



FUTSAL PLUS

Futsal Rules & Bylaws

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The following competition rules apply to all teams entering the Futsal Plus Competitions. Team Captains or Team Managers are to ensure that all players are fully aware of the Futsal Plus rules of competition.

Players Insurance: We are affiliated with FFV and all our players are supposed to be registered with FFV. Only registered players will be insured in case of any injury (medical expenses, loss of income, etc.). Otherwise players are playing at their own risk. The annual registration fee is \$31 (as at August 2015).

Uniforms: All teams must wear matching shirts with numbers, shorts of the matching colour and long socks that cover the whole shin pad. Minor variations in colour and trim will be ignored. Goalkeepers are permitted to wear long trousers and each goalkeeper shall wear colours that easily distinguish him/her from the other players and referee. Teams will have until round 3 to source out correct uniform. The penalty for incorrect uniform will be the loss of one goal per player in incorrect uniform. The referee in charge of the game will inform players of incorrect uniform prior to the player taking the court. If there is any dispute, please see the Administrator prior to the commencement of the game.

All players must wear adult size shin guards and socks must cover the whole of the shin guard. The shin guards are available for hire, the cost being \$5.00 to hire with a \$5.00 deposit, which is refunded on return of the shin guards or players can buy them for \$10. Players will not be able to take the court unless wearing shin guards.

Jewelry - In accordance with FIFA 'Laws of the Game', a player is not to wear any jewelry (including body piercings) that is dangerous to himself or another player. Referees are required to adhere to the FIFA Futsal Rules in regards to jewelry. The only 'taping' permitted, is that of a flat wedding band.

The clock will begin at the time that is shown in the fixture.

If the team is running late, it will be 1 goal down on the scoreboard for the first five minutes and 1 more goal for every 2 minutes after that. An automatic forfeit will occur if a team is not on court within 12 minutes of the scheduled start time. Teams are advised to be at the court 10 minutes before the game starts, as the referee must check the team sheet, the uniforms and shin guards and that the game fee have been paid.

A game cannot commence unless the team has a minimum of 3 players to begin with and full game fee has been paid. The game will not start, but the clock will. Players are permitted to fill in for other teams but only with approval of the opposing team and the administrator,

Forfeits: The forfeits that are notified less than 48 hours before the scheduled game time will be sanctioned by 'forfeit game fee' that equals two game fees (that team game fee + the opposing team game fee). The forfeits notified more than 48 hours before the game, will be sanctioned by 'forfeit game fee' that equals one game fee or it can be waived at the discretion of the organizer (in exceptional circumstances).

The forfeit game fee must be paid before the next scheduled game or the premiership points can be removed by the organizer. A forfeit is recorded as a 5 – 0 loss. A maximum of 3 forfeits during the season is allowed.

Teams withdrawing after the fixtures have been drawn are liable for a \$100.00 withdrawal fee.

Only players who have played minimum of 20% off all scheduled games for their respective teams are eligible to play in the finals and to be awarded trophies. All teams entered into the competition will have to pay upfront for their last game (so called '**Last Game Bond**'). This bond will be forfeited if the team withdraws or is withdrawn by the organizers of the competition at any stage of the season. In the instance of a team withdrawing from competition all fees paid are non-refundable. Extenuating circumstances may be considered at the discretion of the organizers.

Match fees: Payment of match fees should be made in full, prior to the commencement of the game.

The Team's responsibility is to ensure:

- (i) It has minimum number of three (3) players to commence the match, team consists of 4 players and a goalkeeper
- (ii) All players participating in the competition are registered (and in that way, insured) with FFV.
- (iii) All players taking the field are correctly registered on the match record sheet (including shirt numbers) prior to the start of the game.
- (iv) All players taking the field are eligible to play and are not under suspension.
- (v) All players are ready to commence the fixture at the scheduled kick-off time.
- (vi) All players wear appropriate apparel, including shin guards before taking the field and that no jewelry is worn that is dangerous to themselves or other players.

Match Records

The team sheet will list all players eligible to take part in the fixture.

Should it be found that a team has fielded an ineligible player in a fixture without consent of the other team, the offending team will forfeit the game.

The referee must note the details of any sanctioned player(s) and send this together with a match report to the administration.

It is recommended that both teams only sign the match record once the match official has recorded all outstanding details of the match record, at the conclusion of the fixture.

Interchange / Substitution of Players

Each team can make an unlimited number of substitutions during the game, with up to seven (7) substitute players permitted to be named on the match record in addition to the five (5) starting players.

Match Balls

A size 4 futsal ball will be used for the competition

At the conclusion of the game, the referee will return the match ball to the competition administrator.

Home teams

All first named teams in the fixture will be deemed the "Home" team and therefore will play in their standard uniforms. It is the responsibility of the "Away" team to change into their alternative colour (or the bibs provided by the organizer).

Yellow and Red cards will be handed out to any player in accordance with the FIFA Handbook. A red card could mean 1 to 3 weeks automatic suspension. If a player is suspended for more than 1 week, the team captain will be advised. The third yellow card shown to the same player during the competition equals to one red card and the player will be automatically suspended for 1 match. The second yellow cards shown during the same match equals to the red card.

Tribunal - If a player is reported by the referee or there is a players submission, the tribunal that consist of a Futsal Plus Administrator and a member of the F.F.V. will conduct hearings as required.

First Aid - If first aid is required, please see the Administrator, Please report all major injuries to the Administrator who will record incidents occurring on the field of play for official purposes.

Blood Rule - In the event a player suffers an injury or wound that is bleeding, the appointed match official will request that the injured player receive attention outside the field of play. Only when the appointed match official is satisfied that the injury or wound has been safely covered and contained, will the player be permitted to rejoin the game. In the event the player's uniform or attire is splattered with blood, the referee will instruct that player to change his attire before being permitted to rejoin the game. Should the injured player be required to change his uniform, then the appointed match official will show discretion in allowing the player to wear an alternative numbered shirt if another shirt of the same number is unavailable.

Eye safety: In accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game, a player is forbidden to wear equipment that is dangerous to himself or another player. Any player wearing spectacles has to either:

1. Have them secured by means of a sports band or adjustable strap.
2. Have properly and firmly fitted curled ends of the arms of the glasses.
3. Wear protective sports glasses that are constructed of plastic with rubber cushioning and no metallic parts.
4. Wear contact lenses.

Enjoy your game and play safely as your safety is of paramount importance to us.