
2021 FUTSAL REGULATIONS & OPERATIONS



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Section 1: Organisation & Admission

1.1 Admission and Application

a) Clubs, Players, Team Officials and Spectators must comply with and agree to abide by the regulations of FIFA, Football Australia and Football Queensland, including but not limited to;

- i. Football Australia National Registration Regulations;
- ii. Football Australia National Disciplinary Regulations;
- iii. Football Australia Code of Conduct;
- iv. Football Australia Grievance Resolution Regulations;
- v. Football Australia and Football Queensland Member Protection Policies;
- vi. Football Queensland By-Law 11;
- vii. 2021 Football Queensland Disciplinary Regulations;
- viii. 2021 Media Operations Manual;
- ix. FIFA Equipment Regulations
- x. FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game

b) 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.

c) Football Queensland may from time to time make variations to the Competition Regulations, providing due notice of the variations is given to all competing clubs.

1.2 Control of Competitions

a) Football Queensland is responsible for the administrative control and conduct of the Competitions, subject to any resolution by the Football Queensland Board to the contrary.

1.3 Consequences for Breach

a) Any breach of these regulations or failure to comply with any direction given by Football Queensland may result in the imposition of a penalty issued by FQ under these regulations and other sanctions pursuant to the Football Queensland Disciplinary Regulations.

1.4 Contact Information

a) The following are the FQ Competition Department contacts:

Area Contact – Football Queensland Zoe Peters	Email: zoep@footballqueensland.com.au
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1.5 Player Insurance

a) Player Injury and Associated Liability Insurance cover is taken out by Football Queensland. Policy details and claims procedures are available on the Football Australia [website](#).

1.6 Special Consideration

a) Football Queensland has the right to consider individual circumstances outside the prescribed limits of these Regulations should it be clear those special considerations are in the best interest of the game.

b) The decision by Football Queensland to review and consider individual circumstances under this section is not subject to appeal or review.

c) Nothing in these Regulations will prevent the Football Queensland Board from approving a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by these Regulations.

1.7 Code of Conduct

a) All Players and Club Officials are bound by and must comply with all Football Australia (FA) Statutes and Regulations, including without limitation the Football Australia Code of Conduct.

b) The FA Code of Conduct aims to promote and strengthen the reputation of futsal in Australia by establishing a standard of performance, behaviour and professionalism for its Members (as defined in the Code of Conduct) and stakeholders. In addition, it seeks to deter conduct that could impair public confidence in the honest and professional conduct of matches or in the integrity and good character of its members.

1.8 Dates and Venues

a) The following are the dates and venues where the matches of the 2021-22 season will take place:

Round	DATE	VENUE
Round 1 – Round 11	Tuesday, 5 th October 2021 – Tuesday 14 th December 2021	North Rockhampton State High School Hall
Rounds 11 – 14 (Non-Competitive U8 – U11)	Tuesday 1 st February 2022 – Tuesday 1 st March 2022	North Rockhampton State High School Hall
Finals (U12 – Opens)	Tuesday 22 nd February 2022 - Tuesday 1 st March 2022	North Rockhampton State High School Hall

b) Teams are responsible for the conduct of their players, team officials and spectators whilst in the venues and must pay for the cost of repair of any damage caused to the venue and Football Queensland properties as result of their actions.

c) All persons are responsible and liable for their own conduct and shall be held accountable for breach of these regulations.

d) All Clubs, Players, Team Officials, Match Officials, Spectators, or any person participating in any manner at a Football Queensland Fixture, Match or event will submit exclusively to the jurisdiction of the Football Queensland Disciplinary Regulations.

Section 2: Technical Regulations

2.1 Matches Played in Accordance with the Laws of the Game

- a) All Fixtures will be played in compliance with the Regulations in force at the time and in accordance with FA and Football Queensland By-Laws, codes and directives, and under the FIFA Futsal laws of the game.
- b) Football Queensland will decide from time to time the duration of games played for each age division and may vary Competition regulations for any special domestic competition, providing due notice of the variations is given to all competing Clubs.

2.2 Match Timings & Regulations

- a) Duration of Regular Season Matches will be as follows for the respective age divisions of the Competitions:

LEAGUE	DURATION OF MATCH	HALFTIME	TIME ALLOWED PER MATCH	AGE DIVISIONS
CQ Futsal – 2021/22	Two Periods of 20 Minutes (Stop Clock – Only for the last two (2) minutes of each half)	Minimum of 5 Minutes	75 minutes	Open Men, Open Women & Youth Men
	Two Periods of 20 Minutes	2 Minutes	60 Minutes	U8,U9,U10,U11,U12,U13 U14,U15,U16,U17 (Boys or Girls)

- b) FIFA Laws of the game will apply except for:
- Time Outs: there will be time outs during Regular Season and Final Series Matches for all age divisions. One (1) time out per half will be available per team, the duration of the time out will be one (1) minute.
 - Stop Clock: will be played in the final two minutes of each half in Open Men's, Mixed, and Youth competitions only. All other age divisions shall be running clock for the whole duration of the match.
 - In the final two minutes of each half of Junior Fixtures, if a timeout is requested by either team, the clock will be stopped.
 - For Senior fixtures, stop clock will be used in the final two (2) minutes ONLY.
- c) As stated in the FIFA Laws of the Game, the designated goalkeeper is not to throw the ball over the 2/3 mark on the court. In the event of this happening, the referee will order the correct penalty.

