

FUTSAL CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

REGULATIONS

1. PREAMBLE

- a. The Futsal Canadian Championship (herein also referred to as the “Competition”) is an official event of the Canadian Soccer Association (Canada Soccer).
- b. The format of the Competition shall be determined in advance by Canada Soccer.
- c. A team participating in the Competition shall have only such rights in relation to the Competition (and any match in the Competition) as are expressly granted to the team under these Regulations or by Canada Soccer in writing.
- d. Canada Soccer Organizing Committee shall have power to make, delete and amend regulations for the organization control and management of the Competition as it, from time to time, deems expedient subject only to the authority of Canada Soccer Board where such matters relate to financial or commercial matters.
- e. All Participants participating in any way in the Competition shall be bound by and comply with these Regulations (and any rules or regulations issued pursuant to the Competition)

2. ENTRIES

- a. Participation in the Competition shall be open to one (1) representative team of each Association in Membership each playing season. Each Association in Membership will determine how the team will qualify for the Competition. Teams must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in these rules to be admissible to the Competition.
- b. Canada Soccer Organizing Committee may reject the participation of any team at its entire discretion where the team fails to meet the criteria.
- c. If any team who has qualified for the Competition, or at any time during the course of the Competition, becomes subject to any of the following insolvency events:
 - i. A manager, receiver or administrative receiver appointed in respect of that team or Club or
 - ii. Any part of its undertaking or assets

- iii. An administration order made in respect of that Club
- iv. A winding up order made in respect of that Club
- v. Entering into any arrangement with its creditors or some part of them in respect of the payment of its debts or part of

...the Club must notify Canada Soccer immediately in writing. Canada Soccer will, at its absolute discretion, decide whether to allow that team to continue to compete in the Competition.

3. ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPETITION

- a. The Competition shall be played to determine annually the Futsal Canadian champions who will represent Canada Soccer in the subsequent Confederation Club Futsal Championship where this competition is organized by CONCACAF.
- b. The matches in the Competition shall be played according to the schedule determined by Canada Soccer Organizing Committee prior to the commencement of the Competition.
- c. **FOR 2018.** Where the competition (or part thereof) is organized on a round-robin basis. Points will be awarded as follows: three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss. The top team from each group in round robin play will advance to the championship game.
- d. In the third game of any three (3) team round robin, if the team not participating has zero points, has been suspended, or has withdrawn whether part or all of the championship, the game shall be played to a decision in accordance with this rule. In the event that the score is tied after regulation time, the taking of kicks from the penalty mark will be used to determine the winner.
- e. The following criteria shall be used to determine the final standings:
 - i. Most points in all group matches
 - ii. If two (2) teams are tied in points in all group matches:
 - 1. Greater number of points in matches between the teams concerned (head to head competition);
 - 2. Greater goal difference in all group matches;
 - 3. Greater number of goals scored in all group matches;
 - 4. A drawing of lots
- f. Team representatives will be required to attend a Pre-Competition Meeting. Details of said meeting will be provided to each team no later than one week prior to the date the Competition is due to commence.
- g. Teams are to arrive at the match venue no later than 90 minutes prior to kick-off.

4. WITHDRAWALS

- a. Teams having entered the Competition are obligated to play all their matches. After entering the Competition, a team that fails to participate shall be penalized as specified below, except in unforeseen circumstances and cases of force majeure as determined by Canada Soccer.
- b. If a withdrawal takes place:
 - i. After entering the Competition but on, or before, the day of the first match of the Competition a fine of \$2,500 is to be paid
 - ii. Anytime during the Competition a fine of \$5,000 is to be paid
- c. If a team does not report for a match – except in cases of force majeure recognized by Canada Soccer Competitions Committee – or refuses to continue to play or leaves the playing venue before the end of the match, the team shall be considered as having lost and will be disqualified from the Futsal Canadian Championship Competition. The offending team shall not be eligible to participate in the next two Futsal Canadian Championship Competitions and will be subject to sanction as determined by Canada Soccer.
- d. Depending on circumstances and the decision of Canada Soccer Organizing Committee, a team which withdraws at any stage of the Competition may be ordered to reimburse the Canada Soccer and the Local Organizing Host Committee any expenses they have already incurred as a result of their proposed involvement or non-involvement in the Competition and also pay compensation for any damages or losses arising from its withdrawal.
- e. Penalties specified in paragraph D above will not be applied in cases of force majeure, as verified by Canada Soccer Organizing Committee.
- f. Canada Soccer, as the governing body for soccer in Canada, shall be responsible for ensuring that specified sanctions are carried out and complied with.

