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2024 FOOTBALL NSW FUTSAL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP



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Overview

Football NSW is excited to announce the 2024 Edition of the Football NSW Futsal Schools Championships. The FNSW Futsal Schools Championships are a unique opportunity for your school to participate in an exciting competition against a variety of different schools (State, Private, and Independent Schools). We are excited to be delivering the 2024 edition of the Futsal Schools Championships.

These championships are a great way of exposing both new and current players to the fantastic game of Futsal in a safe and enjoyable environment. It is also an opportunity for students to stay healthy, socialise and make new friendships. In addition, the championships expose teachers to the sport, and provides coaching and networking opportunities.

With participation being the priority, all teams are guaranteed a minimum of 3 games at each event. However, the winners are recognised as champions, with an automatic qualification to the 2024 Futsal Schools State Championships later in the year. If space permits, there will be an opportunity for Wildcard entries to the State Championships. Winners and runners up of each region are also presented with medals to acknowledge their efforts.

In 2024, the following competitions will be on offer:

Primary

U10 Boys & Girls

U13 Boys & Girls

Secondary

U14 Boys & Girls

U16 Boys & Girls

Opens Boys & Girls

The FNSW Futsal School Championships are a pinnacle event in the sporting calendar, and FNSW is very proud to be delivering this long-standing competition to schools. In 2023, we hosted 1468 teams, as well as over 11,750 players! At Football NSW, we value the support and relationships we have with schools, and we hope to continue to be able to provide players and schools an exciting Futsal experience once again in 2024.

Competition Format

All schools are eligible to enter one (1) or more teams per age group in any of the Regional 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 (12 players for State Championships).** It is anticipated the competition will commence at 8:30am daily and be completed by 4.00pm. However, this is just an estimate and schools will be provided with exact details after their respective registrations close.

Competition Categories

Males	Primary (K-6 Only) U10, U13 Secondary U14, U16, Opens Please note: Primary 10 WILL be competitive
Females	Primary (K-6 Only) U10, U13 Secondary U14, U16, Opens Please note: Primary 10 WILL be competitive
AWD	Primary mixed (IO & IM Grade) Secondary mixed (IO & IM Grade) Please note – State Championships is the only event

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

Eligibility

The winners from each Regional Championships will automatically qualify for the Futsal Schools State Championships later in the year (provided they accept the invitation). Teams who qualified in 2nd place at the Regional Championships will receive an invitation as a 'wildcard' to the Futsal Schools State Championships if there are cancellations or space within the draw.

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 **\$165.00** 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, inflation, & 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 2024 team entries for each region will be capped at a maximum number, please see table below for more details.

Region	Max # of team entries for region
Blacktown (Glenwood)	10 teams per age group
Eastern Suburbs / St George	12 teams per age group
Dural	20 teams per age group
Bathurst	20 teams per age group
Wagga Wagga	15 teams per age group
Campbelltown	20 teams per age group
Shoalhaven	20 teams per age group
Blacktown (Glenwood v2)	10 teams per age group
Bankstown	18 teams per age group
Penrith	25 teams per age group
Central Coast	20 teams per age group
Liverpool (Fairfield)	10 teams per age group
Sutherland	15 teams per age group
Windsor	25 teams per age group
State Championships	By qualification only
AWD Gala Day	12 teams per age group

LATE ENTRIES MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Entry fee for all categories is \$165.00 per team (GST incl)