2.3 Extra Time

- a) There will be no extra time played in Football Queensland Regular Season Matches in the event of a draw at the conclusion of normal time.
- b) Should scores be equal at the conclusion of a Final Series Match, extra time shall be played as follows:

AGE DIVISIONS	DURATION OF EXTRA TIME	HALF TIME INTERVAL
Youth Open Men, Mixed	Two periods of 5 minutes (Stop Clock – Only for the last one (1) minute of each half)	No half time interval – Teams and Team Benches swap direction and play resumes.
U8,U9,U10,U11,U12,U13 U14,	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 divisions.

2.4 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 Futsal Laws of the Game.
- b) For clarity, if after both teams have taken five (5) kicks, both have scored the same number of goals, or have not scored any goals, kicks continue to in a sudden death format to be taken in the same order until one team has scored a goal more than the other from the same number of kicks.

2.5 Technical Area

- a) Only currently registered and eligible Players, Coaches and Team Officials are allowed in the technical area during Matches.
- b) A maximum of twelve (12) persons only are allowed to sit on the bench at any one time. These twelve (12) persons to be nine (9) substitute Players and three (3) other registered Team Officials.
- c) All Team Officials in the technical area must wear clothing that contrasts with the kit of the Players and Match Officials on the pitch. Should their clothing clash they are required to wear a bib that does not clash with the colours of the Players and Match Officials.
- d) All substitutes on the bench must remain seated unless moving to and from warm up.
- e) All Team Officials on the bench must remain seated. One (1) Team Official at a time may stand to give direction to the team however must return to his/her seat as soon as the direction has been given.

2.6 Warming Up

- a) Clubs shall be entitled to warm up on the pitch before the Match if time permits.
- b) Football Queensland in conjunction with the Referee may determine if warm up on the field of play is to be allowed as well as the location of the warmup.
- c) Where possible Football Queensland will allow warmups in close proximity to the pitch, in case warming up on the field of play is not possible due to timing or any other reason in accordance with these Regulations. Balls will not be allowed for warmups outside the pitch.

d) During actual play, a maximum of four (4) players from each team may warm up at the same time. The players assisted by one (1) registered official, can warm-up without a ball, behind their substitutes' bench or in another space determined by the Referee prior to the Match. Players must be wearing bibs in a different colour to the teams playing.

2.7 Futsal Match Balls

a) Each Club must use the official match ball in its promotional and advertising activities in relation to Football Queensland Competitions and ensure that the logo of the Leagues match ball supplier featured on the ball is not obscured, altered or deleted when used in any such Club promotions or advertising.

i. For all matches, Football Queensland will provide the Match Official with three (3) Nike match balls no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled Competition Fixture.

b) It is the referee's responsibility to ensure that three (3) balls are taken to the pitch prior the commencement of the match and returned to administration after completion of the match.

c) The following sizes of match balls are applicable to the different age divisions:

AGE DIVISIONS	SIZE
U8,U9,U10,U11,U12,U13 U14,U15,U16,U17, Youth Men, Open Women & Open Men	Nike 4 Pro

2.8 Competition Points

a) Teams will play in Competition Fixtures as scheduled by Football Queensland.

b) The following points will be awarded for the Central Queensland Futsal competition matches during the Regular Season.

RESULT	POINTS
Win	Three (3) points
Draw	One (1) point each Team
Bye	No points
Loss	No points
Forfeit	Three (3) points will be awarded to the Team receiving the forfeit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The team receiving the forfeit will be deemed to have won the match by a score of three (3) goals to nil (0), or the actual goal difference, whichever is greater.

2.9 Technical Rules for the Finals Series

a) All Finals Series Matches will be played in accordance with the knockout system, single Match, in the venue to be chosen by FQ.

b) For purposes of allocating a Home Team, the Team appearing first in the format below will be considered the Home Team, for each respective Match in the Finals Series.

c) Teams shall play a single Match and the Team having scored most goals in the Match will win the Match.

d) If extra time or penalty kicks are required to determine the winner of a Finals Series Match, they will be conducted as per these Regulations.

2.10 Substitution

- a) For all age divisions within the Central Queensland Futsal, unlimited substitution applies.
- b) Procedure and rules for the unlimited substitution of players:
 - i. The substitution zone will be defined by the referee prior to the start of the match.
 - ii. A team's substitution zone is situated in the half of the pitch defended by that said team and changes in the second half of the Match and periods of extra time (if applicable).
 - iii. A substitution can be made any time during the Match, and for which the following conditions shall be observed:
 - (a) The player leaving the field shall do so from sideline, crossing over at the sector called the substitution zone.
 - (b) The player entering the field shall also do so from the substitution zone, but not until the player leaving the field, has passed completely over the sideline.
 - (c) The number of substitutions made during a Match is unlimited. A player who has been replaced, may return to the field for another player.
 - (d) If during a substitution, a substitution player enters the field before the replaced player has completely left it, the Referee shall ensure the replaced player leaves the field, then caution the substitution player and then restart the Match.
 - (e) If during a substitution, a substitution player enters the field or a replaced player leaves it from a place other than the substitution zone, the Referee shall caution the offending player.

Note: If during the taking of the penalty kicks the Goalkeeper is injured he/she may be replaced with another Goalkeeper providing the replacement was listed on the team sheet.

