



# Phoenix Sports Group

## Futsal Competitions

# Competition Rules.

## Competition Structure.

- Junior matches will consist of two (2) equal halves of 12 minutes and officiated by one (1) referee.
- Senior matches will consist of two (2) equal halves of 20 minutes and will be played on the State League pitch and officiated by two (2) referees.
- For a competition to be viable there must be at least four (4) teams.
- Depending on the number of teams (4, 5, 6, 7, 8 etc) a two to five round, round robin competition will be held with the teams finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> contesting the finals.
- Only players who have played a minimum of three (3) games in the round robin competition will be eligible to participate in the finals.
- The format for the semi finals will be: 1<sup>st</sup> V 4<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> V 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Should the teams be drawn at the completion of ordinary time in the semi final or final then extra time of five (5) minutes each way shall be played.
- If the score is still a draw at the completion of extra time, then a penalty shoot-out will be conducted to determine the winner. The penalty shoot-out will be conducted under the laws laid down by FIFA's Futsal Laws of the Game.

## Eligibility Conditions.

- Players listed on the team sheet must be registered in the myfootballclub.com.au system.
- All players must have played a minimum of THREE (3) normal round games to be eligible to play in the finals.
- Players/coaches/managers serving a suspension shall not be eligible to play, coach or manage a team until they have served their suspension.
- Eligibility to play is revoked if a player, coach or manager:
  - plays in more than one grade/age group on the same night without notification.
  - plays under an assumed name.
  - does not observe the qualification criteria for finals games.Penalty for the above is instant loss of game(s) in which the offence occurred. Complaints and reports related to the above must be reported to the administrator in writing no later than one (1) week from the date of the match in question, for the above penalty to be imposed.

## Age Requirements

- 15 year old girls and upwards may play in all age women's teams.
- 16 year old boys and upwards may play in all age men's teams.

Any child younger than 15 or 16 respectively, wishing to play in a women's or men's all age competition, must request permission to enter the child in writing. The correspondence should be signed by the parent/carer and forwarded to the competition administrator.

## Mixed Competitions

For All-Age Mixed competitions the following rules apply:

1. Each team may have no more than two (2) male field players on the court at any time.
2. The goalkeeper may be either sex.
3. Any full-blooded kick by a male player with female players in the direction of the kick may be deemed dangerous play. If, in the opinion of the referee, a full-blooded kick by a male player is dangerous, an indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team, to be taken from the place where the infringement occurred.

## Forfeits

- If a team does not have a minimum of three (3) registered players on the court and ready to play within five (5) minutes of the scheduled starting time, the **administrator** will declare the game a forfeit.
- If the forfeiting team arrives after the administrator has declared a forfeit, they can ask the opposing team to reverse the decision. The decision is entirely up to the opposing team. If they decide to play the game, the game time will be decreased, to end at the official finishing time. The score at the end of the game will stand.

**Please Note:** Any team that forfeits three (3) times during any competition will have to show cause as to why they should not be excluded from the competition.

## Match Balls

- Match balls will be supplied by Phoenix Sports Group for each competition match.

## Uniforms

- Each team must be in complete uniform comprising matching shorts, socks and shirts with unduplicated numbers. The goalkeeper must wear an alternate colour from the other players and the referee. For protection the goalkeeper will be allowed to wear padded pants provided these are in accordance with the laws laid down in the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.
- Shirts do not need to be expensive. T-shirts are acceptable. However, numbering is important.
- Shirts should be tucked into shorts at all times.
- All players will be required to wear suitable footwear with non-marking soles.
- After week three (3) of a competition, any team without the correct uniform will forfeit any points for that game.

## Injury Prevention Equipment and Rules

In order that players enjoy safe games of Futsal the following rules exist. Players failing to comply will not be permitted to enter the court of play.

- Every player must wear shin pads at all times. They are compulsory. Socks must cover the shin pads.
- Solid frame and glass spectacles are not allowed. Players should invest in sports approved spectacles or approved sports contact lenses. Plastic/perspex lensed glasses may be worn if the myfootballclub.com.au registration photo shows the player wearing them.
- Medic alert bracelets and wedding bands must be covered with a wrist strap or taped, with a bandage or similar material, to the satisfaction of the officials.
- NO jewellery, watches, necklaces, uncovered rings, earrings, plaster or fiberglass casts are permitted to be worn.
- No hats or bandannas, including goalkeepers.
- Hair clips and pins should be removed.

## Game Procedure

It is the team captain/manager or coach's responsibility to:

- Organise your team to be on time.
- Ensure the competition fees are paid.
- Ensure the game sheet is completed and signed by the team representative approximately 15 minutes prior to the official starting time.
- Encourage good sporting conduct among your players at all times, on and off the field.
- The referee is the official scorer.
- The NSW Futsal Referees Association will attempt to supply accredited referees to all games.
- Official score sheets must be completed in a legible manner with I.D. numbers and shirt numbers against each player. The administrator will sign the allocated space to authorise the game.

## Scoring System

The following point system shall apply to all competitions.

Win	3 points
Draw	1 point
Loss	0 points
Win by forfeit	3 points + the average "goals for" for the competition
Loss by forfeit	0 points + the average "goals against" for the competition

**No points will be awarded to teams with any outstanding monies.**

## **Athlete Behavior**

Two (2) disciplinary cards are used:

1. YELLOW CARD – cautioning a player
2. RED CARD – sending off a player for serious offences

**The YELLOW card:** Allows the player to remain in play but warns them that they need to watch their behavior and/or playing technique.

**The RED card:** Dismisses the player from the current game.

- The player concerned **MAY NOT** re-enter the game in progress nor may he/she sit on the substitutes bench and where possible should leave the court area.
- The player may be replaced after either:
  - a) two (2) minutes have elapsed; or
  - b) the opposing team scores a goal.
- The player will be issued with a completed infringement notice detailing the charge covering the send off. The infringement notice shall either:
  - indicate the automatic suspension applied against the send off charge, or
  - indicate that the recipient's offence will be heard by the judiciary.

**Please Note:** Any player sent off for violent conduct will have to show cause as to why they should be allowed to continue playing in Phoenix Sports Group Futsal Competitions.

**Card combinations:** During any competition where a player has received three (3) yellow cards a one (1) match automatic suspension will be applied.

### **Abandoned games**

Matches abandoned **due to misconduct** will result in neither team being the winner and no points will be awarded. The final result for matches abandoned due to other reasons will be left to the discretion of the Administration, subject to the referee's report.

If a match is abandoned **because a team is unable to field sufficient players** to remain on the court (as per the Laws of the Game) then the team remaining on the court shall receive the winning points and any goals scored by them up to the point of the abandonment. Goals scored against will not be recorded. This will be the regulation even if the team remaining was losing at the time the match was abandoned.