



Canada Basketball - Internal Nomination Procedure (INP)

3x3 Basketball Men's National Team Program - Selection Criteria and Process

2021 FIBA 3x3 Olympic Qualifying Tournament and 3x3 Basketball 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games

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Canada Basketball is carefully following the evolution of the coronavirus on the global and domestic level and how it may impact obtaining quota spots for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games and/or domestic nomination of athletes for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. Unless otherwise required by exceptional and unforeseen circumstances related to the impact of the coronavirus, Canada Basketball will respect these published Internal Nomination Procedures as written.

However, situations related to the coronavirus pandemic may arise that require this Internal Nomination Procedure to be modified. Any modifications will be made promptly and as often as required following developments that directly impact the Internal Nomination Procedure. In such circumstances, any modifications will be communicated to all affected individuals as soon as possible.

Further, situations may arise that do not allow this Internal Nomination Procedure to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including nomination decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in this Internal Nomination Procedure, in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or committee(s) (as applicable), and in accordance with the stated performance objectives and selection philosophy and approach as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, Canada Basketball will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

1. National Federation Qualification

As established by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Federation Internationale de Basketball (FIBA), eight countries per gender will compete in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games - 3x3 Basketball competition.

National Federation (NF) / National Olympic Committee (NOC) berths will be determined through the FIBA Olympic Qualification process for 3x3 Basketball, which is included in Appendix A (**Qualification System – Games of the XXXII Olympiad – Tokyo 2020 – Basketball 3x3**). In the event of changes by FIBA to the selection and eligibility criteria, Canada Basketball is bound by these changes and will inform its membership, and, specifically, any individuals impacted by such changes, as soon as possible.

2. Introduction

2.1 Purpose - The purpose of the Internal Nomination Procedure (INP) for the Men's 2021 FIBA 3x3 Olympic Qualifying Tournament (OQT) and 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games (TOG) is to outline the criteria, process, timelines and individuals involved in nominating athletes who will participate on the 3x3 Basketball men's national team (3x3 MNT) that will represent Canada at the i) 2021 FIBA 3x3 Olympic Qualifying Tournament and ii) 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

2.2 Performance Objectives - The performance objective of Canada's 3x3 MNT at the 2021 FIBA 3x3 Olympic Qualifying Tournament (OQT) is to finish in the top 3 to earn a berth for Canada into the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games (TOG). The performance objective at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games is to finish in the top 3 (podium).

3. Decision Making Authority (DMA)

Canada Basketball's '3x3 Basketball National Team Leadership Group', consists of the Director - Domestic Development, CEO/President, Manager – Men's Youth Player Development and Director - Women's High Performance. The '3x3 Basketball National Team Leadership Group' will be responsible for developing, approving and implementing the Internal Nomination Procedures (INP) for the 2021 FIBA 3x3 OQT and 2020 TOG.

All final decisions on athlete selection to each of the 2021 3x3 Basketball OQT and 2020 TOG teams will be made by Canada Basketball's 3x3 Basketball National Team Leadership Group.

Decisions on all other matters related to each of the 2021 3x3 Basketball OQT and 2020 TOG teams will be made by Canada Basketball's 3x3 Basketball National Team Leadership Group.

4. International Federation (IF) Criteria - Team Participation & Qualification

2021 FIBA 3x3 Olympic Qualifying Tournament (OQT)

As established by FIBA for 3x3 Basketball, 20 teams per gender will compete in the 2021 FIBA 3x3 Olympic Qualifying Tournament (OQT). NF berths at the OQT will be determined through the FIBA 3x3 Basketball qualification system:

- i. The three (3) medalists of the 2019 FIBA 3x3 World Cup + Japan (as the Host Country of the Olympic Games, and if not yet qualified for the Olympics directly); Austria, as the Host NOC of the OQT;
- ii. The 16 (or more, if Host NOC of the OQT and/or some of the 2019 FIBA 3x3 World Cup medalist teams already qualified for the Olympics) highest ranked NOCs on the 3x3 Federation Ranking list as of November 1, 2019 not yet qualified to the Olympic Games through the Federation Ranking List (including in any case the Host Country of the Olympic Games if not yet qualified);
 - a. Subject to a maximum of 10 teams per gender from the same Continent shall take part;
 - b. Subject to universality rule for the last 10 slots, which are reserved for NOCs not yet qualified in the other gender.