5. CANADA SOCCER ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

- a. Canada Soccer Organizing Committee, is responsible for the organization of the Futsal Canadian Championship Competition.
- b. Canada Soccer Organizing Committee shall, amongst other matters, be responsible for:
 - i. Selecting a suitable venue for the National Championships
 - ii. Overseeing general preparations, deciding on the competition format, any draws and forming groups that may be required
 - iii. Approving the dates, venues, and determining kick-off times



- iv. Where a match is abandoned determining if, when, and where, the game will be replayed
 - v. Verifying that the requirements concerning the eligibility of players are met
 - vi. Appointing the Canada Soccer Match Commissioner, Supervisor of, and Match Officials
 - vii. Dealing with breaches of the doping regulations
 - viii. Approving the official ball and the stipulated technical material
 - ix. Reporting cases in relation to disciplinary action to Canada Soccer Disciplinary Committee
 - x. Judging protest and taking appropriate steps to verify their admissibility
 - xi. Settling cases of force majeure
 - xii. Dealing with any other aspect of the Futsal Canadian Championship Competition that is not the responsibility of any other body under the terms of these Regulations
- c. Canada Soccer Organizing Committee's decisions shall be final and not subject to appeal.

6. CANADA SOCCER DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- a. In cases of infringement of these Regulations, misconduct, or unsporting behaviour on the part of the participating teams, their players, officers and directors, or in any kind of incident, Canada Soccer's Disciplinary Committee shall be empowered to:
 - i. Admonish, sanction, fine, suspend or disqualify players, match officials, teams, team officials or coaches
 - ii. Take action in accordance with Canada Soccer's Disciplinary Code against any person or Team(s) which may violate the Competition Rules, the Futsal Laws of the Game or the rules of Fair Play
 - iii. Prohibit violators from participating in a specific number of Canada Soccer organized competitions in which they might otherwise have participated
- b. Breach of Regulations, misconduct, or unsporting behaviour on the part of participating teams or their officials, shall be reported by Canada Soccer Organizing Committee to the Disciplinary Committee for application of such sanctions as it may deem appropriate.
- c. When taking a decision, the Disciplinary Committee shall refer to the reports made by the Match Officials, the Match Commissioner, and Supervisor of Officials. It may also refer to reports from the technical delegate, security officer and other Canada Soccer officials present, television and video recordings. The latter may be used as evidence but only as far as the disciplinary aspects of the case being dealt with are concerned and shall not affect a referee's decision

- regarding facts connected with play.
- d. The Disciplinary Committee may convene a personal hearing in accordance with the Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code.
 - e. The following decisions of the Disciplinary Committee, made in relation to the Futsal Canadian Championship Competitions, shall not be subject to appeal:
 - i. Cautions and censures imposed on players, match officials, delegation officials, or other persons
 - ii. Suspensions of up to two matches or of up to two months imposed on players, match officials, delegation officials or other persons
 - iii. Fines imposed on players, delegations, match officials, delegation officials or other persons (not exceeding \$5,000) or on Teams (not exceeding \$10,000)

...Appeals against any other decisions taken by the Disciplinary Committee may be lodged with the Appeal Committee.

- f. If a team does not report for a match, except in cases of force majeure, recognized by Canada Soccer Organizing Committee, or if it refuses to continue to play, or leaves the playing venue before the end of the match, the team shall be considered to have lost the match.
- g. If a game is abandoned due to withdrawal, the team(s) refusing to complete the match shall be ineligible to participate in the next two Futsal Canadian Championship Competitions.
- h. Any other infringement of these Regulations whether by players, match officials, team officials, coaches or officers that are punishable by economic sanctions shall be reported to the General Secretary of Canada Soccer.

