



FIMBA

3x3 Rules of the Game for Maxibasketball

The Official FIBA Basketball Rules of the Game are valid for all game situations not specifically mentioned in the 3x3 Rules of the Game herein.

Art. 1 Court and Ball

The game will be played on a 3x3 basketball court with 1 basket. A regular 3x3 court-playing surface is 15m (width) x 11m (length). The court shall have a regular basketball playing court-sized zone, including a free throw line (5.80m), a two point line (6.75m) and a “no-charge semi-circle” area underneath the one basket.

Half a traditional basketball court may be used.

A ball determined by FIMBA shall be used in all categories.

Note: at grassroots level, 3x3 can be played anywhere; court markings – if any are used – shall be adapted to the available space

Art. 2 Teams

In the categories F30 to F45, and M35 to M45 each team shall consist of 4 players (3 players on the court and 1 substitute). In the categories F50 and M50 and over, teams shall consist of 5 players (3 players on the court and 2 substitutes).

Art. 3 Game Officials

The game officials shall consist of 1 or 2 referees and time/score keepers.

Art. 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 must start with three players on the court.

Art. 5 Scoring

5.1. Every shot inside the arc shall be awarded one 1 point.

5.2. Every shot behind the arc shall be awarded 2 points.

5.3. Every successful free throw shall be awarded 1 point.

Art. 6 Playing time/Winner of a Game

6.1. The regular playing time shall be as follows: one period of 10 minutes playing time. The clock shall be stopped during dead ball situations and free throws. The clock shall be restarted after the exchange of the ball is completed (as soon as it is in the offensive team's hands).

6.2. However in the categories F30 to F45 and M35 to M45, the first team which scores 15 points or more wins the game if it happens before the end of regular playing time. This rule applies to regular playing time only (not in a potential overtime).

6.2.1 In the categories F50 to F75 and M50 to M75, the first team which scores 10 points or more win the game if it happens before the end of regular playing time. This rule applies to regular playing time only (not in a potential overtime).

6.3. If the score is tied at the end of playing time, an extra period of time will 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.

6.4. A team shall lose the game by forfeit if at the scheduled starting time 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).

6.5. A team shall lose 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 can choose to keep its score or have the game forfeited, whilst the defaulting team's score is set to 0 in any case.

6.6. A team losing by default or a tortuous forfeit will be disqualified from the competition.

Note: if a game clock is not available the duration of the games will be as follows: categories F30 to F45 and M35 to M45, 16 minutes straight (or ends with the first team to reach 15 points) including the right to request one time-out per team; in the categories F50 to F60 and M50 to M60, 12 minutes straight (or ends with the first team to reach 10 points) including the right to request one time-out per team. There will be a mandatory time-out of 60" missing 6:00 minutes to play; in the categories F65 to F75 and M65 to M75, 12 minutes straight (or ends with the first team to reach 10 points) including the right to request one time-out of 60" per team. There will be two mandatory time-outs of 60" when missing 8:00 minutes and 4:00 minutes of the game.

Art. 7 Fouls/Free throws

7.1. A team is in a penalty situation after it has committed 6 fouls. After a team has reached 9 team fouls, any subsequent foul will be considered technical. For the avoidance of doubt, players are not excluded based on the number of personal fouls subject to art. 15.

7.2. Fouls during the act of shooting inside the arc shall be awarded 1 free throw, whilst fouls during the act of shooting behind the arc shall be awarded 2 free throws.

7.3. Fouls during the act of shooting followed by a successful field goal shall be awarded 1 additional free throw.

7.4. Team fouls 7, 8 and 9 shall always be awarded with 2 free throws. The 10th and any subsequent team foul as well as technical and unsportsmanlike fouls will be always awarded with 2 free throws and ball possession. This clause is applied also to fouls during the act of shooting and overrules 7.2 and 7.3.

7.5. Possession is kept after the last free-throw derived from an unsportsmanlike or technical foul and the game shall continue with an exchange of the ball behind the arc at the top of the court.

Note: There will not be free shots after an offensive foul.

Art. 8 How the ball is played

8.1. Following each successful field goal or last free throw (ex article 7.5):

- A player from a non-scoring team will 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 team 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 (ex article 7.5): - If the offensive team rebounds the ball, it may continue to attempt to score without returning the ball behind the arc. - If the defensive team rebounds or steals the ball, it must return the ball behind the arc (by passing or dribbling).

