



FOOTBALL
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FUTSAL

Competition Regulations

2018 STATE TITLES



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1. General Provisions

1.1. The Competition

The Competition run by Football Queensland Futsal fulfils the requirements of the Football Queensland Futsal Player Pathway. This Competition is organised in order to provide for Players, Match and Team Officials who wish to participate in a State wide competition in which they can further develop their skills and provide an opportunity to be selected to represent Queensland in both Metropolitan and Regional teams at the FFA Futsal National Championships.

This Competition is run under the auspices of Football Queensland Futsal. Football Queensland is a Member of the FFA who is an Affiliated Association under FIFA. The Competition will be conducted to observe FIFA, FFA and FQ Statutes, Regulations, Directives, Decisions, Guidelines, Circulars as well as the current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game and Rules of Competition. The decisions of FQF are final.

1.2. Host Club Information

This Competition is run under the auspices of Football Queensland by:

Name: Football Queensland Futsal

Address: PO BOX 79
Kingston QLD 4114

Website: www.footballqueensland.com.au

Phone: 07 3208 2677 or Trevor Edwards - 0412 251 013

1.3. Definitions

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| FQFST | - | Football Queensland Futsal State Titles. |
| FQF | - | Football Queensland Futsal. |
| FQ | - | Football Queensland. |
| FFA | - | Football Federation Australia. |
| FIFA | - | Federation International Football Association. |
| Higher Level Authority | - | Club – Zone – Region – FQ – FFA – FIFA (may include government sanctions or sanctions by other third party organisations at the discretion of FQ). |
| Regular Competition | - | Local weekly FQF competition run by a Club. |
| Participants | - | Includes the Teams, Players, Match Officials, Team Officials and any person conducting a duty on their behalf. |
| Field of Play | - | The Pitch, the technical areas and the area immediately surrounding the Pitch (if the pitch has walls or netting then the area between the pitch and these boundaries are included) are included under the definition of Field of Play. |
| Playing Area | - | Includes the Field of Play, the technical area and the area surrounding the field of play as well as the facilities used by players, match officials and Team officials such as the dressing rooms. If the playing area is not clearly defined it is up to the Match Referee and the Centre Official to set the guidelines for the venue. |

2. Responsibilities

2.1. Host Club Responsibilities

The Host Club – Football Queensland Futsal- undertakes to observe the FIFA, FFA and FQ Statutes, Regulations, Directives, Decisions, Guidelines, Circulars as well as the current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game and Rules of Competition.

The Host Club shall be responsible for:

- Organising the Competition in accordance with FQF and the Rules of Competition.
- Regulate the Rights, Duties and Responsibilities of all associations, clubs and players taking part in the Competition.
- Ensuring that safety is maintained in co-operation with Venue Owners.
- Ensure that there is the presence of a Competition Administrator and a sufficient number of staff present at the competition to ensure that the competition matches are efficiently, effectively and safely managed.
- Supervising general preparations of the competition, deciding on the competition format, the draw and the formation of Age Group Categories and Groups in the competition.
- Fixing the Dates of the competition.
- Determining the match schedule and kick-off times for all matches including Finals, allowing sufficient time between matches for injuries, delays, and / or extra time where applicable.
- Selecting and hiring venues for the matches in the competition which are available and meet the requirements of the FQF Rules of Competition and any other higher level requirements such as Australian Standards.
- Appointing personnel such as Centre Managers, Security Personnel (if required), First Aid personnel to be present during the fixture matches.
- Dealing with issues which may arise from the competition in accordance with the Rules of Competition.
- The decisions taken by the Host Club within its responsibilities and authority are final and binding.

2.2. Participant Responsibilities

The Participants (and the Clubs from which they represent) shall be responsible throughout the Competition for and agree to the following:

- Comply with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.
- To respect the principals of Fair Play and Code of Behaviour and Code of Ethics.
- To field the strongest team and to perform at the best of their ability throughout the competition.
- To participate throughout the entire competition.
- Conduct of the team, players, match officials, team officials, and spectators and of any person carrying out duties on its behalf throughout the competition from the arrival at the venue until their departure.
- Paying for incidental expenses incurred by the participants, which may include uniforms, equipment, food and drink, travel, accommodation etc.
- Attending any meetings, disciplinary hearings, appeals or other of which presence is required such as media activities.
- Ensure that all paperwork is completed and returned during the required time frames.
- By participating in the competition, participants agree to comply with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game, Statutes, Regulations, Disciplinary Codes, Doping Control Regulations, Code of Ethics, Licensed Marketing Agreement, FFA and FIFA regulations as well as the Rules of Competition for the competition.
- By participating in the competition, participants agree to comply fully with decisions and directives given by the Match Officials, Competition Administrators and FQF.
- To observe all safety instructions as provided by FQF, competition and its participants.
- Not to represent the Competition or FQF without prior written approval by the authorised person.
- Grant FQF and the Competition the right to use and authorise others use photographic, audio-visual and visual material of participants, including names, statistics, club name, logo, emblems and sponsors, free of charge for its use. The use may include use on the website, media usage, advertising, promotional materials and in documentation produced by FQF which may not be related to the competition.

2.3. Insurance

- Competition has insurance coverage through Football Queensland
- The insurance company is SLE Worldwide Australia Pty Ltd. A Certificate of Currency will be produced on request.
- The Competition will have Public Liability cover for \$20,000,000.000 also through SLE Worldwide Australia Pty Ltd.
- If a player is seriously injured, they must fill out a Football Queensland Futsal injury report form on the day of the accident occurring.