- c) Substitution players cannot be used to replace any player who has been dismissed from the Match by the Referee, until the required time lapse for two (2) minutes, or, a goal has been scored by the opposition (refer to Law 3 FIFA LOG Players and substitutes sent off).

2.12 Clubs Removed or Withdrawn from Competitions

- a) In the event of any team withdrawing or being removed from the Competitions, the following procedure will take effect to allow the altered Competitions to proceed to a conclusion.
 - i. Removed or withdrawing before Competition has started; Bye may be added, or the Competition may be redrawn to accommodate the vacant position in the competition.
 - ii. Removed or withdrawing after the Competition has commenced; for all opposing teams that have played the removed or withdrawn team (for the complete round) points and goals against the withdrawn team will be deleted from their records and will be credited with a bye result. Any Cautions will be rescinded. Teams that have not played the removed or withdrawn team will obtain a bye result.

2.13 Liquids During Play

- a) Liquids may only be consumed off the field of play.
- b) Drinks must be contained in plastic bottles and handed to the Players on the sidelines. Glass bottles and containers are not allowed in the venues.
- c) It is forbidden to throw bottles or other receptacles on to the field of play.

2.14 Match Schedule and Kick Off Times

- a) Football Queensland shall communicate the official Match Fixtures for all Competitions.
- b) Football Queensland shall determine the venue of all Regular Season and Finals Series Matches.
- c) Final Match dates and kick off times for all Matches will be determined by FQ.
- d) All Matches must be conducted on the scheduled day and commence on the stipulated kick off time.
- e) Football Queensland may also schedule double matches on normal fixture night to accommodate Regular Season affected or deferred fixtures.
- f) Any disputes between two (2) or more Clubs as to the arrangement of fixtures shall be referred to and decided by FQ.
- g) Notwithstanding any other Regulation on the same subject matter, FQ reserves the right to alter or amend any Fixture after it has been nominated in the official Fixture list. The alterations could be to the date, venue or kick-off times, or a combination of all, providing the Clubs involved are given two (2) days prior written notice to such alterations being undertaken by FQ.

2.15 Hot Weather Affected Fixtures

- a) When high temperatures occur on match day, the Match Referee and/or the FQ delegate may determine:
 - i. To play the match under standard conditions;
 - ii. To play the match with provision for extra breaks for consumption of fluid; or
 - iii. To delay or postpone the match.
- b) The decision to invoke these provisions should be based primarily on an assessment of the potential medical risk of playing in the heat to both Players and Match Officials. In accordance with FQ Hot Weather Policy and reference to Sport Medicine Australia Guidelines, FQ recommends that:
 - i. Games or training involving Adults (Open Men, Open Women and Youth Men) should be considered to be postponed or cancelled at 37° depending on local conditions.
 - ii. Games or training involving Children (Under 17 or younger age divisions) should be considered to be postponed or cancelled at 35° depending on local conditions.
- c) All Clubs, Players and Match Officials are requested to note the following when high temperatures occur on match day;
 - i. If the temperature is 32° or above, water bottles should be made accessible and placed at the bench to enable any player to take a drink during the course of the game; and
 - ii. If conditions are considered extreme by the Match Referee, he or she has discretion to allow a thirty (30) seconds break during the course of each half.
 - iii. Any decision to play a match under altered match conditions can only be made with reference to the published Competition Regulations of this Operations Manual.
- d) To read the full Hot Weather Guidelines refer to the FQ website, www.footballqueensland.com.au

2.16 Disruption off Fixture Due to Hot Weather

- a) When the Referee finds it necessary to stop play, owing to hot weather, he/she shall wait twenty (20) minutes before deciding to abandon or postpone the Match.

2.17 Rescheduling of Fixtures Due to Hot Weather and Unavailability

- a) Rescheduling of Matches or Fixtures affected by hot weather or unavailability will be arranged by FQ in conjunction with the relevant teams.
- b) Matches or Fixtures are to be rescheduled within forty-eight (48) hours of the postponement, and subject to venue availability must be played within fourteen (14) days of the original scheduled date.
- c) Football Queensland reserve the right where appropriate to determine a match as a draw 3-3 where any given match cannot be rescheduled.

2.18 Postponed Fixtures and Matches

- a) Fixtures and Matches may only be postponed by the Referee or FQ.
- b) In the event of any Fixture or Match not being played owing to weather or other causes over which neither Club has any control, on being ordered to be rescheduled or completed, the match shall be played within fourteen (14) days of the first postponement where possible.
- c) Rescheduled matches will recommence at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full. The following principles will apply to the recommencement of the Match:
 - i. The Match will recommence with the same Players on the Team Sheet as when the Match was initially postponed unless a player has received a suspension in matches conducted between the postponed match and the rescheduling of that match.
 - ii. Should a player have received a suspension in a match conducted between the postponed match and the rescheduling of that match that player:
 - (a) Will not be eligible to participate in the rescheduled match
 - (b) Will not be able to count the match as a stand down in relation to any fixture suspension
 - (c) The club will not be permitted to replace the player on the team sheet
 - iii. Players sent off during the Postponed Match cannot be replaced.
 - iv. Football Queensland will endeavour to appoint the same Match Officials to the completion of the Match, however may appoint replacements should any or all of the Match Officials be unavailable.
 - v. The referee is the sole arbiter of elapsed time, and no protest may be lodged against the actual elapsed time as recorded by the referee.
 - vi. Should a Match be abandoned due to the fault of one (1) Team, or should it be determined by FQ that one (1) Team/Club is responsible for the delay to the Match, the remaining minutes will not be rescheduled for completion, and the Match will be determined as a forfeit against the Team/Club that is deemed guilty of the abandonment or responsible for the delay.
 - vii. Where a fixture is incorrectly reported as abandoned by the Referee where circumstances show clearly that the match was actually postponed, FQ will treat the Match as postponed.

