

YOUR COMPLETE GUIDE TO SCHOOL FUTSAL IN AUSTRALIA



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Dear Teachers,

Australian Futsal Association is a non-profit organization that has been developing and managing the sport of five-a-side indoor soccer across Australia, running its first School Titles in 1990. With more International Affiliates coming on board each year, the AFA are at the forefront of Futsal Management and Development in Australia.

The development of Futsal throughout the vast school network is at the core of the Australian Futsal mission statement. In addition to regular skills and training sessions, Australian Futsal conducts a range of tournaments at regional, state and national levels. These are open to all primary and secondary schools across Australia.

Each specific region or state has tailored made pathways and structures designed to suit their areas. These are all directly connected and monitored by the National Australian Schools and Development Departments. AFA offers elite career paths for both schools and players in the school system.

School Tournaments offer the chance for young and aspiring athletes to compete against other teams in a professionally run competition. AFA competitions give players a chance to develop their skills and strengthen relations with other players and schools.

Please find herein upcoming Tournament Dates and Locations along with the Rules and Regulations that govern participation in the AFA School Futsal Tournaments. All rules contained herein are based on Futsal laws of the game and the regulations may only be varied with the consent of the AFA.

On behalf of the Australian Futsal Association, I'd like to wish all schools, teams, players, teachers and officials all the best in their School Futsal Campaign to take out the ultimate title for 2024. Good luck and let the games begin!

