roster shall be comprised of exactly four (4) players who are available and eligible to play in the event. A team with three (3) or less players is ineligible to play, exceptions may be granted in case of force majeure proven to FIBA's comfortable satisfaction. Teams may apply to FIBA in writing for an exception to this provision sufficiently in advance of a WS Stop. Exceptions if granted at the entire discretion of FIBA, will be subject to USD 2.500 fee.
- 3.5. Teams are allowed to substitute a player from their Event Roster until the beginning of the technical meeting of the respective WS Stop, but only with a player that was registered as a Substitute Player.
- 3.6. Players can only play in a team that was registered by the National Federation of the country from their verified nationality.

## 4. QUALIFICATION TO WS EVENT

- 4.1. A WS Stop is comprised, in principle, by eight (8) teams. The eight (8) slots are allocated as follows:
  - One (1) through a wild card granted by the WS Stop host to any League-Registered Team
  - Five (5) to seven (7) by Automated Allocation
  - Up to two (2), if any, to the top two (2) teams of the previous season's U23 Nations League (as further detailed in the FIBA 3x3 National Team Handbook)
  - Any FIBA Wild Card.
- 4.2. In certain cases, FIBA may decide to reduce the number of teams to six (6). In this case, the number of slots awarded through Automated Allocation will be reduced to five (5).
- 4.3. Only League-Registered Teams are entitled to participate in the Automated Allocation process.
- 4.4. In order to participate in the Automated Allocation process, League-Registered Teams must pre-register online and pay an event registration fee of USD 1500 (one thousand five hundred US Dollars) to FIBA. The link for online pre-registration to each WS Stops will be shared with the Team Manager at the beginning of the season.
- 4.5. To minimise the administrative burden, teams will have to pre-pay batches of four (4) event registration fees (USD 6000 (six thousand US Dollars)) to FIBA. Any un-used registration fee(s) will be reimbursed to the teams after the last WS Stop of the season.
- 4.6. Pre-registration for a WS Stop can be cancelled before the Automated Allocation for said stop starts by sending an email to [3x3ws@fiba.basketball](mailto:3x3ws@fiba.basketball). After a pre-registration has been cancelled, the team cannot pre-register again to the same stop.
- 4.7. The Automated Allocation takes place five (5) Wednesdays before the respective WS Stop, at 1000 UTC (unless otherwise expressly informed by FIBA to all League-Registered Teams). The Automated Allocation procedure shall follow the below process among the pre-registered teams.

The slots are allocated in sequence with the following criteria:

1. Lower number of Automated Allocations;
2. Federation Ranking (women) at the time of the Automated Allocation (in descending order)

Unallocated slots after completion of the process above become FIBA Wild Cards.

**Note:** The number of Automated Allocations will be reduced by one (1) for every win in a WS Stop. An increase in the number of Automated Allocations for a specific team might also be decided by FIBA in the event of sanction.

- 4.8. Teams allocated via the Automated Allocation process shall participate in the respective WS Stop, with the exception of force majeure proven to FIBA's comfortable satisfaction. In such case, the slot becomes a FIBA Wild Card.
- 4.9. In the event a team cancels its participation after the Automated Allocation took place, this team will be sanctioned with an increase of one (1) in their number of Automated Allocation and the standard WS Stop fee of USD 1500 (one thousand five hundred US Dollars) will still be charged to the team and deducted from the pre-paid registration fees.

- 4.10. Teams allocated via the Automated Allocation process shall cover their own international travel expenses to the event. Local transportation and full-board accommodation for the four (4) players from the day before the WS Stop to the day after the final is covered by the WS Stop host.
- 4.11. Every team will enter in the WS Standing after their first participation in a WS Stop, and the WS Standing will be calculated following the Official 3x3 Basketball Rules. The top teams in the WS Standing after the last WS Stop of the season will be qualified for the WS Final.