The Centre Official will have the form, or it can be sent via email to you.

Just email trevore@footballqueensland.com.au

3. Competition Entry

3.1. Entries for the Competition

The Competition is a significant competition under the FQF Player Pathway. This Competition caters to the clubs and regions in the designated geographical area of Queensland. It will be contested by a pre-determined number of teams within each Age Division and Category.

3.2. Participating Member Associations

The Competition is open to FQF Registered Players, Match and Team Officials from any FQF Clubs/Associations.

3.3. Admission Criteria

By the process of registering Players for a team, the players, match and team officials agree to respect the Statutes, Regulations, Directives, Decisions and Rules of Competition by FQF and higher level authorities including Disciplinary Sanctions and Appeals and the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.

3.3.1. Clubs/Association

To be eligible to run or participate in the Competition, a Club/Association must fulfil the following criteria:

- Be a Club/Association with a current Registration under FQF
- Be running an active FQF Regular Competition before and during the Competition
- Be financial with FQF
- Not be under any sanctions by FQF or a higher level authority

3.3.2. Teams

To be eligible to participate in the Competition, a Team must fulfil the following criteria:

- It must fill in the official entry documents, which must reach the Competition Administrators by the deadline communicated in the information accompanying the entry documents.
- Be financial with FQF and the Competition
- Not be under any sanctions by FQF or a higher level authority
- Teams must nominate a minimum of five (5) players and can nominate a maximum of Fifteen (15) players for its team for the Competition.
- Only players who meet the Player Eligibility Criteria as set out below can be listed for a team.
- Match Sheets must be completed no later than fifteen (15) minutes before kick-off by each Team for each match

3.3.3. Players / Match Officials

To be eligible to participate in the Competition, a Player must fulfil the following criteria:

- Players and Match Officials must meet the requirements of the FQF Player Age Policy, Refereeing Requirements
- Be a minimum of 9 years of age (a minimum of 16 years of age for Open Age Group) for players and 13 years of age for Match Officials
- Be the right age to meet the requirements of the Age Group in which the team is competing. (Age is determined by the age of the player at the 31st December 2018).
- All players and match officials need to have a current Registration with FQF
- Complete the official entry documents, which must reach the Competition Administrators by the deadline communicated in the information accompanying the entry documents.
- Be financial with FQF and the Competition
- Not be under any sanctions by FQF or a higher level authority
- Players must ensure that their name is included on the List of Players submitted by the Team for the Competition.
- A player is only eligible to play for one Team in the Competition.
- By Registering, players agree notably to respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence and behave accordingly.

3.3.3.1. Identification

- Each player and match official taking part in the Competition must be in possession of a current FQF FFA number
- The FQF ID must be presented before the start of the first match played within the Competition
- It is up to each team to inspect the ID's of the opposition team prior to kick-off of every match. Any persons without an ID or if there are any concerns with an ID, should report this to the Match Official prior to the match commencing. Player ID concerns brought forward after the match may not be considered.
- Match Officials are to be given the Match Sheets, which will have the player ID's for all players from each team, prior to Kick-off of each match.
- NO ID = No Play policy is enforced throughout the Competition

3.4. Admission Procedure

Once the Clubs and Teams are satisfied that they have met the Admission Criteria, they may register to the Competition using the following conditions:

3.4.1. Registration Forms

- Registration Forms can be found on the competition website www.footballqueensland.com.au.
- Registration Forms must be completed and returned to the Host Club by the date provided on the documentation.

3.4.2. Entry Fee

- Sign-Up costs are \$475 for Junior Teams and \$575 for Senior Teams. This covers the operational costs of the competition including the venue, referees, insurance and match fees.
- All teams MUST be completely financial prior to the commencement of the Competition.
- NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN WHATSOEVER ONCE THE COMPETITION HAS COMMENCED REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF GAMES PLAYED.

3.4.3. List of Players

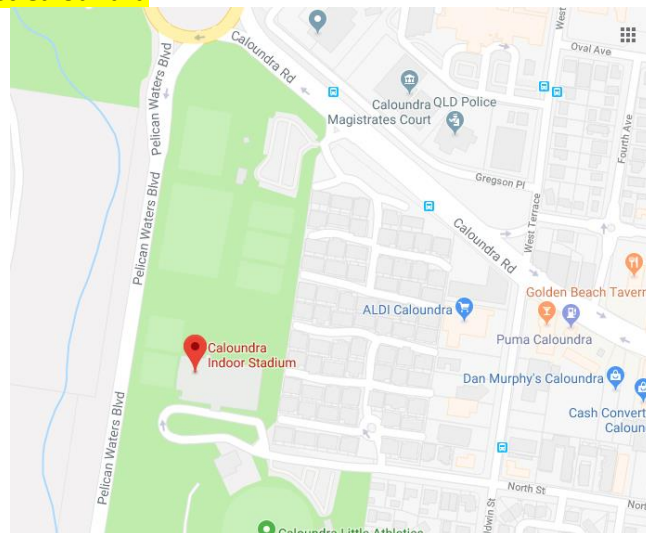
- The Teams' List of Players (Team Nomination Form) make up the part of the Registration Documents
- Teams must nominate a minimum of five (5) players and can nominate a maximum of Fifteen (15) players for its team for the Competition.
- Only players who meet the Player Eligibility Criteria as set out below can be listed for a team.
- Teams cannot borrow players
- Players cannot be 'transferred' to another team throughout the Competition
- Teams cannot use players who have not been named on their List of Players
- Any amendments to the List of Players must be made in writing a minimum of three (3) days from when the match is scheduled to be played. New players to the Team Nomination form must also have the approval of the FQF prior to participating in the Competition.
- The Competition Administration decides on questions of player eligibility. Challenged decisions are dealt with by FQF.
- FQF decision is final.