Kind Regards,

Australian Futsal



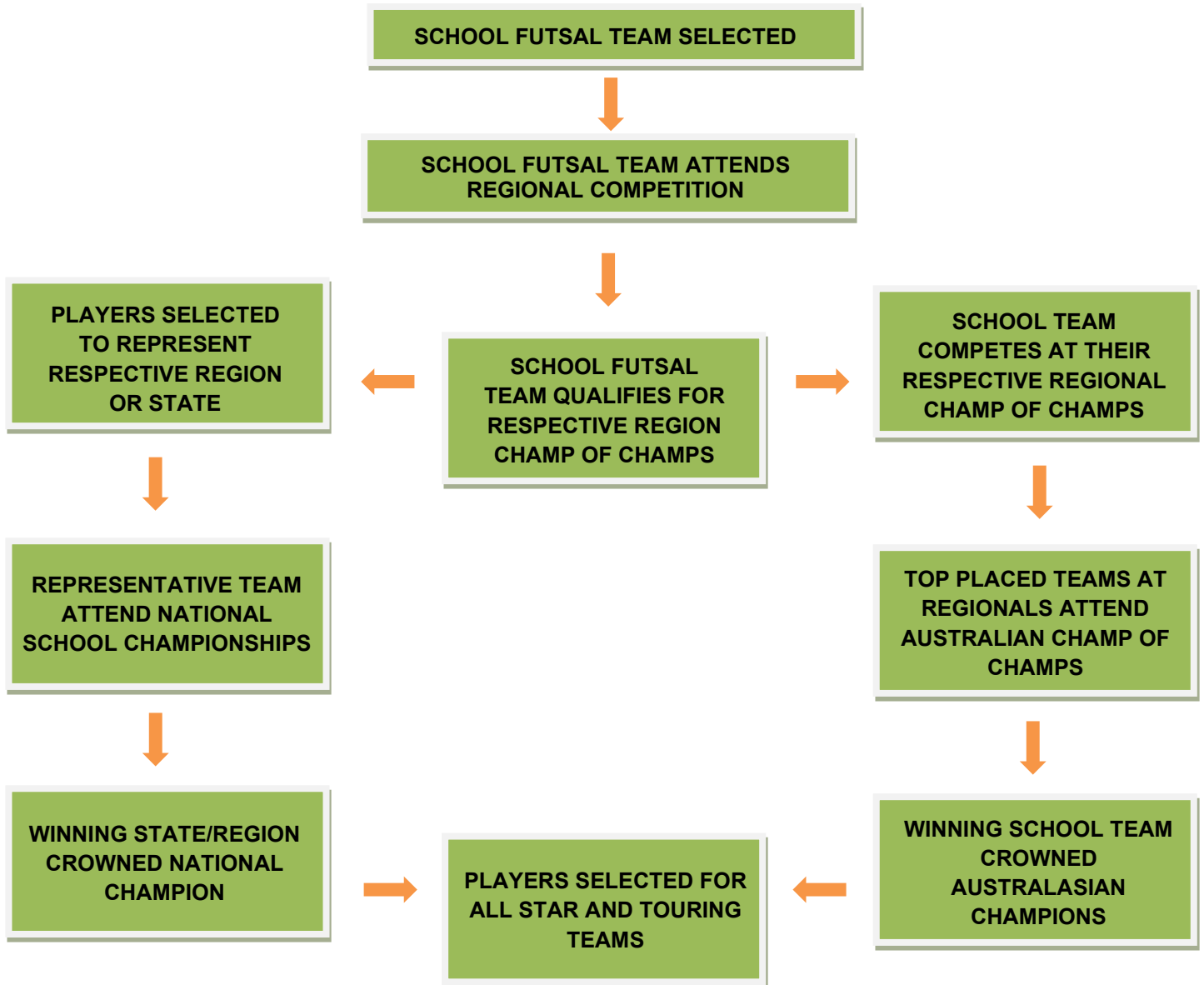


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PATHWAYS

AFA School Futsal doesn't just end with regional competitions. We offer various opportunities for individual players and or teams as a whole to progress through our Pathways Program.





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SCHOOL FUTSAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

ROUND 1: These rounds are conducted at regional levels all across the country. For example, schools in Northern NSW can compete in either/or the *Northern Rivers*, *New England* or *Coffs Coast* School Titles for a chance to progress to the next round (Champion of Champions). Teams must finish within the top two or four ranked positions of their age group to qualify depending on the size of the school titles. (If competing at the *Brisbane Metro QLD Titles*, the top eight qualifiers will move on to the next round.)

ROUND 2: The *State Champion of Champions* is the next stage of the program. For example, if a school qualifies from *Coffs Coast* School Titles they will attend the *Northern NSW Champion of Champions*, whereas schools that attended and qualified from any of our *QLD* School Titles will attend the *Southern QLD Champion of Champions*. Teams must finish again within the top four ranked positions of their age group to qualify. Regions that do not have a Champion of Champions will automatically be invited to participate in Round 3 (below.)

ROUND 3: The *Australasian Champion of Champions* is the final round of the program. This is where all qualifying schools from each of their respective champion of champions will compete for the title of best school in the country. This tournament will be held in November in Queensland.

From our School Program players have the opportunity to represent their state at the National School Futsal Championships (September) then represent their country on International Tours to all parts of the globe.

HOW DO YOU GET INVOLVED?

Go to our website www.schoolfutsal.com and click on the **School Futsal Titles Registration** button at the top of the page and you will be taken directly to the online registration system.

You can enter into any School Titles you would like to participate in and can enter more than one.

The fee for entering into the program may vary from region to region. You can also purchase additional optional player insurance at a cost of \$7.00 per head.

If you enter 11 teams into our schools competition you will receive a 12th entry free of charge. Please call head office on (07) 3270 2777 for more information.



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****Please note – whilst most of the below dates are confirmed they are subject to change due to venue constraints. All efforts will be made to notify entrants accordingly if any changes occur.**

REGIONAL SCHOOL TITLE DATES (ROUND 1)

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY:

ACT (M-Power Dome) – 26th, 27th March 3rd, 4th, 5th April.

QUEENSLAND:

- **Fraser Coast** (Hervey Bay) 27th, 28th, 29th Feb and the 1st March.
- **South West Queensland** (Toowoomba) 11th – 15th March.
- **Brisbane Metro** (formally known as South East Queensland)

Round Days 26th Feb - 12th March,

Finals Days 26th March (13's – 19's), 27th March (8's – 12's).

- **Sunshine Coast** (Caloundra) 22nd, 23rd, and 24th of April.
- **Whitsundays** (Mackay) 22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th April & 1st May.
- **Bundaberg** (Bundaberg PCYC) 29th, 30th April 1st, 2nd May.
- **North Queensland** (Townsville) 9th, 10th May.
- **Gold Coast** (Coomera) 7th, 9th, 10th, 13th, 14th, 15th May.
- **North Brisbane** (Southpine Sports Complex) 21st & 23rd May.
- **South Brisbane** (Nissan Arena) 31st May.

*For more details on any **QLD** School Titles please email schoolfutsal@australianfutsal.com*

NSW

- **Coffs Coast** (Coffs Harbour) 30th & 31st May.
- **Northern Rivers** (Byron Bay) Dates TBC.
- **New England Tamworth** (Tamworth) 16th & 17th May.
- **Manning** 20th – 24th May.
- **Lismore** Dates TBC.

