

**International Youth  
Basketball Tournament  
United World Games 2026  
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# Regulations Basketball

The United World Games Basketball Tournament will be played according to the official rules of the International Basketball Association FIBA. Except for the rules specifically mentioned in the following points:

## Most Important Rule - FAIR PLAY

It should be needless to say, but we expect fair play from all teams! Please respect your opponents as well as the decisions of the referees and try to play as fair as possible.

## 1. Age Groups & Playing Time

### Male:

Categories	Cutoff Date	Playing time Prelims	Minimum number of players
U 19	01.01.2007 and younger	4 x 8 mins	5 players
U 16	01.01.2010 and younger	4 x 8 mins	5 players
U 14	01.01.2012 and younger	4 x 8 mins	5 players

### Female:

Categories	Cutoff Date	Playing time Prelims	Minimum number of players
U 19	01.01.2007 and younger	4 x 8 mins	5 players
U 16	01.01.2010 and younger	4 x 8 mins	5 players
U 14	01.01.2012 and younger	4 x 8 mins	5 players

### Mixed\*:

Categories	Cutoff Date	Playing time Prelims	Minimum number of players
U 12	01.01.2014 and younger	4 x 8 mins	5 players
U 10	01.01.2016 and younger	4 x 8 mins	5 players

\*No minimum number of boys or girls required.

### Playing time is "running time"

- Only the last 2 minutes of the fourth quarter and the last minute in overtime are "stopped".
- The break after the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter are one minute each. The halftime break is 2 minutes.

### Exception permits:

Due to different deadlines of the various national Basketball Federations, exceptions may be issued in accordance with our statutory exception rule. As per this rule, a maximum of **2 players** per team is allowed to **exceed the respective age limit by up to but no more than 6 months**. These players must be announced to the Organizing Committee and marked on the corresponding Squad List accordingly.

Additionally, it is allowed that girls may play in the male age categories, and that younger players may play in higher age categories.

## 2. Squad List & ID Checks

Each participating team must submit its **squad-list** online via the UWG account at <https://my.unitedworldgames.com/> **by May 31st, 2026**, which then will be approved.

A team can only complete check-in and receive its relevant documents after the squad list has been successfully reviewed and approved.

If the squad list is not completed, an additional processing fee will be charged.

Coaches are required to carry the **UWG-approved squad list** and **player ID cards/passports** for all games. It is highly recommended to have a printed version of the squad list on hand to avoid any issues due to potential internet problems at the venues and to ensure access at all times.

During the tournament, coaches have the right to request a pre-game ID check of the opposing team and verify players. If this check is not requested before the match starts, the right to do so expires.

In addition, a maximum of two players from the opposing team may be checked during the time of the match. Player verification is carried out by the referees in coordination with the venue supervisors.

If a team:

1. uses players who do not meet the age requirements,
2. uses players who are not listed on the official squad list, or
3. uses a squad list that has not been approved by UWG,

the current match will be automatically recorded as a defeat for the respective team.

In the case of a repeated violation of the squad list regulations, the team will be disqualified from the tournament.

It is generally allowed for a player to participate in two different teams, as long as they are not competing in the same competition category. In such cases, the player must be listed on both squad list. (Example: A player competing in the U13 category may also be listed on a U15 team and play for both, as long as the match schedule allows it).

If a club enters multiple teams in the same category, players may not be moved between teams. Each player may only appear on the squad list of one team per competition.

## 3. Arrival at the Sports venue

All teams must arrive at their designated venue **no later than 15 minutes before** the start of the match and must check in with the **venue supervisor**.

If a team arrives, for example, only 10 minutes before the match or fails to check in properly, the game will be officially forfeited. However, the referee, together with the coaches of both teams, may decide whether the game will actually be forfeited or played as scheduled. If the team that arrived on time insists on the forfeit, it will be enforced accordingly.

The changing rooms will only be available approximately 10 minutes before the match, as they are reserved for the teams currently playing. Please note that changing rooms are shared with other teams. Teams are kindly asked to vacate the changing rooms promptly after the match to ensure a smooth transition for the following teams.

## 4. Team Size

There is no maximum team size or substitution limit.

## 5. Match Regulations

- **5 personal or 2 technical fouls** (the second technical foul results in a disqualification).
- With a **disqualification foul**, a player is **suspended** for the remainder of the game.
- After **6 team fouls per half** each foul will be sanctioned with free throws. Except offensive fouls.
- **One time-out** is allowed during 1<sup>st</sup> half, **two time-outs** are allowed during 2<sup>nd</sup> half.
- **A Time-out** needs to be **requested** at the game table first.
- **The 24-second-rule** will be considered by the referees.
- **Sudden death periods** start with a **jump ball** .
- All other periods start with **possession arrow**.
- There can be differences between the **European and American foul and traveller rules**.
- The **U10 and U12 category** will play with **ball size 5** on regular baskets.
- The age groups **U10, U12** and **U14** must play with a **man-to-man defense**. If zone defense is played, the coach of the team which plays zone defense will receive a warning. If **zone is played again** by that team, a **free throw** will be awarded each time the team plays zone defense.
- Age groups **U16, U19** are playing with a **free defense**.
- If a team leads by at least 25 points, it is not allowed to full court press.
- No offense restrictions.