4. Venue Information

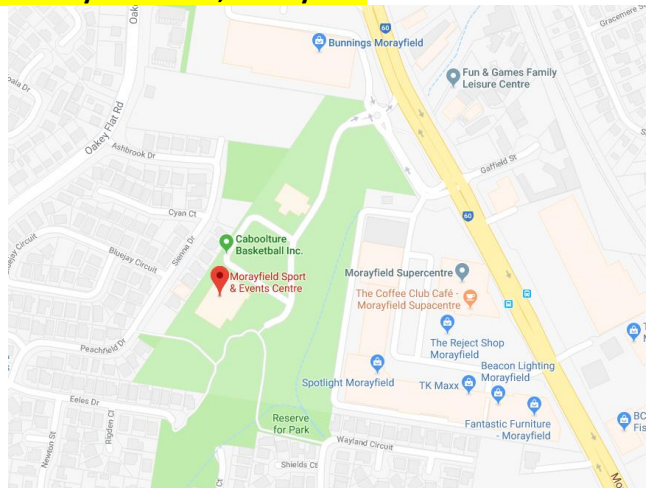
There will be four (4) venues potentially utilised for matches during the Competition. They are (1) Caloundra Stadium, (2) Morayfield Sports Complex (3) Nambour Christian College (4) To Be Advised.

4.1. Venue Details

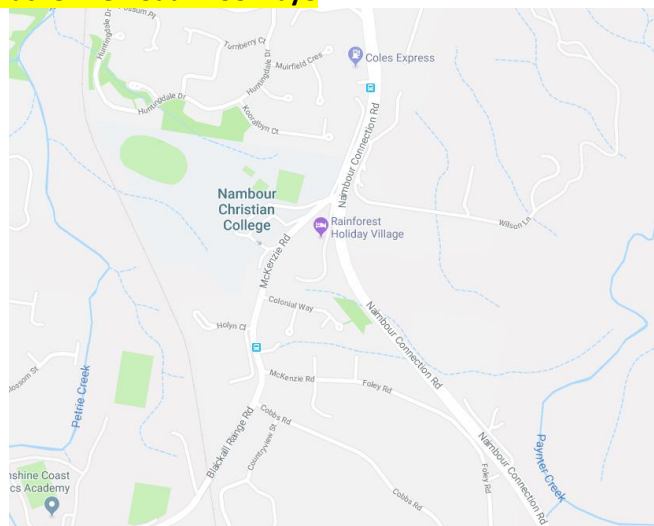
Caloundra Stadium, North Street Caloundra



Morayfield Sports Complex, 298 Morayfield Road, Morayfield



Nambour Christian College, 2 Mackenzie Road Woombye



4.2. Venue Conditions

- Venues are to be compliant with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game and regular FQF Competitions.
- No smoking inside the venue. Smoking areas must be in accordance with Government Regulations.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted outside of licensed areas.
- No animals are permitted inside the venue.
- Persons causing any damage to the venue and or its fittings and fixtures will be held responsible for all costs and the matter will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.
- All facilities, i.e. Change rooms etc shall be left in a clean and tidy condition.
- No spectators are permitted in the playing area.
- No persons under the age of 9 Years of Age (or more than 2 years under the age category of the match being played) are permitted in the playing area.
- Only participants actively competing in the Match should be near the field of play. Those which are about to take part of have just finished a Match are permitted to be within the Playing Areas but outside of the Field of Play and should enter / leave the Playing Areas within a reasonable time-frame.
- The Host Club should undertake periodic Safety Checks of the venue for the benefit of participants and spectators
- The Host Club is also required to submit the Centre Information form back to FQF prior to matches taking part at the venue and if there are any changes to the venue at which matches are played.
- Any advertising must also be compliant with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game and the FQF regulations
- Emergency information, including the nearest hospital and emergency contact details should be on display in a prominent place for easy access to all participants and spectators.

4.3. Alternate Venues

- If the venue is deemed to be unsuitable for matches to go ahead, either for to safety reasons or other, then an alternate venue may be sought or the Match may be played at one of the three designated venues at a later date.
- The Match Official may choose to postpone a match if the Field of Play is deemed to have safety concerns.
- An alternate venue must have the approval of FQF and the Matches should be played at their earliest possible convenience.

4.4. Electronic Scoreboards

Venues are permitted to use an electronic scoreboard to keep track of normal playing time, the score and fouls for each of the matches played under the Competition, however if they are used the following conditions apply:

- They must be kept up-to-date with accurate information

- An Assistant Referee must be present to operate the Electronic Scoreboards
- If a timer is used, the clock must be stopped with a minute remaining in each half. This allows Match Officials to end the match in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game. The match does not finish until the Match Official signals end of game using a whistle.

