



NATIONAL
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2020 COMPETITIONS REGULATIONS

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SECTION 1 – ORGANISATION

1. Scope and Application

- a) Football Federation Australia (**FFA**) has granted Capital Football (**CF**) a mandate to be responsible for the organisation, promotion and regulation of the FFA National Futsal Championships.
- b) Where the FFA National Futsal Championships 2020 Competition Regulations (**the Regulations**) are silent on any particular aspect, then all teams, affiliated bodies and organisations shall first have regard to the Constitution, By-Laws, FFA rules and regulations and where applicable rules and regulations of the Asian Football Confederation and FIFA.
- c) If any part of these Regulations is void that part shall be severable and will not affect the enforceability of the remaining sections of these Regulations.
- d) CF will interpret and apply all articles of these Regulations and any such interpretation or application will be final and binding on all parties.
- e) These Regulations apply to Participants in the FFA National Futsal Championships.

2. Control of Competition

- a) The administrative control and conduct of the Competitions is vested in the Tournament Committee.
- b) The Tournament Committee will comprise of a representative/s from FFA and CF.
- c) The Tournament Committee will establish a Local Organising Committee (LOC) to deliver the Competition.

3. Alteration

- a) CF, in consultation with FFA, will have the power from time to time to make, alter or rescind the Regulations.

4. Disciplinary Sanctions and Proceedings

- a) All Teams, Players, Team Officials, Match Officials, spectators or any person participating in any manner at the Competition will submit exclusively to the jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Regulations.

5. Consequences for Breach

- a) Any breach of these Regulations or failure to comply with any direction therein may result in a fine or other sanction pursuant to the Disciplinary Regulations.

6. Confirmation of Age Groups

- a) The Competition will be conducted in the following Age Groups:

Male	Female	Mixed
U12 Boys	U13 Girls	AWD Open Mixed
U13 Boys	U15 Girls	
U14 Boys	U17 Girls	
U15 Boys		
U16 Boys		
U19 Men		

- b) The minimum number of teams required for an age group to be delivered is 4.

7. Special Consideration

- a) The LOC will have the power to consider individual circumstances outside the prescribed limits of the Regulations should it be clear those special considerations are in the interests of the game.
- b) The decision by the LOC to review and consider individual circumstances under this section is not subject to appeal or review.

8. Unforeseeable Circumstance

- a) Nothing in the Regulations shall prevent the Tournament Committee or LOC from approving a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the Regulations.

SECTION 2 – TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

1. Matches Played in Accordance with the Laws of the Game

- a) All Matches will be played in compliance with the Regulations in force at the time and in accordance with FFA and CF By-Laws, regulations, codes and directives, and under the FIFA Futsal laws of the game.

2. Competition Format

- a) The Competition will be played in a Group Stage followed by a Championship Stage.

3. Group Stage (Pool Matches)

- a) The Group Stage will comprise of teams playing all other teams in their group once, with the exception of competitions comprised of one (1) pool with four (4) teams.
- b) The Group Stage for competitions with one (1) pool with four (4) teams will comprise of teams playing all other teams twice.
- c) Depending on the number of entries, teams will be placed in either one (1) or two (2) groups.
- d) Group placement will be determined by the LOC.

4. Championship Stage (Finals)

- a) The Championship Series will follow the Group Stage.
- b) The Championships Series may comprise a combination of Quarter Finals/Elimination Finals, Semi Finals/Preliminary Final and a Grand Final depending on the number of teams and pools per the respective age groups.

5. Qualifying to the Championship Series

- a) The following format will be used when determining which teams qualify from the Group Stage to the Championship Series:
 - i. In the case of Groups that have one (1) pool comprised of six (6) teams or more, the top 4 teams at the end of the Group Stage will qualify to the Semi Finals, where the following match sequence will be applied:

Semi Finals		Grand Final	
Match	Teams	Match	Teams
1	1st Place v 4th Place	3	Winner Match 1 v Winner Match 2
2	2nd Place v 3rd Place		

- ii. In the case of Groups that have two (2) pools, the top four (4) teams from each pool at the end of the Group Stage will qualify to the Quarter Finals, where the following match sequence will be applied:

Elimination Finals		Preliminary Finals		Grand Final	
Match	Teams	Match	Teams	Match	Teams
1	1st Pool A v 4th Pool B	5	Winner Match 1 v Winner Match 4	7	Winner Match 5 v Winner Match 6
2	2nd Pool A v 3rd Pool B				
3	1st Pool B v 4th Pool A	6	Winner Match 3 v Winner Match 2		
4	2nd Pool B v 3rd Pool A				

