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# 2023 FUTSAL COMPETITIONS REGULATIONS

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# SECTION 1: ORGANISATION AND ADMISSION

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## 1. SCOPE AND APPLICATION

- a) These Regulations are made under clause 5 of the Football NSW (FNSW) By-Laws and came into operation for the 2023 Futsal Season.
- b) Football Australia (FA) has granted FNSW a mandate to be responsible for the organisation, promotion and regulation of Futsal in the State.
- c) These Regulations govern the Leagues as set out in Section 1, Article 5.
- d) Where these Regulations are silent on any particular aspect, then all Clubs, affiliated bodies and organisations shall first have regard to the Constitution, By-Laws, FA rules and regulations and where applicable rules and regulations of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and FIFA.
- e) If any part of these Regulations is void that part shall be severable and will not affect the enforceability of the remaining sections of these Regulations.
- f) FNSW will interpret and apply all articles of these Regulations and any such interpretation or application will be final and binding on all parties and not subject to challenge or appeal.
- g) These Regulations apply to Participants in the following competitions (**the Competitions**) unless stated otherwise:
  - i. Futsal Premier League;
  - ii. Futsal Premier League 2;
  - iii. Futsal Development Leagues;
  - iv. AWD Futsal League;

## 2. CONSEQUENCES FOR BREACH

- a) Any breach of these Regulations or failure to comply with any direction therein may result in a fine issued by Football NSW or other sanction pursuant to the Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

## 3. CAPITALISED TERMS

- a) Any capitalised terms used in these Regulations will have meaning given to them in Schedule 1.

## 4. ADMISSION / APPLICATION TO FNSW COMPETITIONS

- a) Participation in the Competitions is on an annual basis unless otherwise specified.
- b) For the avoidance of doubt, the Club agrees that it has no right to any renewal or extension to participate in any future Competitions and FNSW has the right to determine in its absolute discretion whether any right to participate in any Competition is renewed or extended.
- c) Applications to participate in all Competitions administered within these Regulations are to be made to FNSW, on the prescribed FNSW documents, and submitted by the date on the documents.

## 5. CONFIRMATION OF LEAGUES / COMPETITIONS

- a) FNSW shall conduct Competitions in the following Leagues and Age Groups:

League	Age Groups
Futsal Premier League	12 Boys, 13 Girls, 14 Boys, 15 Girls, 16 Boys, 17 Girls, 19 Men, Open Women and Open Men
Futsal Premier League 2	12 Boys, 13 Girls, 14 Boys, 15 Girls, 16 Boys, 18 Women, 19 Men, Open Women and Open Men
Futsal Development Leagues	11 Boys and 11 Girls/12 Girls
AWD Futsal League	AWD Open Mixed

- b) Composition of the Leagues, including maximum numbers of Teams per Age Group, will be determined by the Board.

## 6. OUTSTANDING DEBTS

- a) Treatment of outstanding debts will be as per the FNSW By-laws.
- b) For the avoidance of doubt, failure to comply with outstanding debts in accordance with the FNSW By-Laws may result in ineligibility for competition points while the debt remains unpaid, and that those points will not be reinstated once the debt is cleared. It may also result in ineligibility to participate in Championship Matches.
- c) This article applies to all Competition Matches conducted by FNSW.

## 7. ALTERATION

- a) The Executive will have the power from time to time to make, alter or rescind the Regulations.

## 8. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

- a) The Executive will have the power to consider individual circumstances outside the prescribed limits of the Regulations should it be clear those special considerations are in the interests of the game.
- b) The decision by the Executive to review and consider individual circumstances under this section is not subject to appeal or review.

## 9. VENUES

- a) The Venue for the Matches in the Competition will be nominated upon entry, at the deadline communicated by FNSW, by the club and will be subject to inspection and confirmation by FNSW.
- b) Unless stipulated otherwise in these Regulations, matches in the Competition must be played in a Venue which meets all the requirements of, and standards stated in, the FNSW Futsal Stadium Technical Requirements and in compliance with the safety & security standards and other FNSW, FA, Australian Standards and Australian Sports Commission guidelines and instructions.
- c) Should any Venue be deemed unacceptable for use for any reason during a Season FNSW reserves the right to set the most appropriate course of action to conclude the Season, including but not limited to rescheduling Fixtures to the "Away Club" venue, setting Fixtures to a neutral venue, or forfeiting the Fixtures against the Home Club.
- d) In all instances of article 9(c), any costs incurred in the rescheduling of Fixtures will be the responsibility of the original Home Club.
- e) Unavailability of any Stadium due to neglect, non-payment of accounts or any other reason for which the Home Club is responsible will result in a forfeit against the Home Club.

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## 10. DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS

- a) All Clubs, Players, Team Officials, Match Officials, Spectators or any Person participating in any manner at a FNSW Fixture, Match or event will submit exclusively to the jurisdiction of the Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

## 11. UNFORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCE

- a) Nothing in these Regulations shall prevent the Board from approving a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the Regulations including but not limited to promotion, relegation, number of divisions and composition of Teams in each division.

## 12. CONTROL OF COMPETITIONS

- a) The administrative control and conduct of the Competitions is vested in the Executive subject to any resolution by the Board to the contrary.

## 13. INTERSTATE/INTER-LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE FIXTURES

- a) The Executive may enter into agreements on behalf of FNSW to arrange Fixtures either interstate or inter league etc., bearing in mind at all times the standing of the State or National authority in such matters and the interest of the members of FNSW.
- b) The Executive may be empowered to call upon the services of all FNSW Players for possible selection in representative FNSW fixtures, upon such terms and conditions as they deem fit.
- c) Any Player, who, without just cause, fails or refuses to participate in a representative Fixture, cannot participate in his/her Premiership or Championship Fixture, played at or about the same time as the representative Fixture.

## 14. AMALGAMATION OF CLUBS

- a) Subject to any term in Participation Agreement entered into between FNSW and a Club, the new Club remains responsible for the financial obligations of the Clubs that amalgamated to form the new Club. This includes but is not limited to all fines and fees relating to admission, registration, suspension, breach of regulations etc. and payments to any Players and Team Officials of either Club as per their contracts.

## 15. MEETINGS

- a) Providing 5 business day is provided, FNSW may schedule meetings Pre-Season and during Season to update Clubs on administrative and coaching matters.
- b) Attendance at meetings is compulsory for each Club participating in the competition. Failure to attend without satisfactory reason may result in a fine of \$50.



## SECTION 2: TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

### 1. MATCHES PLAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE GAME

- a) All Fixtures will be played in compliance with the Regulations in force at the time and in accordance with FA and FNSW By-Laws, regulations, codes and directives, and under the FIFA Futsal laws of the game.
- b) The Executive will decide from time to time the duration of games played in age groups other than Open Men and Open Women and may vary Competition regulations for any special domestic competition providing due notice of the variations is given to all competing Clubs.

### 2. DURATION OF MATCH

- a) Duration of Premiership Matches will be as follows for the respective age groups of the Competitions:

League	Duration of Match	Half Time	Time Allowed per Match	Age Groups
Futsal Premier League	Two periods of 20 Minutes stop clock	15 minutes		Open Women, Open Men
	Two Periods of 20 Minutes	2 minutes	50 minutes	12 Boys, 13 Girls, 14 Boys, 15 Girls, 16 Boys, 17 Girls, 19 Men
Futsal Premier League 2	Two periods of 20 Minutes stop clock	15 minutes		Open Women, Open Men
	Two Periods of 20 Minutes	2 minutes	50 minutes	12 Boys, 13 Girls, 14 Boys, 15 Girls, 16 Boys, 18 Women, 19 Men
Futsal Development League	Two Periods of 20 Minutes	2 minutes	50 minutes	11 Boys and 11 Girls/12 Girls
AWD Futsal League	Two Periods of 20 Minutes	2 minutes	50 minutes	AWD Open Mixed

- b) FIFA Laws of the game will apply except for:
  - i. Time Outs: Only During the Premiership Matches for Opens Womens and Open Mens times outs will apply. One (1) time out per half will be available per team, the duration of the time out will be one (1) minute. During the Championship Series, one (1) time out per half will be available per team, the duration of the time out will be one (1) minute.
  - ii. Stop Clock: During the Championship Series in all age groups except Open Men and Open Women, the clock will stop in the last minute of each half, along with the last minute of each half of extra time.
  - iii. Open Men and Open Women will play stop clock for the entirety of the match.
- c) After the commencement of the Match, should play be delayed due to injury, extreme weather, failed lighting, state of the pitch or any other reason as determined by the referee, and the Match cannot be completed in full (i.e. the referee is unable to recommence the Match after the stoppage to complete all remaining minutes) the Match shall be completed at another date as determined by FNSW providing neither team is at fault.

