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## NEW FIBA Approved 3x3 Basketball

# Introducing the Molten Libertria 5000 3x3



Molten Corporation (Headquarters: Nishi-ku, Hiroshima City, Japan; President and CEO: Kiyofumi Tamiaki), a manufacturer of competition quality sports balls and equipment, will release the Molten Libertria 5000 3x3, a FIBA Approved 3x3 game ball, in March of 2016.

The 3x3 basketball scene has seen promising growth over the past few years. This exciting game has three players per team and utilizes a half-court playing space. Until recently, Size 6 game balls were used in all competition. Now, Molten has developed a 3x3 game ball to meet new regulations set by FIBA (International Basketball Federation) in 2015.

The Molten Libertria 5000 3x3 Basketball features remarkable grip and superior durability; with its wear-resistant covering, the Libertria 5000 3x3 is able to withstand the wear and tear of intense play on harsh outdoor courts without sacrificing grip and maneuverability. The 12-panel design is based on the Molten GL7X Basketball, the official indoor game ball of FIBA. The color scheme satisfies new FIBA regulations, and the yellow/blue colors ensure that the ball is highly visible in both indoor and outdoor environments.

The Molten Libertria 5000 3x3 will be the exclusive game ball of the 3x3 FISU World University League Final, and will also be used as the official 3x3 game ball of the numerous national federations where Molten has the

ball agreement throughout the world. Guided by its brand statement ‘for the real game,’ Molten Corporation will continue to develop and supply products with superb functionality and innovative design for the larger basketball community.

## ■ Product Features

### 1) FIBA 3x3 Standards

The new FIBA 3x3 standards require a different color scheme, size, and weight than indoor basketball. The maneuverability of a size 6 basketball has been combined with the weight of a size 7 basketball; the integration of the smaller size and increased weight allows for dynamic play and reduced wind interference when playing outdoors. To increase visibility, the ball features yellow and blue panels with orange seams. All 3x3 games will be played with a ball of the above standards regardless of age or gender.

The Molten Libertria 5000 3x3 game ball is FIBA Approved and conforms to FIBA’s new standards.

### 2) Maximum Grip Meets High Abrasion Resistance

The Molten Libertria 5000 3x3 features a composite leather different from conventional basketballs to maximize speed for 3x3’s fast-paced play. With exceptional grip and abrasion resistance, the Libertria 5000 3x3 was designed with withstand intense outdoor play.

## ■ Product Overview

Name	Libertria 5000 3x3
Number	B33T5000
Size	720-740mm circumference
Weight	580-620g
Material	Composite leather
Official Approval	FIBA official approved ball (3x3)
Country of Manufacture	Thailand

## ■ What is 3x3?

Half of a standard basketball court is used (11x15m). Three people per team participate to compete in 10-minute periods. The game is complete when either team reaches 21 points scored. FIBA-sponsored 3x3 international championships include: the FIBA 3x3 World Championships, held once every two years as a competition between national teams; the FIBA 3x3 World Tour Final; the FIBA 3x3 World Tour Masters, which take place once per year between city representative teams; and the FIBA 3x3 ALL STARS, which creates two teams of players selected from international championship participants.

## ■ About Molten

Molten, a manufacturer of balls and sports equipment, has been making and marketing handballs, volleyballs, soccer balls and basketballs of uncompromising quality since 1958. Molten continues to raise global standards, supplying the official game balls and sports equipment for major leagues, teams and international tournaments around the world.

For further information, please visit [www.molten.co.jp/sports/en/](http://www.molten.co.jp/sports/en/)

## ■ For the real game

Molten's brand statement, "For the real game", encapsulates what we hope to accomplish through our products and activities. It is our conviction that the real game happens only when impeccable balls and sports equipment enable athletes to realize their full potential and maximize performance.

"For the real game", as a promise for the brand, we do activities and product development.

## ■ Product image data (JPEG) is also available

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