



FIBA BASKETBALL WORLD CUP 2023 QUALIFIERS GAME OFFICIALS' HANDBOOK

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1. COMPETITION FORMAT

General Concept

In November 2021, the First Round of the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Qualifiers will tip off with 80 national teams fighting for a ticket to play at the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023, which Indonesia, Japan and the Philippines will co-host. This is the first time in the competition's history that the event will be staged in more than one country.

The road to the FIBA Basketball World Cup in 2023 features six windows over 15 months across the four FIBA regions of Africa, Americas, Asia (including Oceania) and Europe. The final window will take place from February 20-28, 2023.

The FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Qualifiers will be divided into four (4) regions: Africa, Americas, Asia (including Oceania) and Europe.

In order to qualify for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023, all National Member Federations will have to participate. The winners of the previous Continental Cups or Olympic Games shall not automatically qualify for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023.

Eighty (80) National Member Federations will play the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Qualifiers, with sixteen (16) teams from Africa, sixteen (16) from the Americas, sixteen (16) from Asia and thirty-two (32) from Europe.

The remaining National Member Federations shall register for FIBA Continental Cups 2025 Pre-Qualifiers games in their respective region and compete in order to be promoted to the FIBA Continental Cups 2025 Qualifiers which will start in November 2023.

Qualification for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Qualifiers shall be based on the sports results of the National Member Federations according to the respective qualification processes.

The eighty (80) National Member Federations will play a First Round over the first three (3) Windows, with two (2) games in each Window.

At the end of the First Round, twelve (12) teams from Africa, twelve (12) from the Americas, twelve (12) from Asia and twenty-four (24) from Europe will compete in a Second Round over a further three (3) Windows, to qualify for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023.

The final line-up of the thirty-two (32) teams that qualify for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 will be as follows:

- The Hosts, Philippines (PHI), Japan (JPN) and Indonesia (INA)*
- Five (5) teams from Africa
- Seven (7) teams from the Americas
- Five (5)* or Six (6) teams from Asia
- Twelve (12) teams from Europe

(*if INA qualifies for Quarter-Finals of FIBA Asia Cup 2021)

In each round, group games are played on a round robin basis, with each team playing the other teams in its group twice, once at home and once away (with the exception of Africa).

FIBA Calendar

The games of the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Qualifiers shall take place within the official FIBA Windows, as per the FIBA International Competitions Calendar, FIBA Regulations and Official Website. The official dates of the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Qualifiers Windows are:

Round 1

- Window 1: from 22 to 30 November 2021
- Window 2: from 21 February to 1 March 2022
- Window 3: from 27 June to 5 July 2022

Round 2

- Window 4: from 22 to 30 August 2022
- Window 5: from 7 to 15 November 2022 (no games will take place during that window in Africa)
- Window 6: from 20 to 28 February 2023

Window Concept

WINDOW CONCEPT • 9 DAYS & STARTING ON A MONDAY

• ROUND 1 & ROUND 2: AMERICAS / ASIA / EUROPE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
EITHER	Players Join Team	Training/Travel		Game 1	Training/Travel		Game 2	Players Released	
OR	Players Join Team	Training/Travel			Game 1	Training/Travel		Game 2	Players Released

• ROUND 2: AMERICAS / ASIA (WINDOW 4 - AUGUST 22 ONLY)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	Players Join Team	Training/Travel		Game 1	Training/Travel		Game 2	Players Released	

• ROUND 1 & 2: AFRICA

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	Players Join Team	Training/Travel		Training	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Players Released	

Competition Format per Region

AFRICA

FIBA BASKETBALL WORLD CUP 2023 AFRICAN QUALIFIERS - FORMAT



AMERICAS

FIBA BASKETBALL WORLD CUP 2023 AMERICAS QUALIFIERS - FORMAT



ASIA

FIBA BASKETBALL WORLD CUP 2023 ASIA QUALIFIERS - FORMAT



EUROPE

FIBA BASKETBALL WORLD CUP 2023 EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS - FORMAT



2. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Administrative & Contact Information

FIBA Regional Offices shall be responsible for the overall organisation and management of the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Qualifiers and coordination of the competition aspects and the operations of the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Qualifiers games, with the assistance of the FIBA HQ.