4.5. Lighting

Lighting of venues needs to both be compliant with government regulations and for Safety reasons. Access to and from the venue should be lit as well as facility areas which could be utilised during the Competition and its matches.

5. Competition Structure

The Competition Structure will be determined prior to the start of the Competition dependent on the number of teams nominated for each division. Age divisions may be combined but no more than one (1) year age group is permitted e.g. U11s and U12s may combine to form one competition. All players will be notified prior to the combining of an age group.

5.1. Age Divisions

Please note that players who wish to play outside of their Age Category must conform to the Player Age Policy by Football Queensland and must apply to Football Queensland in writing. The Age Divisions for both Male and Female Players are as follows:

| Age Division | Year of Birth Boys | Year of Birth Girls |
|--------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Under 11 | 2007 | - |
| Under 12 | 2006 | |
| Under 13 | 2005 | 2005,2006 |
| Under 14 | 2004 | |
| Under 15 | 2003 | 2003, 2004 |
| Under 16 | 2002 | |
| Under 17 | | 2001, 2002 |
| Youth | 2001-1999 | 2000- 1999 |
| Open | 1998- | 1998- |

5.2. Draw

A draw will be made at the start of the Regular Season which will determine the teams and groups for the Regular Season. The Competition will consist of a Regular Season with a minimum of 4 competing teams and maximum of 8 competing teams in one pool where they play every team once in that age division and a Final Series featuring the top four (4) teams from the Regular Season. The number of teams participating in each age division will be a determined prior to the start of the competition. The Host Club may combine Age Divisions to suit the number of teams in the competition however the integrity of the competition will remain, and provided no more than one (1) year age groups are merged.

5.2.1. Regular Season

All teams will play a minimum of four (4) games during the round competition on Saturday 31 March and Sunday 1 April 2018. The Tournament will be held from the 31 March to the 1 April 2018.

The dates for the competition are as follows:

| 31 March 2018 | 1 April 2018 | 2 April 2018 (If Needed) |
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| Caloundra Stadium | Caloundra Stadium | Caloundra Stadium |
| Morayfield Sports Complex | Morayfield Sports Complex | Morayfield Sports Complex |
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All Kick-off times begins as per the draw which shall be issued prior to the commencement of the competition.

All fixtures, results and points tables will be available on the Competition website www.footballqueensland.com.au. Any changes will be posted on the web site and an email or SMS will be sent to the team managers. It is the responsibility of the Team Manager and players of the team participating in the competition to ensure that they have the correct details for their matches.

5.2.2. Final Series

8 Team Competition

The top four (4) teams at the conclusion of the Regular Season will progress to the Final Series and 5th to 8th place will be where they finished on the round table.

The Final Series format will be as follows:

Major Semi Final – 1st place versus 4th place

Minor Semi Final – 2nd place versus 3rd place

The winner from each Series Semi Finals will play off in the Grand Final Match.

7 Team Competition

The top four (4) teams at the conclusion of the Regular Season will progress to the (GOLD) Final Series and 5th to 7th place will be where they finished on the round table.

The Final Series format will be as follows:

Major Semi Final – 1st place versus 4th place

Minor Semi Final – 2nd place versus 3rd place

The winner from each Series Semi Finals will play off in the Grand Final Match.

6 Team Competition

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The Final Series format will be as follows:

Major Semi Final – 1st place versus 4th place

Minor Semi Final – 2nd place versus 3rd place

The winner from each Series Semi Finals will play off in the Grand Final Match.

5.3. Procedure to Determine Placings

5.3.1. Regular Season

The matches in the Regular Season will be played with each team within an Age Division playing the other teams within the same Age Division an equal number of times. The following points will be awarded for matches during the Regular Season:

- Win = 3 Points
- Draw = 1 Point
- Loss = 0 Points

At the completion of the Regular Season teams are ranked from highest to lowest with the first four (4) teams progressing to the Final Series. The position of each team will be determined based on the highest number of points accumulated during the Regular Season.

If two (2) or more teams are level on points accumulated, the following criteria shall be applied, in order, until one (1) of the teams can be determined as the higher ranked:

- Highest goal difference
- Highest number of goals scored over the Regular Season
- Highest number of points accumulated in matches between the teams concerned
- Highest goal difference in matches between the teams concerned
- Lowest number of Red Cards accumulated
- Toss of a coin

5.3.2. Final Series

To be eligible for the Finals Series, players must be registered to FQF and to the Team on the List of Players submitted at the start of the competition and they must have played a minimum of three (3) matches throughout the Regular competition rounds with their nominated Team.

The Final Series consists of 2 Semi Finals and a Grand Final.

The Final Series is a “knock-out” competition. A winner must be identified from each Final Series Match as determined in these Rules of Competition.

The Team who wins the Grand Final will be crowned State Title Champions in their Age Division.

The Team who loses in the Grand Final will be crowned the State title Runners-Up in their Age Division.

5.3.3 Region Standings

The 2018 FQFST is a regional based competition and points will be awarded to teams based on their final ranking after the gold and plate series finals in each age group. 3 Points will also be awarded to the team in each age group which receives the least number of yellow and red cards in the competition. The points will be tallied and a State Titles Champion Region will be crowned.

