



History beckons at The Kallang as pools unveiled for first FIBA 3x3 World Cup Qualifier held in Singapore

- Team Singapore set for debut in the FIBA 3x3 World Cup Qualifier; both the men's and women's teams will face Brazil
- Final chance for countries to secure their place at the FIBA 3x3 World Cup in Warsaw, Poland in June
- Last day for fans to secure early bird season passes at 30 per cent discount

Singapore, 3 March 2026 – National pride is at stake when Singapore hosts the FIBA 3x3 World Cup Qualifier 2026 on 11 and 12 April at OCBC Square at The Kallang. Twelve teams – six men's and six women's – will get one last chance to earn a spot at the FIBA 3x3 World Cup 2026. Expect fierce and thrilling battles as only half of the teams will advance to the sport's most prestigious competition in Warsaw, Poland in June.

The FIBA 3x3 World Cup Qualifier 2026, now in its fifth edition, will feature the highest-ranked teams in the FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking that have not yet secured World Cup qualification, Zone Cup runners-up from the 2025 season and host nation, Singapore. This marks Singapore's first participation in a FIBA 3x3 World Cup Qualifier. The men's and women's teams, buoyed by their recent historic qualification for 3x3 Basketball at the Commonwealth Games, will have their eyes set on making further history by qualifying for the FIBA 3x3 World Cup 2026.

Every Qualifier game will count when play begins at The Kallang on 11 April. Teams will have to finish in the top two positions in their pool to progress to the second round of the Qualifier. Winners of the second round of competition will automatically secure their spot in the FIBA 3x3 World Cup 2026 while the losing teams play a final game for one last opportunity to earn their ticket to Warsaw.

Men's category

Czechia, seeded first in the competition and ranked 18th in the world, are placed in Pool A alongside Singapore and Brazil. The Singapore team, Southeast Asian (SEA) Games silver medallists, will face strong competition from their Czechia opponent, who have impressed in the U23 category. They achieved bronze at last year's FIBA 3x3 U23 World Cup and will look to further establish themselves as one of the stronger teams in 3x3 basketball.

Štěpán Borovka from Czechia commented, "It is really important for us. Last year we showed that Czechia can achieve some serious results in 3x3. So we want to begin where we ended the last season and steal the one spot for the World Cup in Poland."

"Participating in the FIBA 3x3 World Cup Qualifier tournament for the first time is a moment of great pride for all of us. For the team, it reflects the dedication, and belief in



what we have been building together. To see Singapore step onto this stage for the first time is truly special – not only for our players, but for the entire basketball community. We are honoured to represent our flag on the international stage, and we will compete with heart and determination to show that Singapore belongs at this level,” said Singapore’s national 3x3 basketball head coach Lazar Rasic.

New Zealand, Italy and Egypt make up Pool B. New Zealand, world-ranked 21st, finished third at the FIBA 3x3 Asia Cup 2025 and will be playing on familiar grounds against close competitor, Italy who sits just one place below the Kiwis. Egypt is 48th in the world.

Women’s category

For the women’s competition, Singapore is grouped with regional rival Philippines and Brazil in Pool B. The home team stands a good chance to play through to the second round of the Qualifier. They are world number 20, with Philippines just above them in 19th and Brazil ranked 62nd. Both Singapore and Philippines did not advance to the semi-final at the last SEA Games and will be hungry for more success as they begin their 2026 season.

“Playing in the FIBA 3x3 World Cup Qualifier 2026 on home soil has always been an aspiration of ours. It is a testament to how far our game has come, especially for the women’s team. We will be facing some of the best teams in the world and this is an opportunity to test ourselves, to prove that Singapore belongs, and to inspire the next generation watching from the stands. We will compete with heart and pride as we take on the world together,” said Singapore’s player Jermaine Lim Jia Ying.

Pool A features Hungary, Egypt and Lithuania. Hungary is the highest-ranked qualifier at 13th in the world. They featured in the last FIBA 3x3 World Cup and ended their campaign with a 12th place finish. Egypt comes in at 37th while Lithuania is sandwiched between the two fellow qualifiers and ranks 22nd.