### 3. EXTRA TIME

- a) There will be no extra time played in FNSW Premiership Matches in the event of a draw at the conclusion of normal time.
- b) Should scores be equal at the conclusion of a Championship Match, extra time shall be played as follows:

Age Groups	Duration of Extra Time	Half Time Interval
12, 14, 16 Boys, 13, 15, 17 Girls/18 Women, 19 Men, Open Women, Open Men, AWD Open Mixed	Two periods of 3 Minutes	No Half Time Interval – Teams swap direction and Team Benches and play resumes

- c) There shall be an interval of two (2) minutes at the end of normal playing time and the commencement of the first period of extra time, for all age groups.

#### 4. DETERMINING THE WINNER BY PENALTY KICKS

- a) If at the end of extra time, scores are still drawn, alternate kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedures described in the Futsal Laws of the Game.

#### 5. TECHNICAL AREA

- a) Only currently registered and eligible Players, Coaches and Team Officials are allowed in the technical area during Matches.

A maximum of thirteen (13) persons only are allowed to sit on the bench at any one time. These thirteen (13) persons to be nine (9) substitute Players and four (4) other registered Team Officials.

Seating shall be supplied and placed in position by the Home Team in sufficient quantity to seat thirteen (13) persons from each Team.

- b) All Team Officials in the technical area must be listed on the digital team sheet.
- c) All Players in the technical area must wear a bib that should contrast with the colours worn by players of both Teams, Match Officials and the bibs of the opposing Team.
- d) All Team Officials in the technical area must wear clothing that contrasts with the kit of the Players and Match Officials on the court. Should their clothing clash they are required to wear a bib that does not clash with the colours of the Players and Match Officials.
- e) Only one Team Official at a time is allowed to issue instructions from the technical area to the players.
- f) All substitutes on the bench must remain seated unless moving to and from warm up/pitch entry.
- g) All Team Officials on the bench must remain seated. One (1) Team Official at a time may stand to give direction to the team however must return to his/her seat as soon as the direction has been given by the Match Official.

#### 6. WARMING UP

- a) Clubs shall be entitled to warm up on the pitch before the Match if time permits.
- b) The Home Team Official in conjunction with the Referee may determine if warm up on the Field of Play is to be allowed as well as the location of the warm up.
- c) Clubs should supply an alternate warm up area, in close proximity to the pitch in case warming up on the Field of Play is not possible due to timing or any other reason in accordance with these Regulations.
- d) During actual play, a maximum of four (4) Players from each team may warm up at the same time. The players assisted by one (1) accredited official, can warm-up without a ball, behind their substitutes' bench or in another space determined by the Referee prior to the Match. Players must be wearing bibs and where possible in a different colour to the teams playing.

## 7. FUTSAL BALLS

- a) The Home Team (that being the first team listed on the draw) will supply three (3) first class Futsal balls of the same brand, colour and weight, for all Premiership Matches.
- b) Failure of the Home Team to supply three (3) match balls will result in a fine of \$25 per match that they are not supplied.
- c) Futsal Premier League and Futsal Premier League 2 Clubs are only permitted to use Futsal Balls as provided by FNSW, for Matches.
- d) It is preferred that all Futsal Development League and AWD Futsal League Clubs use Futsal Balls for Matches, however Clubs are permitted to use any other brand of Futsal Ball should they wish to.
- e) FNSW shall supply Futsal balls for all Championship Matches.
- f) The following sizes are applicable to the different age groups:

Age Groups	Size
13 Girls, 14 Boys, 15 Girls, 16 Boys, 17 Girls, 18 Girls, 19 Men, Open Men, Open Women, AWD Open Mixed	4
11 Boys, 11 Girls/12 Girls, 12 Boys	3

- g) Match balls are to be provided to the Match Officials no later than 10 minutes before kickoff.

## 8. PREMIERSHIP RANKING

- a) FNSW will use the following process when determining the ranking of Teams within each Age Group of the Competitions:
  - i. Greater number of points obtained in all Premiership Matches.
  - ii. If two (2) or more Teams are equal on the basis of the above criteria, their place will be determined as follows:
    1. Greater goal difference resulting from all Premiership Matches.
    2. Greater goals scored from all Premiership Matches.
    3. Greater number of points obtained in the Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head).
    4. Great number of goals scored in the Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head).
    5. Play-off Match between the Teams concerned under arrangements approved by the Executive.

## 9. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RANKING

- a) FNSW shall use the following process when ranking the Clubs within each competition:
  - i. Club Championship with points calculated from all Premiership Matches in all Age Groups using the following system:



Age Groups	Points Calculated
12 Boys	Premiership Points x 0
13 Girls	Premiership Points x 0
14 Boys	Premiership Points x 1
15 Girls	Premiership Points x 1
16 Boys	Premiership Points x 1
17 Girls / 18 Women	Premiership Points x 1
19 Men	Premiership Points x 1
Open Women	Premiership Points x 1
Open Men	Premiership Points x 1

- b) FNSW will use the following process to determine the ranking of Clubs in the Club Championship:
- i. Greater number of points obtained in all Premiership Matches, in all applicable age groups.
  - ii. If two (2) or more Clubs are equal on the basis of the above criteria, their place will be determined as follows:
    1. Greater goal difference resulting from Premiership Matches in all applicable age groups.
    2. Greater goals scored from Premiership Matches in all applicable age groups.

## 10. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

- a) Eligibility for promotion and relegation will be determined by use of Club Championship rankings as defined in these Regulations, as well as any other criteria deemed appropriate by the Board.
- b) Following are the principles by which Clubs will become eligible for promotion or relegation at the conclusion of the Futsal Season;
- i. Club highest in ranking in the Club Championship will be eligible for promotion; and
  - ii. Club lowest in ranking in the Club Championship will be eligible for relegation.
- c) Promotion and Relegation is subject to Club's meeting criteria including but not limited to all articles of these Regulations, the Futsal Stadium Technical Requirements, official FNSW application documents, and any other criteria as determined by the Board from time to time.

## 11. COMPETITION POINTS

- a) Points shall be allocated as follows for all Premiership Matches:

Result	Points
Win	Three (3) points
Draw	One (1) point each Team
Bye	No points
Loss	No points
Forfeit	Three (3) points to the Team receiving the forfeit (For Forfeited Matches the team winning on forfeit will receive six (6) goals for and zero (0) goals against as well as the three (3) competition points)

- b) Matches within the Futsal Development League will not be eligible for Competition Points

## 12. COMPETITION SYSTEM

- a) The Futsal Premier League Competition shall consist of 2 stages:
  - i. Premiership consisting of home and away Matches or any League format as approved by the Executive; and
  - ii. Championship consisting of knockout Matches in a format approved by the Executive.
- b) The Futsal Premier League 2 Competition shall consist of 2 stages:
  - i. Premiership consisting of home and away Matches or any League format as approved by the Executive; and
  - ii. Championship consisting of knockout Matches in a format approved by the Executive.
- c) The Futsal Development League will consist of home and Away Matches following the Club's Futsal Premier League / Futsal Premier League 2 Fixtures, however no results will be kept.
- d) The AWD Futsal League Competition shall consist of 2 stages:
  - i. Premiership consisting of home and away Matches or any League format as approved by the Executive; and
  - ii. Championship consisting of knockout Matches in a format approved by the Executive.
- e) The FNSW Executive determines the composition of each Competition. Such decisions are final.

## 13. TECHNICAL RULES FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP

- a) All Championship Matches shall be played in accordance with the knockout system, single Match, in the venue to be chosen by FNSW.
- b) For purposes of allocating a Home Team, the Team appearing first in the format below shall be considered the Home Team for each respective Match in the Championship series.
- c) Teams shall play a single Match and the Team having scored most goals in the Match will win the Match.
- d) If extra time or penalty kicks are required to determine the winner of a Championship Match they shall be conducted as per these Regulations.

Round	Match Number	Title	Teams
1	1	Major Semi Final	1st v 4th
	2	Minor Semi Final	2nd v 3rd
2	3	Grand Final	Winner Match 1 v Winner Match 2

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## 14. SUBSTITUTION

- a) For all age groups within the Futsal Premier League, Futsal Development League and AWD Futsal League, unlimited substitution applies.

## 15. CLUBS REMOVED OR WITHDRAWN FROM COMPETITIONS

- a) In the event of any Club withdrawing or being removed from the Competitions, the following procedure will take effect to allow the altered Competitions to proceed to a conclusion.
  - i. Removed or withdrawing before Competition has started: Bye result will apply in Competitions.
  - ii. Removed or withdrawing during first rounds: For all opposing Teams that have played the removed or withdrawn Team(s) (for the complete first round) - points and goals against the withdrawn Team will be deleted from their records and will be credited with a bye result. Teams that have not played the removed or withdrawn Team will obtain a Bye result.
  - iii. Removed or withdrawing during the second round: All points and goals acquired will be retained by opposing Teams for the completed first round. Points and goals acquired against such withdrawn Team will be lost and Bye results will be credited for the second half of the Competition.