FIBA Regional Offices shall:

- Inform the participating National Member Federations of all relevant information related to the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Qualifiers;
- Support the National Member Federations with the registration of Players, Coaches and Accompanying Team Delegation Members, under the guidance of the FIBA HQ in accordance with the FIBA Internal Regulations - Book 3;
- Ensure that the rules regarding Advertising on teams' uniforms are applied in accordance with the FIBA Internal Regulations - Book 2;
- Issue the nominations and manage travel arrangements for game officials.

FIBA Headquarters

FIBA staff located at the FIBA Headquarters (FIBA HQ) shall provide support to the FIBA Regional Offices through its different departments, preparing all required regulations, guidelines, handbooks and other material related to the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Qualifiers and overseeing all TV, marketing and communications aspects of the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Qualifiers as well as their overall planning and global delivery.

FIBA Referee Operations' staff will conduct online training activities for the Elite Programme game officials in order to ensure the best possible preparation for the games.

The games will be monitored online by the qualified FIBA Referee Instructors.

Contact information per Region:

For all matters related to the administration, nominations, international and local travels, accommodation, etc., FIBA game officials must contact the following FIBA staff in the respective Regional Office:

AFRICA

Competition, Administration & Travel

- Ms Lea KANE, Competitions Manager, Regional Office in Africa
Email: lea.kane@fiba.basketball
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Competition & Refereeing

- Mr Julien Farran, Head of Competitions, Regional Office in Africa
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AMERICAS

Travel

- Mrs. Melissa UCROS
E-mail: americas.travel@fiba.basketball

Refereeing and Administration

- Mr. Vander LOBOSCO, Referee Manager, Regional Office in Americas
E-mail: vander.lobosco@fiba.basketball
Phone: +1 786 863 3322

EUROPE

Administration

- Ms Louise Faye, Administrative Assistant Competitions, Regional Office in Europe
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Travel

- BCD Travel
Phone: +49 89 28 66 11-200 (only during office hours 08:00 – 18:00)

Refereeing

- Mr Davorin NAKIC, Referee Manager, Regional Office in Europe
Email: davorin.nakic@fiba.basketball
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ASIA

Administration & Travel

- Mr Hagop KHAJIRIAN, Regional Director, Regional Office in Asia
Email: hagop.khajirian@fiba.basketball

Refereeing

- Mr Walid ABIRACHED, Referee Manager, Regional Office in Asia
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FIBA Technical Delegates

In order to supervise the competition and to support the Host National Member Federation in the delivery of the game, FIBA will nominate for each game a FIBA Technical Delegate to observe, verify and assist in the fulfillment of the regulations by the Host and Visiting National Member Federations. In case of Tournaments, two (2) FIBA Technical Delegates will be nominated for the entirety of the Tournament.

The role and duties of the FIBA Technical Delegate are as specified in the FIBA Internal Regulations Book 3.

The FIBA Technical Delegate will be the official FIBA Representative at each game of the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Qualifiers and the liaison between FIBA and the Host and Visiting National Member Federations.

The appointment of the FIBA Technical Delegates shall be made by FIBA.

FIBA Insurance

FIBA shall provide travel insurance and insure the following FIBA Game Officials appointed by the respective FIBA Regional Office against accidents and injuries during the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Qualifiers:

- The FIBA Referees
- The FIBA Technical Delegates
- Any other nominated FIBA Game Officials and/or FIBA Representatives

The procedure to be followed in case of the medical emergency or hospitalization:

- Please call the following number:
AXA Assistance / TSM in Switzerland
+41 22 819 44 66
+41 22 819 44 80 (epidemic line)
(24h/24h, 7/7)
FIBA policy number: 20 00 314
- Notify immediately the FIBA Regional Office staff in charge.