Egypt’s Asrar Maged is keen to make it count: "It always means something special to represent Egypt. Heading into the FIBA 3x3 World Cup Qualifier, we’re focused and determined. We’re ready to leave everything on the court, represent our country with pride, and earn our spot at the World Cup."

Fans keen to be part of the 3x3 basketball action at The Kallang have one last opportunity to enjoy a 30 percent discount for a season pass to both the FIBA 3x3 Asia Cup 2026 and FIBA 3x3 World Cup Qualifier 2026. This early bird sale ends at 11.59pm on 3 March. From 10.00am tomorrow, 4 March, additional ticket categories across both events, such as individual session tickets and a FIBA 3x3 World Cup Qualifier pass, will be released, with discounts of up to 20 per cent available on selected tickets. Ticket prices start from \$5 (excluding booking fee). Tickets can be purchased [here](#).



Members of the public can also enjoy free entry to the first session on the first two days of the FIBA 3x3 Asia Cup 2026, on a first-come-first-served basis until full capacity is reached. Children under four years of age will also enjoy free entry to FIBA 3x3 Asia Cup 2026 and FIBA 3x3 World Cup Qualifier 2026, provided they do not occupy a seat.

Find out more information about the FIBA 3x3 Asia Cup 2026 [here](#), while more information about the FIBA 3x3 World Cup Qualifier 2026 can be found [here](#).

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About FIBA 3x3 Asia Cup 2026

The FIBA 3x3 Asia Cup 2026 is the ninth edition of the tournament, and it will be the fifth consecutive year that Singapore hosts this international event. In 2022, after a successful debut event hosted in the city-state, FIBA and Sport Singapore entered a three-year partnership for Singapore to host the tournament (2023, 2024 and 2025). In 2025, it was announced that FIBA and Sport Singapore will host a series of international 3x3 basketball competitions in 2026 and 2027. The FIBA 3x3 Asia Cup 2026 is organised by The Kallang Group, supported by partners Sport Singapore and Basketball Association of Singapore. Exciting, urban and innovative, 3x3 is inspired by several forms of streetball played worldwide and is considered the world's number one urban team sport. Steered by FIBA, games see two teams of three players face off on a basketball half-court.

About FIBA 3x3 World Cup Qualifier 2026

The FIBA 3x3 World Cup Qualifier 2026 is the fifth edition of the event, and the second time the event is held in Asia. The FIBA 3x3 World Cup Qualifier 2026 is organised by The Kallang Group, supported by partners Sport Singapore and Basketball Association of Singapore.



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The Kallang (formerly the Singapore Sports Hub) is Singapore's epicentre of excitement and the destination of choice for sport, entertainment, lifestyle and community events in Asia Pacific. Managed by The Kallang Group (formerly Kallang Alive Sport Management), The Kallang is a vibrant ecosystem in the heart of Singapore that is building on its rich legacy as a national stage and cultural landmark by hosting and organising world-class sporting events, live entertainment and inclusive community activities. The Kallang is where people come together to celebrate, play and connect – to feel alive.

Home to unique, best-in-class sports and entertainment facilities within the city, The Kallang plays an integral role in accelerating the development of Singapore's sports and tourism industry. The Kallang includes the following facilities:

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- A 12,000-capacity Singapore Indoor Stadium with pillarless interior
- A 6,000-capacity OCBC Aquatic Centre that meets World Aquatics standards
- A 3,000-capacity OCBC Arena which is scalable and flexible in layout
- Kallang Tennis Hub, Singapore's first international tournament-ready indoor tennis facility
- Kallang Football Hub housing Singapore's National Training Centre for football



- Water Sports Centre featuring canoeing, dragon boating and kayaking
- 41,000 sqm Kallang Wave Mall, including indoor climbing wall and Splash-N-Surf facility
- Promenade that encircles the National Stadium
- Singapore Youth Olympic Museum & Singapore Sports Museum
- Daily community facilities and activities, including beach volleyball, hard courts (futsal, basketball, netball and pickleball), lawn bowls, giant chess, skate park and running & cycling paths.

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