*For entry into the **NNSW** School Titles please email schoolfutsal@australianfutsal.com*

VICTORIA

- **East Melbourne** - (Monash Uni) 29th April – 2nd May & 8th May.
Contact: Sarah McColl 0437 025 223 victoria@australianfutsal.com
- **West Victoria** – (Whitten Oval Stadium) 27th – 30th May.
Contact: Sarah McColl 0437 025 223 victoria@australianfutsal.com



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TASMANIA

- **Hobart** (Futsal Institute of Tasmania) 15th -17th, 21st & 22nd May.
- **North West Tasmania** (Devonport Rec Centre) 8th - 10th May.
- **Launceston** (Elphin Sports Stadium) 28th - 30th May.

For more information on **Tasmanian** School Titles call Romeo Frediani on 0438 735 562 or email romeo@australianfutsal.com

WESTERN AUSTRALIA - Please Contact Greg Farrell at West Coast Futsal via schools@futsalwa.org.au or visit <https://www.futsalwa.org.au> for further dates and details on how to enter.

PORT MACQUARIE FUTSAL - For detailed information into any **PORT MACQUARIE FUTSAL** competition re dates etc, please contact Mark mark@eastcoasteagles.com

NORTHERN NSW CENTRAL COAST/HUNTER/COUNTRY - For detailed information into any **NNSW FUTSAL** competition re dates etc, please visit www.nnswfutsal.com.au for further details.

STATE CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS DATES (ROUND 2)

- Southern QLD Champion of Champions (Brisbane) Nissan Arena 8th – 12th, 15th & 16th July.
- Tasmania Champion of Champions (Hobart) – Dates TBC.
- Far Northern NSW Champion of Champions (Sportz Central, Coffs Harbour) – 30th & 31st July.

AUSTRALASIAN CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS (ROUND 3)

- Australian Champion of Champions Senior & Junior - (Brisbane) 7th – 10th November

ONE DAY EVENT (Open Invitation - No Qualification Needed)

- Winter State Titles (Non Champion of Champion teams only) (Nathan) – 19th - 21st August.
- Chantelle Cramb Cup Saturday (Nathan) – 2nd October
- Summer State Futsal Titles (Nathan) – 9th October
- Victoria Spring State Titles – 21st & 25th October

PRIMARY SCHOOL CUP (Open Invitation - No Qualification Needed)

- Toowoombva (USQ Uni) – 5th August.
- North Brisbane (Southpine Sports Complex) – 14th October
- Gold Coast (Gold Coast Sport & Leisure Centre) – 22nd October
- Brisbane South (Nissan Arena) – 26th November



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RULES AND REGULATIONS

AGE REQUIREMENTS

A participant's age is determined by their age as of the 31st of December 2024.

Players **may not** be any **older than** the age category they are participating in as of the 31st of December 2024. Although, players are permitted to be younger than this determinant as of the 31st of December 2024. This is determined by the year in which the event is played. For example: Spencer turns 15 on the 2nd of November 2024 – Spencer must be in the 15 Boys Competition or an older category **but not** a younger age group.

AGE CATEGORIES

Age categories offered for Australian Futsal tournaments will vary based on region at the discretion of the Australian Futsal Association.

FEMALE

- 8 Girls – Born 2016 or Younger
- 9 Girls – Born 2015 or Younger
- 10 Girls – Born 2014 or Younger
- 11 Girls - Born 2013 or Younger
- 12 Girls - Born 2012 or Younger
- 13 Girls - Born 2011 or Younger
- 14 Girls - Born 2010 or Younger
- 15 Girls - Born 2009 or Younger
- 16 Girls - Born 2008 or Younger
- 19 Girls - Born 2005 or Younger

MALE

- 8 Boys – Born 2016 or Younger
- 9 Boys – Born 2015 or Younger
- 10 Boys – Born 2014 or Younger
- 11 Boys – Born 2013 or Younger
- 12 Boys – Born 2012 or Younger
- 13 Boys – Born 2011 or Younger
- 14 Boys – Born 2010 or Younger
- 15 Boys – Born 2009 or Younger
- 16 Boys – Born 2008 or Younger
- 19 Boys – Born 2005 or Younger

Please Note: If an age group is combined and you have a team within each age division, you cannot double up on players. For example, Jack is 13 years old and is nominated for the Under 13 AND Under 14 Boys competition. However the age group on that day had to become a combined Under 13/14 division. Jack can only play for one team. If your school nominates two teams in the one age group, players can only compete in their assigned team, not both.

ELIGIBILITY

Players Must:

- All players nominated on the nomination form for a school **MUST** be a student of the school they are representing. Teams therefore are not permitted to 'borrow' students from any other school.