3. TABLE OFFICIALS AND IRS OPERATORS

Table Officials

As defined in the Competition Handbooks for FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Qualifiers, Host National Member Federations shall be responsible for recruiting and appointing the Table Officials who will operate at the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Qualifiers.

Only FIBA Table Officials as defined in the FIBA Internal Regulations Book 3, are entitled to operate at the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Qualifiers.

The Host National Member Federation is responsible for ensuring that the Scorer's Table functions smoothly and that the table officials are impartial and dressed in a uniform manner (polo, shirt, trousers, sweaters, etc.). Such uniforms shall be provided by the Host National Member Federation.

Instant Replay System (IRS) Operators

For the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Qualifiers, the Limited IRS technical system shall normally be used. The description is available in the [Instant Reply System \(IRS\) Manual for Referees and IRS Operators](#).

An additional FIBA Referee or a FIBA Table Official (only in exceptional circumstances and after approval by FIBA) from the host country shall also be appointed by the Host National Member Federation from the latest list of FIBA Referees or of FIBA Table Officials to assist with the Instant Replay procedures. During the game the IRS operator shall be located at the specified position at the Scorer's Table.

Specific online training will be provided by the FIBA Competitions Department prior to the start of the competition to fulfill this duty.

The Host National Member Federation is responsible for ensuring that the IRS Operator is dressed either as the other FIBA Table Officials or using the FIBA Referees jacket (if FIBA Referee) or wearing a shirt and a jacket.

4. DRESS CODE

Uniforms

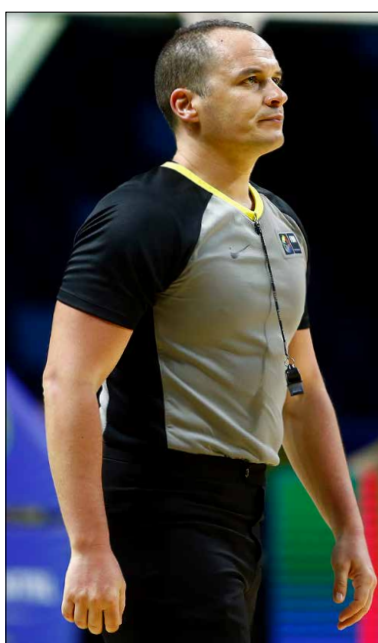
All the referees should be in possession of a NIKE referee kit prior to the competition (with training and officiating items). Referees must inform the FIBA Referee Operations immediately in case they are not in possession of the NIKE referee kit.

Only new NIKE uniforms and training items provided by FIBA for the period 2021-23 are to be used at the FIBA 2021-2023 competitions.

Warm-up jacket



Referee shirt



Mandatory sponsor logo



PLEASE MAKE SURE THE LOGO IS THIS ONE

Important: When travelling by air referees must place their Referee Uniforms into the cabin luggage. Under no circumstance the Referee Uniform may be placed into the checked-in luggage.

Off-Court Apparel

Games:

When on-duty for the games the dress code for FIBA Referees and Technical Delegates shall be business formal – a suit and a tie.

During the games referees **MUST** wear the following uniform: NIKE warm-up jacket, NIKE referee shirt, black unbranded trousers and NIKE or black unbranded shoes.

Meetings at the hotel/venue:

FIBA polos or smart casual clothes to be worn - uniformity in the group/crew.






Fitness activities:

Training gear provided by NIKE must be worn - uniformity in the group/crew.