7. APPEALS COMMITTEE

- a. An Appeals Committee shall hear appeals lodged against decisions passed by the Disciplinary Committee.
- b. The procedure to be applied by Canada Soccer Appeals Committee is defined in the Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code.
- c. Canada Soccer Appeals Committee shall reach its decisions on the basis of the documents and other means of evidence contained in the Disciplinary Committee's file. However, the Appeals Committee may, if necessary, resort to further evidence (including television and video recordings, etc.), which it considers relevant.
- d. Decisions pronounced by the Canada Soccer Appeals Committee are final.

8. PROTESTS

- a. Protests, subject to the following provisions, are objections of any kind connected with matches of the Futsal Canadian Championship Competitions.
- b. Protests shall be submitted in writing to the appointed Match Commissioner at the match not later than two (2) hours after the game and followed up immediately with a full written report, including the original protest, to be sent to Canada Soccer for the attention of the Office of the General Secretary.
- c. Protests for reasons outlined in paragraphs d, e and f below must be accompanied by a cheque in the amount of \$500 payable to Canada Soccer.
- d. Protests against the eligibility of players chosen to take part in the match shall be submitted in writing to the appointed Match Commissioner not later than two (2) hours after the match in question.
- e. Subject to the conditions of paragraph g below, protests against any incidents that occur during a match shall be made in writing to the appointed Match Commissioner at the match not later than two (2) hours after the match in question.
- f. Protests against the state of the pitch, the markings, floodlights, the ancillary equipment (goals, etc.) or the match balls shall be made in writing to the Referee before the start of the match by the Official responsible for the team lodging the protest and followed up in writing to the appointed Match Commissioner not later than two (2) hours after the match in question.
- g. No protests may be made against the Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with play, such decisions being final.
- h. Teams may not bring disputes with Canada Soccer before a Court of Justice and they shall undertake to submit any such disputes, without reservation, to the jurisdiction of the competent authority of the Canada Soccer, CONCACAF and FIFA.
- i. If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, a fine may be imposed.
- j. The expenses, which arise from a protest, shall be charged by Canada Soccer, either wholly or in part, to the losing party.
- k. Once the winning team has been proclaimed, any protest or complaint about the sports procedure followed during the Futsal Canadian Championship Competitions shall be disregarded.

9. PROVINCIAL / TERRITORIAL REPRESENTATIVES

Each Province/Territory participating in the Futsal Canadian Championship must appoint a person to act as its representative. The Provincial/Territorial Representative shall:

- a. not be a member of the team staff, a player, or immediate family of a player/team staff in the competition regardless if he/she serves on the Provincial Board or staff from the Provincial/Territorial Association;
- b. stay at the host hotel, unless dispensation has been granted by Canada Soccer, but not share a hotel room with team staff members or players;
- c. be present in the host venue for the entire duration of the Competition. They shall arrive with, or on the same day as their first team and depart with, or after, their last team has left the host venue;
- d. be approved by the Provincial/Territorial Association Board and hold enhanced police information check (E-PIC) clearance. For this purpose and E-PIC clearance must have been issued within 12 months of the start date for the respective competition;
- e. be present at all Canada Soccer mandated meetings.
- f. attend, together with the team representative, the pre-competition meeting;
- g. attend all discipline hearings involving a player or staff member with one of his/her teams;
- h. attend daily meetings with the Match Commissioner during the competition.
- i. be responsible to the Match Commissioner for the communication of all matters relating to the teams. In this regard the Provincial/Territorial Representative must be in possession of a cell phone that is capable of operating in the host venue;
- j. ensure that all players and team staff adhere to the Canada Soccer Code of Conduct and Ethics
- k. ensure players and team staff wear their team accreditation at the hotel, to and from games, at the playing venues, and at any official functions;
- l. participate on a Competition Discipline Committee when appointed by the Match Commissioner during the competition;
- m. attend all official functions of the competition and be dressed appropriately