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

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/>

2024 Locations & Closing Dates

Region	Competition Dates	Closing Date
BLACKTOWN REGION Valentine Sports Park 235-257 Meurants Ln, Glenwood	Friday 23 rd February – Primary Categories Tuesday 20 th February - 14 Boys & Girls Thursday 22 nd February - 16 Boys & Girls Monday 19 th February – Open Boys & Girls	<i>Entries Close:</i> Monday 5th February 2024
EASTERN SUBURBS / ST GEORGE REGION PCYC Marrickville 531 Illawarra Rd, Marrickville	Friday 1 st March – Primary Categories Thursday 29 th February - 14 Boys & Girls Wednesday 28 th February – 16 Boys & Girls Tuesday 27 th February – Open Boys & Girls	<i>Entries Close:</i> Tuesday 13th February 2024
DURAL REGION Dural Sport & Leisure Centre Cnr Kenthurst Rd & Pellitt Lane, Dural	Monday 4 th March – Open Boys & Girls Tuesday 5 th March - 14 Boys & Girls Thursday 7 th March – 16 Boys & Girls Friday 8 th March – Primary Categories	<i>Entries Close:</i> Monday 19th February 2024
ORANGE / BATHURST REGION Bathurst Indoor Sports Stadium 34 Alexander St, West Bathurst	Tuesday 2 nd April – Open Boys & Girls Wednesday 3 rd April – 14 Boys & Girls Wednesday 3 rd April -16 Boys & Girls Thursday 4 th April - Primary Categories	<i>Entries Close:</i> Tuesday 19th March 2024
SOUTH COAST REGION Shoalhaven Indoor Sports Centre 90 Cambewarra Rd, Bomaderry	Friday 10 th May - Primary Categories Thursday 9 th May - 14 Boys & Girls Wednesday 8 th May - 16 Boys & Girls Tuesday 7 th May - Open Boys & Girls	<i>Entries Close:</i> Tuesday 23rd April 2024
CAMPBELLTOWN REGION Minto Indoor Sports Stadium Redfern Rd, Minto	Friday 17 th May – Primary Categories Thursday 16 th May – 14 Boys & Girls Wednesday 15 th – 16 Boys & Girls Tuesday 14 th May – Open Boys & Girls	<i>Entries Close:</i> Tuesday 23rd April 2024
BLACKTOWN REGION v2 Valentine Sports Park 235-257 Meurants Ln, Glenwood	Friday 31 st May – Primary Categories Thursday 30 th May - 14 Boys & Girls Tuesday 28 th May - 16 Boys & Girls Monday 27 th May – Open Boys & Girls	<i>Entries Close:</i> Monday 13th May 2024

Region	Competition Dates	Closing Date
CENTRAL COAST REGION Niagara Park Sports Stadium - 18 Washington Ave, Niagara Park	Thursday 6 th June – Primary Categories Wednesday 5 th June – 14 Boys & Girls Tuesday 4 th June – 16 Boys & Girls Monday 3 rd June – Open Boys & Girls	<i>Entries Close:</i> Monday 20th May 2024
PENRITH REGION Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre 30 Herbert St, Cambridge Park	Friday 14 th June – Primary Categories Thursday 13 th June – 14 Boys & Girls Wednesday 12 th June – 16 Boys & Girls Tuesday 11 th June – Open Boys & Girls	<i>Entries Close:</i> Tuesday 28th May 2024
WAGGA REGION Equex MPS Centre Copland St, Wagga Wagga NSW	Wednesday 19 th June – U16 Boys & Girls, & Open Boys & Girls Tuesday 18 th June – U14 Boys & Girls Monday 17 th June – Primary Categories	<i>Entries Close:</i> Monday 3rd June 2024
LIVERPOOL REGION Fairfield Youth & Community Centre 55 Vine St, Fairfield	Friday 21 st June – Primary Categories Thursday 20 th June - 14 Boys & Girls Wednesday 19 th June– 16 Boys & Girls Tuesday 18 th June – Open Boys & Girls	<i>Entries Close:</i> Tuesday 4th June 2024
BANKSTOWN REGION Bankstown Basketball Stadium Third Ave, Condell Park	Thursday 27 th June – Primary Categories Wednesday 26 th June - 14 Boys & Girls Tuesday 25 th June – 16 Boys & Girls Monday 24 th June – Open Boys & Girls	<i>Entries Close:</i> Monday 10th June 2024
SUTHERLAND REGION Menai Indoor Sports Centre 98 Allison Cr, Menai	Wednesday 24 th July – 14 Boys & Girls Monday 22 nd July – Open Boys & Girls Tuesday 23 rd July – 16 Boys & Girls Thursday 25 th July – Primary Categories	<i>Entries Close:</i> Monday 8th July 2024
WINDSOR REGION Hawkesbury PCYC 16 Stewart St, South Windsor	Thursday 15 th August – 14 Boys & Girls Wednesday 14 th August – 16 Boys & Girls Monday 12 th August – Open Boys & Girls Friday 16 th August – Primary Categories	<i>Entries Close:</i> Monday 29th July 2024
STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS Hawkesbury PCYC 16 Stewart St, South Windsor	Friday 6 th September: Under 10 Boys & Girls & AWD Gala Day Thursday 5 th September: Under 13 Boys & Girls Wednesday 4 th September: 14 Boys & Girls Tuesday 3 rd September: 16 Boys & Girls Monday 2 nd September: Open Boys & Girls	By invitation only *AWD applications open