8.3. Possession of the ball given to either team following any dead ball situation shall start with an exchange of the ball (between the defensive and the offensive player) behind the arc at the top of the court.

8.4. A player is considered to be “behind the arc” when neither of his feet are inside nor step the arc.

8.5. In the event of a jump ball situation, the defensive team shall be rewarded the ball.

Art. 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 within 12 seconds; **in the categories F50 and M50 and over, the attempt a shot will be within 14 seconds.** The clock shall start as soon as the ball is in the offensive players’ hands (following the exchange with the defensive player or after a successful field goal underneath the basket).

Note: If the court is not equipped with a shot clock and a team is not sufficiently trying to attack the basket, the referee shall give them a warning by counting the last 5 seconds.

Art. 10 Substitutions

Substitutions can be done by any team when the ball becomes dead, prior to the check-ball. The substitute can enter the game after his teammate steps off the court and establishes a physical contact with him. Substitutions can only take place behind the end line opposite the basket and substitutions require no action from the referees or table officials.

Art. 11 Time-outs

11.1 In the categories F30 to F45 and M35 to M45 a one 30-second time-out is granted to each team. A player can call the time-out in a dead ball situation.

11.2 In the event there is production of TV, the organizer may apply two times-outs of TV awarded at the next dead ball after 6:59 clock and 3:59.

11.3 In the categories F50 to F60 and M50 to M60, a one 30-second time-out is granted to each team. There will be a mandatory 60-second time-out, which will be awarded to the first dead ball after the game clock has been marking the 6:00 minutes played.

11.4 In the categories F65 to F75 and M65 to M75, a one 30-second time-out is granted to each team. There will be two mandatory 60-second time-outs, which will be awarded to the first dead ball after the game clock has marked the 4:00 minutes played and 8:00 minutes played.

11.5 Time-outs are not cumulative.

Note: the times dead reckoned and substitutions may only be ordered in situations where the ball is declared dead and may not be called while the ball is alive, in compliance with 8.1.

Art.12 Protest procedure

In case a team believes its interests have been adversely affected by a decision of an official or by any event that took place during a game, it must proceed in the following manner: 1. A player of that team shall sign the score sheet immediately at the end of the game and before the referee signs it. 2. Within 30 minutes, the team should present a written explanation of the case, as well as a security deposit of 200 USD to the Sports Director. If the protest is accepted, then the security deposit is refunded. 3. Video materials may be used only to decide if a last shot for a field goal at the end of the game was released during playing time and/or whether that shot for a field goal counts for 1 or 2 points.

Art. 13 Standings of teams

Both in pools and in overall competition standings, the following classification rules apply. If teams are tied after the first step, refer to the next one – and so on.

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

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

Art. 14 Seeding rules

Teams are seeded correlatively to the team ranking points (**sum of the team's points, prior to the competition**). In case of a same team ranking points, seeding will be determined randomly (**lottery**) prior to the competition start.

Note: In the local tournaments for national teams there will not be classification and the teams head of series must be determined by (lottery). In the OPEN championships seeded teams will be established by lottery.

Art. 15 Disqualifications

A player committing two unsportsmanlike fouls will be disqualified from the game by the referees and from the event by the organizer. Independent thereof, the organizer will disqualify the 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) or any other breach of the FIBA Code of Ethics (Book 1, Chapter II of the FIBA Internal Regulations) **or FIMBA rules**. The organizer may also disqualify the entire team from the event depending on the other team members' contribution (also through non-action) to the aforementioned behavior.

FIGURE OF TIMES AND POINTS

Category	Playing time	Points to reach	Attempt a shot	Mandatory time out of 60"
F30	16'	15	12"	
F35	16'	15	12"	
F40	16'	15	12"	
F45	16'	15	12"	
F50	12'	10	14"	1
F55	12'	10	14"	1
F60	12'	10	14"	1
F65	12'	10	14"	2
F70	12'	10	14"	2
F75	12'	10	14"	2
M35	16'	15	12"	
M40	16'	15	12"	
M45	16'	15	12"	
M50	12'	10	14"	1
M55	12'	10	14"	1
M60	12'	10	14"	1
M65	12'	10	14"	2
M70	12'	10	14"	2
M75	12'	10	14"	2