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- Players can only be nominated for one team if the age group is combined or if we have multiple pools in that age group. Players can be nominated in two age groups if the age groups are not combined however they can only participate in 1 game at any given time.
- To be eligible for elimination, quarter, semi or grand final rounds, players must have played a minimum of round games previous to first finals. Please see below for details:

10-8 Round Games – 5 Games Played
7-6 Round Games – 4 Games Played
5-3 Round Games – 3 Games Played

FIRST AID

Report all injuries to the Sports Trainer or Centre Administrator on site at your venue so they can be recorded for future reference as necessary. Ice will be available for the treatment of minor injuries and sprains.

INSURANCE COSTS

Public Liability: Will be provided by the Australian Futsal Association

Personal Injury: Individuals should only rely on Private Health Insurance for comprehensive cover.

Australian Futsal Personal Injury Sports Cover: Can be purchased at \$7.00 per player for the course of each tournament prior to the event.

AMBULANCE COVER

If a player requires hospital treatment during the tournament an Ambulance may only be called if the centre sports trainer or event staff requests so.

The cost of the Ambulance will be the individual players cost. QLD players are covered throughout Australian States for Ambulance Transport. However AFA strongly recommend that players from VIC, TAS, NSW, WA, SA and NZ seek private health cover for Ambulance Coverage in case of an emergency.

Private vehicles will not be used to transport seriously injured players to the hospital.

TOURNAMENT COSTS

Tournament levy varies from region to region per team, refer to region information.

Once a draw has been published, you will incur a withdrawal fee of 50% of the original levy for each team withdrawn.

TOURNAMENT DRAWS

The **Australian Futsal Association** will comply with the following format when generating draws for confirmed team nominations in all age categories.

Each team is guaranteed a minimum of 4 games. If an age category has not enough teams to form a draw, that age group will be combined with the next closest age group.



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Please Note: Whilst every effort is taken to accommodate draw requests, we cannot always guarantee a particular game time. All schools must be available for all times within the stated hours given for each particular tournament unless otherwise previously requested via written submission.

Draws are subject to change up until **5pm the day before play commences**. It is advisable to check the draw frequently to ensure your team does not miss out on a match.

AFA takes no responsibility for any forfeiture of games due to not being able to access emails to check draws whilst away. Draws are also available via www.schoolfutsal.com

GAME DURATION

The following applies to all round and pool games, elimination matches and finals.

- Games of 2 x 13 minute halves duration run off the clock will be played for all age categories*
- Games of 2 x 20 minute halves duration run off the clock will be played at the Australasian Champion of Champions.
- **Half time Intervals** 1 minute.
- **Time Outs** will only be permitted in **Grand Final** matches
- Each team in a **Grand Final** match will be permitted one (1) timeout only for the entire match per team.
- Time Outs are **not permitted** during extra time periods.

**Depending on final numbers entered within a tournament, it may be necessary to shorten halves. You will be notified accordingly if this is the case. However we try our best to avoid these situations and games are only shortened if absolutely necessary.*

The start and finish of each round game will be activated by the air horn system(not finals). Please note however that the referees whistle officially starts and ends each game, ie a goal can be scored after the air horn has sounded if the referees' final whistle has not been blown.

POINTS ALLOCATION (RESULTS)

The following system details the number of points to be allocated to teams competing at any Australian Futsal Association School Tournament for round pool games. Any team forfeiting a match will be asked to show due cause as to why they should remain in the tournament.

- **Win** – Three (3) Points
- **Draw** – One (1) Point
- **Loss** – Zero (0) Points
- **Forfeit For** – Three (3) Points (all goals for and against for the forfeiting team will be taken away - if it is not their first game)
- **Forfeit Against** – Zero (0) Points

DETERMINATION OF FINAL PLACINGS

At the completion of round/pool games, teams will be ranked for placement in elimination matches based on the number of points accrued during the round/pool stage of the



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tournament.

- Teams not placed in elimination matches will take no further part in the tournament unless play-off games for 5/6 7/8 etc. form part of the tournament.
- The team with the highest number of points will be placed first and the next highest number of points will be placed second and so on.

In the event that two teams are equal on points then the following will apply.

- The team with the highest **goal difference** will be deemed the higher place getter.
- Should teams still remain equal the team with the highest number of **goals for** will be deemed the higher place getter.
- Should teams still remain equal the team with the least number of **goals against** will be deemed the higher place getter.
- Should teams still remain equal the team with the most **games won** will be deemed the higher place getter.
- Should teams still remain equal the team that **won the round games** between the two teams will be deemed the higher place getter.
- Should teams still remain equal the team with the **least number of disciplinary cards** will be deemed the higher place getter.
- If teams are still equal then a **penalty shoot-out** will determine the higher placing. Penalty shootout will take place according to AFA Laws of the game.