## 6. Games, Points & Play-Off

During the preliminaries the teams will be divided into groups and play a round robin.

**The ranking will be decided by points:**

Win	2 Points
Loss	1 Point
Disqualification	0 Points

**After the preliminary round, a table reflects the order of the teams. These are the criteria for determining the ranking in the group stage:**

1. Number of points (Win: 2 points, Loss: 1 point, Disqualification: 0 points)
2. Lower number of forfeited games due to disqualification
3. Better score difference (Points for – Points against)
4. Higher number of scored points (Points for)
5. If two or more teams are equal in all of the above criteria, only the matches between these teams will be considered to determine their ranking (criteria 1–4 apply in the same order)
6. If no decision can be made after applying all of the above criteria, the ranking will be determined by lot (automated random draw by computer)

**If a comparison of the best second-, third-, fourth- or fifth-placed teams (etc.) across different groups is required, the following criteria apply:**

1. Number of points / Number of games played
2. Number of forfeited games due to disqualification (DSQ) / Number of games played
3. Score difference / Number of games played
4. Number of scored points (Points for) / Number of games played
5. If no decision can be made after applying all of the above criteria, the ranking will be determined by lot (automated random draw by computer)

**In case of a tie:**

In case of a tie there will be a "sudden death" – first point wins!

**Exception: Finals** – in case of a tie in a final game, there will be an overtime of 1 x 3 Min. The three minute overtime will be repeated until there is a decision.

## 7. Walk Over (w.o.)

A team that fails to present itself on the court without any reported valid reason is automatically disqualified 0:20 (w.o.). Delayed teams will be waited for 5 minutes.

All further actions and decisions are the responsibility of the Tournament Director or Venue Supervisor (in consultation with the referee).

## 8. Gyms/Courts

Entering the gym is only allowed with indoor sport shoes. It is not allowed to bring any food or drinks into the sports halls.

**Exception:** PET bottles

Smoking is prohibited in all sport facilities!

The different courts have different lines. All rules will relate to the individual lines. The "No Charge Circle", if not marked on the floor, will be determined by the referees.

## 9. Ball Size & Teamoutfits

Male U16 & U19	Size 7
Male U14 & all female groups	Size 6
Mixed U10 & U12	Size 5

**Please note:** The tournament organizers will only provide the gameball, **please bring your own balls for warming up!**

All uniforms must include a number on the backside. All teams are advised to bring spare uniforms in a different colour in case the colours of the uniforms are too similar to the discretion of the referee.

The team that is listed first in the game schedule will have to change to colours distinctive from their opponent.

**Please note:** The **U10 competition** will be played with a **basket height of 3,05m.**

## 10. Match Report

10 Minutes before each game all coaches have to hand in the completed squad sticker to the organizing committee. The same players can be part of various teams of the same basketball club, however not in the same age-group.

All players must prove their identity with legal photo identification.

## 11. Insurance, Disclaimer & Theft

The participants are not insured through the organizers. It is up to the coach of each team to make sure that his/her players and all the participants of the team are insured during the event. The organizers do not assume any kind of liability in case of illness, accidents or loss/theft of personal belongings.

With their participation the athletes accept the disclaimer of warranty for any kind of damage. No claims can be asserted against the organizing committee, the event sponsors, the city of Klagenfurt and the province of Carinthia regarding damage or injuries.

Every athlete has to make sure that they are fully physically capable of participating without any medical objections.

**For all players:** Do not leave any valuable things and/or expensive clothing and/or shoes in the locker rooms.

## 12. Disciplinary Remark

Severe offenses and brutal fouls will result in an automatic ban for the next game. In addition, the tournament board will speak out a further suspension according to the severity of the offense. In case of a sending-off because of a brawl or insulting the referee, the concerned player will be disqualified for the whole remainder of the tournament.

Furthermore the tournament board reserves the right to suspend entire teams from the tournament, if they act disrespectful towards referees, officials or opponents, or misbehave themselves.

## 13. Final Remark

The organizers of the United World Games are at the understanding that each participant and team leader knows all the items as mentioned in these regulations.

**IMPORTANT: In emergencies and during the night-time the emergency number 144 must be called. Please also note that if an injured athlete has to be transported to the hospital with an ambulance, a coach of the affected team must always go with them.**