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| 1 st Place | = 8 Points |
| 2 nd Place | = 7 Points |
| 3 rd Place | = 6 Points |
| 4 th Place | = 5 Points |
| 5 th Place | = 4 Points |
| 6 th Place | = 3 Points |
| 7 th Place | = 2 Points |
| 8 th Place | = 1 Point |

6 FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game

The FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game (2014/15) are the governing Laws for this Competition. These Laws can be found via www.fifa.com

The following alterations, clarifications and additions will apply for this Competition. Where there is no mention then Laws will be in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game for

6.3 The Pitch

- All matches will be played on the Courts present at the identified venues.
- The pitch markings which will be utilised for Futsal will be the markings present on the pitches at these venues. These will be identified at the start of the match.
- Substitution Zones if not marked will be in front of the teams benches.

6.4 The Ball

- The balls which will be used for the Competition will be compliant with FQ Licensed Marketing Agreement.
- Balls will be supplied by the Host Club
- Balls will meet the requirements of Law 2 in the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.
- There will be enough balls present to replace a ball should it become defective or unavailable during the match.
- The ball may not be changed during the match without the referee's permission.

6.5 The Number of Players

6.5.3 Players

- Players must be from the List of Players provided by the Team at the start of the competition and each player must be registered with FQF and possess an ID.
- Players must play a minimum of 2 tournament games to be eligible for the Final Series.
- Each team consists of five (5) players on the court, one (1) of which must be a goalkeeper.
- Up to seven (7) substitutes may be utilised.
- There are unlimited substitutions.
- A Match may not start if either team consists of fewer than three (3) players.
- If during the course of the match fewer than three (3) players (including the goalkeeper) are left in either of the teams, the match shall be abandoned.

6.5.4 Team Officials

- There may be up to Three (3) Team Officials for the Team for every match and can include the Coach, Manager and Medical Person.
- The Team Officials must remain within the confines of the Technical Area except when permission from the Referee (e.g. to assess an injured player).
- Only one person at a time is authorised to convey tactical instructions.
- The Team Officials must behave in a responsible manner.
- All Team Officials must have Competition identification as a Team Official for the Team in which the match is in progress

6.5.5 Technical Area

- Only Players and Team Officials for the current match are permitted to be in the Technical Area.
- No person under the age of 9 Years Old are permitted within the Technical Area.
- Occupants of the Technical Area must be either a registered Player or a registered Team Official (who is showing the appropriate accreditation at all times)
- A Player or Team Official who is under Suspension must not occupy a seat in the Technical Area.
- All Players must be in Uniform and able to take part in the current match

6.6 The Players' Equipment

- Uniform and their proposed colours must be sent to the Host Club at the time of Registration for Approval. The Host Club will ensure that there are no clashes of colours between the teams. If there is a clash of colours, the 'home team' shall change to an alternative strip. The 'home team' is the first team mentioned on the team sheet and fixture list. Bibs are permitted to be used during a Regular Competition
- All uniforms will be compliant with the FQ Regulations and FIFA Laws of the game
- The 'Uniform' consists of the following items:
 - A Jersey or Shirt
 - Must have sleeves
 - Must be uniquely numbered between 1-20 and must contrast with the colour of the shirt
 - The Jersey or Shirt must be identical in appearance (with the exception of numbering and the Goal Keepers Jersey or Shirt) for all players on one team
 - The Goal Keeper shall wear colours that easily distinguish him from the other players and the referee (this includes outfield players replacing the goal keeper. Replacement Keepers must have their starting number on the back of the Goal Keepers Jersey). Bibs are permitted to be used to identify the goal keeper if they do not have a different jersey during the regular competition.
 - Shorts
 - The Shorts must be identical in appearance (with the exception of numbering and the Goal Keepers Jersey or Shirt) for all players on one team
 - The Goal Keeper is permitted to wear long trousers
 - Socks
 - Please note that if undergarments are worn (e.g. "Skins", bike pants or long sleeved tops), they must be the colour of the main colour of the sleeve of the Jersey or Shirt or as the same main colour of the shorts
- Other compulsory Players Equipment includes:
 - Shinguards
 - Shall be entirely covered by the socks
 - Made of a suitable material (rubber, plastic or similar substance)
 - Shall provide a reasonable degree of protection
 - Footwear
 - Canvas or soft leather training or gymnastic shoes
 - Soles of gumnut or a similar material which is classed as non-marking (no studs)
- A Player shall not use equipment or wear anything (including any kind of jewellery) that could be dangerous to himself or another player (including wedding bands). Jewellery can be taped.
- Players who are not compliant with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game in terms of Players Equipment (including Jewellery, uniform and undergarments) will not be able to participate in the match until they are compliant.
- Any Player who has been asked to leave the pitch to correct their Players Equipment by a Match Official must report to the Match Official and show that they are now compliant before they are permitted to re-enter the match.
- A player may be cautioned by the Referee for incorrect Playing Equipment
- The Host Club shall reserve the right to reject any uniform if considered inappropriate or undesirable. No appeal will be considered.

6.7 The Referees

- Each match shall be controlled by a Referee, who have full authority to enforce the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game in connection with the match to which they have been appointed.
- Final Matches shall be controlled by two (2) Referees, who have full authority to enforce the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game in connection with the match to which they have been appointed.
- The Host Club in conjunction with the Futsal Referees Association will appoint qualified and registered referees to officiate at each match.
- Referees must meet the Age Requirements as set-out in the Referees Manual
- Referees must come from the referees group appropriate to the level of competition or higher.
- The Referees Duties will be in accordance with the current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game
- The Decisions of the Referee regarding facts connected with play including whether or not a goal is scored and the result of the match, are final.
- If no Referee is appointed to a match and the match is controlled by a Volunteer, they shall possess the same powers and should be treated with the same respect as an appointed Referee for that match.