ELIMINATION MATCHES

In the event that an elimination game results in a draw at the completion of regulation time the following shall apply:

Brisbane Metro School Titles ONLY – Elimination and Round of 16 Games

- If an Elimination, Round of 16 Game or Quarter Final results in a draw at the conclusion of regular time, a ratio system will come into play. This is based on your teams overall performance and positioning throughout the round games. This is determined by the following parameters:
 - Position Finished
 - Average of Difference
 - Average of Goals For
 - Average of Goals Against
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- The Centre Administrator at your Venue will have all statistics and placings on hand to determine the winner.
- Sudden Death Games (Golden Goal and Penalty Shootouts) will come into play for Semi Finals and Grand Finals Only.

Elimination matches include all Playoffs, Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals.* (for all events other than Brisbane Metro)

- At the completion of regulation time the team with the highest amount of goals moves to the next round. If the game was a Grand Final that team is declared Champions of their tournament.
- The team on lesser number of goals is eliminated from the tournament.
- In the event that an elimination game results in a draw at the completion of regulation time,



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the following shall apply.

- Golden goal extra time of one 10 (ten) minute period. The team scoring first during this period will be declared the winner and progress to the next round. If however the teams are still equal at the completion of Golden Goal extra time then the following shall occur:
- A penalty shoot-out will take place in accordance with the Laws of the game; with the team completing the most successful penalties progressing to the next round.

TEAM MANAGEMENT AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The coach and or manager of each team is responsible for all matters relating to the team including the conduct of the team members and supporters, disciplinary matters, adherence to local regulations and appropriate use of venues.

CODE OF CONDUCT/ETHICS

Individual Coaches and Managers are required to issue and enforce their respective codes of conduct/ethics.

Coaches and Team Officials are prohibited from wearing uniforms that identify them as members of or advertise private futsal clubs, programs or academies that are not affiliated with Australian Futsal Association.

The distribution of marketing materials is not allowed unless the written approval of the Australian Futsal Association during all tournaments and events.

The conduct of all players, team officials, referees, tournament officials and spectators who participate in Australian Futsal School Tournaments is governed by a Codes of Conduct/Ethics generally accepted as endorsing the values of fair play, respect and tolerance but not limited to:

1. Co-operation with tournament, venue and game officials, or their delegates
2. Compliance with venue rules and guidelines.
3. Behaving in a professional, responsible and courteous manner towards participants, team officials, referees, tournament officials and spectators.
4. Adherence to the Laws of the Game
5. Participation in the spirit of the game
6. Refraining from the use of offensive, abusive or insulting language and/or gestures
7. Refraining from behaviour that is violent or offensive
8. Refraining from engaging behaviour that aims to harass or discriminate against other persons on the grounds of race, sex, religion, or for any other reason.
9. Abstaining from the use, possession or promotion of any banned substance or drugs of dependence.
10. **Fighting of any kind will not be tolerated. Players will be suspended from all future games for a period of 6 months. This includes instigating or retaliating.**



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11. Failure to comply with the Codes of Conduct as set out in the document may result in the offender/s being dismissed from venues or suspended from play or officiating for a fixed period of time and/or indefinitely.

NOMINATION FORMS

Nomination Forms (team sheets) **must** be submitted prior to the commencement of the tournament. Any team who has not submitted their nomination forms before their first game will be subject to loss of points and or disqualification from the competition. In the event that a player is added into the team on the day (prior to kick-off of first game) the coach/manager must submit an updated nomination form to the Centre Administrator. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit result for games in which those in-eligible players participate.

Any player found to be breaching these rules will class as an automatic disqualification from the competition.

Players not entered on the nomination form at the time your first game commence, will be deemed ineligible to participate in any game that day.

REGIONAL AND AUSTRALASIAN CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

A letter on official school letterhead signed by the School Principal listing all players names and dates of birth **MUST** be submitted prior to commencement of your first game. This is to ensure all players competing currently attend the school they are representing and are in the correct age division.

UNIFORMS

It is **compulsory** for all team members who are not nominated Goalkeeper to wear a colour co-ordinated uniform comprising of the following:

- A Numbered Shirt – the number must clearly contrast with the shirt colour.
- Shorts (may be numbered)
- Long Socks
- Suitable Non-Marking Shoes
- Shin Pads that provide a reasonable degree of protection

Goalkeepers Must Wear:

- A Numbered shirt of a colour that distinguishes him/her from the other team members (the number must clearly contrast with the shirt colour.)
- Shorts (may be numbered) or Pants
- Long Socks
- Suitable Non-Marking Shoes
- Shin Pads
- Knee/Elbow Pads and Keepers Gloves (Optional)

If a school does not have numbered jerseys, a number must be visible somewhere on the player for disciplinary reasons and selection purposes.

