



F-LEAGUE

REGULATIONS & OPERATIONS

Scope

About

The Football Queensland F-League is the highest level of Futsal in Queensland. The competition will have one (1) Season in the 2022 Season building up to the Final Series in December 2022.

The 2022 competitions will consist in clubs competing in the following Divisions:

- Open Women (Total of 8 clubs)
- Open Men (Total of 8 clubs)

Clubs invited to compete in the 2022 Football Queensland F-League are:

- Arana United FC
- Brisbane Elitefoot FC
- Crusaders FC
- Galaxy FC
- Ipswich Futsal
- River City Futsal
- Sala Time
- Sunshine Coast Wave

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Section 1: Organisation & Admission

1.1 Scope, Admission and Application

- a) FQ shall conduct representative Competitions in the following Leagues and Age Divisions.
- b) These Regulations apply to all participants in the 2022 F- League QLD competition.

LEAGUE	AGE DIVISIONS
F-LEAGUE QLD 2022	Open Men – Male Competitions Open Women – Female Competitions

- c) 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. 2022 Football Queensland Disciplinary Regulations
 - viii. 2022 Media Operations Manual
 - ix. FIFA Equipment Regulations
 - x. FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game
- d) 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.
- e) 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 FQ Board to the contrary.
- b) Participation in the Competition is awarded to successful applicants for the 2022 Season 2 of the F-League Qld.

1.3 Consequences for Breach

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

1.4 Contact Information

a) The following are the FQ Competition Department contacts:

Vince Sciacca (FQ Futsal Manager)	FQ Office – 07 3208 2677 Email: futsal@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 FQ to review and consider individual circumstances under this section is not subject to appeal or review.

c) Nothing in these Regulations will prevent the FQ 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 Statutes and Regulations, including without limitation the Code of Conduct.

b) The 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 when the matches of the 2022 F-League will take place:

Season 2022

ROUND	DATES	Venue
Round 1	20-21 August	Various
Round 2	27-28 August	Various
Round 3	3-4 September	Various
Round 4	10-11 September	Various
Round 5	17-18 September	Various
Round 6	12-13 November	Various
Round 7	19-20 November	Various
Round 8	1 October	Nissan Arena
Round 9	2 October	Nissan Arena
Round 10	8 October	Nissan Arena
Round 11	9 October	Nissan Arena
Round 12	15 October	Nissan Arena
Round 13	29 October	Nissan Arena
Round 14	3 December	Nissan Arena
Semi Final 1 (1 st Place v 4 th Place)	10 December	Nissan Arena
Semi Final 2 (2 nd Place v 3 rd Place)	10 December	Nissan Arena
Grand Finals (Winner Semi Final 1 v Winner Semi Final 2)	11 December	To be decided by FQ

FQ may change the dates and venues if required and at their discretion in the best interests of the competition.

b) The Home Venue for the matches in the competition will be nominated upon application to participate, at the deadline communicated by FQ, by each club and subject to inspection and confirmation by FQ.

c) Booking of the venue will be responsibility of the Home club on the days appropriate for the fixtures and dependant on availability of the venue.

d) Payment of pitch hire for the venue will be the responsibility of the home club. Venue Operators will invoice the home clubs directly for Match pitch hire. Qualifying Round and Grand Finals venue hire will be the responsibility of Football Queensland.

e) Unless stipulated otherwise in these regulations. Matches in the competitions must be played in a venue which meets all the requirements of, and standards stated in, the **FQ Futsal Venue Technical Requirements document** and in compliance with the safety and security standards and other FQ, Football Australia, Australian Standards and Australian Sports Commission guidelines and instructions.

f) Should any venue be deemed unacceptable for use for any reason during a season, FQ reserves the right to set the most appropriate course of action to conclude the season, including but not limited to rescheduling fixtures to the "Away Club" venue, setting fixtures to a neutral venue, or forfeiting the fixtures against the home club.

g) Unavailability of any venue for specific fixtures due to neglect of the home club will result in a forfeit against the home club and any costs incurred in the rescheduling of fixtures will be the responsibility of the home club.

h) The clubs 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 FQ Properties as result of their actions.

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

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

1.9 Meetings

a) FQ may schedule meetings for pre-season, during season and post-season to update clubs on administrative and coaching matters.

b) Attendance at meetings is compulsory for each Club participating in the competition (either in person or via electronic means).

c) A \$100 fine will be applied for non-attendance without prior notice.

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 FQ By-Laws, regulations, 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 competition/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 Duration of Match

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
F-League 2022	Two Periods of 20 Minutes (15 minutes Run of Clock and Last 5 Minutes Each Half Stop Clock)	Minimum of 5 minutes/Maximum of 15 minutes	75 minutes	Open Men & Open Women

b) FIFA Laws of the Game will apply except for:

- i. 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.
- ii. Last 5 Minutes Stop Clock: will be played in each half of Open Men's and Open Women's.

2.3 Extra Time

a) There will be no extra time played in FQ 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
Open Men & Open Women,	Two periods of 5 minutes (Stop Clock – Only for the last one (1) minutes of each half)	No half time interval – Teams and Team Benches swap direction 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 competitions.

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.

- i. For clarity, all players and substitutes are eligible to take kicks from the penalty mark, except those players who, when the match or extra time finishes, are injured or have been sent off.
- ii. The kicks are taken alternately by the teams.
- iii. Each kick is taken by a different player, and all eligible players must take a kick before any player can take a second kick.
- iv. The above principle continues for any subsequent sequence of kicks but a team may change the order of kickers.
- v. If, before both teams have taken five kicks, one has scored more goals than the other could score, even if it were to complete its five kicks, no more kicks are taken.
- vi. If the scores are level after both teams have taken five kicks, kicks continue until one team has scored one goal more than the other from the same number of kicks.
- vii. Kicks from the penalty mark must not be delayed for a player who leaves the pitch. The player's kick will be forfeited (not scored) if the player does not return in time to take a kick.

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 are allowed to sit on the bench at any one time. These twelve (12) persons may comprise of nine (9) substitute Players and three (3) other registered Team Officials.
- c) Seating shall be supplied and placed in position by the venue operator in sufficient quantity to seat twelve (12) persons from each Team.
- d) All Players in the technical area must wear a bib that contrasts with the colours worn by players of both Teams, Match Officials and bibs of the opposing Team. The bibs are supplied by each club. At the discretion of the Competition Administrator and in conjunction with any current Health and Safety directives, this clause may be waived or amended. Any change will be communicated to participating clubs in advance of the season.
- e) 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.
- f) All substitutes on the bench must remain seated unless moving to and from warm up.
- g) 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 warm up.
- c) Where possible, FQ will allow warm ups in as close proximity to the pitch, in the event 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 warm ups 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) accredited 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 FQ 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. At the beginning of the season FQ will provide the home club with six (6) Adidas Trio League match balls three (3) of which must be delivered to the Match Officials no later than 15 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled Competition Fixture.

b) It is the referees' responsibility to ensure that three (3) balls are taken to the pitch prior the commencement of the match and returned to the Referee Changing Room after completion of the match.

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

AGE DIVISIONS	SIZE
Open Women & