



# Basketball Ireland



## BASKETBALL IRELAND 3x3 PATHWAY

3x3 is THE basketball format to cater for any standard of player, from new to the game, looking to get back playing, to getting fitter and having fun – social 3x3 events (which can be run by anyone) are the way to do it. Register through the Fiba 3x3 app, earn ranking points at every official event. Basketball Irelands 3x3 pathway, in conjunction with our vision, is the way to go!

### 3x3 SOCIAL & COMMUNITY HOOPS

- 3x3 Social – private run events to cater for any standard of player
- BI open to all social & community 3x3 events
- Club run 3x3 events – club members only
- BI run school 3x3 events
- School run 3x3 events

### 3x3 COMPETITIVE HOOPS

- BI open competitive 3x3 events
- Club run 3x3 events – open to other clubs
- BI Regional events
- BI National events

### 3x3 ELITE HOOPS

- BI Regional Tour events
- BI National Tour Finals
- BI International 3x3 events

### 3x3 INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

- Top 10 players in the national Fiba rankings will automatically receive an invitation to trials for their respective International teams.



# WHY 3x3 AS PART OF RETURN TO PLAY?

- Lower numbers of players in close contact to each other (max of 6 players in a half court setting instead of 10 with 5v5) – but can use both half courts so more players playing (12 players – 6 players x 2 half courts) but in a safer manner
- Close contact time is below government guidelines with ten min games (spending more than 15 minutes face-to-face contact within 2 metres of an infected person\*)
- More space with just 6 players in a half court – less face to face time therefore decreasing the amount of time spent closer than 2 metres
- Can be played outside and inside – all that's needed is a half court and a ball
- Can be played at every age group from U8 – seniors
- Allows players more on the ball time to have fun, develop skills and is played at a high pace (12 sec shot clock)
  - all points that allow skill development at a faster rate than 5v5

\*<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/472f64-covid-19-coronavirus-guidance-and-advice/>



## HOW TO ROLL IT OUT?

Looking at the BI Pathway, it is envisioned that there could be up to four event phases

- o Small local events as outlined in the pathway- intro to 3x3 and open to all levels – August
- o Competitive local events – Inter-club, Area board led or BI regional- August/September
- o Schools & higher-level BI run events September/October
- o International events run by BI – looking at possibilities for international teams in 2021

Initially a 3x3 education initiative, rolled out by BI

- o How to play 3x3 (differences from 5v5)
- o How to register for free with 3x3 Fiba play
- o How to run a Fiba 3x3 event on Fiba Event maker

BI development officers run local events within the RTP timeline provided and subject to government guidelines at various age groups. Initial club and Area board events supported by DO's.

Going forward *Basketball Irelands 3x3 vision* in conjunction with an annual calendar of 3x3 events

- o To make 3x3 Basketball the number 1 urban team sport in Ireland
- o To provide a basketball format for all levels of player from social to international that is easily accessible, both indoors and outdoors.
- o Promote and grow the 3x3 format via all media platforms and create 3x3 stars.
- o To ensure a wide range of competition for all standards across the country set up and run by private event