2.19 Abandoned Matches

- a) In cases where a Fixture has been abandoned by the Referee, FQ may investigate the circumstances of the abandonment and impose such penalties as it deems fit on Clubs, Club 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 Club was responsible, the Match will be replayed on a date to be arranged at the earliest reasonable opportunity by FQ, in accordance with these Regulations where possible.
- c) Football Queensland reserve the right to decide where the match should be rescheduled or cancelled.
 - i. In the event of a match being abandoned at half-time or during the second (2nd) half of the match due to adverse weather or any cause over which neither club or Match Referee has control, the match result at the time of abandonment will be declared the final result.
 - ii. In the event of a match being abandoned before half-time due to weather conditions or any cause over which neither the Club or Match Referee has control, the match will be declared a postponed match. Football Queensland reserves the right to determine a draw 3-3 as required.
 - iii. Any Club, its Players, Officials or Spectators who is found to be responsible, either directly or indirectly, for the abandonment of a fixture will be subject to sanctions. In the case of loss of points, the opposing team will be deemed to have won the match by a score of six (6) goals to nil (0), or the actual goal difference, whichever is greater.
- d) When a Match is abandoned for any other reason, the Match may only be replayed by the authority of FQ.

2.20 Forfeits

- a) Teams shall 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 ten (10) 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; or
 - iv. At any point during the Match they cannot field at least three (3) of their registered Players; or
 - v. They field or list on a team sheet an ineligible Player; or
 - vi. Any other scenario within these Regulations or the FQ Disciplinary Regulations that stipulates a forfeit of the Match.
- b) In the event of any Team forfeiting its Match, the following procedure will take effect;
 - i. Full points allocated for the Match will be forfeited to the opponent Team and the goals recorded as six (6) goals scored by the Team receiving the forfeit and zero (0) goals scored by the team giving the forfeit, unless the goal difference for the Team receiving the forfeit is greater than six (6), in which case the result on the pitch is upheld.
 - ii. Offending Clubs will pay all appropriate Match Officials fees, whether or not the Match Officials were in attendance, and pay compensation to the opposing Club. Compensation shall be determined by FQ.
 - iii. On a second forfeit, the Club involved will be required to show cause as to why they should not be expelled from the Competition, in addition to any fines as determined by FQ under these Regulations.

2.21 Match Deferments

- a) A Club may seek the permission of FQ to have a fixture deferred in certain cases:
 - i. When a significant event affects the availability of players.
 - ii. When more than three (3) players are involved in a FQ or National Team representative Match at the time of the fixture.
 - iii. In circumstances which, FQ at their discretion consider of sufficient weight to merit a deferral.
- b) Clubs seeking to defer Matches due to the above cases must submit their request in writing to be lodged with FQ, giving a minimum five (5) working days' notice of the date on which deferment will be sought.
- c) Should an opposing Club be unable to recoup expenses resulting from the deferral, FQ shall decide the amount of compensation to be paid. Such compensation shall be the responsibility of the Club granted the deferral.

2.22 Protests

- a) Protests must be lodged in writing and received by FQ no later than forty-eight (48) hours post the original scheduled start time of the match.
- b) Protests will only be considered for obvious breaches of the Laws of the Game that clearly had a material effect on the outcome of the Match. The protests will only be considered when in accordance with the FQ Disciplinary Regulations.
- c) No protests as to the result of a Match will be considered in relation to disciplinary decisions of the referee or decisions of facts relating to play.

2.23 Sanctions

- a) The application of sanctions to be issued to Participants for direct red cards will be in accordance with the range of sanctions outlined in the FQ Disciplinary Regulations.
- b) Where a player receives a red card, the player will serve at least the minimum sanction according to the FQ Disciplinary Regulations.
- c) A player who accumulates the following number of yellow cards during the Regular Season and Finals Series must serve the following Mandatory Match Suspension:
 - i. Three (3) yellow cards, equates to a one match suspension.
 - ii. A further two (2) yellow cards, during a season, a one match suspension will apply
 - iii. A further two (2) yellow cards during a season, a two-match suspension will apply.
- d) A player who accumulates the following number of red cards during the course of the Regular Season and the Finals Series must serve the following Mandatory Match Suspensions, in addition to the sanction for the offence.
 - i. First occasion, equates to a one (1) match suspension
 - ii. Any subsequent occasion, equates to a two (2) match suspension.
- e) If a suspension is to be served in terms of matches, only those matches actually played count towards the execution of the suspension. If a Match is abandoned, cancelled or forfeited, a suspension is only considered to be served if the team to which the suspended Player belongs is not responsible for the facts that led to the abandonment, cancellation or forfeiture.

