



FUTSAL COMPETITION RULES



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GENERAL MATTERS AND DEFINITIONS

1. General Matters

1.1 This document encompasses the rules and regulations that govern the Football Tasmania Futsal competitions (including men's, women's, junior and senior competitions), administered under the auspices of Football Tasmania. Where any rules and/or regulations are not covered in this document, the matter will be referred to the Football Tasmania Competition Rules.

1.2 The Futsal Manager (FM) with direction from the Competitions Manager (CM) shall have the power to alter and implement any decisions to this document where applicable to extenuating circumstances.

1.3 Definitions

Away team the second team mentioned on the draw.

Board the appointed Board of the respective Federation.

FT Football Tasmania.

Club any registered club participating in junior or senior futsal competitions in Tasmania.

CM Competitions Manager.

Delegate the official representative for a team.

Extenuating circumstances any circumstances beyond reasonable control of the appropriate Federation.

FFA Football Federation Australia, the national football federation.

FIFA Federation of International Football Associations.

FM Futsal Manager.

FLOTG Futsal Laws of the Game, the FIFA endorsed futsal laws for officials.

Home team the first team mentioned on the draw.

Junior competitions open to any player under 16 years of age (refer age criteria).

Player any registered participant, unless the contrary intention appears

Premier competitions refer to skills based Futsal Junior Premier League (FJPL) or Futsal Premier League (FPL).

Senior or open age competitions open to any player 15 years of age or older.

Social competitions refer to senior or open age divisional and mixed competitions.

Team any group of registered players that participate in Football Federation Tasmania competitions.

VM the Venue Manager on duty at the venue who is a Football Federation Tasmania representative.

Youth competitions open to any player 6-16 years of age.

COMPULSORY EQUIPMENT AND OTHER ITEMS



2. Basic Uniform

2.1 Playing shirts with sleeves are compulsory.

2.2 Playing shorts/long pants must be worn.

2.3 Goal Keepers must wear uniforms that clearly contrast with the rest of the team and the opposing team.

2.4 Socks must cover the shin pads entirely.

2.5 Shin pads must be worn. Shin pads must comply with Law 4 of the official 'FLOTG'.

2.6 Non marking shoes must be worn at all times.

2.7 In the opinion of the referee, where the colours of both teams are sufficiently similar it is the responsibility of the away team to change into an alternate coloured strip or bibs provided. Any bibs provided by the FFT VM must be returned immediately after the match, failure to do so will result in fines as set out in Schedule 1.

3. Match Balls

3.1 Match balls must be FIFA approved as per Law 2 of the official 'FLOTG'.

3.2 Size 4 balls are to be used for all age groups ranging from U7s to open competitions.

4. ID cards

4.1 Upon request of match officials or VM's, players must provide valid photo identification. Where a player is unable to produce proof of identification, the matter will be reported to the FM who will take the appropriate disciplinary action against the player, team and club involved as set out in Schedule 1.

5. Jewellery

5.1 As per Law 4 of the official 'FLOTG' the wearing of jewellery is not permitted.

5.2 Medic Alert bracelets and necklaces are the only jewellery approved to be worn. All Medic Alert bracelets and necklaces must be securely taped to the body and the referees informed of them being worn prior to the match.

5.3 As per Rule 1.10 of the Futsal Referees Handbook, religious artefacts may be worn provided the player can produce written approval from FFT to wear the artefacts including the conditions for wearing it.

5.3.1 In the event where written approval from FFT has not been permitted and it is the player's first offence, the match officials and VM may approve a one-off on the spot exemption provided the artefact is not deemed dangerous and can be covered.



6. Trophies

6.1 All perpetual trophies must be returned to the FLA four (4) weeks prior to the completion of the season. Failure to return trophies by the due date will render the team liable to a fine as set out in Schedule 1.

6.2 All perpetual trophies remain the property of the Federation and cannot be won outright. Trophies must be returned in good condition or the holders of the trophy shall be liable for the full value of the damage to any trophy.

COMPETITIONS

7. Competitions (Junior and senior competitions are covered under these guidelines)

7.1 Junior competitions are open to players aged 5-16 years. FFT junior competitions will encompass Premier League Boys and Girls.

7.2 Senior competitions are open to players 15 years and older. Senior competitions will encompass Premier League Men and Women, Social Men and Women, Social Mixed.

7.3 All junior competitions will be run on an age based criteria (see Rule 10.1 – 10.6).

7.4 All senior or open competitions will be run on a skill based (Premier League) or divisional basis (social). For the benefit of a competition, the FM reserves the right to transfer a team into a more appropriate division. Pre-competition qualifying tournaments and grading periods may also be utilised to ensure teams are of similar playing standards.

