



Singapore's Historic Leap: 3x3 Basketball Teams Head To Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games

Description

Singapore 3x3 basketball at Glasgow 2026 is set to be a landmark moment in the nation's sporting history. For the first time ever, Singapore will field both men's and women's 3x3 basketball squads at the Commonwealth Games, when Glasgow plays host to the event from 24 to 29 July 2026 at the SEC Centre. It is a genuine milestone for a sport that has grown rapidly in Singapore over the past decade.

A Historic Debut At The Commonwealth Games

The Basketball Association of Singapore (BAS) confirmed both teams' qualification earlier this year, with Singapore joining 11 other nations in each gender draw for the Glasgow 2026 3x3 basketball competition. The format has been expanded from eight teams per gender to 12 for this edition – a sign of just how much the sport has grown globally since its Olympic debut at Tokyo 2020.

For Singapore, it represents a significant achievement by BAS, which has invested heavily in developing its 3x3 programme alongside the traditional 5v5 game. The two squads have been competing in FIBA-sanctioned qualifying events throughout early 2026, including the FIBA 3x3 Asia Cup Qualifiers and the FIBA 3x3 World Cup Qualifiers held in Singapore in April.



Singapore's 3x3 squad in action - Photo: Basketball Association of Singapore (BAS)

The Singapore Men's 3x3 Team

The Singapore men's squad is built around a core of experienced national team players. **Ching Zhen Yu** (Adroit HB) and **Liam Richard Arman Blakney** (Kai Xuan) are the two most recognisable names, having represented Singapore at multiple international events. **Nur Aafa bin Emil Putra** and **Xu Duanyang** (Allinton Eng Tat Hornets) complete the four-man squad.

The men's draw at Glasgow 2026 includes strong Commonwealth nations such as Australia, New Zealand, Nigeria and Scotland, giving Singapore's squad a challenging but exciting path through the group stage. The format of four quarters of 10 minutes with first-to-21 scoring rewards athleticism, shooting ability and teamwork in equal measure.

The Singapore Women's 3x3 Team

The women's squad is equally impressive and has shown consistent improvement on the FIBA 3x3 circuit. **Ang Zi Yi, Lydia** (Kim Huat) leads the charge, supported by **Lai Hor Ying, Matilda** (Siglap), **Lim Jia Ying, Jermaine** (Siglap) and **Han Xing Yue**. Together, they become the first Singapore women's team to compete at the Commonwealth Games in basketball in any format.

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3x3 Basketball: A Sport On The Rise In Singapore

3x3 basketball is played on a half-court with teams of three, and first-to-21 (or most points in 10 minutes) wins. The format is fast, physical and intensely watchable - exactly the kind of sport that thrives in Singapore's sports culture. BAS has been running the National Basketball League (NBL) and Women's NBL (WNBL) alongside the National Youth Development Programme, giving players a clear pathway to the national team.

The Commonwealth Games appearance builds on a strong year for Singapore basketball more broadly. The [NBA Rising Stars Invitational is also coming to Singapore in late June 2026](#), bringing NBA talent to the OCBC Arena and giving local fans an extraordinary chance to see the game's best up close.

When And How To Watch Singapore At Glasgow 2026

The 3x3 basketball competition at the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games runs from **24 to 29 July 2026**, with semi-finals on 28 July and medal matches on 29 July. Singapore's schedule within the group stage will be confirmed closer to the competition date on the Glasgow 2026 official website.

For Singapore sports fans, Glasgow 2026 represents the nation's only Commonwealth Games appearance across any sport this year with all eight athletes competing exclusively in 3x3 basketball. It is a reminder of how far the programme has come and a tantalising glimpse of what could be possible for Singapore basketball in the years ahead. [SportSG's record spexScholars cohort](#) is also helping to identify and support high-performance athletes across disciplines further good news for Singapore sport at the highest level.

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