



Singapore 3x3 Basketball Makes History at Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games

Description

Singapore is set to make history at the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games as both the men's and women's 3x3 basketball teams prepare for their debut at the multi-sport showpiece. Singapore 3x3 basketball at Glasgow 2026 is not just a milestone for the sport locally – it marks the first time Singapore has fielded gender teams in basketball at the Commonwealth Games, a statement of intent from a programme that has grown enormously in recent years.

Singapore 3x3 Basketball Glasgow 2026: A Historic First

When the 3x3 basketball competition tips off at the SEC Centre on 24 July, Singapore will be among twelve nations per gender competing for gold. The expanded tournament – up from eight teams per gender at Birmingham 2022 – reflects how rapidly the format has grown since its Commonwealth Games debut just four years ago.

Singapore joins the Cayman Islands and Jamaica as nations making their debut in both the men's and women's 3x3 basketball draws at a Commonwealth Games. It is a remarkable achievement for the Basketball Association of Singapore, and a testament to the investment made at grassroots and national level in the half-court format since 3x3 made its Olympic debut at Tokyo 2020.



Source: Glasgow 2026 official website (glasgow2026.com)

The SEC Centre – one of Glasgow’s premier indoor arenas – will host the 3x3 basketball action from 24 to 29 July, with medal sessions expected to generate the electric atmosphere that made the sport such a hit at Birmingham 2022.

What Is 3x3 Basketball? Fast, Furious and Non-Stop

For the uninitiated, 3x3 basketball is basketball on fast-forward. Played on a half court with one hoop, three players per side and a 12-second shot clock, games last just 10 minutes – or end the moment a team reaches 21 points. The pace is relentless, the skill ceiling is high, and the spectator experience is second to none.

Points inside the arc count as one; shots from beyond the arc are worth two. The defensive team wins possession after every made basket, keeping the action flowing without stoppages. If the score is level after 10 minutes, overtime decides the winner – first to two points in extra time takes the game.

It is a format that rewards quick decision-making, shooting accuracy and defensive tenacity, and Singapore’s squads have been preparing meticulously for the unique demands of the half-court game on the international stage.

Singapore’s Road to Glasgow

Qualifying for the 3x3 basketball competition at a Commonwealth Games is no small feat. Singapore secured their berths through the global 3x3 FIBA ranking system, which accounts for results in international competitions and continental events. Their qualification for both the men’s and women’s tournaments confirms that Singapore 3x3 basketball has arrived on the world stage.



Source: Singapore National Olympic Council official website (singaporeolympics.com)

Team Singapore received their official send-off at the Commonwealth Games Flag Presentation Ceremony on 6 July at Eden Hall, the residence of British High Commissioner His Excellency Nik Mehta. The 53-strong contingent – 22 women and 31 men – will compete across seven sports and nine disciplines, with basketball representing one of the most exciting new additions to Singapore’s Commonwealth Games programme.

Swimmer Gan Ching Hwee and para bowler Mawjit Singh s/o Gurmet Singh were announced as Team Singapore’s flag bearers for the Opening Ceremony on 23 July, signalling the Games’ official start for the nation.

The Competition at Glasgow 2026: What Singapore Faces

Singapore’s 3v3 basketball teams will face stiff competition in Glasgow. In the men’s draw, they are pitted against nations including Australia (who claimed silver at Birmingham 2022), New Zealand, Kenya, Scotland, Fiji and Guyana among others. The women’s competition features Australia, New Zealand, Scotland, Fiji, Uganda, Papua New Guinea and Tonga.

Australia will arrive in Glasgow as the benchmark to beat in both draws, having built considerable experience at the Birmingham Games. But upsets are the lifeblood of 3x3 basketball – the format’s compressed structure means any team can beat any other on a given day, and Singapore will take confidence from their qualification alone.

Singapore’s Wider Glasgow 2026 Campaign

The 3x3 basketball debut is one of many exciting storylines in [Singapore’s broader Commonwealth Games campaign](#). [Sprinter Shanti Pereira is targeting podium glory in athletics](#), while [the swimming contingent has high expectations in the pool](#). At Birmingham 2022, Singapore delivered 12 medals – four gold, four silver and four bronze – and the team will be pushing hard to match or better that haul in Scotland.

The Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games run from 23 July to 2 August 2026. Tickets for 3x3 basketball start from £17 for non-medal sessions, making it one of the most accessible events of the Games for fans who make the trip to Glasgow.

Whether Singapore’s 3x3 basketball teams add to the nation’s medal tally or not, their historic debut at Glasgow 2026 is a moment for every Singaporean sports fan to cherish. Watch the action live on the Glasgow 2026 broadcast platforms – and follow all the coverage right here at the [Little Big Red Dot Sports section](#).

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