6.8 The Assistant Referees

- An Assistant Referee may be appointed to matches. They will fulfil the duties of Third Referee and Timekeeper.
 - The Assistant Referee will be seated off the pitch, level with halfway and on the same side as the substitution zones.
- The Host Club in conjunction with the Futsal Referees Association will appoint registered Assistant Referees to officiate at matches if decided by the Host Club.
- The Assistant Referees duties will be in accordance with the current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game

6.9 The Duration of the Match

- The match shall last two (2) equal periods of twenty (20) minutes.
 - The clock will not be stopped when the ball is out of play
 - The length of time may be extended by the Referee in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game
 - The match may also be prolonged by the Referee to ensure that the Integrity and Fair Play of the match is upheld.
 - There will be no stoppage time unless deemed so by the Match Officials or Host Club due to serious injury which requires an ambulance, or other extenuating circumstance (such as no replacement match ball).
 - The decision regarding the Duration of the Match by the Match Officials or Host Club is final.
- The half-time interval shall be two (2) minutes.
- There is no extra time for matches played during the Regular Season
- There will be no time-outs permitted during the Regular Season

6.10 The Start and Restart of Play

- The match will start on time or may start earlier if both teams are ready and consent to an earlier kick-off
- The Referees whistle will still signal the start and end of the match.
- If a hooter or electronic scoreboard is used for the match, the Referees whistle will still indicate the start and end of the match.
- If there is a discrepancy between the electronic scoreboard and the Referees time of the match, the Referees time of the match shall be final.
- If teams are not ready to play at the scheduled kick off time, the match will be deemed a forfeit and the result will be on 3-0 win to the opponent. There will be no refund of fees for a forfeit. Teams may be required to appear before a disciplinary committee

6.11 The Ball in and Out of Play

- The Ball in and Out of Play shall be in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.
- There is no height restrictions on the ball in play provided it meets the other requirements as defined in the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.
 - However, if the ball touches the ceiling, play shall be restarted with a kick-in to the opponents of the team which last touched the ball in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.
- Where multiple line markings are present on the Pitch, it is the responsibilities of the Teams to ensure they are aware of which lines make up Futsal Pitch markings prior to the start of the Match.

6.12 The Method of Scoring

- A goal is scored in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game
- The Decisions of the Referee regarding facts connected with play including whether or not a goal is scored and the result of the match, are final.
- During the Regular Season:
 - The team that scores the greater number of goals during a match shall be the winner.
 - If both teams score an equal number of goals during the match or no goals are scored then match will be declared a Draw
- During the Final Series:
 - The team that scores the greater number of goals during a match shall be the winner.
 - If both teams score an equal number of goals during the match or if no goals are scored during a match then extra time comprising of two (2) equal periods of five (5) minutes will be played.
 - If both teams score an equal number of goals or if no goals are scored during the Final Series then Kicks from the Penalty Mark will follow in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game (2010)

6.13 Fouls and Misconduct

6.13.3 General

- The FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game (2014/15) are the governing Laws for this Competition
- The Decisions of the Referee regarding facts connected with play including whether or not a goal is scored and the result of the match, are final.
- All Disciplinary Sanctions will be in accordance with the FQF Disciplinary Policy.

6.13.4 Disciplinary Sanctions for Teams

- If teams are not ready to play at the scheduled kick off time (minimum of three (3) players who are ready with correct Players Equipment), the match will be deemed a forfeit and the result will be on 3-0 win to the opponent. There will be no refund or fees for a forfeit. Teams may be required to appear before a Disciplinary Committee
- A forfeit may also be enforced upon a team who has not completed the match sheet correctly no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the kick off time. This is at the discretion of the Host Club. The Host Clubs decision is final.
- Should any team be involved in any fighting within the facility, whether during a match, inside the venue or on the venue grounds including the carpark, could face deregistration from their representative club, may no longer be permitted to participate in the Competition and may be subject to further action which may include police involvement where charges may be laid, as well as additional sanctions imposed by Football Queensland Futsal which may include a life ban.
- Teams that field unregistered or suspended players or Players who were not on the List of Players submitted by the team upon registration will forfeit the matches the players participated in. The result will be recorded as a 3-0 win to the opposing team. The team will also be required to appear before a Disciplinary Committee to state why they should not be removed from the competition. There will be no refund of fees for forfeits.
- Any forfeit by a Team will incur a 3-0 loss.
- Upon the fourth (4th) forfeit the team will be removed from the competition and the team and its players may be banned from competitions run by the Host Club for 12 months.

