



Basketball BC withdraws 3x3 Basketball from 2026 BC Summer Games

Basketball BC has announced that its 3x3 program will be withdrawn from the Kelowna 2026 BC Summer Games to allow the organization to reevaluate how the sport aligns with the BC Games and Canada Basketball's sport development pathway.

Basketball BC has run its 3x3 program at the BC Games since the 2014 BC Summer Games in Nanaimo. The organization plans to reevaluate the development of 3x3 basketball in the province and come back to the BC Games stronger in the future.

"Basketball BC remains committed to growing and enhancing 3x3 basketball in the province," said Shawn Dheensaw, Executive Director of Basketball BC. "While we have made the difficult decision to withdraw 3x3 from the BC Summer Games, this allows us to realign the competition with the objectives of the Games and strengthen the overall development pathway for athletes, coaches, and officials.

"Our goal is to create sustainable opportunities for participation and excellence in 3x3 basketball and possibly participating in the BC Summer Games in the future."

Basketball BC will continue to be involved in the BC Summer Games through the 5-on-5 program, providing opportunities for B.C.'s athletes, coaches, and officials from the sport to continue to participate in the BC Games.

"While we are sad that 3x3 basketball will not be part of the 2026 BC Summer Games, we appreciate Basketball BC's commitment to growing the sport and welcome future discussions when the time is right to explore its return to the BC Games," said Alison Noble, President and CEO of the BC Games Society.

"We are excited that our partnership with Basketball BC will continue through the 5-on-5 program and we value the long-standing collaboration between our organizations."

The opportunity to apply for inclusion in the BC Winter or BC Summer Games is extended to all accredited Provincial and Disability Sport Organizations in B.C., including those that have previously withdrawn, ahead of each Games cycle. The next opportunity to apply will be announced prior to the 2028 BC Winter and BC Summer Games.