MATCH BALLS

Tournament organizers will provide official match balls for all games.



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Size 3 Futsal Balls will be used for all age categories up to and including 11 years.

Size 4 Futsal Balls will be used for all age categories 12 years and up.

DELAYED STARTS/FORFEITS

Should a team not be ready to take the court or fail to show up to the game (for whatever reason) once the referee has started the clock, they will be given five (5) minutes to take the court before forfeiting the game.

In this situation a shortened half will be played. For example if the offending team takes the court five (5) minutes after the referee has commence the game, the playing time for that half will be shortened by those five (5) minutes.

At the completion of the five (5) minute period the game will be declared a forfeit by the offending team and a forfeit win will be awarded to their opponents – with a forfeit score calculated as per outlined in the points section of this documents. Should the team at fault show up after this ten (5) minute period, they are permitted to conclude the game, but any result gained may not be awarded.

This is left to the discretion of the tournament convenor and the two coaches.

PLAYERS REQUIRED FOR PLAY

In accordance with the Australian Futsal Laws of the Game, each team must have at least three (3) legal players to commence the game. One (1) of which must be the designated goalkeeper and one (1) the team captain. (usually 5 players are on the court)

DISCIPLINARY CARDS

The Futsal Laws of the Game LAW 5 – state ‘the decisions of the referee regarding facts connected with play are final.’ Whilst a team may exercise the right to appeal, that right of appeal is restricted to grounds set out under the **Appeals** section of this booklet.

General Information in Relation to Disciplinary Cards:

- Yellow Cards accumulated in preliminary matches do not carry over to finals.
- Red Cards carry an automatic one (1) match suspension (in addition to any further suspension imposed by the tournament judiciary panel) for the next scheduled game(s).
 - o If a red card is issued and the following game is a forfeited match, the suspension must be served in the next ‘played’ game.
 - o If a red card is issued in the last preliminary match then the suspension is served in the first game of the final series.
- A substitute player may enter the pitch two (2) complete minutes after the teammate has been sent off unless a goal is scored against their team before the two minutes have elapsed.
- Any team that plays a suspended player will automatically forfeit that match.
- Any player who is sent off (shown a red card) is prohibited from:
 - o Taking any further part in that match; or
 - o Sitting on the team bench for the remainder of the match or for the period of their suspension; or
 - o Remaining in the vicinity of the playing arena as designated by the referee.



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Disciplinary Cards: Specific Circumstances:

Where a player receives two (2) Yellow Cards in a single match the following applies:

- The Player is shown a **Red Card** after receiving the second yellow card and must vacate the court and leave the playing arena.
- The player receives an automatic one (1) match suspension that must be served in that teams next game.
- The players name will appear on the scorer sheet for the next game as 'suspended'.

Note: These two yellow cards will not count in the players accumulated yellow card tally as they are regarded as a red card for the purpose of suspension

Where a player receives a single Red Card in a match the following applies:

- The player must vacate the court and leave the playing area.
- The player receives an automatic one (1) match suspension in addition to any further penalty awarded by the tournament judiciary panel if a report by either of the match officials warrants a judiciary hearing. The suspension must be served in that teams next game. Any additional suspension period must be served in subsequent game(s).
- The players name will appear on the match sheet for the next game as 'suspended'.

When a player accumulates three (3) yellow cards through the course of a tournament the following applies:

- The player shall receive an automatic suspension of one (1) game.
- The suspension is served in the next game immediately following the issue of the third yellow. If the third yellow card is issued in the last preliminary match the suspension will be served in the first match of the final series.
- The players name will appear on the match sheet for the next game as 'suspended'.

Note: The yellow card tally for that player is reset to nil following their suspension.

Playing in Multiple Age Groups: If a player is competing in two or more age groups at the same competition (eg U14s and U16s) and he/she gets suspended for whatever reason (per above rules), he/she must serve out their suspension in the next game for the age group in which they were initially suspended. For example: Joe gets sent off in an U14 game, but has an U16 game immediately after. Joe is not permitted to play in the U16 game, until he has missed his next scheduled U14 game.

The onus is on the team to serve the suspension when due.

ABANDONED MATCHES

Matches may be abandoned when it is deemed by the Match Official or Centre Administrator that the game cannot continue due to any of the following:

- For disciplinary reasons – where violent conduct by players, team officials or spectators creates an untenable situation for others.
- Where the playing surface or court area is deemed dangerous or unstable.