## 16. JACKETED OFFICIALS

- a) All Clubs must supply two (2) jacketed officials for all Matches, who must be 18 years of age or older and must have their names recorded on the Dribl team sheet.
- b) All jacketed officials are to wear clothing that easily identifies them as Club Officials. (i.e. brightly coloured bibs).
- c) Clubs must ensure that individuals acting as jacketed officials have read and understood the document "[Jacketed Officials – Roles and Responsibilities](#)" prior to taking up this role.
- d) Jacketed officials must have read and understood the document "[Jacketed Officials – Roles and Responsibilities](#)" prior to taking up this role.
- e) Failure by a Club to supply and identify the two (2) jacketed officials for each Match will result in a fine of \$100 per offence.
- f) Clubs and jacketed officials who fail to comply with this Section 2 art. 16 and/or the document "[Jacketed Officials – Roles and Responsibilities](#)" may be dealt with in accordance with the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

## 17. MATCH SCHEDULE AND KICK OFF TIMES

- a) FNSW will communicate the official Match schedule for all Competitions.
- b) FNSW will determine the venue of all Premiership and Championship Matches.
- c) Final Match dates and kick off times for all Matches shall be determined by the Executive.
- d) All Matches must be conducted on the scheduled day and commence on the stipulated kick off time. Failure to do so may result in a fine of \$200.
- e) FNSW, in determining kick off times, may start Matches at 8:00 am for any daytime fixture which may include Saturday, Sunday or any Public Holiday.
- f) FNSW may also schedule mid-week evening Matches to accommodate Premiership affected or deferred fixtures.
- g) Unless approved by FNSW, fixtures must follow FNSW Club format (i.e. 12 Boys, 13 Girls through to Open Men) these games are to be played on one pitch.

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- h) Clubs will not arrange other Matches or Fixtures until after the official Matches and Fixtures are settled nor improperly interfere with other Clubs home Competition Matches or Fixtures.
  - i) Any disputes between two (2) or more Clubs as to the arrangement of Fixtures shall be referred to and decided by the Executive.
  - j) Notwithstanding any other Regulation on the same subject matter, the Executive reserves the right to alter or amend any Fixture after it has been nominated in the official Fixture list. The alterations could be to the date, venue or kick-off times, or a combination of all providing the Clubs involved are given five (5) days prior written notice to such alterations being undertaken by the Executive.
  - k) Changes to the official Match schedule for all Leagues will only be considered in exceptional circumstance. Any application for a change of venue must be submitted to FNSW, along with reasoning and documentary proof of the "exceptional circumstance" validating the requirements for a venue change, no later than five (5) days prior to the scheduled Match.

## **18. EXTREME WEATHER AFFECTED FIXTURES**

- a) In all instances, where extreme weather policy prior to a fixture has raised fair doubt as to the possibility of play taking place, the following rules are to apply, so that Players, Match Officials and the public can be given correct notice of intentions. On the day of the scheduled Match:
  - b) The Home Club Secretary or his/her nominee, the venue operator or his/her nominee and the senior Referee or his/her appointee, or his/her nominee, are to meet at the particular venue one (1) hour prior to the first kick off time.
  - c) The Referee or his/her appointee is to inspect the field of play and decide whether play can take place:
    - i. At all.
    - ii. Under modified conditions for the match(s) to continue. Modified conditions include, but are not limited to, drinks break, wiping dry the court if wet, failure in lighting.
  - d) In the event of Section 2 art. 18 (c) the Referee in consultation with a Football NSW representative is to decide whether all Age Groups should be played or otherwise.
  - e) FNSW shall communicate any venue closures to the respective Referees appointment officer who will in turn inform the Referees branch.
  - f) All visiting Clubs and Match Officials should check with the Home Club before departing for the fixture venue.
  - g) In the case of fixtures outside the Sydney Metropolitan area, the Home Club Secretary shall be responsible for conveying the relevant information to FNSW by 8:00am on Match days. Referees officiating at fixtures outside the Sydney Metropolitan area should check with FNSW Referees Manager before departure from Sydney.
  - h) Failure to adhere to any part of this article may result in a fine.

## **19. RESCHEDULING OF FIXTURES DUE TO EXTREME WEATHER AND UNAVAILABILITY**

- a) Rescheduling of Matches or Fixtures affected by extreme weather or unavailability will be arranged by the relevant Clubs in the first instance.
- b) Matches or Fixtures are to be rescheduled, subject to venue availability, within twenty-one (21) days of the original scheduled date.

- c) Failure to reschedule the Match or Fixture within twenty-one (21) days may result in FNSW rescheduling the Match or Fixture at a time and place of its choosing.

## 20. DISRUPTION OF FIXTURE DUE TO EXTREME WEATHER

- a) When the Referee finds it necessary to stop play, owing to extreme weather, he/she shall wait a reasonable length of time before deciding to postpone the Match.

## 21. HOT WEATHER POLICY AND GUIDELINES

- a) In accordance with FNSW Hot Weather Policy and reference to Sport Medicine Australia Guidelines, FNSW recommends that:
  - i. Games or training involving Adults (17 Girls/18 Women, 19 Men, Open Women, Open Men) should be postponed or cancelled at 37° depending on local conditions.
  - ii. Games or training involving Children (11, 12, 14, 16 Boys and 11/12, 13, 15 Girls) should be postponed or cancelled at 32° depending on local conditions.
- b) FNSW Hot Weather Policy and Sport Medicine Australia Guidelines in relation to hot weather can be found on the policy page of the FNSW Website [www.footballnsw.com.au](http://www.footballnsw.com.au)

## 22. POSTPONED FIXTURES AND MATCHES

- a) Fixtures and Matches may only be postponed by the Referee or FNSW.
- b) In the event of any Fixture or Match not being played owing to weather or other causes over which neither Club has any control, on being ordered to be rescheduled or completed, it shall be played within twenty-one (21) days of the first postponement.
- c) Clubs will be given three (3) days after the postponement to determine the venue and date.
- d) Failure to comply with the above Regulation will result in FNSW determining the venue and date.
- e) Injury that requires the player to be removed from the venue by ambulance, hot weather, failed lighting, state of the pitch or any other reason as determined by the referee, and the Match cannot be completed in full, and FNSW has approved the rescheduled match, it will recommence at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full. The following principles will apply to the recommencement of the Match:
  - i. The Match will recommence with the same Players on the Team Sheet as when the Match was initially postponed unless a player has received a suspension in matches conducted between the postponed match and the rescheduling of that match.
  - ii. Should a player have received a suspension in a match conducted between the postponed match and the rescheduling of that match that player:
    - 1. Will not be eligible to participate in the rescheduled match
    - 2. Will not be able to count the match as a stand down in relation to any fixture suspension
    - 3. The club will not be permitted to replace the player on the team sheet
  - iii. Players sent off during the Postponed Match cannot be replaced.
  - iv. FNSW will endeavour to appoint the same Match Officials to the completion of the Match, however may appoint replacements should any or all of the Match Officials be unavailable.
  - v. The referee is the sole arbiter of elapsed time, and no protest may be lodged against the actual elapsed time as recorded by the referee.

- vi. The Club adversely impacted by the postponed match is required to notify FNSW (via txt message/ email) within 48 hours of the match being postponed. The rescheduling of the match must be in accordance with section 2 art 22 b) and c).
- vii. Should a Match be abandoned due to the fault of one (1) Team, or should it be determined by FNSW that one (1) Team/ Club is responsible for the delay to the Match, the remaining minutes will not be rescheduled for completion, and the Match will be determined as a forfeit against the Team/ Club that is deemed guilty of the abandonment or responsible for the delay.
- viii. Where a fixture is incorrectly reported as abandoned by the Referee where circumstances show clearly that the match was actually postponed, FNSW will treat the Match as postponed.

## 23. ABANDONED MATCHES

- a) In cases where a Fixture has been abandoned by the Referee, the Executive may investigate the circumstances of the abandonment and impose such penalties as it deems fit on Clubs, Club Officials, Players and/or spectators adjudged to be associated with the abandonment.
- b) When a Match is not played or abandoned for any reason over which neither Club was responsible, the Match will be replayed on a date to be arranged at the earliest reasonable opportunity by the Executive, in accordance with these Regulations.
- c) When a Match is abandoned for any reason other than stated in section 2 article 23(b) the Match may only be replayed by the authority of the Executive.
- d) Should a Club, its Players, officials or spectators be found to have caused the abandonment of the Match, the Match will be forfeited by that Club to the opposition.
- e) Should both Clubs be found to have caused the abandonment of the match the match will not be replayed and no match result will be applied.

