



**FOOTBALL
NSW**

2022 FOOTBALL NSW FUTSAL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP



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Overview

After a tough two seasons due to the COVID19 pandemic, Football NSW is excited to announce the 2022 Football NSW Futsal Schools Championships. The Futsal Schools Championships is a unique opportunity for your school to participate in a competition against a variety of schools e.g. State, Private, and Independent Schools. Whilst winners are recognised, winning isn't everything. Participation is equally important. All schools should enjoy the experience of being a part of this pinnacle event for Futsal on the school calendar. Come and enjoy the competition tempered with social interaction and the true meaning of sportsmanship. The Futsal Schools Championships has several age categories on offer, from Primary (10 years) to Secondary (Opens), male and female. The Competition caters for elite and non-elite Students and schools and gives you the opportunity to compete against participants from many schools across NSW and the ACT.

Football NSW also strives to create social interaction between students and give them the chance to meet and mingle with other Futsal players from other schools and make new friends. All participants also have a once a year opportunity to network with a wide variety of players, coaches and teachers, and to catch-up on the latest tactics and techniques of Futsal and programs in other schools. Football NSW is very proud of the reputation that has been created for the Championships, and over the years it has become one of the largest schools based, single sport events in NSW and Australia. A minimum of three games is guaranteed, with medals presented to winners and runners up in each competitive age gender category. It is preferable one teacher per team be appointed to supervise the students. Football NSW wishes you a successful and enjoyable event as we look forward to sharing this unique experience with you.

Competition Format

All schools are eligible to enter one (1) or more teams per age group in any of the Championships. Teams may enter multiple regional championships if they wish. The team may only comprise of students that are currently enrolled in and attending your school. This provides schools with the opportunity to play against schools from different regions. If insufficient teams are nominated in anyone-age division, then teams nominated shall have the option of being grouped with the next compatible division. **Maximum of ten players per team.** It is anticipated the competition will commence at 8:30am daily and be completed by 4.00pm. However, these margins may be extended.

Competition Categories

Males	Primary (K-6 Only) 10, 13 Secondary 14, 16, Opens Please note: Primary 10 WILL be competitive
Females	Primary (K-6 Only) 10, 13 Secondary 14, 16, Opens Please note: Primary 10 WILL be competitive
AWD	Primary mixed (IO & IM Grade) Secondary mixed (IO & IM Grade) Please note – Monday 25th July 2022 is the only event

To enter please go to <https://footballnsw.com.au/schools/futsal-schools-championship/>

Eligibility

All winning and runner up teams of each contested competition category within each region automatically qualify for the State Championships. If a category is not contested within a region, you may enter another region. Wildcards will be determined according to availability after all regions are completed. Therefore, no team/schools are guaranteed a wildcard.

Note:

There will be an entry fee of **\$150.00** per team required to participate in the regional events and the State Championships. This is due to the continuous rising venue hire rates from council and the rising costs of Referee officials.

Online team nomination forms for the regional events and the State Championships must be received by FNSW before entry closing date to be included in the draw.

Entries

For 2022 team entries for each region will be capped at a maximum number, please see table below for more details.

Entries must be received no later than:

Region	Registrations Close	Max # of team entries for region
Blacktown Region	Monday 14 th February 2022	15 teams per age group
Liverpool Region	Monday 21 st February 2022	15 teams per age group
Eastern Suburbs / St George Region	Monday 21 st February 2022	20 teams per age group
Penrith Region	Monday 7 th March 2022	24 teams per age group
South Coast Region	Monday 14 th March 2022	20 teams per age group
Dural Region	Monday 21 st March 2022	20 teams per age group
Bankstown Region	Monday 18 th April 2022	20 teams per age group
Campbelltown Region	Monday 9 th May 2022	20 teams per age group
Wagga Region	Monday 16 th May 2022	15 teams per age group
Orange / Bathurst Region	Monday 16 th May 2022	15 teams per age group
Sutherland Region	Monday 30 th May 2022	20 teams per age group
Central Coast Region	Monday 6 th June 2022	20 teams per age group
Windsor Region	Monday 13 th June 2022	24 teams per age group
State Championships	By qualification only	By qualification only
AWD Gala Day	Monday 11 th July 2022	20 teams per age group

LATE ENTRIES MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Entry fee for all categories is \$150.00 per team (GST incl)

Invoice for payment will be sent via nominated email after the competition

Payments may be made using any of the following methods:

- Cheque – Please post to PO Box 6146, Baulkham Hills BC, NSW, 2153.
- Money order (write name of school and team age group on the back e.g. 16 girls) – post to PO Box 6146, Baulkham Hills BC, NSW, 2153.
- Credit Card Online Payment (Visa, MasterCard or Amex will attract a 3.9% surcharge)
- Direct Deposit – FNSW direct deposit details available via invoice Cheques/ Money Order to be drawn in favour of Football NSW.

Entry Form

The Championship online entry link can be found on the Football NSW website under the Futsal schools tab or by clicking on the following link <https://footballnsw.com.au/schools/futsal-schools-championship/>

Locations & Closing Dates

Region	Competition Dates	Closing Date
BLACKTOWN REGION Stanhope Gardens Leisure Centre, Stanhope Pkwy & Sentry Dr, Stanhope Gardens	Monday 21st Feb – Primary Categories Tuesdays 22nd Feb - 14 Boys & Girls Wednesday 23rd Feb - 16 Boys & Girls Thursday 24th Feb – Open Boys & Girls	<i>Entries Close:</i> Monday 14th February 2022
LIVERPOOL REGION Whitlam Leisure Centre, 90a Memorial Avenue, Liverpool	Tuesday 1st March – Primary Categories Wednesday 2nd March - 14 Boys & Girls Thursday 3rd March – 16 Boys & Girls Friday 4th March – Open Boys & Girls	<i>Entries Close:</i> Monday 21st February 2022
EASTERN SUBURBS / ST GEORGE REGION Perry Park Recreation Centre, 1B Maddox St, Alexandria	Monday 7th March – Primary Categories Tuesday 8th March - 14 Boys & Girls Wednesday 9th March – 16 Boys & Girls Thursday 10th March – Open Boys & Girls	<i>Entries Close:</i> Monday 21st February 2022
PENRITH REGION Penrith Sports Stadium, 30 Herbert St, Cambridge Park NSW 2747	Monday 21st March – Primary Categories Tuesday 22nd March – 14 Boys & Girls Wednesday 23rd March - 16 Boys & Girls Thursday 24th March – PLEASE NOTE NO COMPETITION Friday 25th March – Open Boys & Girls	<i>Entries Close:</i> Monday 7th March 2022
SOUTH COAST REGION Illawarra Sports Stadium, Hooka Creek Drive, Berkeley	Monday 28th March - Primary Categories Tuesday 29th March – 14 Boys & Girls Wednesday 30th March – 16 Boys & Girls Thursday 31st March – Open Boys & Girls	<i>Entries Close:</i> Monday 14th March 2022
DURAL REGION Dural Sport & Leisure Centre, Cnr Kenthurst Rd & Pellitt Lane, Dural	Monday 4th April – Open Boys & Girls Tuesday 5th April - Primary Categories Thursday 7th April – 14 Boys & Girls Friday 8th April– 16 Boys & Girls	<i>Entries Close:</i> Monday 21st March 2022
BANKSTOWN REGION Bankstown Basketball Stadium, First Ave, Condell Park	Tuesday 3rd May – Primary Categories Wednesday 4th May - 14 Boys & Girls Thursday 5th May – 16 Boys & Girls Friday 6th May – Open Boys & Girls	<i>Entries Close:</i> Monday 18th April 2022
CAMPBELLTOWN REGION Minto Indoor Sports Stadium, Redfern Rd, Minto	Tuesday 24th May– Primary Categories Wednesday 25th May - 14 Boys & Girls Thursday 26th May – 16 Boys & Girls Thursday 27th May – Open Boys & Girls	<i>Entries Close:</i> Monday 9th May 2022

Region	Competition Dates	Closing Date
WAGGA REGION Equex MPS Centre Copland St, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650	Monday 30th May – Primary Categories Tuesday 31st May - 14 Boys & Girls Wednesday 1st June - 16 Boys & Girls and Open Boys & Girls	<i>Entries Close:</i> Monday 16th May 2022
ORANGE / BATHURST REGION Bathurst Indoor Sports Stadium, 34 Alexander St, West Bathurst	Monday 30th May – Primary Categories Tuesday 31st May - 14 Boys & Girls Wednesday 1st June - 16 Boys & Girls and Open Boys & Girls	<i>Entries Close:</i> Monday 16th May 2022
SUTHERLAND REGION Menai Indoor Sports Centre, 98 Allison Cr, Menai	Monday 6th June - Primary Categories Tuesday 7th June – 14 Boys & Girls Wednesday 8th June – PLEASE NOTE NO COMPETITION Thursday 9th June – 16 Boys & Girls Friday 10th June – Open Boys & Girls	<i>Entries Close:</i> Monday 30th May 2022
CENTRAL COAST REGION Niagara Park Sports Stadium, 18 Washington Ave, Niagara Park	Monday 20th June – Primary Categories Tuesday 21st June - 14 Boys & Girls Wednesday 22nd June - 16 Boys & Girls Thursday 23rd June – Open Boys & Girls	<i>Entries Close:</i> Monday 6th June 2022
WINDSOR REGION Hawkesbury PCYC, 16 Stewart St, South Windsor	Monday 27th June - Primary Categories Tuesday 28th June - 14 Boys & Girls Wed 29th June – 16 Boys & Girls Thursday 30th June – Open Boys & Girls	<i>Entries Close:</i> Monday 13th June 2022
STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS Hawkesbury PCYC, 16 Stewart St, South Windsor	Monday 25th July – AWD Gala Day Tuesday 26th July - Primary Categories Wednesday 27th July – 14 Boys & Girls Thursday 28th July – 16 Boys & Girls Friday 29th July – Opens Boys & Girls	By invitation only.

Tournament Eligibility & Regulations

Player Eligibility

- Teams may comprise of a maximum of ten (10) players.
- All players nominated on the entry form for a school team MUST be a student of the school they are representing.
- Teams are therefore not permitted to 'borrow' students from any other school.
- Schools may be asked to verify the composition of their team to confirm that all players attend the nominated school.
- After completing online registration form, a school may only add players to the team list prior to the commencement of the first game of the competition they are contesting and with the approval of Football NSW.
- Age Qualifications - Players must be no older than the age specified by the division they are competing in as per the Age Chart below.
- Schools may enter more than one team in a category; however, players are not permitted to interchange between teams.
- Players may only compete in one team in each age category in the Championship. Players can, however, compete in more than one age category provided they are played on different days.
- Shin pads are compulsory. Long socks must cover shin pads.

Age Eligibility

If you were born on or after 1 January; for the Futsal Schools Championships 2022, you are eligible to play in:

2012 - 10 years competitive

2011/10/09 - 13 years competition (N.B 2009 Student must still be attending primary school)

2009/08 - 14 years competition

2007/06 16 years competition

2005/2004/2003 Open competition

Conditions Governing Acceptance by Football NSW

- Nominations will only be accepted by online registration. No Verbal or faxed entries will be accepted
- All terms and conditions on the online entry forms must be accepted.
- The School Principal or authorised person must endorse the entry, verifying the correct ages and eligibility of all nominated players.
- All players nominated in a school team must be enrolled in and attending the nominated school.
- Late entries will only be considered at the discretion of the organising committee.
- State Championships wildcard entries may be offered subject to availability.

Insurance

Player injury insurance is provided by Football NSW during game times only. If an injury occurs during a game, it must be reported to the Administration desk immediately after the conclusion of the game.

Withdrawals

Any team withdrawing after the closing date of their nominated Championship shall be levied an administrative charge equal to 50% of the entry fee. Any team withdrawing within 48 hours of their selected competition will be charged 100% of the registration fee. Withdrawals MUST be received in writing to jamied@footballnsw.com.au

PLEASE NOTE: THIS CLAUSE WILL BE ENFORCED. NO EXCUSES WILL BE ACCEPTED. THIS INCLUDES TEACHER STRIKES.

Forfeits

As you would be aware, running a sports competition involves organising many factors. For Football NSW to provide your team with a competition we must book and commit to the payment of courts, referees, and competition coordinators. These costs do not change if your team fails to show for their game (i.e. forfeit). By virtue of the fact that you have registered your team for the competition you are therefore committed to the games indicated on the draw and the associated costs. Therefore, if your team forfeits you will be liable for payment of the normal team entry fee.

Draw Availability

- The draw for each Championship, competition Rules & Regulations and simplified Futsal rules will be emailed to the team contact person as nominated and available online.
- Please ensure, where possible, that an email address and a mobile phone number is supplied, to allow for direct contact by Football NSW if required.

Please Note:

The draw may be subject to change after distribution due to withdrawals or other unforeseen circumstances. All teams should therefore check-in at the main Administration desk before their opening game on the day of the Championship to determine if an amended draw has been issued.

Small Schools

Schools with **less than 100 students** may combine with another small school (**less than 100 students**) to make a team or teams for the Schools Futsal Championships. The contact person must notify the Football NSW of the two small schools that are combining, and it must be clearly noted on the entry form.

Player Equipment

- Player basic equipment includes shirts, shorts, socks, shin guards and indoor boots/joggers.
- Players are required to wear all items of the basic equipment for each match.

Jewellery and Glasses

- No jewellery is to be worn at any time during a game.
- Players are permitted to wear sports goggles, sports glasses and sports sunglasses as long as, in the referees' opinion, the glasses pose no danger to the player wearing the glasses or any other player on the court.

Player Registration

- Team sheets will be provided on the day of the competition. The first team sheet for your school must be completed with the students first name, surname, and shirt number.
- Players may only compete in one team in each age category per day. Players can however, compete in more than one age category provided they are played on different days.

Late Arrival & Forfeits

If a team is late to commence its scheduled match, and if the game is not able to be rescheduled in another timeslot later in the day, after 5 minutes, the game would be deemed as being forfeited by the offending team, with 3 points and 2 goals being awarded to the opposing team.

Duration of Match

- Duration of the match will vary depending on how many entries Football NSW receive.
- Each region will be capped at a certain number to ensure all schools get enough playing time.
- There is no half time break. There will be a straight swap over, and the game will recommence.

Competition Point System

In preliminary rounds, points will be allocated as follows: -

Win - 3 Points

Draw - 1 Point

Loss - 0 Points

Bye - 0 Points

Forfeit - 3 Points and 2 goals to the team receiving the forfeit

Quarters/Semi/Final Qualifications

- After the round games have been completed, the points are tallied.
- If there are multiple teams on the same points who have a chance at qualifying for quarters/semis/finals positions will be determined on goal difference (goals FOR, minus goals AGAINST).
- If teams have the same goal difference, positions will be determined by the number of goals FOR.
- If goals for are the same, positions will be determined by the lesser number of goals AGAINST.
- If all of the above are the same, positions will be determined on the match result when/if the teams played against each other in the round games.
- If still no determination can be reached, positions will be determined by the toss of a coin.

When it's time to work out 1st / 2nd / 3rd best Runner Up and pools/groups are uneven the pool/groups with the least number of teams will be awarded 2 goals and 3 points. E.g. If there is a group of 4 teams, and also a group of 5 teams the group with 4 teams will be awarded 3 points and 2 goals.

Extra Time

- Only in quarterfinals, semis and finals will extra time be played.
- Extra time will consist of **ONE** three-minute period of golden goal (first team to score wins)

Determining the Winner by Penalty Kicks

- After the three-minute period and neither team have scored, the game will then proceed to a penalty shootout.
- Three alternate kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner.
- If, before both teams have taken three kicks, one has scored more goals than the other could score even if it were to complete its three kicks, no more kicks are taken.
- If both teams have taken three kicks, both have scored the same number of goals, or have not scored any goals, kicks continue to be taken in the same order until one team has scored a goal more than the other from the same number of kicks.

The Bench

- The bench must only consist of the players on the game sheet, coaches and teachers.
- Under no circumstances are other members of the school allowed to be on the bench. They will be asked to leave.

Disciplinary Cards

- A red card holds an automatic one match suspension. Football NSW has the authority to increase the suspension dependent on the severity of the offense.

Match Fixing

- If it is suspected that match fixing is taking place during a game, the referee will abandon the game AND nil points will be awarded to either team

Covid-19 Safety Plan

Football NSW recognises that the health, safety and wellbeing of its Staff, other Workers and broader football community are of primary importance. Therefore FNSW will adhere to all current Public Health Orders and the FNSW Covid safety plan when delivering the Futsal Schools Championships.

A copy of the FNSW Covid Safety plan can be found on the Futsal Schools Championship webpage <https://footballnsw.com.au/schools/futsal-schools-championship/>

Futsal Schools Championships Basic Laws of the Game

Substitutions

- Up to 10 players can be used in one match
- There is no limit on how long a player must stay on or off the pitch.
- Players must enter and leave the field of play from in the substitution zone (normally at the on the sideline near the bench).

Kick In

- In order to restart the game after a ball has gone out of play. The ball is kicked back into play from the touchline and from corners.
- The ball must be placed stationary on the touchline.

The Four Second Rule

- For kick-ins, free kicks, goal clearances and corner kicks the player in possession of the ball has 4 seconds to restart play which the referee will count with their fingers to their side.
- If play isn't restarted within four seconds possession is surrendered to the opposing team.
- The goalkeeper is not allowed to control the ball for more than 4 seconds in his/her own half.

The Five Metre Rule

- Players are required to keep 5m from the player in possession of the ball on free kicks, corners, goal clearances, kick-ins and penalties.

Goalkeepers

- Goalkeepers can come out of the penalty area and players are allowed to go into the penalty area.
- A Goal clearance from the goalkeeper must be thrown, but the goalkeeper can use their feet to distribute the ball from open play.

Back Passes

- Once the goalkeeper has played the ball he/she cannot touch the ball again.
- Unless an opposition player has touched the ball or if the goalkeeper receives the ball in the opponent's half.

Red Cards

- If a player is sent off then the team to which the player belongs must remain with 4 players until two minutes have passed, or the opposition have scored a goal.

Accumulated Fouls

- A Direct Free Kick is an accumulated foul, there is 5 accumulated fouls in each half of the game. Then on the sixth foul and every foul thereafter, a direct kick will be awarded to the opposing team and the defending team is not allowed to position any players (other than the goalkeeper) between the ball and the goal.
- The kick may be taken from the 10m mark or, if the foul was committed closer to the goal than the 10m mark, then the kick may be taken from the position where the foul took place.

Duration of Match

- Duration of the match will vary depending on how many entries Football NSW receive.
- There is no half time break unless time allows, in this case there will be 1min halftime break.

Extra Time

- Only in quarters, semis and finals will extra time be played.
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For further information and to view the 2021/22 FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game please visit the below link –

[FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game 2021/22](#)