Where a match is abandoned for disciplinary reasons, the Match Officials are required to ascertain the team at fault and award the following:



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- To the team deemed **at fault** – a 0-3 forfeit loss or the match result at the time the game was abandoned (whichever provides the most advantageous result for their opponents)
- To the team deemed **not at fault** – a 3-0 forfeit win or the match result at the time the game was abandoned or average of goals against team at fault (whichever provides the most advantageous result for them.)

The team deemed at fault will be asked to show cause as to why they should remain in the competition.

Where a match is abandoned for non-disciplinary reasons, the Tournament Officials are required to take all the possible steps to either:

- Reschedule the game (reset to 0-0) when the tournament schedule allows; or
- Recommence the game (score line carries over) in due course to allow for a full time reset.
- Award a win to the team deemed not at fault based on the most advantageous result as listed above.
- If 75% of the match has been played the score at that time will be recorded as the official score.

JUDICIARY PANEL AND PROCEDURE

The tournament Judiciary Panel will convene when:

- A report by either of the match officials warrants a hearing
- An appeal is lodged.

Judiciary outcomes are final. See **Appeals** for more information.

APPEALS – GROUNDS AND LODGEMENT

GROUNDS FOR APPEAL:

The 'Futsal Laws of the Game LAW 5 – The Referee' state *"The decisions of the referee regarding facts connected with play are final"*.

Whilst a school representative may exercise the right of an appeal, that right of appeal is restricted to one or more of the following grounds:

- **Severity of the Sentence Imposed**
 - *If a suspension is received, the person in question must serve an automatic one (1) game suspension. If the sentence is deemed more than one (1) game, the length of that additional suspension may be appealed.*
- **Mistaken Identity**
 - *In the event the accused has been mistakenly identified as someone else by those implementing the suspension.*
- **New Evidence**
 - *If, once a judiciary decision has been made upon an appeal, new evidence is presented. Please note AFA will not accept video evidence in this matter.*
- **Inconsistency in the Judiciary Process of Sentence Imposed**



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- **Inconsistency in the Judiciary Process of Sentencing**
 - *Eg, where two players are suspended for a single incident, but one player receives a longer suspension than the other.*

LOGGING AN APPEAL:

STEP 1: Appeal Lodged with Centre Administration: If an appeal is required, the appeal must be lodged in writing by a state representative. This appeal must be lodged on an official Australian Futsal Tournament Appeal Form within one (1) hour of the incident occurring.

STEP 2: Lodgement Requirements: The appeal form must be accompanied by a fee of \$60 (refundable only if the appeal is upheld.)

STEP 3: Appeals Judiciary Process: Upon receipt of an appeal, the tournament Judiciary Panel will convene in accordance with the requirements of the Judiciary Procedure as set out in **Item 23 – Judiciary Panel and Procedure** in the Tournament By-Laws.

STEP 4: Judiciary Hearing: Notice of the Judiciary hearing times will be given to the state representative. *It is the responsibility of the team/state official lodging the appeal to ensure representation appears on time.*

Step 5: Appeals Committee Decision: In the event that the appeal is successful, the full amount of \$60 will be refunded. However, if the appeal is unsuccessful, the \$60 will be forfeited to the Australian Futsal Association.

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HOW TO REGISTER FOR SCHOOL TITLES

To enter into the 2024 School Futsal Titles go to www.schoolfutsal.com and click the “Registration” button.

NB: If you have difficulty registering your school via the online system. Please email schoolfutsal@australianfutsal.com

Then follow the prompts and click submit. A confirmation email will be sent to you shortly thereafter.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the '2019 Regional School Futsal Titles Entry Form' from the Australian Futsal Association. The page header includes the association's logo and the text 'School Futsal Titles Australian Futsal Association'. Below the header, a welcome message states: 'Welcome to the 2019 Regional School Futsal Titles Entry Form. Please fill in all fields marked with an *. Incomplete entries may not be processed and or delayed.' The main section is titled 'Regional School Titles that you are attending:' and contains a list of regional options with radio buttons. The regions listed are: Fraser Coast, SEQ, South West, North QLD, Hobart, Lismore, New England, Launceston, Whitsundays, North Brisbane, Melbourne, Northern Rivers, Bendigo, Victoria Country, Bundaberg, Coffs Coast, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, and Nth West Tasmania. Below this list, there is a 'Contact Details:' section with the instruction 'Please input your school and contact details below.' This section contains three input fields: 'School:', 'School Contact Teacher:', and 'School Postal Address:'. An arrow points from the top right of the browser window to the 'Regional School Titles that you are attending:' section.



