



SUNSHINE COAST FUTSAL ASSOCIATION

CLUB BY-LAWS

1.0 Eligibility – Player I.D. cards

- 1.1 To be eligible to play in Sunshine Coast fixtures and tournaments you must possess a current Queensland or Sunshine Coast Futsal I.D. card, or a card from a Football Federation Australia affiliated State Futsal Association.
- 1.2 Any player who does not possess a current official I.D. card will not be allowed to participate under any circumstances. Players are responsible for ensuring they are registered and have their I.D. card.
- 1.3 Players must have their I.D. card for each game. Referees will be doing random checks on I.D. cards prior to kick-offs.
- 1.4 Players cannot play in an age group lower than their current age. Players cannot play up an age group higher than 2 years their senior for males and 3 years their senior for females. Minimum age for senior competitions is 16 years male and 15 years female. Permission must be obtained in writing from the S.C.F.A. committee for any variations of this by-law.
- 1.5 Within each division a player can only play for one team.
- 1.6 Only players whose names appear on the official game sheet are eligible to play. A minimum of 4 players is required to start a game and a maximum of 12 players per team allowed on the game sheet. In the course of the game there must be no less than 3 players on the court at any given time, otherwise a forfeit will occur.
- 1.7 To be eligible for the finals series a player must take the court for a minimum of 4 fixture games for that team during the current season's competition, this excludes forfeits and byes.
- 1.8 Teams are required to nominate in a division relevant to their skill level. This will be supervised by the S.C.F.A. committee and they reserve the right to re-allocate a team to an appropriate division.
- 1.9 At no time will :-
 - a. A "B" division team have more than 2 "A" division players nominated on the game sheet
 - b. A "C" division team have more than 2 "B" division players nominated on the game sheet
 - c. A "C" division team have any "A" division players nominated on the game sheet.
- 1.10 A lower division player may play in a higher division, but when that player has played 4 games in a higher division they automatically become classified as that higher division player.

2.0 Point Scoring

- 2.1 Win = 3 points
Draw = 1 point
Forfeit = 3 points and 4 goals to opposing team (provided more than 48 hour notice given)
- 2.2 In addition **if a team forfeits a match without 48 hours notice to the S.C.F.A. Match Convenor then a loss of 3 premiership points will also occur and a fine of \$65 for senior and \$50 junior will apply**, this fine to be paid before taking the court in their next scheduled game.
- 2.3 If a team forfeits without 48 hours notice twice during a season the S.C.F.A. has the right to eliminate them from the competition.

3.0 Determining table positions or placing

- 3.1 At the completion of all fixture games for the season the team with the highest points will be placed first, next highest points second etc.
- 3.2 Should 2 or more teams be equal on points then the team with the greatest positive goal difference will be placed first, etc.
- 3.3 Should 2 or more teams be equal on goal difference then the team with the most goals scored will be placed first, etc.
- 3.4 Should 2 or more teams still be equal the team with the least goals scored against them will be placed first, etc
- 3.5 Should 2 or more teams still be equal the team with the least disciplinary cards recorded against them will be placed first, etc

3.6 If still equal the winner of the last played fixture games between the 2 teams will be placed first, etc

4.0 Semi-Finals and Finals

At the completion of a semi-final or final if scores are level the following shall apply:-

- 4.1** one ten (10) minute period of sudden death play, with one player from each side being removed from play every four (4) minutes. The sudden death period will start with a kick-off, with teams having the same number of players as at the end of normal time. The first team to score in the ten (10) minute period wins the game (golden goal).
- 4.2** If there is no score in the extra time period then a penalty shoot-out shall be used to determine the winner. Under rules laid down in the FIFA Futsal 5-a-side Indoor Football Rule book. Each team shall nominate five players on the match sheet to participate in the penalty shoot out. If after both teams have taken 5 kicks the scores are equal then kicks shall continue to be taken in the same order, until such time as one team has scored one goal more than the other, when they have taken an equal number of kicks.

5.0 Competition Rules and Regulations

- 5.1** Only registered players whose names appear on the official game sheet are eligible to play.
- 5.2** Uniforms shall conform to the FIFA Futsal 5-a-side Rule book. Note shin pads are compulsory. Numbers on shirts are also compulsory if teams do not comply with this rule after three (3) fixture games then the S.C.F.A has the right to cancel or forfeit their games.
- 5.3** If a team plays an ineligible player that team will have points deducted for all games in which that player has played.
- 5.4** All games must start with a minimum of 4 players per team on the court.
- 5.5** All teams are required to fill in match sheet for their game at least 10 minutes prior to scheduled kick-off time.

6.0 Playing Time and Match Balls

- 6.1** Game duration will be determined by the Management Committee and announced at the start of each season
- 6.2** All teams up to and including 12 years will use a size 3 Futsal ball and all teams 13 years to Seniors will use a size 4 Futsal ball

7.0 Disciplinary Action

- 7.1** If a disciplinary card is issued that incurs a suspension then that player may not play a game in any division for the total duration of that suspension. A red card is an automatic one week suspension and three yellow cards within a season across any division is also an automatic one week suspension. A red card may result in a longer suspension at the discretion of the judiciary committee.
- 7.2** Any person who is behaving in an unruly or anti-social manner or causing damage to the court, its facilities or car park area will be ejected and if necessary reported to the owner of the facility and/or the Police. All costs will be forwarded to the person or persons causing damage. The centre manager or administrator of the facility being used has the right to deal with such people and refer the matter to the S.C.F.A. committee for further action.

8.0 Appeals and Judiciary

- 8.1** No appeals will be entered into from a decision of a referee or matters relating to the conduct of the competition except where it can be demonstrated that a decision by the organizing committee is in error. All appeals must be in writing.
- 8.2** Any requests for exceptions to the By-laws must be in writing to the S.C.F.A. in time for review by the committee.
- 8.3** The Judiciary Committee will consist of a minimum of three (3) members of S.C.F.A. appointed by the committee.
- 8.4** Any requests for refunds must in writing to the S.C.F.A. committee.