- iii. In a competition with one (1) pool comprised of five (5) teams the top teams at the end of the Group Stage will progress directly to the Grand Final, with the 1st placed team being considered “home”:

Elimination Finals		Preliminary Finals		Grand Final	
Match	Teams	Match	Teams	Match	Teams
1	2nd Place v 5th Place	3	Winner Match 1 v Winner Match 2	4	1st Place v Winner Match 3
2	3rd Place v 4th Place				

- iv. In a competition with one (1) pool comprised of four (4) teams the top two (2) teams will progress directly to the Grand Final, with the 1st placed team being considered “home”:

Grand Final	
Match	Teams
1	1st Place v 2nd Place

- b) The following procedure will be used to determine positions within the Groups Stage:

- i. If teams are equal on points at the conclusion of the Round Matches, the following procedure will be used to determine team positions, in descending order:
1. Team with the greater Goal difference;
 2. Team with the most Goals for;
 3. Team with the least Goals against;
 4. Greater goal difference resulting from the Competition match/s between the teams concerned;
 5. Drawing of lots by the Head of Competitions Manager at that specific venue.

- c) Pools with combined age Grades:
- i. Where age groups have been combined for the purposes of facilitating a group stage competition, each age group team will only be eligible to qualify to their respective age grade Championships Series;
 - ii. By way of example, in a combined U15 and U16 Group Stage each team will play each other the required times;
 - iii. The relevant number of top placed U16 teams will qualify to the U16 Championships Series, regardless of any U16 teams finishing above them on the Group Stage Ladder;
 - iv. The relevant number of top placed U15 teams will qualify to the U15 Championships Series, regardless of the table placing of any U15 teams;
 - v. In this instance, the number of relevant age grade teams will determine which championship series format is applied, not the total number of teams in the combined Group Stage Match Schedule.

6. Team

- a) A team shall consist of a maximum of twelve (12) registered players.
- b) A maximum of five (5) players, one of whom must be the goalkeeper, per team are permitted on the field of play at any one time.
- c) Should a team have less than three registered (3) players, one of whom must be the goalkeeper, either at the commencement of the match or at any point during the match, that team will have been deemed to have forfeited the match.
- d) A player whose name is not on the team sheet prior to the commencement of the Match is not permitted to take the field of play.

7. Match Balls

- a) The LOC will provide all match balls for the Competition.
- b) The following sizes are applicable to the different age grades:

Age Groups	Size
U13 Girls, U13 Boys, U14 Boys, U15 Girls, U15 Boys, U16 Boys, U17 Girls, U19 Men, AWD Open Mixed	4
U12 Boys	3

8. Duration of Match

- a) Duration of Matches will be as follows for all age groups of the Championships:

Age Groups	Duration of Match	Duration of Half Time
All	Two Periods of 20 Minutes	No longer than 5 minutes

- b) FIFA Laws of the game will apply except for:
- Time Outs: there will be no time outs during the Group Stage. During the Championship Series, one (1) time out per half will be available per team. The duration of the time out will be one (1) minute
 - Stop Clock: there will be no stop clock played in any matches during the Championships
- c) 5 minutes grace only will be allowed from the advised kick-off. If a team does not field the required players on the field of play within the five (5) minute grace period they will be determined to have forfeited the match.
- d) The minutes lost during the grace period will not be added to the match, they will be deducted from the duration of the first half.

9. Extra Time

- a) There will be no extra time played in any Group Stage Matches in the event of a draw at the conclusion of normal time.
- b) Should scores be equal at the conclusion of a Championship Series Match, extra time shall be played as follows:

Age Groups	Duration of Match	Duration of Half Time
All	Two periods of 5 minutes	No Half Time Interval – Teams swap direction and Team Benches and play resumes

- c) There shall be an interval of two (2) minutes at the end of normal playing time and the commencement of the first period of extra time, for all age groups.
- d) There will be no time outs given to either team during the extra time period.

10. Determining the Winner by Penalty Kicks

- a) If at the end of extra time, scores are still drawn, alternate kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedures described in the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.
- b) For clarity if, after both teams have taken three (3) kicks, both have scored the same number of goals, or have not scored any goals, kicks continue to be taken in the same order until one team has scored a goal more than the other from the same number of kicks.

11. Competition Points

- a) Points will be allocated as follows for all Matches:

Result	Points
Win	Three (3) points
Draw	One (1) point each Team
Bye	No points
Loss	No points
Forfeit	Three (3) points to the Team receiving the forfeit <i>(For Forfeited matches the team winning on forfeit will receive six (6) goals for and zero (0) goals against as well as the three (3) competition points)</i>

12. Results

- a) Results will be displayed at each venue and uploaded to the Competition website.

