2027 Football NSW

Futsal Schools Championships



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Overview

Football NSW is pleased to announce the 2027 Edition of the Football NSW 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 provide coaching and networking opportunities.

With participation being the priority, all teams are guaranteed a minimum of 3 games at each event.

The regional winners are recognised as champions, with an automatic qualification to the 2027 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 2027, the following age groups 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 school sporting calendar, and FNSW is very proud to be delivering this long-standing competition to schools. In 2026, we hosted over 1350 teams at 16 different events! 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 with an exciting Futsal experience once again in 2027.

In addition to the regional championships, for 2027 we will also be holding the **FNSW Futsal School Cups** again across terms 2-4. These events will be one-off competitions run like the regional championships with one key change; all matches will be played on a full international sized pitch. This will give teams the opportunity to experience the most authentic version of

futsal in a school competition. **Due to the constraints in space, spots for this will be limited, successful applicants will be notified of their positions within the competition.**

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 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 (twelve players for the 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

Primary: (K-6 Only) U10, U13 Boys & Girls - *Primary ages are still competitions*

Secondary: U14, U16, Opens Boys and Girls

AWD: Secondary mixed Year 7-10 & 11/12 – *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 finished in 2nd place at the Regional Championships may 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.

There will be an entry fee of $200.00 per team required to participate in each regional event and $250.00 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 2027 team entries for each region will be capped at a maximum number, depending on the facilities available. This is to ensure all teams get enough game time. Please see the table below for more details.

Region	Max # of team entries for region
Northern Beaches	12 per age group
Orange	15 per age group
Blacktown	20 per age group
Campbelltown	20 per age group
Wollongong	20 per age group
Central Coast	20 per age group
St George	15 per age group
Ryde	20 per age group
Dubbo	10 per age group
Penrith	20 per age group
Sutherland	18 per age group
Bankstown	20 per age group
Wagga Wagga	15 per age group
Dural	20 per age group
Inner West	15 per age group
Windsor	25 per age group
State Championships	By qualification only
AWD Gala Day	10 per age group
State Cup	16 per age group

LATE ENTRIES MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED.

The entry fee for all Regional Championship categories is $200.00 per team (GST incl)

The entry fee for the State Championship categories is $250.00 per team (GST incl)

The entry fee for all State Cup competitions is $300.00 per team (GST incl)

*This increase in cost is due to the additional court hire and referee costs for international sized pitches

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/

2027 Locations & Closing Dates

Region & Venue	Dates	Applications Closing Date
Northern Beaches PCYC Northern Beaches *40 Kingsway, Dee Why*	Tuesday March 2nd - Under 14s Wednesday March 3rd - Under 16s Tuesday March 9th - Primary Under 10s & 13s Wednesday March 10th - Opens	Friday February 19th
Orange PCYC Orange *2-10 Seymour St, Orange*	Tuesday March 23rd - Opens Wednseday March 24th - Under 14s & 16s Thursday March 25th - Primary Under 10s & 13s	Monday March 8th
Blacktown Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope *Stanhope Pkwy &, Sentry Dr, Stanhope Gardens*	Monday April 5th - Opens Tuesday April 6th - Under 16s Wednesday April 7th - Under 14s Thursday April 8th - Primary Under 10s & 13s	Monday March 22nd
Campbelltown Minto Indoor Sports Centre *9 Redfern Rd, Minto*	Thursday April 29th - Opens Tuesday May 4th - Under 16s Wednesday May 5th - Under 14s Thursday May 6th - Primary Under 10s & 13s	Monday April 19th
Central Coast Niagara Park Stadium *18 Washington Ave, Niagara Park*	Monday May 10th - Opens Tuesday May 11th - Under 16s Wednesday May 12th - Under 14s Thursday May 13th - Primary Under 10s & 13s	Monday April 26th
South Coast Illawarra Sports Stadium *Fred Finch Park, Hooka Creek Road, Berkeley*	Tuesday May 11th - Primary Under 10s & 13s Wednesday May 12th - Opens Thursday May 13th - Under 16s Friday May 14th - Under 14s	Monday April 26th