5. ONLINE TRAINING AND MONITORING

Online Training and Tools

As usual, various types of online tools (platforms and apps) are available for FIBA Game Officials to be used. Please find below the list of all online applications which will be used for the the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Qualifiers:

Name	Description
FIBA iREF Academy platform 	Used for the distribution of admin and training material for the Officiating Team, including e.g. written and video on-line exercises, physical training control reporting, Material Library. It is a main working platform prior to the Competition (November 2021 window games excluded).
FIBA iREF Academy Library APP 	<p>This APP has all official FIBA Manuals regarding the officiating. It has also a private section (username & password required) for designated Competition material.</p> <p>It is used for the distribution of video situations from the competitions and the complementary material from the Referee Operations Centre (ROC). It is the main working platform during the competitions for material distribution.</p> <p>All the game officials and the staff involved are requested to log-in on a daily basis during the competition.</p> <p>Normally the platform/APP notifies the user when a new material is available.</p>
FIBA iREF Academy Pre-Game APP 	A special APP for the Pre-Game preparation including an electronic court with refs/players, pre-game check lists.
FIBA iREF Academy Reporting Platform 	<p>Used by FIBA Referee Instructors to evaluate and report the referees' on-court performances (main task). Includes also a possibility to use a Pre-Game Plan* (scouting) and Self-Evaluation Form*. Both of them to be used by referees only.</p> <p>* = Normally used for season type Competitions.</p>
FIBA iREF Eric Cloud 	Used by Video Operators to upload all data and videos of tagged situations during the game (basically - all calls). After the game, a respective Referee Instructor is requested to validate all decisions (calls): correct, incorrect or inconclusive for an additional validation.

Online Training

In order to ensure the best preparation for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Qualifiers, FIBA Referee Operations will regularly organize dedicated webinars and other online activities for game officials.

The online training will include, among others, the following topics: play calling, rule questions & answers, mechanics, physical and psychological preparation, etc.

The invitations to the webinars and other details of the training activities will be sent to the game officials by e-mail and via APP notifications.

Zoom will be the main platform for the dedicated webinars.

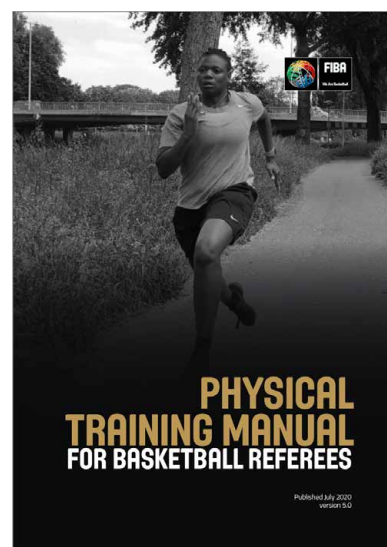


Physical Training and Monitoring

All FIBA referees are expected to be in the best possible physical shape when officiating in the FIBA Competitions. The FIBA Referee Operations has developed training/fitness programme for referees to prepare and maintain their physical performance level prior to and during the games.

The **Physical Training Manual for Basketball Referees** is available @ FIBA iREF Library App.

In case of any problem regarding the physical preparation (illness, injury, Covid-19 or post-Covid-19 recovery cases and/or other conditions) a nominated referee must inform immediately a respective FIBA Regional Referee Manager.



Team analysis (scouting)

In addition to the knowledge of the Official Basketball Rules, FIBA referees need to be competent in basketball knowledge, more specifically – to possess an in-depth understanding of team tactics and individual player skills.

Therefore, it is mandatory for the nominated referees to analyse (scout) participating teams prior to the games by using "Pre-Game Scouting Form" available at the iREF Reporting Platform. For this purpose, FIBA provides FIBA referees with the access to the high-quality streaming platform LiveBasketball.tv (<https://www.livebasketball.tv/>).

The sign up and login details using the Access Code were provided to FIBA referees earlier in 2020 and 2021. In case nominated game officials have not received the Access Code before or they are not able to access the platform, they must follow the steps indicated below:



Step 1

Click on the orange SIGN UP icon in the top right hand corner of LiveBasketball.tv.

Fill in your details (email address, name, password and country are required).