Tournament Eligibility & Regulations

- Teams may comprise of a maximum of ten (10) players (12 Players for State Championships).
- All players nominated on the entry form for a school team **MUST** be a current student at the school they are representing.
- Schools may be asked to verify the composition of their team to confirm that all players attend the nominated school.
- Schools may update nominated team sheets until the first game of their respective competition.
- Age Qualifications - Players must be no older than the age specified by the division they are competing in as per the Age Chart below (overage players will result in a forfeit). E.g., A player who is 14 turning 15 that calendar year, is NOT eligible to play in the Under 14's age group.
- **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. However, players can compete in more than one age category provided they are played on different days.
- **Shin pads are compulsory** and long socks must cover shin pads.

Age Eligibility

If you were born on or after January 1st; for the Futsal Schools Championships 2024, you are eligible to play in:

2014/15/16 - 10 years competitive

2013/12/11 - 13 years **competition (N.B 2011 Student must still be attending primary school)**

2010/11 - 14 years competition (secondary school)

2008/09 16 years competition

2007/2006/2005 Open competition

Conditions Governing Acceptance by Football NSW

- Nominations will only be accepted by the online registration form. No Verbal 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.
- Late entries will only be considered at the discretion of the organising committee.
- Invoices must be paid in full upon it's arrival to the nominated contact.

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.

It is **essential** team sheets are filled out prior to playing the first game for insurance purposes.

Media and Marketing

Football NSW acknowledges and respects the sensitive nature of a participant's (particularly a child's) name, likeness, voice, quotes, comments, biographical information and/or audio-visual images (Image). By the participant participating in the 2024 Football NSW Futsal School

Championships, you (as the participant's parent, guardian or carer (as applicable)) (You) agree and acknowledge that Football NSW may use the participant's Image from time to time for educational or game development purposes (including the capture and use of training and match footage for coaching and technical analysis), or in order to promote and market the game of football.

Where the participant's Image is of a child, Football NSW will only record, and subsequently use, reproduce, publish or broadcast the participant's Image in accordance with the Football Australia Safeguarding Policy, in particular, sections 5.4 (Taking Images and Videos of a Child) and 5.5 (Use and Storage of Images and Videos of Children). A copy of the Football Australia Safeguarding Policy is available at <https://www.footballaustralia.com.au/governance/member-protection-framework>.

You further consent to Football NSW and its representatives, agents and assigns using, recording, reproducing, publishing and broadcasting the participant's Image for the reasons described above, subject to the Safeguarding Policy and local laws. Further, You forever discharge and release the Football NSW from all liability related to the use of the use of the participant's Image in accordance with the above.

If you do not wish to have the participant's Image recorded for the reasons described above, please contact Sasha Chilas (Football NSW Futsal and Social Football Coordinator) directly on sashac@footballnsw.com.au.

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 sashac@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, administrating a sports competition involves extreme organisation. For Football NSW to provide your team with a competition we must book and commit to the payment of pitches, 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 nominated team contact and are available online after the registration closing date.
- Please ensure that the correct email address and **mobile** phone number is supplied in the registration process 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.
- Short and Socks being the same colour or shade of colour being consistent to the teams uniform.
- Players are required to wear all items of the basic equipment for each match.

Jewellery and Glasses

- No jewelry is to be worn at any time during a game. It is up to the discretion of the referee to advise you to remove all jewelry.
- Players are permitted to wear sports goggles, sports glasses and sports sunglasses as long as the glasses pose no danger to the player wearing the glasses or any other player on the court. This is also up to the discretion of the Referee and Football NSW staff to determine that the eyewear is safe or unsafe.

Player Registration

- A team list template will be distributed to all the nominated E-Mail contacts prior to the competition(s). FNSW asks that these lists are completed and returned prior to the competition so the team sheets can be pre-filled prior to the start of the competition. Schools must provide the First name, last name, D.O.B., and jersey number of ALL players. (If a school does not have numbered jerseys, a number will be assigned to a player and written on his or her hand to be used throughout the day).
- Players may only compete in one team in each age category per day. Players can compete in more than one age category provided they are played on different days.