6.13.5 Disciplinary Sanctions for Players

- Disciplinary Sanctions from other FQF Competitions may affect a player's eligibility to compete in Competition match. All suspensions from other FQF Competitions which affect Players in the Competition will be enforced. The FQF Decision regarding suspensions is final
- Yellow and Red Cards may only be shown to Players or Substitutes only on the pitch and once the match has started
- Yellow and Red Cards may be issued verbally to players and substitutes before the match, when the player or substitute is off the pitch or after the match. Where they player cannot be directly informed (e.g if removed from the Field of Play due to Injury), The Referee may verbally inform the Players and Team Officials of the disciplinary sanction taken.
- Yellow and Red Cards will be recorded by the Assistant Referees and the Host Club

6.13.5.1 Yellow Cards

- Any player who accumulates four (4) yellow cards will be suspended for their next competition match. This is a cumulative total over the season. The accumulation of yellow cards will be reset at the end of the last Match of the pre-season, the competition proper and any finals series respectively. This means that yellow cards accumulated in a pre-season competition do not carry over to the competition proper and yellow cards accumulated in a competition do not carry over to any finals series. Match suspensions incurred as a result of the accumulation of yellow cards will not, however, be cancelled.
- Should a player accumulate a further three (3) yellow cards in a season, the player will incur an automatic suspension of two (2) matches.
- If a player receives two (2) yellow cards in one (1) match, the Player will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension for being shown a red card, and the yellow cards are expunged from their record.
- If a player receives a yellow card and then a direct red card in the same match, the yellow card will not be expunged and will be counted in the Player's accumulation of yellow cards
- If more than one suspension occurs, suspensions cannot be served concurrently
- Disciplinary cards issued throughout the competition will continue into the finals series.
- A player cannot appeal a yellow card decision by the Referee.
- A player may be cautioned by the Referee for incorrect Playing Equipment through dissent by action
- A caution must be included on the Match Sheet using the time and infringement code

6.13.5.2 Red Cards

- A player that receives a red card during a match must leave the field of play. A player who receives a red card must serve a mandatory match suspension (unless successful application is made to the Disciplinary Committee).
- A player receiving a red card can be placed by a substitute in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.
- A player receiving a red card as a result of two (2) cautions in one match will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension.
- A player receiving a straight red card for Denying an Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension.
- A player receiving a straight red for anything other than Denying an Obvious Goal Score Opportunity will receive an automatic two (2) match suspension and may be asked to face the Disciplinary Committee.
- All sanctions are in accordance with the FQF Disciplinary Policy.
- Disciplinary cards issued throughout the competition will continue into the finals series.
- If more than one suspension occurs, suspensions cannot be served concurrently
- The Host Club reserve the right to ask a player sent from the field of play for any reason to face a Disciplinary Committee.
- A player has the right to appeal a decision made by the Disciplinary Committee. The appeal must be made in writing and addressed to the Appeals Committee c/-Insert club / association name with a fee of fifty (\$50) dollars.
- A send-off report must be completed for every send-off during a match

6.13.6 Disciplinary Sanctions for Team Officials / Spectators

- Team Officials and Spectators are to act in a responsible manner
- Team Officials and Spectators are subject to the FFA Code of Behaviour and Code of Ethics.
- If they are deemed to be in breach of these codes, they may be asked to leave the Field of Play (for Team Officials) and / or the Venue (for both Team Officials and Spectators) by either the Match Official or the Host Club.
- If a Team Official has been asked to leave the Field of Play then an automatic one (1) match suspension will occur for the first incident. If it is the second incident, then a two (2) match suspension will occur. Any further incidents or cases in which the Match Official deems that the Team Official requires further sanctions (such as threatening of participants including the Match Officials) will be subject to appear before a Disciplinary Committee. Sanctions may include no further participation in the Competition, suspensions or de-registrations by the Representative Club and / or Football Queensland and in some cases, Police involvement.
- If a Team Official or Spectator has been asked to leave the Venue, then they must appear before a Disciplinary Committee before being allowed to re-enter the venue for the remainder of the Competition. Sanctions may include no further participation in the Competition, suspensions or de-registrations by the Representative Club and / or Football Queensland and in some cases, Police involvement.
- Matches will not continue until the Team Official or Spectator has left the Field of Play and / or Venue
- Incident Reports must be completed for any removal of a Team Official or Spectator

7 Trophies and Medals

7.3 The Competition Winners Trophy

- A representative from either the Host Club or FQF will present the Winner of the Competition with the Competition Trophy.
- This Trophy shall remain the property of the Host Club (if in the event of the Competition being hosted by a different party with the consent of FQF, the Trophy must be transferred to the new host).
- The Winners shall return the Trophy to the Host Club on demand prior to the start of the following Competition season.
- The Host Club is responsible for engraving the Trophy with the name of the winning region.
- The Clubs which represented the players who won the Trophy are entitled to time with the Trophy to display it at their respective Clubs throughout the year, however, they shall take all reasonable steps at their own expense to ensure the security and safety of the Trophy whilst they are in the possession of the Trophy.
- Any movement of the Trophy should be notified in writing to the Host Club.

7.4 Medals

- A medal will be presented to all Players and Team Officials of Winners and Runners Up of each Age Division.

7.5 Other Awards

7.5.3 Fair Play Trophy

The Fair Play Trophies forms part of the respect campaign. Conduct according to the spirit of fair play is essential for the successful promotion and development of and involvement in sport. The objective of activities in favour of fair play is to foster a sporting spirit, as well as the sporting behaviour of players, team officials and spectators, thereby increasing the enjoyment of all those involved in the game.

In its efforts to promote fair play, the Host Club has established fair play awards. The Competition Fair Play Trophies are awarded to a player in each age group which shows either good sportsmanship, exceptional behaviour or acts in a way towards others that may inspire respect. The referees will identify a player in each age group who should be awarded the fair play trophy.

