# **INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE CLUBS**

## **INTRODUCTION**

After a successful two years of 3XCup competition, Basketball Victoria is excited to announce the Junior 3XTour coming in 2025!

Whilst still maintaining the 3XCup the way you know it, this brand new concept is based on the FIBA3x3 World Tour structure and will give teams more opportunities to compete for their association in the 3x3 format. The 3XTour offers players the chance to compete in multiple once day events (known as tours stops), earning individual and team FIBA ranking points along the way without needing to commit to weekly matches. The competition finishes with the Tour Final, bringing together the top ranked teams across the age groups to compete to be Victorian Junior 3XTour Champions.

Think of the 3XTour as your 3x3 VJBL equivalent!

# **3X3 AND FIBA**

From the bustling streets of America to the Olympics – 3x3 basketball has shot into the limelight over the last decade with great speed, much like the pace the game is played with.

Having started as street basketball in the USA in the late 1980s, the game, at its core, is a condensed form of traditional full-court basketball. However, it wasn't long before the street past-time became a cultural phenomenon.

Its growing popularity saw it being structured into a professional sport, with official rules sanctioned by the international basketball federation (FIBA). In 2010, the 3x3 game even made its global competitive debut at the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore. Just a decade after featuring at the Youth Olympics, 3x3 basketball made its bow in the senior event - for both men and women - at the Tokyo 2020 Summer Games.

# **FIBA'S PROFESSIONAL VISION**

3x3 is an opportunity for new players, organizers and countries to go from the streets to the World Stage. The stars of the game play in a professional tour and some of the most prestigious multi-sports events. FIBA's competition structure is underpinned by grassroots events run across the world, with the elite streams focussing on National team competitions (World Cup and the Olympics) and the Pro Circuit where teams compete in events across the world for prizemoney.

# **3X3 IN AUSTRALIA**

For the 2024 calendar year, the Basketball Victoria network has largely dominated the Australian 3x3 landscape for the first time. When referring to the 'BV Network,' this includes both Basketball Victoria's own events, and events run by our associations on FIBA's 3x3 Event Maker platform.

These stats come from a report Basketball Australia pulls from the Event Maker platform which includes all FIBA endorsed 3x3 providers running events within Australia.

#### **Key Stats:**

- 25% of all 3x3 games played in Australia were at Basketball Victoria's own events
- 48% of all 3x3 games played in Australia were conducted at or within BV's network
- 46% of all unique registered 3x3 players in 2024 are Victorian within our BV network
- The top 6 male and female players at the U18 age bracket are Victorian
- The top 4 female players in the U16 Girls are Victorian

It is exciting to see after only two years of structured competitions, Basketball Victoria's network has built a strong foundation for 3x3 meaning Victoria's best junior players sit as the nation's best players. The Junior 3XTour will provide our junior players more opportunities to grow their ranking points and therefore increase the numbers inside the top 100.

## **TOUR OVERVIEW**

#### What is the 3XTour?

The 3XTour has been designed as the representative competition for 3x3 in Victoria, running side by side with 3XCup, and providing players more opportunities to compete for their association. It has been built based on the FIBA3x3's



Pro Tour Circuit; it is a multiple event (stop) competition that culminates in the top ranked sides competing in the tour final. Individual players earn FIBA ranking points at every stop they compete in while the team earns tour ranking points that are used to determine each team's position on the tour ladder.

#### Why a tour format?

The concept of the 3XTour provides a new pathway for basketball focused athletes to participate in 3x3 on a regular basis, while still being accessible to athletes playing multiple sports. It has the social feel that 3x3 has been built on, coupled with the intensity of faced paced high-level competition. With no weekly commitment to training or matches, this competition provides flexibility not currently available in domestic or representative 5v5 competitions.

#### How will it work?

- 3 Age Groups (U13, U15, U17)
- Associations to select representative teams in the manner that best suits them. This could be done through a trials process, a one-day qualifying tournament or any other options.
- Maximum of 6 players per team
  - 4 main players
  - 2 reserve players (players on standby that can step into one of the tour stops in the event of injury or unavailability - reserve players can play a maximum of 3 tour stops).
- Each team requires a team manager who is responsible for registration, communication etc.
- Teams select which tour stops they would like to attend, and it is the responsibility of the team manager to register their team into each of the stops they have chosen.
- Registration for each stop closes 7 days prior to the event.
- Associations that host tour stops will be offered the chance to enter up to 4 wildcard teams into the stop/s being hosted at their venue.

#### When will it run?

- Each stop is a one-day tournament
- Sunday afternoons
- 12-6pm timeslot
- Tour runs mid-April to early August
- 10 Stops for each age group
  - mix of metro and country venues
- Tour Final day late August

### **PARTICIPATION COSTS**

#### 2025 Fee Structure

- Tour Entry Fee = \$100.00 per team (paid by the association) These fees cover the administration of this competition by Basketball Victoria.
- Tour Stop Entry Fee = \$100.00 per team per stop (paid by the team) These fees are used to cover court hire, referees and awards for each tour stop.

## **KEYS OF ASSOCIATIONS**

#### Preparation

For associations to have teams competing in the 3XTour, the following points need to be actioned prior to registrations opening in February 2025:

- Select teams for each age group odd age groups (focus is on bottom age VJBL players)
  - U13 2013 & 2014
  - U15 2011 & 2012
  - U17 2009 & 2010
- Ensure each team has a team manager as they will be responsible for the administration for their team

#### **Event Day Considerations**

If BV are holding a tour stop at your venue, we ask for assistance regarding the following areas:

- Sourcing and rostering of referees for the day
- Access to available IT for live scoring of each game (Laptops, iPads, power sources for multiple electronic devices)
- Canteen available for participants

We will also offer the hosting association the opportunity to enter up to 4 wildcard teams into the tour stop being run at their venue.

#### 2025 Tour Calendar Overview

Friday	7 Feb 2025	Confirmation of Association Participation closes
Monday	10 Feb 2025	Individual Team Registration opens
Sunday	9 Mar 2025	Individual Team Registration closes
Monday	10 Mar 2025	Tour Stops Calendar Released
Monday	17 Mar 2025	Tour Stop registration opens
13 April to 17 August		17 weeks 10 stops per age group
Sunday	31 Aug 2025	Tour Final Day