## 24. FORFEITS

- a) Teams shall be deemed to have forfeited a Match when;
  - i. They fail to fulfil an engagement to play a Match on the appointed date, time or venue; or
  - ii. They refuse or fail to begin a Match within ten (10) minutes of the stipulated kick-off time; or
  - iii. At any point during the Match they cannot field at least three (3) registered Players; or
  - iv. They field or list on a team sheet an ineligible Player; or
  - v. Any other scenario within these Regulations or the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations that stipulates a forfeit of the Match.
- b) In the event of any Team forfeiting its Match, the following procedure will take effect;
  - i. Full points allocated for the Match will be forfeited to the opponent Team and the goals recorded according to six (6) goals scored by the Team getting the points and nil (0) by the Team who has infringed the regulation, unless the goal difference for the Team receiving the forfeit is greater than six (6), in which case the result on the pitch is upheld.
  - ii. Offending Clubs will pay all appropriate Match Officials fees, whether or not the Match Officials were in attendance, and pay compensation to the opposing Club. Compensation shall be determined by the Executive.
  - iii. On a second forfeit, the Club involved will be required to show cause as to why they should not be expelled from the Competition, and each Team involved shall, in addition to any fine imposed, also forfeit 10 Club Championship points.



- c) Fines for forfeited Matches in FNSW Competitions are:
  - i. 1st forfeited Match \$250 in a Season
  - ii. Subsequent forfeited Match in the same futsal Season \$500

## 25. MATCH DEFERMENTS

- a) A Club may seek the permission of FNSW to have a fixture deferred in certain cases:
  - i. When an epidemic affects the availability of players.
  - ii. When more than three (3) players are involved in a FNSW Futsal or National Futsal Team Representative Match at the time of the fixture.
  - iii. In circumstances which the Executive at their discretion consider of sufficient weight to merit a deferral.
- b) Clubs seeking to defer Matches due to the above cases must submit their request in writing to be lodged with FNSW giving a minimum five (5) working days' notice of the date on which deferment will be sought.
- c) Should an opposing Club be unable to recoup expenses resulting from the deferral, the Executive shall decide the amount of compensation to be paid. Such compensation shall be the responsibility of the Club granted the deferral.

## 26. TRIAL PERIODS

- a) Official Trial Periods will be communicated to Clubs in each respective League prior to the season commencing.
- b) Trials are to conclude by the identified finish date. No trials are to be conducted prior to the advertised dates. Failure to comply with the advertised dates may result in sanctions or penalties as determined by Football NSW in its absolute discretion.

## 27. TRIAL MATCHES

- a) Clubs shall not arrange Trial Matches without first submitting the prescribed form to FNSW at least five (5) working days prior to the requested Trial Match date.
- b) The Match can only be conducted upon receipt of written approval from FNSW.
- c) Payment for Referees at Trial Matches will be seventy-five (75%) percent of the normal fee for the highest graded Team participating.
- d) All fees are to be paid by the participating Clubs to the Match Officials in cash prior to the commencement of the Match/s.
- e) A third (3rd) Official will not be required for any Trial Matches played.
- f) Appearance of suspended players in Trial Matches is in accordance with the FNSW Grievance & Disciplinary Regulations.

## 28. FRIENDLY FIXTURES AND VISITING TEAMS

- a) Clubs wishing to arrange friendly Match/s must obtain the written approval of FNSW not less than fourteen (14) days before Match/s and also must ensure that such Match/s do not interfere with fixtures of other Clubs in FNSW Competitions.
- b) Club Matches versus visiting overseas or interstate Teams as distinct from organized tours by FNSW and/ or the FA will be only authorised upon such terms and conditions as determined by the Executive from time to time.

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## 29. PROTESTS

- a) Protests must be lodged and received at FNSW head office no later than two (2) days after the Match was played.
- b) Protests will only be considered by the Executive for obvious breaches/errors of the laws of the game that clearly had a material effect on the outcome of the Match.
- c) No protests as to the result of a Match will be considered by the Executive in relation to disciplinary decisions of the Match Officials.
- d) Protests must be accompanied by a \$150 administrative fee in order to be considered. The administration fee must be lodged together with the written protest. A refund may apply at the discretion of the Executive if a protest is upheld.,.
- e) A decision by the Executive, in respect of a protest is final and binding on the parties and not subject to challenge or appeal.

## SECTION 3: ELIGIBILITY

### 1. AGE ELIGIBILITY AND PLAYERS PLAYING ABOVE THEIR AGE

- a) This article refers to;
- All age groups within Futsal Premier League.
  - All age groups within Futsal Premier League 2.
- b) The following table highlights the minimum and maximum ages for players to be registered into an age group and playing up into an age group, for the Competitions listed above:

Age Group	Minimum Age	Maximum Birth Date
12 Boys	9 years	For Players born on or after 1 January 2011
14 Boys	11 years	For Players born on or after 1 January 2009
16 Boys	13 years	For Players born on or after 1 January 2007
19 Men	16 years	For Players born on or after 1 January 2004
Open Men	16 years	No maximum age
13 Girls	10 years	For Players born on or after 1 January 2010
15 Girls	12 years	For Players born on or after 1 January 2008
17 Girls	14 years	For Players born on or after 1 January 2006
18 Women	15 years	For Players born on or after 1 January 2005
Open Women	16 years	No maximum age

- c) Players are not permitted to play in an age group lower to that in which they are registered, regardless of the fact they may be age eligible.
- d) A player is only eligible to play in an age group higher than their registered age group, if they meet the minimum age requirement for that higher age group (in accordance with the table above), and if a consent form has been completed by their parent/guardian and submitted and approved by their Club.
- Please [click here](#) for the consent form.
- e) Failure to adhere to the minimum and maximum age groups may result in sanctions or penalties as determined by Football NSW in its absolute discretion.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND INELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS GENERAL

- a) Eligible Players include:
- An eligible player is one that meets all registration requirements within these Regulations and is not ineligible according to any article of these Regulations.
- b) Ineligible Players include:
- Unregistered players.
  - Suspended players.
  - Football NSW may decide, in its absolute discretion, whether a Suspension or part thereof may be served in an abandoned, cancelled or forfeited Match and any such decision is final and not subject to any challenge or appeal.
  - A Player who is required to stand down for receiving the required number of cautions.
  - A Player who has been expelled from a Match. That Player will be required to stand down for the remainder of the fixture. Any mandatory match suspension must be served in the Player's next fixture in accordance with the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.
  - A Player who is registered to more than one Club at the same time.

- vi. A Player who is deemed ineligible due to any article of these Regulations.
- c) Any Team that fields an Ineligible Player will automatically lose that Match on forfeit and be fined \$250.
- d) Additionally the Club, Team Official/s and Player may be deemed guilty of Misconduct and may be sanctioned in accordance with the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS IN CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES**

- a) A player shall be eligible to play in their registered age group or higher during the Championship Series if they have played five (5) Competition Matches in their registered age group.
- b) Futsal Development League players are able to play up into their Clubs 12 Boys/13 Girls teams, if they have played five (5) Competition Matches in the 12 Boys/13 Girls age group.
- c) A goalkeeper will be the exception to this rule providing the goal keeper is currently registered with their registered age group.

### **4. PRE-MATCH PLAYER IDENTIFICATION**

- a) Player identification is to be made available to the opposing Team manager for perusal prior to the commencement of the Match, and it will be his/ her duty to validate the player identifications on the digital team sheet to confirm all players are eligible in accordance with the Regulations
- b) Players for any Team that are not included on the player identification sheets are not permitted to take the field of play.
- c) Any Team who cannot produce at least three (3) Players that appear on the digital team sheet for any Match will not have enough eligible Players to commence the Match and will be deemed to have forfeited the Match in accordance with section 2 article 24.
- d) The Referee is to report the reason for the forfeit on the team sheet and submit it to FNSW.
- e) Opposing Team managers are responsible for sighting the player identification prior to the Match. Should a Team suspect the opposition of replacing any eligible Player between the initial identification sheet check and the commencement of either the first or second half, the following procedure must be followed:
  - i. The manager of the Team suspecting a breach informs the Manager of the opposing Team that he/ she wishes to check the identity of the specific Player/s.
  - ii. The Team managers of both Teams, along with the Referee and 3rd Official (should a 3rd Official be appointed), check the identity of the Player in question against the player identification and the digital team sheet, on the pitch before the Player leaves the pitch at either the half time interval or conclusion of the Match.
  - iii. Should it be determined that the Team has fielded an ineligible Player, FNSW is to be contacted immediately for further guidance to determine if the Match is to continue or if it will be immediately forfeited in favour of the Team that did not breach the regulation. If Football NSW is unable to be contacted the Match should proceed and the Match Officials are to submit incident reports post- match through the incident report procedure.
  - iv. Should it be determined that both Teams fielded an ineligible Player FNSW will determine whether the Match is to be replayed, void and if any sanction should be imposed on the Clubs, Club Officials and / or Players involved.
  - v. Should any Team Official or Player refuse to follow the above procedure the Match will immediately be forfeited to the opposing Team to the Official or Player that has refused to co-operate.
  - vi. In all cases the Referee will report the incident to FNSW.
- f) Any Club, Team Official and / or player that is found to have breached section 3 article 4 may be guilty of Misconduct and sanctioned as per the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.
- g) Failure of Team to produce player identification on request will result in a fine of \$250.