7.5 All teams must have at least one person(s) over the age of 18 as a registered team official.

8. Other Competitions

8.1 Clubs are to assume full responsibility for the running of any match they may organise with teams outside of the Federation or with teams within the Federation. These responsibilities include first receiving sanction for such matches from the Federation. Approval must be sought by a request in writing no less than seven (7) days prior to the scheduled date of a local match or three weeks for an interstate fixture and where appropriate the Football Tasmania Visiting Teams Policy shall be adhered to. A player or Club found to be participating in an unauthorised competition or match will not be covered by the Federation's insurance policy and may be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the Federation.

9. Draws

9.1 Draws for all competitions will be published on the Fox Sports Pulse website.

9.2 Draws are subject to change at late notice for a variety of reasons. FFT will endeavour to contact all teams affected by such changes, but may not always be able to do so pending timeframe of late



notice.

9.3 Teams are responsible for checking the draw regularly prior to their matches to ensure that they are aware of any draw changes.

ELIGIBILITY

10. Age Based Competitions

10.1 No player may play for any team unless he/she is correctly registered with the appropriate Federation in line with registration guidelines (see Rule 12.1 – 12.2).

10.2 For the purpose of defining player's age for competitions, it is deemed that a player's age is based on their actual age as of 31 December that year.

10.3 Minimum age for players to play in any age based futsal competition is five (5) years of age (see Rule 7.1).

10.4 Male players are not permitted to play in female competitions.

10.5 Female players playing in mixed or open competitions are permitted to play down one (1) age group below their defined age group with the approval of the Federation i.e. under 11 eligible Female is permitted to play in under 10 Male competitions. Female players playing in female competitions must play in their respective age group.

10.6 Players are permitted to play up to two (2) chronological years above their respective age groups in their gender specific competitions. Players are not permitted to play in any age groups below their respective age group except for female players (see Rule 10.5).

11. Premier League or Social Competitions

11.1 No player may play for any team unless he/she is correctly registered with the appropriate Federation in line with registration guidelines (see Rule 12.1 – 12.2).

11.2 Juniors - FJPL players can only play in the one junior competition. However, junior registered players may also register for one or more senior age competitions (see Rule 11.5).

11.3 Teams are free to nominate for any Premier or Social competitions, although the final decision on divisional placement rests at the discretion of the FM.

11.4 Seniors - Individual players who register in more than one competition, may only register in a subsequent team no greater than one division higher or lower than their default status. Please note that a player's registration status can change between participation in the summer competition and winter competitions.

11.5 Schedule 2 depicts the hierarchy of divisions.

11.6 Seniors - For the purpose of player status, Mixed Social competitions are deemed equivalent to the lowest Men's division. However this does not restrict registrations from male players that are registered in a higher division.



11.7 Seniors - Mixed Social teams are to have a minimum of two female players on court at all times.

11.7.1 In the event where only one (1) female is present at the start of the match, the match may proceed (see Rule 28.2) however the relevant team must play one (1) person down i.e. the female player cannot be replaced by an additional male player.

14. Registration periods

14.1 Team registrations will only be accepted during the official registration period.

14.2 Any team or individual registrations submitted outside the official registration period may incur an additional late entry fee as set out in Schedule 1, and cannot be guaranteed entry into the competition. Late entry fee is \$50 on top of original entry fee, if team entry is accepted.

15. Late applications

15.1 The Federation may accept late applications for entry into the respective competitions provided that (see Rule 14.2);

15.1.1 The production of the draws will not be delayed.

15.1.2 The resultant competition is not disadvantaged by the entry of one additional team.

15.1.3 The team being entered late can be placed in a competition equivalent to the ability of the team.

15.2 A late team nomination that could be placed instead of a bye may be accepted provided there is sufficient venue capacity available.

FEES

16. Registration Fees

16.1 FFT will determine the rate of annual registration fees no later than 1st November for each year.

16.2 Registration fees per individual/team covers;

i. FFT registration

ii. FFA National Registration Fee

iii. Facility Infrastructure Levy (FIL)

iv. Venue hire costs

v. Referees



vi. FFT staff and administration costs

vii. Trophies and other equipment

16.3 Competition fees may vary depending on the length of matches and the length of competition (see Rule 17.1-17.4).

CONDUCT OF MATCHES

17. Match Duration

17.1 Match duration for competitions may vary due to court availability at the discretion of the Federation.

17.2 Match duration for all senior competitions will consist of two equal length halves of 20 minutes, run off the clock, with a 2 minute half time break.