St George Hurstville Aquatic Centre *Cnr King Georges & Forest Rd, Hurstville*	Monday May 17th - Opens Tuesday May 18th - Under 16s Wednesday May 19th - Under 14s Thursday May 20th - Primary Under 10s & 13s	Monday May 3rd
Ryde The Y Bennelong Sports Centre *22a Winbourne St, West Ryde*	Monday May 24th - Opens Tuesday May 25th - Under 16s Wednesday May 26th - Under 14s Thursday May 27th - Primary Under 10s & 13s	Monday May 10th
Penrith Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre *30 Herbert St, Cambridge Park*	Tuesday June 1st - Primary Under 10s & 13s Wednesday June 2nd - Opens Thursday June 3rd - Under 16s Friday June 4th - Under 14s	Monday May 17th
Dubbo PCYC Dubbo Sportsworld *163 Sheraton Rd, Dubbo*	Tuesday June 1st - Opens Wednesday June 2nd - Under 14s & 16s Thursday June 3rd - Primary Under 10s & 13s	Monday May 17th
Sutherland Menai Indoor Sports *98-150 Allison Cres, Menai*	Monday June 7th - Primary Under 10s & 13s Tuesday June 8th - Opens Wednesday June 9th - Under 16s Thursday June 10th - Under 14s	Monday May 24th
Bankstown Bankstown Basketball Stadium *2 Third Ave, Condell Park*	Tuesday June 15th - Primary Under 10s & 13s Wednesday June 16th - Opens Thursday June 17th - Under 16s Friday June 18th - Under 14s	Monday May 31st
Wagga Wagga Equex MPS Centre *Copland St, Wagga Wagga*	Tuesday June 15th - Opens Wednesday June 16th - Under 14s & 16s Thursday June 17th - Primary Under 10s & 13s	Monday May 31st
Dural The Centre *1 Pellitt Ln, Dural*	Monday June 21st - Primary Under 10s & 13s Tuesday June 22nd - Opens Thursday June 23rd - Under 16s Friday June 24th - Under 14s	Monday June 7th
Inner West Marrickville PCYC *531 Illawarra Rd, Marrickville*	Monday July 26th - Opens Tuesday July 27th - Under 16s Wednesday July 28th - Under 14s Thursday July 29th - Primary Under 13s Friday July 30th - Primary Under 10s	Monday July 12th
Windsor Hawkesbury PCYC *16 Stewart St, South Windsor*	Tuesday August 3rd - Primary Under 10s & 13s Wednesday August 4th - Opens Thursday August 5th - Under 16s Friday August 6th - Under 14s	Monday July 19th
State Cup Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre *30 Herbert St, Cambridge Park*	Monday May 31st - Opens Tuesday October 19th - Under 16s Wednesday October 20th - Under 14s	*Opens - Monday May 17th* *16/14s - Tuesday October 5th*

State Championships Hawkesbury PCYC *16 Stewart St, South Windsor*	Monday August 23rd - Opens Tuesday August 24th - Under 16s Wednesday August 25th - Under 14s Thursday August 26th - Primary Under 13s Friday August 27th - Primary Under 10s & AWD	*By invitation only*

Tournament Eligibility & Regulations

• Teams may comprise 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 in that calendar year is NOT eligible to play in the Under 14 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. 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 the shin pads.

Age Eligibility

If you were born on or after January 1st; for the Futsal Schools Championships 2027, you are eligible to play in:

2017/18/19 - 10 years competition

2014/15/16 - 13 years competition (N.B 2014 Student must still be attending primary school)

2013/14 - 14 years competition (secondary school)

2011/12 16 years competition

2009/2010 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 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 that the 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 2027 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 Futsal.

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 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 Ryan Fletcher (Football NSW Futsal and Social Football Coordinator) directly at ryanf@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 ryanf@footballnsw.com.au

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

Forfeits

For Football NSW to provide your team with a competition we must book and commit to the payment of facilities, referees, and competition coordinators. These costs do not change if your team fails to arrive for their game (i.e. forfeit). By registering your team for the competition, you are committing 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, shinpads and indoor boots/joggers.

• Short and Socks the same colour or shade of colour consistent to the team's uniform.

• Players are required to wear all items of the basic equipment for each match including shinpads.

Jewellery and Glasses

All items of clothing or equipment other than the basic equipment must be inspected by the referee and determined not to be dangerous in accordance with the laws of the game. If an item of clothing or equipment that has been inspected at the start of a match and determined not to be dangerous becomes dangerous or is used in a dangerous manner during the match, its use must no longer be allowed.

Further information around player equipment can be found in the FNSW equipment policy.

https://footballnsw.com.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2017/04/FNSW-Player-Equipment-Policy-updated-22Oct2026.pdf

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 the 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 a forfeit. Where possible FNSW will attempt to reschedule games where a schools' arrivals are impacted by external factors, but that is not guaranteed.

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.

• To maximise playing time there will not be a half time in games, instead matches will be one straight interval.

• Teams will be notified of the match duration in the email with the fixtures for the competition.

Competition 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 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 found, positions will be determined by a penalty shootout if there are facilities available, otherwise the determination will be made via a coin flip with members from both schools present.

• In the case of determining the 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 played less games, we will calculate each team's winning 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 a single 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.

• Three alternate kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner.

• The shootout may finish before 3 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 3 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.

Mercy Rule

• Teams can only be awarded a maximum change of +/- 7 goal difference per game. Games where a team is leading by more than that will continue to the full completion of the match time but will be recorded with a score difference of 7.

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, family, 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 group stage of 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 through the substitution zone (on the sideline in front of 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 scores a goal. If the opposition scores 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 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 2025/26 FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game please visit the below link –

Futsal Laws of the Game 2025-26