# SECTION 4: REGISTRATION

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## 1. PLAYER STATUS

- a) Players who are registered participants in FNSW Futsal Competitions will be Amateurs as prescribed in the National Registration, Status and transfer Regulations (NRSTR's)
- b) Players are required to record their status on Play Football as Amateurs.
- c) All Players participating in the Futsal Premier League, Futsal Premier League 2, Futsal Development League, AWD Futsal League must be registered as Amateurs.

## 2. AMATEUR

- a) An amateur is any player that is not a Professional. A Club may pay or reimburse a Player any expenses incurred by that Player without affecting the amateur status, including travel, kit, equipment or insurance premiums. If however, an amateur is paid or reimbursed more than \$100 a week by a Club, the onus is on that Club to satisfy FNSW that the amount paid accurately reflects the expenses incurred by that amateur. If the Club fails to satisfy this onus, that Player will be deemed to be a Professional.

## 3. PROCESS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF AN AMATEUR

- a) All Amateur Players must be registered via the National Registration System. The registration of an Amateur Player with a Club is effective from the date the individual is made active by the Club and allocated to the respective team within the National Registration System.
- b) The registration can be affected through the player self-registering via the National Registration System and the Club accepting the Player's registration.
- c) If a Player is registering for the first time, that Player must provide the Club with evidence of name and age, by producing an original birth certificate, passport, drivers licence or similar form of identification.

## 4. APPLICATION PROCESS FOR REGISTRATIONS OF TEAM OFFICIALS

- a) Clubs are required to submit registrations for all Team Officials who they appoint to Teams including but not limited to Coaches, physiotherapists and team managers.
- b) The registration can be effected through the Team Official:
  - i. self-registering via the National Registration System and the Club accepting the Team Official's registration;
  - ii. meeting the Working with Children Check and Child Protection Training Requirements as communicated by FNSW.
- c) Failure to comply will result in the non-issue of an ID Card.

## 5. SUBMISSION OF REGISTRATIONS

- a) All registrations must be submitted via the National Registration System, with allocation to the respective team, and a passport style photo (head and shoulders ONLY) is to be uploaded into the Player or Officials profile within the communicated registration period.
- b) All Clubs must submit registrations for all Players and Team Officials as listed in the Regulations.
- c) From the beginning of the Season; for all Leagues registrations must be submitted and by the cut-off date and time. All registrations lodged after this closing point will be processed by FNSW the following week.
- d) In order for Registrations to be processed, and Players/Team Officials to be eligible for the weekend's fixture, the following must occur by 11:00pm on the Wednesday night prior to the weekend's fixture:

- i. Be registered on the National Registration System;
  - ii. Be approved on the National Registration System;
  - iii. Have a photo on the National Registration System; and
  - iv. The Club must have submitted an email request sent to Football NSW .
- e) On the Closing date of each registration period; registrations must be lodged by no later than close of business 5:00pm of the specified date.

## 6. REGISTRATION PERIODS

- a) FNSW registration periods for season 2023 will be as follows:

What	Futsal Premier League	Futsal Premier League 2	AWD Futsal League	Futsal Development League
Registration Opening Date	Friday, 1 July 2023			
Registration Closing Date to be Eligible for Round 1	Friday, 8 September 2023			
Registration Closing Date	Monday, 6 November 2023			

- a) Please note that on the closing dates listed above, registrations must be lodged by no later than 5:00pm.
- b) For Clubs who have teams participating in the Futsal Development League, these players are required to adhere to the Registration Period that is applicable for the League that your Club is participating in (i.e. Futsal Premier League or Futsal Premier League 2).

## 7. PLAYER REGISTRATION IN THE CASE OF AMALGAMATION OF CLUBS

- a) Where an amalgamation/merger takes place between two Clubs, the following will apply to registered Players of such Clubs:
- i. All disciplinary cautions incurred by Players will be carried forward if Players move to another Club.
  - ii. All suspensions incurred by Players will be carried forward if Players move to another Club.

## 8. PLAYER DE-REGISTRATIONS

- a) An Amateur may be de-registered by applying to de-register via the National Registration System, which will notify the Club and FNSW of the Player's intention to change Clubs.
- b) If a Club no longer wants an Amateur to play for the Club, that Club needs to apply to deregister that Player via the National Registration System, which will notify the Player and FNSW of the Clubs intention to deregister the Player.
- c) The deregistration is effective;
- i. When the other party (i.e. Club or Player as the case may be) has confirmed the notification or cancellation; or
  - ii. Seven (7) days from the date the Player requested the deregistration in the National Registration System unless a grievance has been initiated with FNSW.
- d) Any disputes relating to Player deregistration will be settled in accordance with the FA Grievance Resolution Guidelines.



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## 9. INTERNATIONAL FUTSAL TRANSFER CERTIFICATE (IFTC)

- a) This section applies to all Players whose last registration (current or otherwise) is held with an overseas Club. This is inclusive of players who are permanent residents or citizens of Australia.
- b) If a player was previously registered with an International Club, FNSW & FA need to request an International Futsal Transfer Certificate or an International Futsal Transfer Certificate (IFTC) from the National Association of that International Club. In accordance with FIFA Statutes, FNSW & FA is only able to request an ITC from another National Association during the Registration Periods for FA, as specified in FIFA TMS.
- c) FNSW cannot register a Player unless and until the IFTC is received. If FA does not receive a response to:
  - i. An IFTC request made via FIFA TMS, then within fifteen (15) days, the Player may immediately be registered on a provisional basis in accordance with FIFA Statutes;
  - ii. An IFTC request made otherwise, within thirty (30) days, the Player may immediately be registered on a provisional basis in accordance with the FIFA Statutes.
  - iii. An IFTC is not required for a Player under the age of 12 years.
- d) It is the Clubs responsibility to ensure an IFTC has been received prior to fielding the player in a Match.

## 10. VISA PLAYERS

- a) If a Player was previously registered with another National Association, the provisions of the FIFA Regulations for the Status of Players must be complied with, including the receipt by FA of a valid IFTC from that National Association.
- b) Once registered, all Visa players regardless of type are bound by the Regulations and Policies of FNSW.

## 11. PRIORITY OF REGISTRATION

- a) In the event of a Player registering with more than one club, the registration which earliest in time is recorded in the system will be granted priority.
- b) Any player found to have wilfully registered for more than one (1) Club, or a Club found to have knowingly induced a player to register with that Club in the knowledge that the player has previously registered with another Club, will be deemed to have committed Misconduct and will be liable to sanction by FNSW.

## 12. MINIMUM COACHING QUALIFICATIONS

- a) Following are the minimum coaching qualifications required by Coaches for each respective League and age group of the Competitions:
  - i. Appointment of a Technical Director for all Clubs is mandatory; a fine of \$100 will apply for each Club that does not have a registered and qualified Technical Director.
  - ii. Appointment of individual Head Coaches to all age groups is mandatory; a fine of \$100 will apply for each team that does not have a registered and qualified Head Coach.
  - iii. Appointment of Assistant Coaches to all age groups is optional. Should one be appointed they must meet the relevant minimum qualification.
- b) Technical Directors/ Coaches must be qualified or enrolled in the appropriate course in order to obtain their Coaching ID card.

<b>Coach Category</b>	<b>2023</b>
Technical Director	AFC Level 1
<b>All Age Groups</b>	
Head Coach	Futsal Licence
Assistant Coach	Futsal Certificate

### **13. COACH AND TEAM OFFICIAL IDENTITY PASSES**

- a) All registered Coaches and Team Officials will be issued digital identity passes.
- b) Only registered Coaches and Team Officials in receipt of their official FNSW identity pass will be permitted to participate in any approved FNSW Match.
- c) Coaches and Team Officials who do not have a FNSW digital identity pass with them at any Match shall not be permitted onto the pitch or to sit in the technical area/team bench.
- d) Only the Official FNSW digital identity pass embossed with the correct year of Competition will be eligible for use in that Season.
- e) Prior to kick off the 3rd Official, or should a 3rd Official not be appointed the Referee, is required to check the benches of both Teams and request any non-playing individual without an digital identity pass to leave the bench. Should the individual refuse the Match will immediately be forfeited to the Team that has not breached the Regulation. Any individual that causes a forfeiture in this regard may be further sanctioned as per the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations .
- f) Failure to comply with any part of this regulation will result in a fine to the club of \$250.