Section 3: Eligibility

3.1 Age Eligibility

a) The following table details the birth dates applicable to the age divisions of the Competitions:

AGE DIVISION	BIRTH DATE
Youth 15-17	For players born 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 & 2006
U14 Boys & Girls	For players born 2007
U13 Boys & Girls	For players born 2008
U12 Boys & Girls	For players born 2009
U11 Boys & Girls	For players born 2010
U10 Boys & Girls	For players born 2011
U9 Boys & Girls	For players born 2012
U8 Boys & Girls	For players born 2013 & 2014

b) There shall be no maximum age qualification for Open Men or Open Women, however minimum age for Open Men shall be 16 years and 15 years for Open Women.

c) Failure to adhere to the minimum and maximum age groups may result in sanctions or penalties as determined by Football Queensland in its absolute discretion.

3.2 Players Playing in a Younger Age Divisions

a) All Junior players participating in the Junior Competitions (U8 to U17) of FQ Central Futsal are expected to play in their eligible age group/s unless granted dispensation. Teams within FQ Central Futsal Junior Competitions may not have more than one (1) player playing below their designated age group (e.g., an U12 Boys team may not have more than 1 player born in 2008 (13 years old) in their team).

b) In all instances of a player wishing to play down an age group, the player's Club must submit a written application to Football Queensland. The determination as to whether a player can play below their designated age group shall be a decision for Football Queensland in its absolute discretion and whose decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.

c) Note: that this is only available for a player born in the calendar year directly above. E.g. A player born in 2008 (turning 13 in 2021), can request to play down in the U12s for the 2021 season, however a player born in 2007 cannot.

3.3 Players Playing in an Older Age Divisions

a) For all Men's and Boy's competitions, clubs may use two (2) players from a lower age group into the age group above their own age group per match.

b) For all Women's and Girl's competitions, clubs may use three (3) players from a lower age group into the age group above their own age group per match.

c) For all mixed competitions (Boys and Girls combined), clubs may use two (2) players from a lower age group into the age group above their own age group per match.

3.4 Ineligibility of Players within a Club with Multiple Teams in the Same Age Division

- a) In the instance of clubs having multiple teams within the same age division, players cannot change teams within that age division once they have played a match for one of the teams.
- b) A player is considered to have played a match if their name appears on the team sheet.
- c) Football Queensland reserves the right to determine the eligibility of any player in their sole and absolute discretion.

3.5 Exceptional Circumstances - Competitive Age Divisions

- a) Exceptional circumstances may apply where a club would be prevented from fielding a team due to an injury and/or illness, a specialist goalkeeper being unavailable in a scheduled match, or any Exceptional circumstances as deemed by FQ in its sole and absolute discretion:
 - i. Clubs applying for exemption under 'Exceptional Circumstances' must be able to demonstrate that all avenues to source players internally have been exhausted before 'Exceptional Circumstances' approval will be granted.
 - ii. Clubs fielding a player from a different competition, without prior written approval will be deemed to have played an ineligible player and the matter will be dealt with under these Competition Regulations.

3.6 Eligibility and Ineligibility of Players

- a) Eligible Players includes:
 - i. An eligible player is one that meets all registration requirements within these Regulations and is not ineligible according to any article of these Regulations or the National Registration Regulations.
- b) Ineligible Players includes:
 - i. Unregistered players.
 - ii. Suspended players.
 - iii. A player who is deemed ineligible due to any article of these Regulations.
- c) Any Team that fields an ineligible Player will automatically lose that Match on forfeit and be fined under these Competition Regulations.
- d) Additionally, the Club, Team Official/s and Player may be deemed guilty of Misconduct and may be sanctioned in accordance with the FQ Disciplinary Regulations.

3.7 Eligibility of Players in Finals Series Fixtures

- a) A player shall be eligible to play in their registered age division or higher during the Finals Series if they have played a minimum of 50% of Regular Season Matches in the respective age division. Where number of games in the regular season are uneven, number of matches will be rounded-up from the 50%. For clarification, when a competition has a total of 7 games in the regular season, eligibility to play Final Series will be minimum of 4 matches.
- b) For players who play in lower age groups, provided they meet the eligibility criteria (50%) for the lower age group, they can play in the above age group for finals as per section 3.3. (eg. an U12 player can assist the U13 team in finals provided they are eligible for finals in the U12s).

c) A goalkeeper will be the exception to this rule providing the goalkeeper is currently registered with their registered age division.

d) Football Queensland reserves the right to determine the eligibility of any player to participate in the Finals Series, in their sole and absolute discretion.

3.8 Mixed Competition

a) When there is a mixed competition in the senior age group there must always be a minimum of 1 female on the court and a maximum of 4 males at any time of the match. This rule stands unless otherwise advised by a Football Queensland representative or in the event of a referee decision made.

Section 4: Registration

4.1 Player Status

- a) Players who are registered participants in the SEQ Premier League will be Amateurs as prescribed in the National Registration Regulations (NRR)
- b) Players are required to record their status on Play Football as Amateur.

4.2 Amateur

- a) An amateur is any player that is not a Professional. A Club may pay or reimburse a Player any expenses incurred by that Player without affecting the amateur status, including travel, kit, equipment or insurance premiums. If however, an amateur is paid or reimbursed more than \$110 a week by a Club, the onus is on that Club to satisfy FQ that the amount paid accurately reflects the expenses incurred by that amateur. If the Club fails to satisfy this onus, that Player will be deemed to be a Professional.

4.3 Process for the Registration of an Amateur

- a) All amateur Players must be registered via the National Registration System (Play Football). The registration of an Amateur Player with a Club is effective from the date the individual is made active by the Club within Play Football. For avoidance of doubt, players can be registered and active for a Futsal Club (social futsal) but play SEQ Premier League for another club.
- b) The registration can be affected through;
 - i. The player self-registering via Play Football and the Club accepting the Player's registration.
 - ii. If a Player is registering for the first time, that Player must provide the Club with evidence of name and age, by providing an original birth certificate, passport, or drivers licence.