2020 Tokyo Olympic Games (TOG)

As established by FIBA, eight (8) countries per gender will compete in the 2020 3x3 Basketball Tokyo Olympic Games. NF berths for the Olympic Games will be determined through the FIBA/IOC 3x3 Basketball qualification system:

- i. The three (3) or four (4) (depending on Host Country rank) highest ranked NOCs per gender on the 3x3 Federation Ranking List of November 1, 2019 at 1200 UTC will each earn one (1) quota place for their NOC to the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games (not more than two (2) NOCs from the same continent);
- ii. The three (3) highest placed NOCs at the 2021 OQT will each receive one (1) quota place to the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games;
- iii. The highest placed NOC at the 2021 FIBA Universality-driven Olympic Qualifying Tournament (UOQT) (refer to Appendix A) will receive one (1) quota place to the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

5. Athlete Eligibility

OQT

5.1 In order to be eligible for nomination by Canada Basketball to the OQT 3x3 MNT, the following player eligibility criteria as per Book 6 of the FIBA Internal Regulations (<https://fiba3x3.com/docs/fiba-internal-regulations-book-6.pdf>) are applicable:

- i. Must hold a confirmed play.fiba3x3.com profile;
- ii. Must be a Canadian citizen;
- iii. Must present a passport of that country issued by the competent authorities before January 1, 2019, to be verified during player registration to FIBA 3x3;
- iv. Must be at least 18 years old on July 23, 2021;
- v. Subject to Special Cases (see article 6-30 of the FIBA Internal Regulations), may not have previously played for the national team (basketball or 3x3) of another country in an Official Competition of FIBA (see article 2-2 of the FIBA Internal Regulations).
- vi. Be in good standing with Canada Basketball and sign and submit Canada Basketball 3x3 Basketball National Team Athlete Agreement no later than March 1, 2021;

- vii. A minimum of 2 of the 4 players playing at the OQT must be ranked within the Top-10 of ranked, verified and eligible players of the corresponding nationality in the applicable gender category of the FIBA 3x3 Individual World Ranking on date TBD as per 2021 FIBA 3x3 OQT – Player Eligibility & Registration.
- viii. The 2 substitute players registered for the respective competition must also be ranked within the Top-10 of ranked, verified and eligible players of the corresponding nationality in the applicable gender category of the FIBA 3x3 Individual World Ranking on date TBD as per 2021 FIBA 3x3 OQT – Player Eligibility & Registration.

3x3 OQT Event Roster	Player 1	Player within the Top-10 list of ranked, verified and eligible players
	Player 2	Players within the Top-10 list of ranked, verified and eligible players
	Player 3	Any eligible player
	Player 4	Any eligible player
Substitutes	Player 5	Player within the Top-10 list of ranked, verified and eligible players
	Player 6	Players within the Top-10 list of ranked, verified and eligible players

TOG

5.2 In order to be eligible for nomination by Canada Basketball to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) for TOG 3x3 MNT selection, the following player eligibility criteria are applicable:

- i. Be eligible under FIBA/IOC 3x3 criteria (Schedule A)
- ii. Be a Canadian citizen as per Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter
- iii. They must have presented a passport of the represented country issued by the competent authorities before January 1st, 2019, to be verified during player registration to FIBA 3x3
- iv. Have a valid Canadian passport issued by the authorities valid until December 31, 2021;
- v. Be in good standing with Canada Basketball and sign and submit Canada Basketball 3x3 Basketball National Team Athlete Agreement, as soon as required and no later than June 23, 2021;
- vi. Sign and submit the COC Athlete Agreement;
- vii. Be in compliance with all relevant FIBA and IOC requirements for eligibility:
 - a. Must hold a confirmed play.fiba3x3.com profile.
 - b. Must be at least 18 years old on July 23, 2021.
 - c. 2 of the players have to be ranked within top 10 of their national individual ranking on June 21, 2021,
 - d. The other 2 players have to have a minimum of 5.400 (men) ranking points; or to be within top 50 of the national individual ranking (only athletes with a confirmed account are considered) on June 21, 2021
 - e. Cannot have played for the national team in basketball (5v5 and/or 3x3) for another country in an Official Competition of FIBA, except with a special dispensation from FIBA's Secretary General.