## 5. POOL SEEDING

- 5.1. Teams are seeded based on the Federation Ranking and placed in pools based on their seeding number in principle by the Monday before the WS Stop at 1700 UTC, but in any event no later than four (4) working days prior to the respective WS Stop.
- 5.2. If a substitute team enters the WS Stop after the official seeding, it will automatically take the place of the substituted team.
- 5.3. All team seeding numbers will be recalculated when all teams are definitely known, however the pool composition and pool order will remain unchanged.

## 6. TEAM NAME RULES

- 6.1. The name of a team will be the name of the country of the corresponding National Federation, in English.



## 7. PRIZE MONEY AT WS EVENTS

- 7.1. Prize money earned at WS events will be paid directly by FIBA, in principle within a month after the end of the respective event, via bank transfer and after applicable deductions (e.g. fines or local taxes), if any.
- 7.2. When registering to the WS Season, teams shall provide one single bank account managed by the corresponding National Federation to which prize money will be transferred. The prize money will be transferred in its totality (after applying applicable deductions, if any) to such bank account only. National Federations are responsible for paying the relevant taxes and other charges, if any, on all amounts received from. The distribution of the prize money to the players is the responsibility and at the discretion of the National Federation.
- 7.3. The teams' prize money for WS events (in USD) in 2021 is fixed as follows:

	<b>Each WS event</b>	
1st		6.000
2nd		3.000
3rd		1.000
Total		10.000

- 7.4. FIBA retains the right to pay individual prizes to the players; such individual prizes, if any, will be announced before the first WS event of the season and published on [ws.fiba3x3.com](http://ws.fiba3x3.com).

## 8. VIRTUAL STANDINGS DUE TO FORCE MAJEURE

- 8.1. If a WS Stop had started (i.e. at least one game has been played) but was not completed (e.g. the final game did not take place) due to force majeure, the non-played games will be decided using the seeding numbers. No score will be attributed to such games, which will be recorded only as W-L (Win-Loss).

## 9. SANCTIONS & FINES

- 9.1. In case of violations of the the provisions of this Handbook, in accordance with article 6-126 of the FIBA Internal Regulations, FIBA may open disciplinary proceedings and seek appropriate punishment, with regard to the loss and damages generated by the person having committed the violation, pursuant to the applicable FIBA Internal Regulations.
- 9.2. If a team cannot prove the presence of the four (4) players of the Event Roster at the technical meeting, that team may be substituted by FIBA and an administrative fee of USD 2.500 will be due.
- 9.3. 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).
- 9.4. A disqualified team will not be awarded individual ranking points or WS Standing points at the given event and will forfeit any prize money of the given event. In case a team is disqualified, it will be displayed as "DQF". Such disqualification will have no impact on standings of other teams in said event.
- 9.5. FIBA has the right to set off the amount of any fine against a team's prize money, even if the violation was committed by one member of the team alone.

## 10. ACCESSORIES

- 10.1. All accessories must conform with Book 2 (article 76) of FIBA's internal regulations.



## APPENDIX 1 - WS 2021 REGISTRATION FORM

**The National Federation of**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of the Federation)

and the nominated Team Manager for the 2020 Women's Series season:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of the Team Manager)

\_\_\_\_\_ (E-mail of the Team Manager)

- hereby register a team for the **FIBA 3x3 Women's Series 2021 Season** as defined in the FIBA 3x3 Women's Series Handbook
- will cover the season registration fee of USD 10.000 and the participation fee of USD 1.500 for each automatic-allocated event
- hereby acknowledge that in the event of winning prize money for a WS Stop, the amount will be transferred by FIBA to the bank account specified below and that the distribution of the prize money is at the discretion of the National Federation (represented by its Team Manager)

Please specify from the 2 options below the account to be used by FIBA for Prize Money:

- Prize Money transferred to the official National Federation account registered in FIBA
- Prize Money transferred to another bank account, with the following details:

Name of the bank: \_\_\_\_\_

Account beneficiary name: \_\_\_\_\_

Account beneficiary address: \_\_\_\_\_

IBAN/Account number: \_\_\_\_\_

SWIFT/BIC: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date and place

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Name (in block letters) of the President of the National Federation,  
his/her signature and official stamp of the National Federation.

