

### **Participation in 3x3 competition in season 21/22?**

The NBB wants to run a full 3x3 (tournament) competition next season, in addition to the 5x5 competition (s). The NBB applies the following rules:

- It is played on 6 half-days in the season. They are scheduled on free match days of the 5x5 competition ... so you can combine both.
- The age groups are: U13 - U15 - U18 - U23 - 'open' (seniors) - 35+.
- A team has a maximum of 4 players in 1 round. A team has a maximum of 6 players in a season. Players from different clubs may play together. There are also teams allowed to play without a club connection (that team will then pay an extra 25, - euro entry fee).
- Team Obligations: Each team provides a "referee" in each round of play (this may be a player from the registered team). The referee must first do an online course of rules 3x3 (which is recommended for all trainers / players anyway).
- Each team communicates with the NBB via 1 team captain. Each team pays 250, - euro for participation for a whole season 3x3 (separate from the regular membership fee at the club ..).
- The schedule:
  - on April 15 the registration is opened
  - June 15 the registration will be closed
  - August 1 is the deadline for payment for registered teams
  - September 1 the (game) program will be made public
  - September 27 submission of players 1st tournament
  - October 23 1st tournament

More detailed information can be found on the NBB website.

The board is positive about 3x3 basketball. We do think it is really a "different" sport, but we look positively at the NBB's aim to build up 3x3 games (especially through the existing clubs). It offers players who want to make a lot of "hours" the opportunity to play more and, above all, to gain more competition. It can also be an alternative for players who find the 5x5 competition too demanding (too much time etc.).

However, BVA will not be able to offer much support to members/teams that want to participate next season. This will be limited to advice, help with contact with the NBB, etc. We cannot (given the challenge we already foresee for the new 5x5 season) provide extra field space , referees and/or extra trainers/coaches.

Players / teams will therefore have to "help" themselves: take care of registration and payment, make sure that there are enough 3x3 referees in the group, train during regular training and/or elsewhere (possibly also outside). In teams with players under the age of 18, parents will have to take on tasks.

Given the planning (submission of teams until June 15), it is important that members who would like to participate in the 3x3 competition next season, contact the board.