### **14. APPROVAL TO PLAY IN OTHER COMPETITIONS**

- a) A Club must not play in, participate in, be involved in, or give approval for any Player and/or official to participate in any other competition not endorsed or sanctioned by FNSW unless the Club has received the prior written approval of the Executive (such approval to be at the Executive's absolute discretion).
- b) Any Club in breach of Section 4, article 14 a) will be deemed to have committed Misconduct and may be sanctioned as per the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

# SECTION 5: PRIZE MONEY AND AWARDS

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## 1. PRIZE MONEY – DISTRIBUTION

- a) Prize money for Open Men and Open Women Premiers and Champions is applicable to the following Leagues;
  - i. Futsal Premier League;
  - ii. Futsal Premier League 2;

## 2. TROPHIES, MEDALS AND SHIELDS

- a) FNSW shall present the following Medals, Trophies and Shields:
  - i. Premiership & Championship Winners:
    - 1. Replica trophy for all age groups.
    - 2. 14 medals for all age groups.
  - ii. Championship Runners up:
    - 1. 14 medals for all age groups.
  - iii. Club Championship Winners:
    - 1. Perpetual trophy for Champion Club.
    - 2. Replica trophy/plaque for Champion Club.
  - iv. Player of the Year, Golden Boot and Goal Keeper of the Year:
    - 1. Trophy/medal will be awarded to the player of the year in the 17 Girls/18 Women, 19 Men, Open Women, Open Men and AWD age groups only.
  - v. Coach of the Year:
    - 1. There will be an award to one coach from Futsal Premier League, one coach from Futsal Premier League 2 and one coach from AWD Futsal League.
  - vi. Club Awards:
    - 1. FNSW may from time to time recognise Club Officials with awards in any form approved by the Executive.
  - vii. Referee of the Year:
    - 1. Will be awarded in conjunction with NSWFRA.
  - viii. Additional Awards:
    - 1. FNSW may from time to time recognise individuals for their accomplishment or service to Futsal in a manner approved by the Executive.

## 3. “PERPETUAL TROPHY” OWNERSHIP

- a) All perpetual trophies / shields remain the property of FNSW.
- b) FNSW will retain possession of the perpetual trophy / shield immediately following the prize giving ceremony.
- c) Should a perpetual trophy / shield be lost or damaged whilst under the care or custody of a Club, the latter shall refund to FNSW the cost of thorough repair or replacement in addition to any other penalty which FNSW may impose.

# SECTION 6: TEAM SHEETS, REPORTING AND MATCH OFFICIALS

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## 1. MATCH OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

- a) The appointment of all Match Officials will be made by FNSW, who may utilise such other persons as deemed necessary to assist in the carrying out of this responsibility.

## 2. MATCH OFFICIAL POWERS, DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS

- a) The Match Officials are charged with all duties, responsibilities and obligations as contained within the FIFA laws of the game.
- b) Unless otherwise stated, the Referee shall be the sole arbiter as to whether a game will proceed, having regard to the condition of the venue, the weather at the time of inspection and the projected weather forecast.
- c) If the Referee finds it necessary to stop play for whatever reason, he / she should wait a reasonable time before deciding to abandon the Match.
- d) Referees may abandon, postpone or forfeit a Match in accordance with any relevant articles of these Regulations.
- e) In addition, Referees are required to, 24 hours after the conclusion of each Match, forward to FNSW send-off reports and incident reports if the latter is deemed necessary as per the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary process.
- f) Referee Assessors will submit to FNSW a report on the performance of the Referees within three (3) days of the conclusion of the Match, should one be appointed to the Match.

## 3. WELFARE OF THE MATCH OFFICIALS

- a) The Home Club will be solely responsible for the welfare of the Match Officials, from the time they arrive at the Stadium, until the time they depart the Stadium. Failure to carry out this requirement may be deemed Misconduct and the Club and its officials may be liable to sanction.

## 4. MATCH OFFICIALS FEES

- a) FNSW, prior to the commencement of a Competition, will communicate to all Clubs and relevant Referees bodies the approved Match Officials fees for that particular Season. These fees will come into effect immediately.
- b) Match Officials Fees for all Premiership Matches will be paid by the Club to FNSW and FNSW will then make payment to the NSW Futsal Referees Association:
  - i. Prior to the season commencing, Football NSW will invoice each Club for their Match Officials Fees for the entire season.
  - ii. Payment must be made by the home Club for clarity the home club is the one that appears first on the Match schedule, by 5pm on the Wednesday following the fixture being played.
  - iii. Any Club who fails to make payment by 5pm on the Wednesday following the fixture being played, will forfeit their next scheduled fixtures.
  - iv. Any Club who does not receive a full complement of Match Officials is required to send an email to FNSW (competitions@footballnsw.com.au) by 12pm on the Monday following the weekend fixture, to advise which matches did not have Match Officials.
- c) Match Officials fees for all Championship Matches in all Leagues will be paid directly by FNSW to the NSW Futsal Referees Association.
- d) In the case of forfeits and abandonments, Match Officials fees will still be due and payable by the Team that caused the forfeit or abandonment, except that where Matches are abandoned or postponed by the Referee through no fault of either Team.

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- e) For Match Officials Fees for Matches abandoned once commenced due to the fault of neither Team, an invoice claim to FNSW will be required to be submitted by the Match Officials. The Home Club will not be responsible for these Match Officials fees.
  - f) Compensation to Match Officials will be paid for attendance at Matches which are not conducted on the following grounds;
    - i. Match Officials that attend the Stadium and a Match is abandoned or postponed prior to kick-off due to unplayable conditions, compensation will be paid by FNSW.
    - ii. Match Officials that attend the stadium to find the Match cancelled without being notified by FNSW, compensation will be paid by FNSW.
    - iii. Match Officials that attend a Match on the wrong day, incorrect Stadium and/or kick-off time due to a FNSW clerical error, compensation will be paid by FNSW.
    - iv. Match Officials that attend the Stadium to find one Club has forfeited, compensation will be paid by FNSW and FNSW will then invoice the offending Club to recoup those costs.
    - v. Match Officials attend the Stadium to find a Club has called off the Match without notifying the Match Officials or FNSW in writing, compensation will be paid by FNSW and FNSW will then invoice the offending Club to recoup those costs.
    - vi. The level of compensation for Match Officials is the approved Match Officials Fees for the 2023 Futsal Season.

## **5. MATCH OFFICIAL TRAVEL ALLOWANCE**

- a) Match Officials appointed to Competition Fixtures that require travel outside of the Sydney Metropolitan area will be entitled to a travel allowance, paid by FNSW as follows:
  - i. Sydney Match officials will be entitled to a travel allowance when travelling to the Central Coast (\$30), South Coast (\$30) and ACT (\$50)
  - ii. Match officials who reside at the Central Coast and Wollongong and travel to Sydney will receive (\$30).
  - iii. Match Officials residing distances further then these regions will receive (\$60)

## **6. ATTENDANCE OF MATCH OFFICIALS**

- a) Match officials appointed to Matches must be at the Stadium by half time of the preceding Match. Where there is only one Match, or the Match is the first of the day, the Match Officials will be in attendance at least 45 minutes before the scheduled kick off time.