17.3 Match duration for junior competitions will consist of two equal length halves of 15 minutes with a 2 minute half time break.

18. Courts

18. As per Law 1 of the official 'FLOTG' standard size courts will be used for all junior and senior social Competitions.

19. Points Allocation

19.1 Points will not be allocated to non-competitive matches (see Rule 7.4).

19.2 Points will only be allocated to competitive matches.

19.3 Points will be allocated as follows;

19.3.1 3 points for a win.

19.3.2 1 points for a draw.

19.3.3 2 points for a bye.

19.3.4 0 points for a loss.

20. Determination of Points Table

20.1 At the completion of the specific competition matches, the points table placement of teams will be determined by the number of points accrued in playing those matches. The team with the highest number of points will be placed first. The remaining teams will be placed according to their points accrual with the next highest number being placed second and so on.



20.2 In the event that two teams are equal on points then the following elimination process shall apply to determine the respective placements;

20.2.1 The team with the higher goal difference would be placed as the higher of the two. If there remains a tied outcome then;

20.2.2 The team with the highest goals for would be the higher of the two. If there remains a tied outcome then;

20.2.3 The result of the match or aggregate result in the matches played would place the winner as the higher of the two. If their match was drawn or this was a tie then;

20.2.4 A coin is tossed to determine the position.

20.3 In the event that a competition has an odd number of teams, each round will subsequently have a bye match. Where teams have an uneven amount of byes during that competition, the points table placement will be determined by the ratio;

20.3.1 Total points earned divided by the total number matches played.

21. Match Sheets

21.1 It is the responsibility of the respective teams to ensure that match sheets are correct and include all player's names and shirt numbers (if applicable) at least 5 minutes prior to the start of the match.

21.2 Only players correctly listed on the match sheet at the start of play will be permitted to participate. Names of players may only be added to the match sheet in accordance with the borrowed players rule (see Rule 29).

21.3 Should a player take the court that is not listed on the match card prior to the commencement of the match will result in a fine and penalty as set out in Schedule 1.

21.4 The referee may refuse to let a team take the court until that team's part of the match sheet has been presented to the referee.

21.5 A team's match sheet must be shown to the captain or manager of the opposing team at his or her request.

21.6 All players listed on the match sheet must have in their possession some legitimate form of photographic identification which must be produced at the request of the VM, FM or referee. Legitimate forms of photographic identification may include a Driver's License, Proof of Age Card, School/University Issued ID Card, or Passport.

21.7 The detection of a breach against a status or registration rule after viewing the opposing team's identification record may be the subject of a protest by that team, but will not be cause for the match not to be played or to be abandoned. Such protests will only be considered if they are forwarded in writing to the FM within forty-eight hours of the event.



21.8 At the conclusion of the match representatives from both teams are required to sign the match sheet to verify the score and note any injuries that occurred during the match. Managers may also record any comments relating to purported breaches of these Rules.

21.9 Any player under suspension from the Federation will have their name noted on the match schedule spreadsheet and will not be permitted to play. Any suspended player who takes to the court will result in penalties as set out in Schedule 1.

22. Late Start

22.1 Teams not ready to kick off at the scheduled time as signalled by the referees will be penalised one goal every two minutes.

22.2 If a team is not ready to kick off after five (5) minutes past the scheduled kick off time as signalled by the referees the team will be considered to have forfeited the match and penalised (see Rule 24.3).

23. Rescheduling of Matches

23.1 Rescheduling of matches by teams will not be permitted.

23.2 Rescheduling of matches by the Federation will only occur due to extenuating circumstances.

23.3 In the event of a match being rescheduled due to extenuating circumstances, both teams must agree to the proposed date and time for the match to be played.

23.4 If a match cannot be rescheduled for whatever reason, the result will be recorded as a forfeit against the team which could not make the original date and time.

24. Forfeiture of Matches

24.1 Teams must notify the Federation at least 24 hours prior to their match of their intention to forfeit.

24.2 Notification of forfeiture must be in writing, via email or text message to the FM.

24.3 Forfeiture of match will result in a score-line of 3-0 being recorded against the forfeiting team.

24.4 Failure to provide 24 hours notice of forfeiture will result in the incurrence of a fine as set out in Schedule 1.

24.5 Failure to pay any fine resulting from forfeiture of matches will result in the forfeiting team receiving no points from any further matches until the fine is paid in full.

25. Abandonment of Matches

25.1 An abandoned match as a result of player, spectator, or team official's conduct will result in the awarding of a 3-0 result being recorded against the offending team.