4.4 Application Process for Registrations of Team Officials

- a) Clubs are required to submit registrations for all Team Officials who they appoint to Teams including but not limited to coaches, physiotherapists and team managers.
 - i. The registration can be affected through the Team Official self-registering via Play Football and the Club accepting the Team Official's registration.

4.5 Submission of Registrations

- a) All registrations must be submitted via Play Football and a head and shoulder photo is to be uploaded into the Player or Match Officials profile within the communicated registration period.
- b) All Registrations to be processed prior to a weekend fixture must be completed via Play Football by 12:00pm on a Friday preceding the weekend's fixture.
- c) From the beginning of the Season, for all SEQ Premier League competitions, registrations must be submitted by the cut-off date and time. All registrations lodged after this closing point will be processed by FQ the following week.
- d) On the closing date of each registration period; registrations must be lodged by no later than 5:00pm of the specified date.

4.6 Player De-Registrations

- a) An Amateur may be de-registered by applying to de-register via Play Football, which will notify the Club and FQ of the Player's intention to change Clubs.
- b) If a Club no longer wants an Amateur to play for the Club, that Club needs to apply to deregister that Player via Play Football, which will notify the Player and FQ of the Clubs intention to deregister the Player.
- c) The deregistration of a player is effective.
 - i. immediately when the other party (i.e. Club or Player as the case may be) has confirmed the notification of cancellation; or
 - ii. seven (7) days from the date the Player/Club requested the de-registration in Play Football, unless a grievance has been initiated with FQ.
- d) Any disputes relating to Player deregistration will be settled in accordance with the FA Grievance Procedure.
- e) The Club or Member Federation (as applicable) must ensure that the correct deregistration date is entered in the National Online Registration System.
- f) The registration of an Amateur with a new Club is effective from the date the Player is registered in the National Online Registration System and such registration has been accepted by the Club.

4.7 International Transfer Certificate (ITC)

- a) In accordance with FIFA Statutes, a Player who was last registered (current or otherwise) with an overseas Club, inclusive of Players who are permanent residents or Citizens of Australia, require an International Transfer Certificate (ITC) from the National Association of that overseas Club in order to be registered in Australia.
- b) An ITC is an official document, physical or electronic, issued by a National Football Association, bearing its logo and physically signed by an authorised officer of that National Body. It can only be received by a Club via Football Australia or FQ.
- c) In accordance with FIFA Statutes, Football Australia is only able to request an ITC from another National Association during the Registration Periods for Football Australia, as specified in FIFA TMS (Transfer Management System).
- d) In accordance with the National Registration Regulations 4.5(d), a player cannot be registered unless and until the ITC document is received by FA and FQ.
- e) Regardless of whether the player is made 'active' in the Play Football system or not, a player requiring an ITC is not eligible to play any Competition Fixtures for SEQ Futsal Premier League until the ITC document has been received by the Club.
- f) It is the Clubs responsibility to ensure an ITC document has been received prior to fielding the Player in a match. Clubs failing to satisfy these criteria will be deemed to have played an ineligible player and will be dealt with accordingly under these Competition Regulations.
- g) A Player is ineligible to participate until such time as an ITC has been received and their status updated in Play Football. If FA does not receive a response to:
 - i. an ITC request made otherwise, within thirty (30) days of that request being made by FA, the Player may immediately be registered on a provisional basis in accordance with the FIFA Statues.
 - ii. an ITC is not required for a Player under the age of (ten) 10 years.
- h) On fulfilment of all requirements, the Player can be registered and eligible to play.

i) To access the full 'Guide to International Transfer Certificates' document, visit [this link](#).

4.8 Priority of Registration

a) In the event of a Player registering with more than one club, the registration which earliest in time is recorded in the system will be granted priority.

b) Any player found to have wilfully registered for more than one (1) SEQ Premier League Club, or a Club found to have knowingly induced a player to register with that Club in the knowledge that the player has previously registered with another SEQ Premier League Club, will be deemed to have committed Misconduct and will be liable to sanction under the FQ Disciplinary Regulations and FA National Disciplinary Regulations.

4.9 Process for Registration of Team Managers and Coaches

- a) All Coaches and Team Manager's must be registered in order to be involved with a Club participating in the SEQ Futsal League.
- b) An application for registration as a Coach or Team Manager by a Club shall be made by completing the following requirements:
 - i. Registration on the Play Football system;
 - ii. Working with Children Criminal History Record Check in accordance with Blue Card Services, Justice Services Queensland.
- c) The registration can be affected and made active in the Play Football system, once the Club has sighted the applicant's CCYPCG Blue Card.
- d) All coaches that coach within SEQ Futsal League must hold the recognised minimum level of coaching accreditation required as stipulated in the section 4.12 of this document.

Section 5: Awards & Acknowledgements

5.1 Awards, Trophies and Medal

a) Football Queensland shall present the following Medals and Trophies at the conclusion of the 2021/22 Season:

I. Club Finals Series Winners:

(b) Twelve (12) medals for U11/12, U13/14 and Youth 15-17

(c) Twelve (12) medals for Youth Men, Open Men and Open Women

ii. Club Finals Series Runners up:

(a) Twelve (12) medals for U11/12, U13/14 and Youth 15-17

(b) Twelve (12) medals for Mixed Seniors & Open Men

iii: Club Finals Series Player of the match:

(a) One (1) medal for U11/12, U13/14 and Youth 15-17

(b) One (1) medal for Mixed Seniors & Open Men.