7.5.4 Golden Boot

- The Golden Boot will be awarded to the player who scores the most goals in the Regular Season in Youth And Open categories only
- Joint Winners will be awarded if two (2) Players finish on equal goals.

7.5.5 Player of the Competition

- The Team Officials of each team are required to vote on a 3-2-1 basis players from their opposing team at the conclusion of every match in which their team participates during the Regular Season.
- Players who receive a direct red card or are found guilty of gross misconduct are not eligible to win.
- Joint Winners will be awarded if two (2) Players finish on equal points.

8 Team Officials

- There may be up to Three (3) Team Officials for the Team for every match e.g. Coach, Manager and Medical Person.
- Team Officials are selected by the persons / panel created for Team Official identification of the Representative Team.
- The Team Officials must behave in a responsible manner.
- All Team Officials must have met the requirements of the CCYPG relating to a Blue Card
- All Team Officials must have Competition identification as a Team Official for the Team in which the match is in progress
- Coaches for the Competition should consider attaining a minimum of an FFA Futsal Coaching Certificate certification which is part of the community pathway for FFA.
- Team Officials are responsible for but not limited to the following
 - Complete all paperwork regarding registration into the competition
 - Act as the centralised point of communication between the Host Club and the Team
 - Notifying the team of the playing times and venues
 - Inform the team of any changes to the Competition
 - Ensure that fair play is upheld
 - Ensure that the safety of the team is maintained
 - Assist the team to play at their highest level of ability
 - Assist the team to improve on their skills
 - Ensure Match Sheets are completed, true and accurate
 - Nominate 3-2-1 points to the opposing team after each match
 - Handle all issues, disputes, complaints, protests on behalf of the team.

9 Match Officials

A Representative from the Referees Association may be present during the Competition. They will be responsible for the Match Officials and ensuring that there are no issues arising from the matches. Inspections and Match Official Coaching is permitted throughout the competition.

9.3 Appointments

The Match Officials will be appointed for each match by the Host Club under the guidance of the Referees Association. One Referee will be appointed to each match where possible. The decisions of the Referees Association are final and not subject to appeal.

If one of the appointed Match Officials is prevented from carrying out his duties, the Host Club may identify a replacement.

9.4 Uniforms

The Match Officials uniforms for the Competition will be decided by the Football Queensland Referees department based on the Team Nominations of Colours to ensure there will not be a clash. There will be the traditional Black Uniform as well as at least one coloured alternative.

Match Officials are to have all uniforms available for every match during the Competition. All Match Officials appointed to a match will wear the same colour uniform.

9.5 Reporting

- When arriving at the venue, the Match Officials are required to complete a Pitch Inspection Report.
- After each Match of the Competition, the Match Officials shall complete, check and sign the Match Sheets.
- At the end of the day, the Match Officials are required to complete the Match Summary Sheet, and the required Send-off or Incident Report Forms if applicable.
- Both the Match Sheet and the Match Summary Sheet are to contain all occurrences of cautions, send-offs and / or incidents which occurred during each Match.
- Match Officials are required to report to the FQ Football Referees department within the time frames specified in the Operations Manual and Refereeing Documentation

9.6 Disciplinary Matters

Disciplinary Incidents are dealt with in Compliance with the FFA and FQF Disciplinary Policy, as well as any relevant circulars, directives or decisions by FQF or a higher level authority. The decision by FQF on any Disciplinary Matter is to be enforced by the Host Club. Match Officials do not impose sentencing on participants.

Match Officials may be required to attend Disciplinary Hearings involving Send-off or Incident Reports.

9.7 Match Official Fees

- The cost of Match Officials fees shall be the responsibility of the Host Club.
- Match Officials must be paid the fee set-out in accordance with the FQF Policy
- Match Officials will be paid via EFT within fourteen (14) days of the match taking place. This decision on how it is paid is the responsibility of Football Queensland.

10 First Aid

- Whilst the Host Club will ensure that a First Aid Officer is present at each venue for the Competition, it is the responsibility of each team to be equipped and prepared with First Aid Kits.
- Medications are not permitted to be in First Aid Kits.
- Players who require medications (e.g. Asthma Medication) should ensure that they have it prior to participating in the competition and only administer the medication on and by themselves as prescribed by their physician.
- Please note that medications including Asthma Puffers and Pain Killers (e.g. Panadol) cannot be provided to players by the First Aid Officer supplied by Competition in accordance with Legislation.

11 Disputes / Protests

If there is a protest from the Match regarding the Score, the playing of an Ineligible player, or an issue to do with time, or equipment including uniform or pitch markings / nets, then the protest must be lodged within an hour after the conclusion of the match along with a fee of \$200. Any protest regarding any other facet of the match must be lodged within twenty four (24) hours after the match in question along with a fee of \$200. If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the Host Club may impose a fine. The Host Club must keep a record of any protests lodged and their outcome.

All disputes outside of the Rules of Competition will be dealt with in accordance with the FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations.

12 Matters not provided for

The Host Club shall, in conjunction with FQF, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances that may arise during the Competition. These instructions shall form an integral part of these Rules of Competitions

Matters not provided for in these Rules and cases of force majeure shall be decided by the Host Club in conjunction with FQF. These decisions shall be final.

Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Host Club of the Competition from taking a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the Rules of Competition contained herein.