## **7. NON ATTENDANCE OF MATCH OFFICIALS**

- a) Should appointed Match Officials not be in attendance by the scheduled time, it is the responsibility of the Home Club to appoint Match Officials. The appointee must control the whole Match, except that a suitably qualified and identified Match Official, in uniform, from either side will take precedence over an unqualified person from the Home Club.
- b) Unless otherwise stated, Clubs are required to fulfil all Fixtures regardless of the attendance of Match Officials or not. Failure to fulfil any Fixture will be deemed Misconduct and the Club/s may be sanctioned as per the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

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## 8. DIGITAL TEAM SHEETS

- a) All digital team sheets for all Matches are to be completed online via Dribl.
- b) The Away Club must make their player selection in Dribl by no later than one (1) hour prior to the scheduled Fixture. Failure to comply will result in a \$25 fine.
- c) Clubs are required to note the shirt number of each Player in Dribl. This information appears automatically next to the Player's name on the digital team sheet.
- d) Starting line ups will not be required to be identified on the digital team sheets.
- e) Changes to the team sheet will be permitted any time until ten (10) minutes prior to kick-off, at which point the following will apply:
  - i. Should a listed Player be removed from the digital team sheet, the team will not be permitted to name another Player in his/her place, and the number of available Players will be decreased by one (1).
- f) The numbers on the back of the Player's jerseys will correspond to the numbers on the digital team sheet submitted to the Referee before the commencement of a Match. There must be no change of numbers from ten (10) minutes prior to or during a Match (this includes goalkeepers).
- g) A maximum of fourteen (14) Players only may be listed on the team sheet.
- h) The Home Club and Away Club must, within thirty (30) minutes of the Match, validate the Match Official data to ensure all records are accurate. If a discrepancy is identified by either Club that cannot be resolved on the day of the Match, notification must be issued to Football NSW: [matchreports@footballnsw.com.au](mailto:matchreports@footballnsw.com.au) within 24 hours of the Match taking place. Football NSW will review and adjudicate on the alleged discrepancy within a workable time frame.
- i) If a player who is registered in accordance with these regulations is not listed on the digital team sheet prior to the Match and then participates in the match, the following shall apply:
  - i. The Club will be fined \$100 for the first breach;
  - ii. The Club will be deducted 3 Club Championship points for the second breach and fined \$100;
  - iii. Any further breaches in this article will require the Club to show cause as to why they should not be expelled from the Competition, and the Club involved shall, in addition to any fines imposed, also forfeit 10 Club Championship Points.
- j) No later than 15 minutes at the completion of the Match, the Match Official is to enter the match data, which includes: the half time and full time scores, cautions, send offs, substitutions and any other Match incident that is deemed worthy of inclusion in the post-Match reporting.
- k) When a Match is forfeited, the digital team sheet will be endorsed accordingly by the Referee.
- l) Each Club must nominate two (2) jacketed officials on the digital team sheet.
- m) Clubs must indicate all up-graded Players on the team sheet by marking the registered grade against all up-graded Players.
- n) Unless otherwise stated in the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations, or in these Regulations, a Player listed on the digital team sheet will be deemed to have participated in the Match.
- o) A suspended Player will automatically be recorded as stood down where that Player does not appear on the digital team sheet.
- p) The Home Club appears first on the team sheet (left side).
- q) Clerical errors by either Club on the digital team sheet will result in a fine of \$50 per error. Clerical errors include, but are not limited to, duplicate shirt numbers, incorrect shirt numbers and failing to validate the digital team sheet within thirty (30) minutes of the completion of the Match.



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- r) Where there is no 3rd Referee appointed, both competing team's appointed Officials, must ensure that players whose names are written on the opposing Club's team sheet area, are sitting on the bench by half time. If the player is absent, his/her name MUST be add in the dispute part of on the dribl team sheet. Failure to do so will result in the player's number of participating games being increased. This may have an effect on the "eligible players" list for the Finals series being incorrect.

## 9. RESULT OF MATCH

- a) Once FNSW declares the result of a Match or Competition after the conclusion of that Match or Competition then that result will stand.

## 10. MATCH RESULT REPORTING

- a) For all Premiership and Championship Matches, the Match Official is responsible for entering the half-time and full-time scores online into Dribl no later than 15 minutes following the conclusion of the Match
- b) The Match Officials are responsible for player statistics and for all Premiership and Championship Matches, the Match Official is responsible for entering the half-time and full-time scores online into Dribl no later than 15 minutes following the conclusion of the Match:
- i. Goal Scorers (17 Girls/18 Women, 19 Men, Open Women, Open Men and AWD only);
  - ii. Cautions (Yellow Cards); and
  - iii. Expulsions (Red Cards).
- c) The Home Club and the Away Club must, within thirty (30) minutes of the Match, validate the Match Official data to ensure all records are accurate. If a discrepancy is identified by either Club that cannot be resolved on match day, notification must be issued to Football NSW: [matchreports@footballnsw.com.au](mailto:matchreports@footballnsw.com.au) within 24 hours of the Match taking place. Football NSW will review and adjudicate on the alleged discrepancy within a workable time frame.
- d) Failure to comply with any part of this article will result in a fine of \$100 per breach.

## 11. CAUTION AND RESULT REPORTING

- a) Expulsion and Caution reporting is as per the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

## 12. CAUTION AND EXPULSION FINES

- a) Clubs will receive the following automatic fines for cautions and expulsions received by their players in Futsal Premier League and Futsal Premier League 2 for Open Men, Open Women and 19 Men;
- i. When five (5) or more Players from the same Team are cautioned in the same match - \$50.
  - ii. Player expelled from the field of play - \$60.
  - iii. When three (3) or more Players from the same team are expelled in the same Match - \$150 in addition to the individual expulsion fines.
- b) For the avoidance of doubt, these fines are payable in addition to any sanctions imposed against Clubs or their Players pursuant to the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

# SECTION 7: EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

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## 1. AUTHORITY AND SCOPE

- a) The wearing of any clothing or apparel onto the field of play is subject to the approval of the Match Officials regardless of any article contained in these Regulations stating otherwise.
- b) Any Football NSW appointed Match Official may request any item that breaches any article of these Regulations to be removed from inside the Stadium.
- c) These Regulations are provided in addition to the Football NSW Player's Equipment Policy which can be located on the Football NSW website.
- d) All equipment and clothing used for any Competition Match or Fixture must comply with the FIFA Equipment Regulations and as elaborated in these Regulations.

## 2. JEWELLERY AND GLASSES

- a) The only jewellery that is permitted to be worn by Players is a medical alert bracelet or necklace. The bracelet or necklace must be taped or bandaged to the body, covered by a wrist band, or otherwise appropriately padded.
- b) Players are permitted to wear sports goggles, sports glasses and sports sunglasses as long as, in the Match Official's opinion, the glasses pose no danger to the Player wearing the glasses or to any other Player on the Field of Play.

## 3. OTHER EQUIPMENT

- a) Cloth head bands and wrist bands are permitted.
- b) Material and elastic hair ties are permitted.

## 4. CAPTAINS ARM BAND

- a) The captain of each Open Men's and Open Women's team must wear a distinguishing arm band to indicate his/her status. Failure to do so shall render the Club liable to a fine.

## 5. COLOURS

- a) All Clubs are required to submit their kit colours for both field Players and goalkeepers to FNSW prior to the Competition commencing.
- b) Submitted colours for goalkeepers must be different to both the first choice and reserve colours submitted by the Club to FNSW.
- c) Clubs are required to take their first choice and reserve playing kits for both field Players and Goal keepers to every Fixture.
- d) Clubs are required to wear their first choice kit colours for all Matches as delegated by FNSW unless there is a clash of colours and the Referee has determined one Club must change in accordance with these Competition Regulations.
- e) During any fixture the teams of the same Club (excluding the Goalkeeper) must wear the same colour playing kit unless ordered expressly otherwise by the Referee to resolve a clash with the Match Officials' kit.
- f) One (1) colour must be clearly predominant in each of the first choice and reserve playing kits.
- g) Any individual piece of first choice playing kit must be different in its predominant colour to the same piece of alternate playing kit (excluding the goalkeeper's gloves).

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- h) Flying Goalkeeper (5th Man) Attire – Should your team elect to have a flying goalkeeper, the player replacing the goalkeeper can wear a shirt of any colour provided it has the same number on it as the player was previously wearing and the colour does not clash with the colour of any other player or Match Official on the pitch.
  - i) Failure to comply with this article of the Regulations may result in a \$100 fine.

## **6. CLASH OF COLOURS**

- a) Unless already determined and communicated by FNSW, the Referee will be the sole decision maker of a clash of colours.
- b) In the case of a clash of colours of field Players the visiting Club (Club appearing second on the Match schedule regardless of where the Match is played) will be required to wear their reserve playing kit.
- c) In the case of a colour clash the Referee may order the visiting Club to wear their reserve kit or any combination of the reserve playing kit and first choice playing kit in order to resolve the clash.
- d) In the case of goalkeeper's colours clashing with either the opponent's field Players, goalkeeper or the Match Official's kit, the Referee will determine which keeper will change always keeping in mind the principle that the visiting team should change.
- e) In the case of a combination of first choice and reserve kit colours of both teams clashing with the Match Officials, the referees shall determine the final colours to be worn by all players and Match Officials in accordance with these Regulations.