Section 6: Team Sheets, Reporting and Match Officials

6.1 Match Official Appointments

- a) The appointment of all Match Officials will be made by FQ for all Central Queensland Competitions, who may utilise such other persons as deemed necessary to assist in the carrying out of this responsibility. Where Match Officials are not appointed to a match, the Home Club is responsible for providing a replacement 'Match Official' for the match.
- b) All Away Teams should supply (1) volunteer to manage the scoreboard to update results and number of fouls when a timekeeper is not appointed.

6.2 Match Official Powers, Duties and Obligations

- a) The Match Officials are charged with all duties, responsibilities and obligations as contained within the FIFA Laws of the Game.
- b) Unless otherwise stated, the Referee shall be the sole arbiter as to whether a game will proceed, having regard to the condition of the venue, the weather at the time of inspection and the projected weather forecast.
- c) If the Referee finds it necessary to stop play for whatever reason, he/she should wait twenty (20) minutes before deciding to abandon the Match.
- d) Referees may abandon, postpone, or forfeit a Match in accordance with any relevant articles of these Regulations.
- e) In addition, Referees are required to, immediately after the conclusion of their games on the day, to complete the online send-off reports and incident reports if the latter is deemed necessary as per the FQ Disciplinary Regulations.
- f) Referees are required to, immediately after the conclusion of their game, to deliver a copy of the team sheets to the FQ Staff at the FQ Desk in the venue.
- g) Referee Assessors will submit to FQ a report on the performance of the Referees within three (3) days of the conclusion of the Match, should one be appointed to the Match.
- h) The referee's decision based on knowledge of the game and responsibilities/obligations contained within the FIFA Laws of the Game will be final.

6.3 Attendance of Match Officials

- a) Match officials appointed to Matches must be at the Venue by half time of the preceding Match. Where there is only one Match, or the Match is the first of the day, the Match Officials will be in attendance at least 45 minutes before the scheduled kick off time.

6.4 Non-Attendance of Match Officials

- a) Should appointed Match Officials are not in attendance by the scheduled time, it is the responsibility of the Home Club to appoint Match Officials. The appointee must control the whole Match, except that a suitably qualified and identified Match Official, in uniform, from either side will take precedence over an unqualified person from the Home Club.
- b) Unless otherwise stated, Clubs are required to fulfil all Fixtures regardless of the attendance of Match Officials or not. Failure to fulfil any Fixture will be deemed Misconduct and the Club/s may be sanctioned as per the FQ Disciplinary Regulations.

6.5 Team Sheets

a) All team cards for the competition will be prefilled by Football Queensland and will only require a signature from a coach/team leader at the conclusion of the game.

Section 7: Equipment Regulations

7.1 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) Any FQ appointed Match Official may request any item that breaches any article of these Regulations, must be removed from inside the Venue.
- c) All equipment and clothing used for any Competition Match or Fixture must comply with the FIFA Equipment Regulations and as elaborated in these Regulations.

7.2 Players Basic Compulsory Equipment

a) The basic compulsory equipment of a player comprises the following separate Equipment items:

- i. a jersey or shirt with sleeves.
- ii. shorts
- iii. socks (stockings);
- iv. shin guards; and
- v. footwear.

b) Players are required to wear all items of basic equipment for each match.

7.3 Items Worn Under the Playing Kit

a) If undergarments are worn, they must comply with the FIFA Laws of the Game for Futsal.

7.4 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 sunglasses if, 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.
- c) All equipment needs to be approved by the Match Official.

7.5 Miscellaneous Head Wear

- a) Players and Match Officials are permitted to wear a Hijab or a headscarf subject to:
 - i. The Hijab or headscarf being black or of the same main colour as the jersey (provided that the players of the same team wear the same colour).

- ii. Be in keeping with the professional appearance of the players.
 - iii. Not be attached to the jersey.
 - iv. It does not pose a danger to the Player or any other Player on the field of play.
 - v. Not have any part(s) extending out from the surface (protruding elements).
- b) For religious reasons, Match Officials shall not check the affixing of the Hijab or headscarf of a Player and under no circumstances touch the garment.

7.6 Miscellaneous Protective Equipment

a) Modern protective equipment such as headgear, face masks and knee and arm protectors made of soft, lightweight padded material are not considered dangerous and are therefore permitted unless deemed otherwise by a Match Official.

7.7 Other Equipment

- a) Cloth head bands and wrist bands are permitted.
- b) Material and elastic hair ties are permitted.

7.8 Colours

- a) All clubs are required to submit their first choice and alternative kit colours for both field players and goalkeepers to FQ prior to the Competition commencing.
- b) Submitted colours for goalkeepers must be different to both the first choice and alternative colours submitted by the Club to FQ.
- c) Clubs are required to take their first choice and alternative playing kits for both field players and goalkeepers to every fixture. Failure to provide both first choice and reserve kits may result in a fine.
- d) Clubs are required to wear their first choice kit colours for all Matches unless there is a clash of colours and the Referee has determined one team must change in accordance with these Competition Regulations.
- e) During any fixture the teams of the same Club (excluding the Goal Keeper) must wear the same colour playing kit unless ordered expressly otherwise by the Referee to resolve a clash with the Match Officials kit.
- f) One (1) colour must be clearly predominant in each of the first choice and alternate playing kits.
- g) Any individual piece of first choice playing kit must be different in its predominant colour to the same piece of alternative playing kit (excluding the goal keeper's gloves).
- h) Flying Goal Keeper (5th Man) Attire needs to be the same colour wore by the goalkeeper in the match.