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SIMPLIFIED RULES OF THE GAME

- 1) Futsal is a 5-a-side indoor football game played at club/school level on a basketball sized court. Whilst it may appear similar to football there are distinct differences. Players must wear non marking soled shoes, shin pads covered by long socks and 'sport' shirt and shorts (referees can prevent players entering the court if not dressed correctly).
- 2) Each team has 5 players on the court - one of whom one MUST be the goalkeeper
- 3) Team squads can be up to a maximum of 12 players
- 4) Flying substitutions are allowed throughout the game- without notifying the referee. • To substitute a playing court player with the GK, this can only happen when ball is out of play.
- 5) A goal CANNOT be scored directly from a sideline kick in or an indirect free kick. Goals can be scored from kick off, corners and direct free kicks.
- 6) Other than #5 above, a goal may be scored from anywhere on the court (within the necessary rules of the game).
- 7) The whole of the ball must CROSS the whole of the line for the referee to award a corner, goal, goal clearance etc.
- 8) There are NO Offsides!
- 9) Slide tackles are NOT allowed in a game of Futsal by any players except goalkeepers inside their 'D'
- 10) Shoulder charging is NOT allowed.
- 11) Aggressive / Dangerous play is NOT allowed.
- 12) There is a 4 second time limit placed on all set plays (corners, free kicks, kick in's ect).
- 13) 5 accumulated team fouls (Direct Free kicks), are allowed each half (per team). Each subsequent foul is rewarded by a 10 metre penalty shot to the opposition team. Should the game proceed to extra time the foul accumulation will not rest for this period.
- 14) To restart the game from the sideline a KICK IN replaces the throw in. Ball placed still on the sideline feet can be anywhere.
- 15) To restart the game by a GOAL (kick) CLEARANCE, the GK must throw or release the ball into play. • The Goalkeepers teammates can be in the "D" but the opposition team can't until the ball is released.
- 16) A goalkeeper CANNOT throw or dropkick (from inside their D), punt the ball over the 2/3 line on the 'full'. (Does not apply to International sized courts.)
- 17) TWO-TOUCH - Once distributed by the GK (in his/her own half) the ball may NOT be touched again by him/her until the ball has either touched an opponent or the GK is over the halfway line when receiving the ball again.
- 18) A GK may NOT handle the ball from a back pass or kick in and is restricted to 4 seconds on the ball in his/her own half of the field of play.
- 19) Goalkeepers can only slide (side on) within the confines of their own penalty area. Sliding feet first toward an opponent is illegal (dangerous play).
- 20) Goalkeepers may only handle the ball within their own penalty areas ("D"s) if not violating point #18.
- 21) Players must retreat 5 metres from the ball at all 'set' plays. 3m from kick off
- 22) Players CANNOT play the ball whilst ("laying") on the ground.
- 23) Referees ALWAYS have the final say in ALL match decisions.



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- 24) Referees control games (if necessary) with YELLOW (caution) and RED (expulsion) cards.
- 25) If an accidental handball (ball to hand) occurs and leads to a promising attacking situation or a goal then the play must be stopped and be called for a handball.
- 26) Extra time will be one period of 10 minutes of sudden death (Golden Goal). Centre manager will advise which will be played before kick-off.
- 27) In case of a penalty shootout, 5 penalties will be taken (one each at a time). If still a stalemate at the conclusion of the 5 kicks the teams will continue to take penalties in a sudden death format.
- 28) Drop balls are uncontested. A player from the team last in possession will be the only player allowed at the drop ball.



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WHO IS THE AUSTRALIAN FUTSAL ASSOCIATION?

Australian Futsal Association (AFA) is Australia's National Futsal Association whose sole objective is to develop the sport of Futsal. AFA implements Futsal Programs across Australia with competitions in Queensland, Victoria, NSW, Tasmania and Western Australia.

AFA is also the only organisation that is offering player's a pathways to represent State-based Regions in the National Schools Championships and from that tournament have the opportunity to be selected to represent Australia in one of the many International Tours that players can be selected.

AFA has also formed strong links with Futsal and Football organisations in many countries which enables the AFA to organise annual tours to Brazil, Malaysia, USA, China, United Kingdom, Italy and Spain.

AFA provides a full complement of Futsal related services and products, including Futsal Merchandise, Coaching Clinics, Referee and Coaching Courses, Competitions and Tournaments for School and Club Teams, Interstate Tournaments, GOL Brasil Academies, International Tours, and a travel agency catering for Futsal and other tour groups.

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