Late Arrival & Forfeits

If a team is more than 5 minutes late to their scheduled game and we are unable to find a rescheduled timeslot later in the day, the game will be deemed as a forfeit.

3 points and 3 goals will be awarded to the winning team in a forfeit.

Duration of Match

- Duration of the match will vary depending on how many entries Football NSW receive for a particular region.
- Each region will be capped at a certain number to ensure all schools get enough playing time.
- The number of team submissions will determine if we have enough time to incorporate a half-time interval, otherwise, the fixtures will be played through one (1) straight period with no half-time.
- Teams will be notified of the match duration in the email with the fixtures for the competition.

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 +3 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 the above are the same, positions will be determined on the match result when/if the teams in question played against each other in the round games (head-to-head).
- If still no determination can be reached, positions will be determined by a penalty shootout.
- In the case of determining best 1st, 2nd or 3rd, if all groups have even numbers and equal number of games played - it will be decided by who has the most points. If groups are uneven and some teams have been played less games, we will calculate each team's win percentage (points gained out of points available).

Extra Time

- Only in quarterfinals, semis and finals will extra time be played.
- Extra time will consist of **ONE** 3-minute period of golden goal (first team to score wins).

Determining the Winner by Penalty Kicks

- After the three-minute period, should neither team have scored, the game will then proceed to a penalty shootout.
- Five alternate kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner.
- The shootout may finish before 5 penalty kicks each if it is mathematically not possible for a team to recover and level the goals scored of the opponent.
- If scores are level after 5 penalties each, sudden death will occur – which is one kick each team and if one team scores and the other misses the game will be finished.
- Substitutes can take a penalty kick in the shootout.

The Bench

- The bench must only consist of the players on the team sheet, coaches and teachers.
- Under no circumstances are other members of the school, parents & siblings, etc. allowed to be on the bench. They will be asked to leave. If they refuse to vacate the area, the match will be suspended and/or terminated. This is up to the discretion of the referee and Football NSW.

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.

- Three (3) yellow cards in the same competition for the same player will result in a one (1) match suspension.

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.

Futsal Schools Championships Basic Laws of the Game

Substitutions

- Up to 10 players can be used in one match (12 for the State Championships).
- There is no limit on how long a player must stay on or off the pitch.
- You do not need to ask the referee to stop the game to make substitutions. It is running subs, where players must enter and leave the field of play at the same time - from in the substitution zone (normally on the sideline near the bench).

Kick In

- 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 all restarts of play (kick-ins, free kicks, goal clearances and corner kicks) the player in possession of the ball has 4 seconds to restart play.
- The referee will count to 4 and make it visible for the players with their hands.
- 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, 10m penalties, and direct 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 (Two Touch)

- Once the goalkeeper has played the ball, he/she cannot touch the ball again until it touches the opposition, or the ball goes out of play – in which case the goal keepers back pass will reset.
- The goalkeeper is allowed to receive the ball in the opponent's half unlimited times.

Red Cards

- If a player receives a red card, that player is sent off and will have to leave the field of play. They

are not permitted to play for the rest of the match.

- The team with the red card will have to play with 4 players on the court (3 field players and 1 Goalkeeper) for a total of 2 minutes, or until the opposition score a goal. If the opposition score a goal or the 2-minute timer elapses, the team who received the red card can send on a new player to go back to 5 players.
- Red cards carry an automatic one (1) game suspension (following the fixture they were sent-off in). It is up to the discretion of Football NSW to upgrade the suspension if the action was deemed serious enough to do so.

Accumulated Fouls

- Each DIRECT free kick will result in an accumulated foul, and teams are allowed to accumulate 5 fouls in each half without further punishment. INDIRECT Free-Kicks DO NOT count towards accumulated fouls.
- Then on the sixth foul and every foul thereafter, a direct kick from the 10m penalty spot will be awarded to the opposing team. The defending team is not allowed to position any players (other than the goalkeeper) between the ball and the goal. The Goalkeeper must does not have to remain on their line for 10m penalties, but they must remain 5m away from the ball.
- 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.

For further information and to view the 2022/23 FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game please visit the below link –

[FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game 2022/23](#)