



BASKETBALL BC AND FRASER VALLEY BANDITS ANNOUNCE 2021 SUMMER SLAM 3X3 EVENT AT LANGLEY EVENTS CENTRE FOR EARLY SEPTEMBER

LANGLEY, B.C., July 15, 2021 – Basketball BC and the Fraser Valley Bandits are partnering to host the 2021 edition of the Summer Slam 3x3, a youth 3x3 basketball tournament that will take place at the Langley Events Centre (LEC) on September 4 and 5.

Summer Slam has been held in Kelowna and Richmond with great success in previous years. Basketball BC and the Fraser Valley Bandits' partnership will allow both organizations to continue the legacy of 3x3 basketball in the province on a larger scale at LEC.

Registration is now open for boys and girls teams. Teams interested in registering can do so now by clicking here. Registration closes Sunday, August 29.

The 2021 Summer Slam represents another exciting element of Basketball BC and the Fraser Valley Bandits' multi-faceted partnership, which saw the provincial sport organization and professional basketball club partner on a similar launch of the Bandits Youth Basketball League last fall.

"3x3 basketball is growing in British Columbia and we're excited to work with Basketball BC toward welcoming some of the province's up and coming hoopers for an electric event," Bandits vice president Dylan Kular said. "3x3 basketball has a well-established global reputation for bringing an activation driven experience to the basketball court and we're excited to work toward giving participating teams a rewarding two days of fun and competition."

"We've seen immense growth in popularity when it comes to 3x3 basketball, so having the opportunity to celebrate the sport under one roof at LEC for a great two days of basketball is very exciting for us. We're looking forward to welcoming teams of a variety of skill levels from various parts of BC," said Connor Ranspot, manager of youth programs and special events for Basketball BC.

A unique spin on the traditional 5x5 game, 3x3 basketball features only three players per team, a shortened shot clock and game clock, as well as a half-court for the field of play. Games are frequently hosted outdoors in a festival-type atmosphere. FIBA 3x3 tournaments are hosted around the world and the sport will make its Olympic debut in Tokyo later this summer.

More information on the Summer Slam 3x3 tournament is available on Basketball BC's <u>website</u>. The Summer Slam 3x3 will follow the guidelines for 3x3 competition established by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA).

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About the Fraser Valley Bandits:

The Fraser Valley Bandits are British Columbia's professional basketball team. As the westernmost club in the Canadian Elite Basketball League (CEBL), the club is proud to call Abbotsford Centre home. The Bandits offer a riveting entertainment experience that combines a fast-paced game day atmosphere with a presentation of some of Canada's top professional athletes within a world-class venue. PerfectLens, a Vancouver-based contact lens supplier, is the official presenting partner of the Bandits' 2021 season. Head to thebandits.ca for more information.