13. Forfeits

- a) Teams will be deemed to have forfeited a Match when:
- i. They fail to fulfil an engagement to play a Match on the appointed date, time or venue; or
 - ii. They refuse or fail to begin a Match within five (5) minutes of the stipulated kick-off time; or
 - iii. They field less than three (3) of their registered Players at the start of any Match, one being a Goal Keeper; or
 - iv. At any point during the Match they cannot field at least three (3) of their registered Players, one being a Goal Keeper; or
 - v. They field or list on a team sheet an ineligible Player; or
 - vi. Any other scenario within these Regulations or the Disciplinary Regulations that stipulates a forfeit of the Match.
- b) In the event of any Team forfeiting its Match, the following procedure will be applied:
- i. Full points allocated for the Match will be forfeited to the opponent Team and the goals recorded according to six (6) goals scored by the Team getting the points and nil (0) by the Team who has infringed the regulation, unless the goal difference for the Team receiving the forfeit is greater than six (6), in which case the result on the court field of play is upheld.

14. Abandoned Matches

- a) In cases where a Match has been abandoned by the Referee, the Disciplinary Committee may investigate the circumstances of the abandonment and impose such penalties as it deems fit on the Team, Team Officials, Players and/or spectators adjudged to be associated with the abandonment.
- b) When a Match is not played or abandoned for any reason over which neither Team was responsible, the Match will be replayed on a date to be arranged at the earliest reasonable opportunity by the LOC.
- c) When a Match is abandoned for any reason other than stated above, the Match may only be replayed by the authority of the LOC.
- d) Should a Team, its Players, Officials or spectators be found to have caused the abandonment of the Match, the Match will be forfeited by that Team to the opposition, and the Club, Player, Official or Spectator may be sanctioned pursuant to the Disciplinary Regulations.

15. Technical Area and Code of Conduct for the Technical Area

- a) Only registered and eligible Players, Coaches and Team Officials are allowed in the technical area during Matches.
- b) A maximum of ten (10) persons only are allowed to sit on the bench at any one time. These ten (10) persons to be seven (7) substitute Players and three (3) other Team Officials.
- c) The Team Manager is responsible to ensure proper conduct of all persons occupying the bench and technical area. In the absence of a Team Manager, a Team Official will be responsible.
- d) Coaching and encouragement in suitable language is permitted from the team bench and technical area but no comments are to be directed to or about referees, opposing players or officials.
- e) Abusive or derogatory comments will not be tolerated. Offenders may be ordered from the facility by the Match Officials or LOC representative.
- f) Only one Team Official is permitted to stand within the confines of the technical area. All other Team Officials and Players in the confines of the technical area must remain seated at all times.

16. Substitution

- a) Unlimited substitution of all players listed on the team sheet (maximum 12) is permissible at any time during the game.

17. Match Schedule

- a) The official Match Schedule will be uploaded to the Competition Website prior to the competition commencing.

18. Venues

- a) The Venues being used for the 2020 FFA National Futsal Championships includes:
 - i. Australian Institute of Sport Training Halls (AIS Training Halls);
 - ii. Australian National University (ANU Sports Centre);
 - iii. Radford College;
 - iv. Tuggeranong Southern Cross Stadium (Tuggeranong SCS);

19. Adverse Weather

- a) In the event of Adverse Weather, the LOC will determine the best course of action bearing in mind relevant FFA and CF Policies.

20. Protests

- a) Should a Team wish to protest the result of any match, they must lodge the protest in writing to the Competition Manager at the venue in which the match was conducted, together with the prescribed fee, within thirty (30) minutes of the end of the protested match.

21. Fines

- a) Following are automatic fines applicable during the Competition.
- b) Any proven cases of misconduct may result in a fine issued by the Disciplinary Committee or Appeals Committee.
- c) All fines are payable to CF.
- d) Please see the schedule of fines below:

Fine	Description
\$100.00	Forfeit with notice
\$500.00	Forfeit without notice
\$500.00	Withdrawal of team after the match schedule has been communicated

SECTION 3 – ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

1. Player Eligibility

- a) Players must have a current and active 2019/20 Futsal Registration on Play Football with their respective FFA Member Federation and play in an FFA Member Federations approved Futsal Competition.
- b) Players can only represent the Member Federation that they reside in.
- c) Players must be registered into their appropriate team for the FFA National Futsal Championships and can only participate in that team for the duration of the Championships (i.e. players cannot participate in more than one age group).
- d) Players must be listed on the ID Card Sheets provided to each team and Member Federation.
- e) Players must meet the age requirements for their particular age category.
- f) Players can only participate in their relevant gender category.
- g) Players agree to be bound by the FFA Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Regulations.