25.2 Matches may be abandoned by the appointed referee on the grounds of;

25.2.1 Threatening behaviour or conduct by player, team, spectator, or team officials.

25.2.2 Insufficient players left on the court (see Rule 26).

25.2.3 Physical violence against an appointed referee, player, spectator or team officials.

25.3 Teams or individuals found responsible for the abandonment of matches may also be subject to fines or suspensions as per the FFA National Disciplinary Rules of 2015 or as set out in Schedule 1.

25.4 Matches may also be abandoned due to circumstances beyond the control of the appointed referee such as;

25.4.1 Unsafe court conditions

25.4.2 Power failure

25.4.3 Insufficient lighting

25.4.4 Fire, flood or bomb threat

25.4.5 Or any other conditions that may endanger the player safety causing the abandonment of matches.

25.5 In circumstances described by Rule 25.4, neither team will be penalised as a result of the abandonment, the match will recommence once conditions are deemed satisfactory for play to recommence.

25.6 Matches will recommence from the point of abandonment and scores will commence unchanged from those recorded at the time of abandonment.

25.7 If matches are unable to recommence on the day of the abandonment due to time constrictions, matches will be rescheduled at the discretion of the Federation (see Rule 23).

25.8 Where a match under Rule 25.4 has no bearing on the result of the competition, it may be cancelled by the Federation.

25.9 In the event of a walk-off by a team before the end of a match, that team will be considered to have forfeited the match. In the event that the score line against the offending team is greater than 0 – 3, the match will be abandoned and the score will be recorded as it was prior to the walk-off.

26. Minimum Number of Players

26.1 A minimum of three (3) players are required on court to commence a match, however this doesn't include junior or senior Premier League where the minimum number is five (5).

26.2 Any team that has less than three (3) players on the court either before or during the match will be considered to have forfeited the match. In the event that the score line is greater than a 3-0 deficit, the score will be recorded as it was.



28. Withdrawal of Teams

28.1 In the instance of a team withdrawing from a competition after the competition has commenced, all fees paid are non-refundable. Extenuating circumstances may be considered at the discretion of the Federation. Administration fees will still apply as set out in Schedule 1.

28.2 In the instance of a team forfeiting three matches in a season, the Federation reserves the right after reasonable investigation to withdraw the team from the competition.

28.3 In the instance of a team withdrawing from the competition prior to the completion of the season, all points received in matches against that team may be disregarded in the competition table for that league, and a forfeit recorded for all matches involving the withdrawn team.

28.4 In the instance of a team withdrawing from a competition final series, where possible the position will be replaced by the next team as per the points table placements in order for the finals match to be played. If the withdrawn team cannot be replaced, the match will be determined as a 3-0 forfeit win to the non-offending team.

29. Borrowing of Players

29.1 Seniors – Players can only be borrowed from one division higher, an equal division, or any lower division as outlined in Schedule 2 or unless cleared by CM or FM.

Juniors – Players can only be borrowed from a younger age group after consultation with the Federation’s Player Registrar.

29.1 Players cannot be borrowed from another team in the same competition in which they are playing.

30. Spectators

30.1 Each team must keep its members and spectators in check, preventing any disturbance amongst its spectators and generally assist the Federation in the preservation of law, order and good discipline at the match. Any team that is found guilty of a breach of the Rule will be liable to a fine or penalty to be determined by the Federation and may be liable to lose competition points.

CONDUCT OF FINALS SERIES MATCHES

31. Match Duration

31.1 At the completion of rule time in a Quarter or Semi Final the team with the highest number of goals moves to the next phase in the competition, or in the case of a Grand Final is declared the winner of the competition.

31.2 In the event that the match result is a draw at the completion of rule time, the following shall occur:

31.2.1 Extra time of two (5) minutes each way will be played. The team scoring the most goals in



the extra time period is deemed the winner and in the case of a Quarter or Semi Final advances to the next phase in the competition, or in the case of the Grand Final is declared the winner of the competition.

31.2.1 Junior and Youth Competitions have one period of (5) minutes one way.

31.2.2 Where no goals are scored or each team scores the same number of goals, then penalties shall be taken in accordance with the official 'FLOTG'. The winner in the case of a Quarter or Semi Final advances to the next phase of the competition, or in the case of the Grand Final is declared the winner of the competition.

31.3 Players must have played a minimal of three (3) games for a team to qualify for any final with that team.

REFEREES

32. Appointments

32.1 Unless otherwise decided by the Referee Manager, the appointment of referees will be made by the Futsal Manager.

32.2 A match may proceed with a minimum of one (1) appointed referee.

32.3 If the senior referee has to leave the court before the end of a match, the second referee will assume the responsibility of refereeing the match alone.