7.10 Match Officials Kit

- a) The Match Official's kit shall be that of the currently licensed kit of FQ. The first choice colour for referees will be the solar (light) blue.
- b) Match Official's must carry with them another two (2) colours as agreed with FQ prior to the commencement of the season.
- c) All Match Official's for any one (1) Match must wear the same colours with exception of first year referees.
- d) The Match Official's will in the case of a team having a predominantly blue strip change to another colour as long as every Match Official present has the same colour reserve shirt.

- e) Should the Match Official's only have blue 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.
- f) 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.
- g) The decision of the Referee shall be final.

Schedule 1: Definitions

"Association Member" means those admitted from time to time as association members of FQ under the FQ Constitution.

"Away Club" means the Club not playing the Match at its home venue and/or appearing second on the fixture list in the event a Match is conducted at a neutral venue.

"Board" mean the directors of FQ appointed or elected from time to time.

"Body" Has its meaning given to it under the FQ Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

"By-Laws" means the by-laws of FQ as amended from time to time.

"Club Official" means any person involved with the administration, management or organisation of a Club or Centre (whether paid or unpaid), including employees, contractors, directors, representatives and volunteers.

"Club" means an entity formed for the purpose of playing futsal in the Competitions.

"Coach" Any person with the required qualifications registered with FQ to control a Futsal teams training and Match performance.

"Competitions" means any or all of the Futsal Matches or competitions conducted by FQ.

"Constitution" means the constitution of FQ as amended up to 26 August 2011.

"Executive" means the Chief Executive Officer of FQ or his or her nominee.

"FA" means Football Australia Limited, the governing body for football (soccer) in Australia.

"Field of Play" or **"playing area"** Means the field of play and any perimeter area between the line markings of the pitch and the spectator area.

"FIFA" means Federation Internationale de Football Association, its successor or assignee.

"Finals Series" means the final series conducted at the completion of the Regular Season in accordance with the FQ Rules and Regulations.

"Fixture" means a meeting of two (2) clubs as scheduled in all age divisions applicable.

"Football Activity" means any activity of a football or Futsal nature that takes place on the field of play, playing area or within the external surrounds of a ground or venue or any other activity relating or incidental to the objects of FQ.

"Football Queensland Disciplinary Regulations" means the Regulations as came into effect on 1st of January 2021.

"Forfeit" means a final result of 6 – 0 against the forfeiting team.

"FQ" means Football QLD Limited which is the governing body for football (including Futsal) in the State.

“Home Club” Means the Club playing the Match at its home venue and/or appearing first on the fixture list in the event a Match is conducted at a neutral venue.

“Laws of the Game” means the official laws of the game of football and futsal as promulgated by FIFA.

“League” means a competition conducted by FQ comprised of specific gender and age divisions, as declared by the Board.

“Manager” Any Person registered with FQ to control the administrative aspect of a team’s training and Match performance.

“Match Official” means a referee, third official, timekeeper, match commissioner, any person in charge of safety or any other person appointed by FA, FQ, a Referee’s Body, a Centre, an Association Member or a Club to assume responsibility in connection with a Match.

“Match” means any Match played in a FQ Competition, Regular Season, other event or tournament under FQ’s control.

“Misconduct” has its meaning given to it under section 12.1 of the FQ Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

“Official” means a Club Official, Match Official or Team Official.

“Participant” means a Player, Official or Spectator.

“Participation Agreement” means the part 3 document completed by the club or team on acceptance to the competition.

“Person” means a natural person.

“Player” means any person who participates in a Match (irrespective of whether he or she is registered with FA, junior or senior or an amateur or professional.

“Pre-Season Competition” means Fixtures or Matches played prior to the commencement of a FQ Competition.

“Pre-Season” Means the period of the year outside the playing season.

“Regular Season” means the satellite rounds that a team competes in during a Season in accordance with the FQ Rules and Regulations.

“Regulations” means these FQ Competition Regulations.

“Representative Competition” Means any competition involving solely teams representing either Nations, States, Territories, Regions or institutes.

“Round” A series of fixtures scheduled by FQ.

“Season” means from the commencement of a FQ Competition to the conclusion of a FQ Competition unless otherwise directed by FQ.

“Spectator” means a person who attends a Match.

“Stadium Technical Requirements” means the regulations adopted on 8 April 2013.

“State” means the state of Queensland with the exception of the northern regions of QLD which are identified by FA as “Regional QLD”.

“Suspensions” means the suspensions issued by a Body pursuant to these Regulations.

“Team Official” means any person involved with the management, preparation or participation of a team (whether paid or unpaid), including the coaches, managers, medical staff, other support staff or any other person acting for or on behalf of a Club, Centre or an Association Member.

“Team” Individual group of players and officials submitted by a Club to represent them in Competition.

“Trial Match” means any Match played by two Clubs which does not form part of a FQ Competition, Regular Season, other event or tournament but has been sanctioned by FQ.

“Venue” Stadium or ground where the Match is conducted.