3x3 TOG Event Roster – based on June 21, 2021 rankings	Player 1	Player within the Top-10 list of ranked, verified and eligible players
	Player 2	Players within the Top-10 list of ranked, verified and eligible players
	Player 3	Player with a minimum of 5.400 ranked points or to be within Top-50 list of ranked, verified and eligible players
	Player 4	Player with a minimum of 5.400 ranked points or to be within Top-50 list of ranked, verified and eligible players
Substitutes	Player 5	Player within the Top-10 list of ranked, verified and eligible players
	Player 6	Players within the Top-10 list of ranked, verified and eligible players

6. Team Selection Criteria and Process:

OQT

Should Canada Basketball earn a berth to the 2021 FIBA 3x3 OQT, Canada Basketball will nominate the highest ranked Canadian team on the FIBA 3x3 Team Ranking as of November 1st, 2019 to participate in the 2021 OQT and to the 2020 TOG should Canada qualify from the OQT.

From the roster of six validated players on the highest ranked Canadian team, Canada Basketball's 3x3 Basketball National Team Leadership Group will select the four (4) eligible individuals to take part as a team in the OQT based on the 4 individuals with the highest FIBA individual ranking points as of November 1st, 2019.

The selection of the two (2) substitute spots for the respective competition will be the responsibility of the 3x3 Basketball National Team Leadership Group with input from the Team Representative nominated by the team. The 3x3 Basketball National Team Leadership Group will have unfettered discretion in weighting the importance of criteria and factors. The nomination and selection of players will be based on the following criteria, listed in no particular priority order.

- i. Eligibility as stated in Section 5 above (including ranking of the players ranked within the Top-10 ranked, verified and eligible in Canada of the FIBA 3x3 Individual World Ranking on date TBD as per 2021 FIBA 3x3 OQT – Player Eligibility & Registration
- ii. Demonstrated success in the 2019 FIBA 3x3 Pro-Circuit and other 3x3 national team competitions
- iii. Availability
- iv. Position played/size at position
- v. Versatility to play positions
- vi. Attitude
- vii. Adaptability to team concept
- viii. Leadership
- ix. Adaptability to international 3x3 game

TOG

The team that qualifies Canada for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games by virtue of that team's finish at the 2021 3x3 OQT will be nominated by Canada Basketball to represent Canada at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games in 3x3 Men's Basketball.

Should one of the original top-4 nominated athletes on the OQT national team sustain an injury and was not able to participate in the OQT, the national team leadership group reserves the right to reinstitute that player for the TOG team.

Should the team that earned the OQT berth above disband for a non-injury related purpose, then the OQT berth will be allocated by the 3x3 Basketball National Team Leadership Group to a team in which the 4 athletes are eligible under Section 5 above and based on the criteria outlined for the substitute selection.

7. Team Leader Selection

Canada Basketball's 3x3 Basketball National Team Leadership group will appoint a Team Leader of the 3x3 MNT for the 2020 3x3 TOG in order to support the team at the event.

The appointed Team Leader must be in good standing with Canada Basketball and comply with Canada Basketball Code of Conduct and policies as outlined in: <http://basketball.ca/en/page/policies-and-procedures>

8. Injuries

In the case of an injury to an athlete selected to the 2021 3x3 OQT team and/or TOG team following the selection date, an athlete may be replaced by one of the two athletes selected as substitutes prior to the OQT/TOG technical meeting, which traditionally takes place the day prior to the first games of the tournament. This decision is dependent on the level of the athlete's injury and timeline for full or sufficient recovery, and will be determined through consultation with National Team Medical Staff appointed by Canada Basketball.

All nominated athletes shall have their injury/health status assessed by National team Medical Staff appointed by Canada Basketball. In the event that an athlete is determined to be injured (or ill) by the Canada Basketball Medical Staff as a result of having completed the assessment, the Canada Basketball Medical Staff shall decide if the athlete will be sufficiently recovered to be nominated to the team. Injuries to athletes occurring after the nomination deadline of July 5th, 2021, will be dealt with similarly, and subject to the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

9. Unforeseen Circumstances / Changes to this Document

This INP is intended to apply as drafted and, specifically, where no athletes are prevented from competing because of an unforeseen injury or other unanticipated or unforeseen circumstances. Situations may arise where unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Canada Basketball's control do not allow competition or nomination to take place in a fair manner or in the best interests of the priorities and general principles for selection as indicated in these criteria, or do not allow the procedure for nomination as described in this document to be applied.