32.4 If the match is refereed by one (1) referee and he/she has to leave the court before the end of the match, a substitute referee will be supplied.

33. Approaching the Referee

33.1 With the exemption of team managers/captains carrying out the requirements of Rule 21 (Match Sheets) no person may approach the referee during the match or at the end of the match for any purpose whatsoever without his or her consent.

34. Action Against Referees

34.1 Referees who fail to attend matches for which they are appointed or whose performance fails to meet the standard set by the official 'FLOTG', will be subject to disciplinary action by the Referee Manager and Futsal Manager.

35. Reporting

35.1 If a player is cautioned or sent from the court, the referee must send a written report to the FM by email within forty-eight hours of the match being completed or they may face disciplinary action (see Rule 34).

35.2 If a referee exercises his or her discretionary powers to suspend or abandon a match as per the guidelines in Rule 25 (Abandonment of Matches) or any other cause, he or she must submit a report to the FM within forty-eight hours of the stoppage of the match or face disciplinary action (see Rule 34).



DISPUTES, DISCIPLINE, PROTESTS and APPEALS

Please refer to the FFA National Disciplinary Regulations and Football Tasmania Competition Rules and Disciplinary Regulations for complete details on all matters relating to disputes, discipline, protests and appeals. The National Disciplinary Regulations and FT Competition Rules and Disciplinary Regulations apply in addition to any other penalty that may be applied and/or imposed under these Rules.

CARDS AND SUSPENSIONS

36. Yellow Cards

36.1 If a player accrues three (3) yellow cards throughout a roster in any competition during the same season, that player shall serve an automatic one (1) week ban in the next scheduled round.

36.2 If a player accrues a further two (2) yellow cards in any competition, that player must serve an automatic one (1) week ban in the next scheduled week that their team is rostered to play.

37. Red Cards

37.1 Any player who receives a red card in a match must serve an automatic one (1) match ban in the next scheduled match in that competition. Further sanction may be imposed for serious offences as outlined under the FFA National Disciplinary Regulations and the FT Disciplinary Regulations.

38. Suspensions

38.1 Any player who receives a suspension must serve that suspension in the next scheduled round for their team until the suspension is served completely.

38.2 If a player is suspended and their team forfeits the next match, that player is deemed not to have served the suspension in the forfeited match. However, if the opposition forfeits the match, the player is deemed to have served the suspension.

38.3 Any player who is suspended and plays in a match before the period of their suspension has been served will receive an additional four (4) match suspension and penalties as set out in Schedule 1.

38.4 A suspended player is not permitted to register for another team or be borrowed under suspension.

REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

39. Representative Players

39.1 Any junior team with four (4) or more representative players must play up at least one (1) age group, the final decision remains with the Futsal Manager in the interests of providing a fair and equitable competition.



39.2 Any female team with four (4) or more representative players, playing in a boy's competition will not be allowed to play down an age group.

39.3 In any aged based competition, any team with two (2) or more representative players must not play in a Division 2 competition.

39.4 Any male senior team with three (3) or more youth and/or senior representative (NPL listed included) players must compete in Division 1 or higher.

39.5 Any individual Premier futsal or NPL/WSL player can register or be borrowed for a second team;

39.5.1 Premier futsal or NPL/WSL players cannot play lower than Division 2 during the Winter season (in-season)

39.5.2 Premier futsal or NPL/WSL players cannot play lower than Division 2 during the Summer season (off-season)

39.5.3 Premier futsal players cannot play lower than Division 2 during the Summer season (in-season)

39.6 Exceptions can be made at the discretion of the CM & FM

SCHEDULE 1 -

SCHEDULE OF FINES AND PENALTIES

40. Fines and Penalties

40.1 Withdrawal of team after commencement of competition

40.1.1 \$150.00 administration fee per team



40.2 Late team nomination fee

40.2.1 \$50.00

40.3 Forfeit of match without 48 hours notice

40.3.1 First offence - \$20.00, second and subsequent offence \$40

40.3.2 0 points

40.4 Playing an ineligible player

40.4.1 Forfeiture of Match, No refund.

40.6 Player whose name is left off the match card taking the court

40.6.1 Forfeit of match

40.8 Player who is suspended taking the court

40.8.1 Forfeit of match

40.8.2 \$50.00

40.8.3 Additional four (4) match suspension on top of existing suspension

40.9 Failure to return any borrowed item/equipment (bibs and match balls)

40.10 \$20.00 per item

All fines are exclusive of GST.