Step 2

Choose your marketing preferences and agree to terms and conditions and click on the REGISTER button.

Step 3

Choose the Live Global Basketball Pass (the price may differ depending on territory) and click on the NEXT button.

Step 4

Once you reach Step 4 (to the point where you are asked for the credit card/payment details) don't continue but communicate to the FIBA Media (Mr Richard Hughes; richard.hughes@fibamedia.com) who will activate your account and will grant a free access to the platform.

Important. When sending a request to the e-mail above, it is mandatory to copy FIBA Referee Operations (refereeing@fiba.basketball).

Game Monitoring and Performance Assessment

Throughout all 6 windows of the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Qualifiers, the games will be monitored and accessed by the qualified FIBA Referee Instructors and FIBA Referee Operations staff.

The games will be primarily monitored online, either live or recorded.

The referees' performance assessment for each FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Qualifiers' game, as well as performance assessments in other FIBA main competitions, will build up to an overall referee's performance assessment for a licensed period 2021-2023. The performance assessment's criteria is based on the content of the **OBR & OBRI, IOT Manual, 3PO Advanced Manual** and the **Instant Reply System (IRS) Manual for Referees and IRS Operators**.

These performance assessments will be stored in the FIBA iREF Academy Reporting Platform. Referees will be able to access the FIBA iREF Reporting Platform via the **FIBA All-in-One webpage**. Please check also the **Reporting Platform tutorial**.

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6. BEHAVIOUR AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Behaviour

The FIBA game official carries the image of FIBA and must act accordingly.

Under the scope of this mission, the FIBA game officials are requested:

- a) Not to speak to the media for any interview or/and to engage or provide any public comments unless approved by FIBA in writing.
- b) Not to support any teams in the Competition

The FIBA game official cannot accept any gifts or other benefits from any party during his assignment that is contrary to his duties or create a conflict of interest.

The FIBA game official shall at all-times remain neutral and act in a manner compatible with his function and integrity.



Conflict of Interest

The FIBA game official shall inform FIBA of any conflict of interest that may arise when nominated for a game.

The FIBA game official shall not have any direct link with the Host and Visiting National Member Federations.

More specifically the FIBA game official should be aware of the sensitivity related to nationality and be ready to answer the following questions:

- What is your nationality (passport)?
- Do you have any other passports and nationalities?
- Have you ever been a citizen or national of any other country?
- Do your family members (partner, children) have any other nationalities than yours?
- Do you live or regularly officiate in the country other than the National Federation you represent?
- Any other information that might cause conflict of interests for the nominations?

7. COVID-19 PROTOCOL

Principles/Scope of Application

The latest (version 5) **FIBA COVID-19 Protocol** (the “Protocol”) was released in October 2021.

It continues to set out the framework for the safe implementation of FIBA Competitions, and sets levels of required expertise, infection prevention, hygiene, medical response, and compliance.

Due to the constantly changing knowledge of the COVID-19 virus, this Protocol continues to evolve and may be subject to updates which will be promptly communicated to all concerned parties. Local public health authorities may also require stricter measures than those outlined in this Protocol: Where applicable, these would take precedence in the governance of a Competition.

Similarly, FIBA Regional Offices and Hosts may agree to implement, for a Competition, measures and requirements that are stricter than those applied in the host country: in this case, those measures shall take precedence and shall be applied to all categories, including participants and spectators.

For this reason, it is mandatory for the nominated game officials to obtain the most up-to-date information from the respective FIBA Regional Office regarding the measures and requirements applied for specific countries and games.

8. CONTACT INFORMATION

For specific questions related to the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Qualifiers’ nominations, travels, accommodation, Covid-19 Protocol requirements and other administrative matters, please contact your respective FIBA Regional Office, as indicated in the Chapter 2 of this Handbook.

For the general and educational matters or the topics not covered in this Handbook, please contact FIBA Referee Operations at refereeing@fiba.basketball.

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