2. Age Eligibility

- a) Age Eligibility is determined by a player's age as at 31 December 2019.
- b) The following table details the birth dates applicable to the age groups:

Age Grade	Birth Date
AWD Open Mixed	No Age Qualification
U19 Men	For players born on or after 1 January 2000
U17 Girls	For players born on or after 1 January 2002
U16 Boys	For players born on or after 1 January 2003
U15 Boys & U15 Girls	For players born on or after 1 January 2004
U14 Boys	For players born on or after 1 January 2005
U13 Boys & U13 Girls	For players born on or after 1 January 2006
U12 Boys	For players born on or after 1 January 2007

3. Registrations

- a) All Players, Coaches and Team Officials must Self-Register through Play Football to their Member Federation National Championships Club prior to the Registration Deadline.
- b) Any Player, Coach or Team Official who has not registered or does not have a suitable head and shoulders photo uploaded into Play Football prior to 5pm on Monday, 2 December 2019 may not be able to participate in the FFA National Futsal Championships.
- c) Each team will be eligible to register a maximum of twelve (12) Players.

- d) There is no restriction on the number of Coaches or Team Officials that can be registered to each team, however only three (3) officials are permitted in the Technical Area during a Match.
- e) Players may only be registered in one team throughout the duration of the FFA National Futsal Championships.
- f) No player will be allowed to fill in for another age group.
- g) De-registration of players will not be permitted (i.e. A player whose team has been defeated will not be eligible to register in any other team during the Competition).
- h) After the registration closing date, Member Federations will only be permitted to replace injured players under the following conditions:
 - i. Member Federations must notify the LOC of the injured player whom is being replaced for the tournament;
 - ii. Member Federations will be required to submit a medical certificate outlining the injury type and extent of recovery time to the LOC;
 - iii. The replacement player must be registered on Play Football by 5pm on Friday, 10 January 2020;
 - iv. The LOC must be notified by email (emma.salzke@capitalfootball.com.au) by 5pm on the same date;
 - v. Any injury replacements after this date will not be considered.

4. Registration Periods

- a) Registration periods for the 2017 FFA National Futsal Championships will be as follows:

Open Date & Time	Closing Date & Time
Friday, 22 November 2019	5:00pm Monday, 2 December 2019

5. Player Identification Card Sheets

- a) The Competition shall be played under the Photo ID card system.
- b) The LOC will provide each team with their Player Identification Card Sheet prior to the Commencement of the Competition.
- c) It is the responsibility of the Team Managers to inspect their opposing Teams' Player Identification Card Sheet.
- d) Players not included on the Player Identification Card Sheets are not permitted to take the court field of play for that Team.

6. Coach and Team Official Identity Passes

- a) All registered Coaches and Team Officials will be issued identity passes.
- b) Only registered Coaches and Team Officials in receipt of their official 2020 FFA National Futsal Championships identity pass will be permitted to participate in any Match.
- c) Coaches and Team Officials who do not have their official 2020 FFA National Futsal Championships identity pass with them at any Match will not be permitted in the technical area during the match.

7. Minimum Coaching Qualifications

- a) All Coaches must have at least a current FFA Futsal Licence to be registered as a Coach for the Competition.
- b) It is the responsibility of each Member Federation to ensure they have suitably qualified Coaches.

8. Finals Eligibility – International Teams

- a) International Teams will be eligible to participate in the Finals of the FFA National Futsal Championships should they qualify. Should they win their age group then two (2) awards will be given:
 - i. FFA National Futsal Championships Champions – recognising their achievement in winning the Final;
 - ii. FFA National Champions – awarded to the highest placed Australian team recognising their performance as the best Australian team.

SECTION 4 – TEAM SHEETS AND ONLINE RESULTS

1. Team Sheets

- a) Official FFA National Futsal Championships team sheets as supplied by the LOC must be used.
- b) Each player's name (maximum of 12) and I.D. number will be printed on the team sheet.
- c) Players are to retain that shirt number for the duration of the Competition.
- d) No other team sheets will need to be submitted during the Competition.
- e) Each Team Manager will be responsible for crossing out any player who is not participating in a match prior to their match commencing.

2. Recording of Stand Downs

- a) In order for a stand down to be recorded, the Team Manager must record the players name and registration number on the team sheet in the Stand Down section prior to the commencement of the match.
- b) Should a Team Manager fail to record a player's stand down on the team sheet, and the player was in fact stood down due to suspension, the Team Manager is required to advise the Competition Manager immediately after the Match in order for the Stand Down to be recorded. In this instance, the stand down will only be recorded following confirmation from the match referee that the player did not take the field of play.