- n. report all incidents of property damage by the team(s) involved to the Match Commissioner

10. MATCHES PLAYED ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF THE GAME

- a. All matches will be played under the Futsal Laws of the Game as approved by the International Football Association Board and published by FIFA.
- b. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Futsal Laws of the Game, the English text shall be authoritative.
- c. A maximum of thirteen (13) persons shall be allowed on the team bench: nine (9) substitutes and four (4) team officials. The names of the team officials and their functions must be indicated on the form provided prior to the match.

11. DURATION OF THE GAME

- a. Each match shall last forty (40) minutes, comprising of two periods of twenty (20) minutes with an interval of fifteen (15) minutes in between. Time shall be kept by the Timekeeper who will be positioned at the timekeepers table situated at the half way line.
- b. The teams are entitled to one (1) one-minute time-out in each period.
- c. Preliminary round matches will only be played to the end of normal playing time, with the exception of the 3-team round robin scenario outlined in Section 3(d.) of these regulations.
- d. Placement games on the last day (with the exception of the final) will be played with a running clock. Should a placement game end in a draw at the end of the 40 minutes the winner of the game will be determined by kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game published by FIFA.
- e. If, in accordance with the provisions of these regulations, extra time is required to be played as the result of a draw at the end of normal playing time, it shall always consist of two periods of five (5) minutes each, with an interval of five (5) minutes at the end of normal playing time, but not between the two periods of extra time.
- f. Should one of the teams score more goals in extra time than the other, the team scoring the most goals will be declared the winner.
- g. If at the end of the ten (10) minutes of extra time, the teams are tied, penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the "kicks from

the penalty mark” procedure specified in the Futsal Laws of the Game.

- h. The venue must have a scoreboard showing the remaining time in the period, score, foul count, and period during the match. The timekeeper, positioned at the timekeeper’s table, is responsible for this function and ensures that the clock is stopped and started in accordance with the development of play.

12. FIELD OF PLAY, STADIA, BALLS

- a. The Organizing/Host Committee for the Futsal Canadian Championship Competition shall ensure that the venue and its facilities in which the matches are to take place fulfill FIFA requirements and comply with the standards of safety and security required for hosting matches. The fields of play and the ancillary equipment shall comply with the provisions stipulated in the FUTSAL Laws of the Game. The fields and the facilities shall be in optimum condition.
- b. The Organizing/Host Committee for the Futsal Canadian Championship Competition shall guarantee that the field of play complies with the FUTSAL Laws of the Game. This shall be subject to the approval of the appointed Canada Soccer representative and the match Referees.
- c. The match balls for the Futsal Canadian Championship Competition shall be supplied by the Canada Soccer Organizing Committee for the Futsal Canadian Championship Competition. All balls that may be used are to be provided to the Referee one (1) hour before kick-off for inspection.
- d. An electronic scoreboard must be provided by the Organizing/Host Committee for the Futsal Canadian Championship Competition in the venue to display remaining time in the period, score, foul count and period. This scoreboard must be able to be controlled by the Timekeeper situated at the halfway line on the field of play.

13. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS, LIST OF PLAYERS

- a. Only players properly registered for the current season with an Association in Membership shall be eligible to compete in the Futsal Canadian Championship. A minimum of ten (10) players on the final submitted roster shall be either:
 - a Canadian Citizen; or
 - a Permanent Resident (as defined by the Government of Canada);
 - a Protected Person (as defined by the Government of Canada).
- b. Teams participating in the Futsal Canadian Championship shall enter the names of players and team staff in the Canada Soccer Competitions online registration platform. The online team roster shall be the final list and will have a minimum of ten (10) and a maximum of fourteen (14) players and a maximum of four (4)