In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the above 2021 3x3 OQT and TOG Selection Criteria and Process to be applied as written, Canada Basketball's 3x3 Basketball National Team Leadership Group reserves the right to rule on an appropriate course of action that will be in the best interest of the 3x3 MNT program and the 3x3 MNT representing Canada at the 2021 3x3 OQT and 2020 TOG. Any course of action taken by Canada Basketball's 3x3 Basketball National Team Leadership Group shall be taken in the interest of achieving the performance objective listed in Section 2.2 above.

This clause shall not be used to justify changes after the internal nomination procedure has been approved unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. In the event of a change, Canada Basketball shall communicate the alternative selection or nomination process to all impacted individuals as soon as possible.

10. Requirements after selection

Following selection to the 2021 3x3 OQT Team and 2020 TOG, all members of the 3x3 MNT will be required to comply with the following additional requirements:

- i. All team members must continue to meet the selection eligibility criteria as described herein.
- ii. All members of the team are expected to comply with the Canada Basketball code of conduct and policies (<http://basketball.ca/en/page/policies-and-procedures>), their athlete agreement, and the COC Athlete Agreement, once signed.
- iii. All team members must immediately inform Canada Basketball 3x3 Basketball national team leadership group of any illness or injury that could reasonably impact on the athlete's ability to perform at the level expected of the athlete at the event selected for.
- iv. Participate in all team Olympic preparation, including events, activities and meetings.
- v. Provide to Canada Basketball all required documents (passport, etc.)

Training plans, schedule, exhibition games and all other Olympic preparation will be determined by the 3x3 Basketball National Team Leadership Group in consultation with the Team Representative nominated by the team and must thereafter be respected by all team members.

11. Removal

11.1 Once selected to the team, an athlete may be dismissed, withdraw or be withdrawn from the 2021 3x3 OQT or 2020 TOG MNT for the following reasons:

- i. Failing to satisfy the minimum training standards set out by the 3x3 Basketball National Team Leadership Group;
- ii. Failure to adhere to team rules and Canada Basketball's Code of Conduct and policies;
- iii. Failing to remain competitive-ready leading up to the event. Athletes who do not remain competitive-ready by reason of lack of fitness, injury or illness may be removed from the 3x3 MNT. It is the obligation of the athlete to immediately report to the 3x3 Basketball National Team Leadership Group any injury, illness or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level;
- iv. Voluntary withdrawal/retirement;
- v. Exhibits conduct that is detrimental to the image of Canada Basketball; or
- vi. Breaches the Canada Basketball 3x3 National Team Athlete Agreement.

11.2 Any removal of an athlete relating to a breach of the 3x3 National Team Athlete Agreement will be dealt with using the provisions of the Canada Basketball National Team Athlete Agreement. All other breaches will be determined by the 3x3 Basketball National Team Leadership Group in its sole discretion.

11.3 When necessary and appropriate, an athlete may be replaced by a substitute athlete (provided the substitute athlete is still eligible).

12. Athlete Appeal Process

If an athlete wishes to appeal a decision in relation to Canada Basketball's athlete selection and internal nomination procedures, the appeal will be dealt with as outlined in the Canada Basketball Appeals Policy, found on the Canada Basketball website at the following link:

http://www.basketball.ca/files/2015-02/1423024196_appeal_policy.pdf

13. Financial Support

Canada Basketball will commit to cover the 3x3 MNT travel expenses to the OQT, while COC will cover the travel expenses to the TOG.

Canada Basketball will make reasonable effort to secure additional revenue sources and funding partners to support the operations, training and potential exhibition tournaments for the 3x3 MNT ahead of the OQT and/or TOG.

Should additional funding not be available, the 3x3 MNT will be responsible for any expenses not covered by Canada Basketball or the COC.

14. Timeline Summary

Date	Milestone
November 1, 2019	3x3 Individual and Federation Ranking lists published
February 3, 2020	Announcement of athlete selection for OQT based on Section 6 – Team Selection and Process
February 10, 2021	Announcement of substitute spots selection (2) for OQT based on Section 6 – Team Selection and Process
May 26-30, 2021	FIBA 3x3 Olympic Qualifying Tournament (OQT), Graz, Austria.
Within a week of the OQT	FIBA to inform NFs of their allocated quota places through the OQT
Within 2 weeks of OQT	NFs to confirm use of allocated quota places through the OQT to FIBA
On or before June 30, 2021	Confirmation of athlete nomination, substitute spots and Team Leader to COC for TOG
July 5, 2021	Deadline for late athlete replacements (LARP)
July 5, 2021	Tokyo 2020 Sport Entries deadline
July 23 – August 8, 2021	2020 Tokyo Olympic Games

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