3. Online Results

- a) The LOC will be responsible for recording the results online via SportsTG for each match at the FFA National Futsal Championships.

SECTION 5 – MATCH OFFICIALS

1. Match Officials

- a) Match Officials will be FFA National Accredited Futsal Officials.
- b) Match Officials must abide by the FFA Code of Conduct.
- c) All Match Officials will be provided with the following by the LOC:
 - i. Accommodation during the Championships;
 - ii. Meals during the Championships;
 - iii. Ground Transport between the hotel and venues during the Championships;

2. Match Official Appointments

- a) The appointment of all Match Officials will be made by the LOC, who may utilise such other persons as deemed necessary to assist in the carrying out of this responsibility.
- b) The LOC will appoint the following Match Officials to each match:
 - i. Referee 1
 - ii. Referee 2
 - iii. Referee 3
 - iv. Timekeeper

SECTION 6 – AWARDS

1. Medals and Plaques

The LOC will present the following;

- a) Winners in each age grade;
 - i. 15 medals per team;
 - ii. One Champions Trophy.
- b) Runners Up in each age grade;
 - i. 15 medals per team.
- c) Match Officials of the Finals;
 - i. 4 medals per age grade.
- d) MVP in each age group;
 - i. 1 medal per age grade.

SECTION 7 – EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

1. Authority and Scope

- a) The wearing of any clothing or apparel onto the field of play is subject to the approval of the Match Officials regardless of any article contained in these Regulations stating otherwise.
- b) Match Officials may request that any item breaching these Regulations be removed.
- c) All equipment and clothing used for any Competition Match must comply with the FIFA Equipment Regulations and as elaborated in these Regulations.

2. Jewellery and Glasses

- a) The only jewellery that is permitted to be worn by players is a medical alert bracelet or necklace. The bracelet or necklace must be taped or bandaged to the body, covered by a wrist band, or otherwise appropriately padded.
- b) Players are permitted to wear sports goggles, sports glasses and sports sun glasses as long as, in the Match Official's opinion, the glasses pose no danger to the player wearing the glasses or to any other player on the field of play.

3. Captains Arm Band

- a) The captain of each team must wear a distinguishing arm band to indicate his/her status.
- b) The arm band cannot contain any commercial advertising.

4. Colours

- a) All Member Federations are required to submit their first choice and reserve kit colours for their field players and goal keepers to Capital Football with their final Team Nominations.
- b) Submitted colours for goal keepers must be different to both the first choice and reserve colours for field players that are submitted to Capital Football.
- c) Teams are required to take their first choice and reserve playing kits for both field players and goal keepers to every Match.
- d) One (1) colour must be clearly predominant in each of the first choice and reserve playing kits.
- e) Any individual piece of first choice playing kit must be different in its predominant colour to the same piece of alternate playing kit (excluding the goal keeper's gloves).
- f) Flying Goal Keeper (5th Man) Attire – Should your team elect to have a flying goal keeper, the player replacing the goal keeper can wear a shirt of any colour provided it has the same number on it as the player was previously wearing and the colour does not clash with the colour of any other Player or Match Official on the field of play.

5. Clash of Colours

- a) Unless already determined and communicated by the LOC, the Referee will be the sole decision maker of a clash of colours.

6. Match Officials Kit

- a) Uniforms worn by Match Officials will be those approved by FFA.
- b) The Match Official's first choice kit colour is Black.
- c) Match Official's must carry with them another two (2) colours as agreed with FFA.
- d) All Match Official's for any one (1) Match must wear the same colours.
- e) The Match Official's will in the case of a team having a predominantly dark strip change to another colour as long as every Match Official present has the same colour reserve shirt.
- f) Should the Match Official's only have black shirts the Team/s with the predominantly dark strip shall be required to wear their reserve playing kit regardless of whether they are the home or away Team.
- g) Should the scenario above eventuate, and the reserve strip of the team that has changed clashes with the playing kit of the opponent team and that teams other kit is also predominantly dark then the Referee must find the best possible solution to the colour clash and commence the Match.
- h) The decision of the Referee shall be final.

7. Numbering

- a) All players must wear unduplicated numbered shirts that coincide with the numbers listed on the team sheet.
- b) The numbers on the jersey must be contrasting colours to the jersey.
- c) In the case of a striped or chequered shirt the number must be displayed on a neutral patch.
- d) The number must be one colour.
- e) The number cannot contain any manufacturers mark or sponsor advertising.

8. Sponsors Mark on Playing Kits

- a) Teams are permitted to display sponsor marks on playing kit at the Competition.