- staff. Teams must submit their roster of players and staff no later than ten (10) days prior to the opening match in the Competition.
- c. Teams will be required to field their eligible roster players to compete in the Futsal Canadian Championship Competition.
 - d. Players must be eligible to play in any Futsal league match for the current playing season. No team shall register players after qualifying for the Futsal Canadian Championship Competition.
 - e. No reinforcement players may be registered or called up.
 - f. Players must be in possession of their Provincial/Territorial approved photo ID-card otherwise, they will not be permitted to play. At the Pre-Competition Meeting the identification documentation for all players listed on the player roster, specified in paragraph D above, are to be checked for verification by the appointed Match Commissioner (or General Coordinator).
 - g. Once having appeared in the Association in Membership's Futsal Canadian Championship Qualifying Competition for a team, a player may not appear for any other team for the duration of that qualification or final competition.
 - h. After arrival in the playing venue, and not later than sixty-five (65) minutes before the scheduled kick-off time, each team shall submit, to the appointed Match Commissioner, the final roster of fourteen (14) players for the match, from their list specified in paragraph D above.
 - i. Any team found guilty of fielding an ineligible player shall forfeit the match.

14. MEDICAL/ ANTI-DOPING

- a. A player who receives any form of medical attention from any medical practitioner, either on site, an emergency clinic, or in a hospital during the competition, shall provide the Match Commissioner a letter signed by the attending medical practitioner advising that the player can return to play.
- b. The Canada Soccer Cast Policy shall apply. Any player wearing a cast is to be presented for inspection prior to the Pre-Competition Meeting.
- c. Where a player sustains an injury during the competition that requires a cast, brace or medical support to be worn an inspection will be carried out by the Supervisor of Officials. The player shall also have a certificate from a medical practitioner advising that the player can return to play.

- d. Canada Soccer has an official Anti-Doping Policy. All athletes who participate in the National or Regional Championships shall be eligible for unannounced testing. A list of banned substances can be obtained from www.cces.ca.
- e. Where unannounced testing takes place at a National or Regional Championship competition it will be undertaken in accordance with the CCES protocols.
- f. One member of the team staff for all National and Regional Championships must have completed the CCES E-learning:

True Sport Clean 101 and the Role of Athlete Support Personnel Course.
In addition, for teams participating in the Futsal Canadian Championship, the team captain must have completed the CCES E-learning and True Sport Clean 101.

The online education session is to be completed on the following website:
www.cces.ca.

- g. A copy of the CCES certificate for each of the above listed courses must be submitted with the team registration via the Canada Soccer Competition online registration platform.

15. EQUIPMENT

- a. A Club's equipment must comply with the FIFA Equipment Regulations and the Futsal Laws of the Game with the following modifications:
 - i. Uniform Colors – Clubs must communicate their preferred and alternate uniform colors (one light and one dark) to Canada Soccer no later than the date to be determined by Canada Soccer Organizing Committee and notified to the participating teams. The appointed Match Commissioner and Supervisor of Officials will assign the team colours. Teams shall have a least two (2) different and distinct sets of uniforms and will present them at the pre-competition meeting. Goalkeepers are to have 2 uniforms that distinguish them from the other players and the match officials.
 - ii. Shirts MUST be numbered and the corresponding number used for identification on the team sheet
 - iii. Player Names – Players may be identified by means of their surname, or an abbreviation, or nickname on their shirts. The player's name shall correspond with the name on the players' list.
 - iv. Sponsor Advertising – Teams may wear the uniform they wear in their current league competitions providing that it is not in conflict with Canada Soccer or the Futsal Canadian Championship Competition title sponsors. However, the advertising of tobacco or distilled spirits, as well

as slogans of a political, religious, or racist nature, or for other causes that offend common decency, is prohibited.

16. REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES

- a. The Referees and Assistant Referees shall be selected from the list of Canada Soccer approved Futsal match officials
- b. Canada Soccer's Supervisor of Officials shall appoint the Referees and Assistant Referees for all matches.
- c. Canada Soccer's decision on the appointment of match officials shall be final and not subject to appeal.
- d. After each match, the Referee shall complete the designated official Canada Soccer report forms and hand them to the Match Commissioner on site.
- e. The fees and expenses of all match officials appointed by Canada Soccer to officiate in the Futsal Canadian Championship Competition are paid by the Local Organizing Host Committee.
- f. Economy class airfares for the match officials will be payable by Canada Soccer. An allowance of \$0.40 per mile will be allowed to all match officials officiating who travel to and from the venue by private car. Hotel Accommodation will be organized and paid for by the Local Organizing Host Committee. Per diems at the existing Canada Soccer rate, on the date of expense, will be paid by Canada Soccer. Claims are to be submitted by the match officials direct to Canada Soccer on completion of the competition

*Scale of Fees to be paid to Match Officials
To be paid the equivalent of the fee payable for the qualifying Competition in the Host
Province*

TECHNICAL RULES

- g. All matches shall be organized by Canada Soccer according to the Regulations provided herein.
- h. Disciplinary Process:
 - i. Where a player accumulates two (2) cautions (yellow cards) during the Futsal Canadian Championship Competition he will be automatically suspended from the teams' next game in the Competition. A fine of \$25 will also be levied against that player. This is not subject to appeal.
 - ii. Where a player is sent from the field of play (red card) the player will automatically be suspended from the Teams' next game in the Futsal



Canadian Championship Competition. A fine of \$100 will also be levied against that player. This is not subject to appeal. If the dismissal is for violent conduct or serious foul play the case will automatically be reviewed by Canada Soccer Disciplinary Committee under Article 6 paragraph C and D of these Competition Rules and a further sanction, fine and/or suspension may be imposed. Any suspension imposed that has not been completed during the Futsal Canadian Championship Competition will be subject to review by Canada Soccer Disciplinary Committee for a decision.

17. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

- a. Canada Soccer is the owner of all of the rights around the Futsal Canadian Championship. These rights include among others, audiovisual and radio recording rights, reproduction and broadcast rights, multimedia rights, sponsorship, marketing and promotional rights and incorporeal rights such as logo and emblems and rights arising under copyright law, whether currently existing or created in the future, subject to any provision as set forth in specific regulations.
- b. The Futsal Canadian Championship logo cannot be duplicated or manipulated by participating teams.
- c. Each participating team shall grant Canada Soccer the right to use the teams' names, logos, badges and marks in connection with their participation in the Futsal Canadian Championship for marketing and promotional purposes. (Examples include: website, program, etc.).
- d. Participating team playing uniforms (jerseys) may display the branding of team sponsors, to a maximum of two (2) sponsor brands per playing uniform. This includes any sponsor branding that may be embedded in a league logo.
- e. The jersey manufacturer logo is exempt and does not count toward two sponsor brands.
- f. The Sponsors whose brands are visible on participating team playing uniforms must have supported the team prior to qualification to the Futsal Canadian Championship.
- g. Participating Teams wearing a playing uniform which features a sponsor logo that has not been approved by Canada Soccer shall cover or remove the offending logo (the jersey manufacturer is exempt).

18. ACCOMMODATIONS

- a. Teams participating in a National or Regional Championship must stay in the hotels designated by the Organising Committee. Clubs or teams registered within a 50km radius of the hosting venue may request exemption from this regulation.
- b. Parents shall not share hotel rooms with players
- c. Players and team staff shall not share hotel rooms
- d. Youth age players at any youth or senior Competition must be appropriately supervised by the team staff.
- e. Curfews shall be appropriate for the age of the players. Unless the team staff has stipulated an earlier curfew time all youth age players on either a youth or senior team shall adhere to an “in-room” curfew of no later than 11:00pm.
- f. The youth curfew time may be extended if their team is attending an official function which runs past the established time.
- g. All team staff and senior-age players shall adhere to a curfew as set by their Provincial/Territorial Association.

19. TROPHIES AND AWARDS

- a. At the Futsal Canadian Championship the medal winning (Gold/Silver/Bronze) teams will receive a maximum of twenty (20) medals.
- b. A medal from this allocation will be for the team’s Provincial or Territorial Representative.
- c. All trophies presented to the winning team at the Competition remain the property of Canada Soccer.