## **7. MATCH OFFICIALS KIT**

- a) The Match Official's first choice kit colour is Black.
- b) Match Officials must carry with them other colours as agreed with FNSW prior to the commencement of the season.
- c) All Match Officials for any one (1) Match must wear the same colours.
- d) The Match Official's will in the case of a team having a predominantly dark strip change to another colour , as long as every Match Official present has the same colour reserve shirt.
- e) Should the Match Officials only have black shirts the Club/s with the predominantly dark strip shall be required to wear their reserve playing kit regardless of whether they are the Home or Away Club.
- f) Should the scenario above eventuate, and the reserve strip of the team that has changed clashes with the playing kit of the opponent Club and that Club's other kit is also predominantly dark then the Referee must find the best possible solution to the colour clash and commence the Match.
- g) The decision of the Referee shall be final.

## **8. NUMBERING**

- a) All players must wear unduplicated numbered shirts that coincide with the numbers listed on the team sheet per match.
- b) The numbers must be in contrasting colours to the playing kit.
- c) In the case of a striped or chequered shirt the number must be displayed on a neutral patch.
- d) The number must be one colour
- e) The number cannot contain any manufacturers mark or sponsor advertising.

# SCHEDULE 1: ADDITIONAL RULES – FUTSAL DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

## 1. SCOPE AND APPLICATION

- a) Schedule 1 is to be read in conjunction with the remainder of the Regulations, and does not constitute the complete regulations applicable to the Futsal Development League.
- b) Schedule 1 is specific to the Futsal Development League only.

## 2. REGISTRATION & ELIGIBILITY

- a) All players participating in the 2023 Futsal Development League must be registered on the National Registration System.
- b) All players will need to be allocated into either a “FDL 11 Boys” team or a “FDL 11/12 Girls” team on the National Registration System.
- c) Futsal Development League teams will be provided with Player identification sheets, any Player who does not appear on the Player identification sheets is not eligible to participate.
- d) Players participating in the Futsal Development League are able to play up into either the 12 Boys or 13 Girls age groups, however all Clubs will then be invoiced the difference between the Futsal Development League registration fee and the elite junior registration fee for each player.

## 3. AGE ELIGIBILITY

- a) The following table details the birth dates applicable to the age groups of the Competitions:

Age Group	Birth Date
11 Boys	For players born on or after 1 January 2010
11/ 12 Girls	For players born on or after 1 January 2009

## 4. MATCH FORMAT

- a) It is recommended that all Matches within the Futsal Development League are played on a smaller sized Futsal Pitch, with the Boys and Girls being played simultaneously side by side.
- b) All Futsal Development League Matches are to be played prior to the 12 Boys Match, unless provided with an exception by Football NSW.

## 5. LEAGUE TABLES AND POINTS

- a) League tables will not be kept for the 2023 Futsal Development League.
- b) Similarly, points will not be attributed to the result of any match for the 2023 Futsal Development League.

## 6. CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

- a) There will be no Championship Series at the conclusion of the round matches for the 2023 Futsal Development League.

## 7. MATCH OFFICIALS

- a) The Futsal Development League will be utilising Game Leaders for the 2023 Competition.
- b) It is the Home Clubs responsibility to appoint Game Leaders to all their scheduled Home Matches. For clarity, a Game Leader can be either a:

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- i. Club Official;
  - ii. Capable Parent;
  - iii. Older Child or Player; or
  - iv. Beginner or Official Referee.

# SCHEDULE 2: ADDITIONAL RULES – AWD FUTSAL LEAGUES

## 1. SCOPE AND APPLICATION

- a) Schedule 2 is to be read in conjunction with the remainder of the Regulations, and does not constitute the complete regulations applicable to the AWD Futsal Leagues.
- b) Schedule 2 is specific to the AWD Futsal Leagues only.

## 2. REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY

- a) All players participating in the 2023 AWD Futsal Leagues must be registered on the National Registration System.
- b) Teams participating within the AWD Futsal Leagues will be provided with Player identification sheets, any player who does not appear on the Player identification sheets is not eligible to participate.
- c) Players participating in the AWD Futsal League are only able to play in the team they are registered with and cannot play for any other AWD team.

## 3. AGE ELIGIBILITY

- a) The following table details the birth dates applicable to the age groups of the Competitions:

Age Group	Birth Date
AWD Open Mixed	For players born in 2008 or earlier

- b) Players must be 15 years or older to participate in the AWD Open Mixed Competitions.

## 4. MATCHES

- a) All AWD Futsal League Matches will be scheduled either between the 16 Boys and 17 Girls/18 Women's Matches or between the 17 Girls/18 Women's and 19 Men's Matches, unless provided with an exception by FNSW.
- b) Matches are to be played on the same pitch as the rest of the Clubs Matches, unless provided with an exception by Football NSW.

## 5. SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT

- a) Any AWD matches that a vision impaired team is participating in, will be required to use an audible Futsal ball provided by the vision impaired team for all Matches.

## SCHEDULE 3: DEFINITIONS

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**“Away Club”** means the Club not playing the Match at its home venue and/or appearing second on the fixture list in the event a Match is conducted at a neutral venue.

**“Board”** mean the directors of Football NSW appointed or elected from time to time.

**“Body”** has its meaning given to it under the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

**“By-Laws”** means the by-laws of Football NSW as amended from time to time.

**“Championship”** means the final series conducted at the completion of the Premiership in accordance with the Football NSW Rules and Regulations.

**“Club”** means an entity formed for the purpose of playing football or futsal in the Competitions.

**“Club Official”** means any person involved with the administration, management or organisation of a Club or Centre (whether paid or unpaid), including employees, contractors, directors, representatives and volunteers.

**“Coach”** any person with the required qualifications registered with Football NSW to control a Football teams training and Match performance.

**“Competitions”** means any or all of the Futsal Matches or competitions conducted by Football NSW.

**“Constitution”** means the constitution of Football NSW as amended up to 26 August 2011.

**“Executive”** means the Chief Executive Officer of Football NSW or his or her nominee.

**“FA”** means Football Australia Limited, the governing body for football (soccer) in Australia.

**“Field of Play”** or **“playing area”** means the field of play and any perimeter area between the line markings of the pitch and the spectator area.

**“FIFA”** means Federation Internationale de Football Association, its successor or assignee.

**“Fixture”** means a meeting of two (2) clubs as scheduled in all age groups applicable.

**“Football NSW”** means Football NSW Limited ACN 003 215 923 which is the governing body for football (including Futsal) in the State.

**“Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations”** Means the regulations adopted on 21 February 2013.

**“Home Club”** means the Club playing the Match at its home venue and/or appearing first on the fixture list in the event a Match is conducted at a neutral venue.

**“Laws of the Game”** means the official laws of the game of football and futsal as promulgated by FIFA.

**“League”** means a competition conducted by FNSW comprised of specific gender and age groups, as declared by the Board.

**“Manager”** any Person registered with Football NSW to control the administrative aspect of a team’s training and Match performance.

**“Match”** means any Match played in a Football NSW Competition, Premiership, other event or tournament under Football NSW’s control.

**“Match Official”** means a referee, third official, match commissioner, any person in charge of safety or any other person appointed by FA, Football NSW, a Referee’s Body, a Centre, an Association Member or a Club to assume responsibility in connection with a Match.

**“Misconduct”** has its meaning given to it under section 15.2 of the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

**“Official”** means a Club Official, Match Official or Team Official.

**“Person”** means a natural person.



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**“Participation Agreement”** means the part 3 document completed by the club or team on acceptance to the competition.

**“Participant”** means a Player, Official or Spectator.

**“Player”** means any person who participates in a Match (irrespective of whether he or she is registered with FA, junior or senior or an amateur or professional).

**“Pre-Season”** Means the period of the year outside the playing season.

**“Premiership”** means the round robin Matches (both home and away) that a team competes in during a Season in accordance with the Football NSW Rules and Regulations.

**“Regulations”** means these Football NSW Competition Regulations.

**“Representative Competition”** means any competition involving solely teams representing either Nations, States, Territories, Regions or institutes.

**“Round”** A series of fixtures scheduled by Football NSW.

**“Season”** means from the commencement of a Football NSW Competition to the conclusion of a Football NSW Competition unless otherwise directed by Football NSW.

**“Spectator”** means a person who attends a Match.

**“Stadium”** stadia, venue or ground where the Match is conducted.

**“Stadium Technical Requirements”** means the regulations adopted on 8 April 2013.

**“State”** means the state of New South Wales with the exception of the northern regions of NSW which are identified by FA as “Northern NSW”.

**“Suspensions”** means the suspensions issued by a Body pursuant to these Regulations.

**“Team”** individual group of players and officials submitted by a Club to represent them in Competition.

**“Team Official”** means any person involved with the management, preparation or participation of a team (whether paid or unpaid), including the coaches, managers, medical staff, other support staff or any other person acting for or on behalf of a Club, Centre or an Association Member.

**“Trial Match”** means any Match played by two Clubs which does not form part of a Football NSW Competition, Premiership, other event or tournament but has been sanctioned by Football NSW.



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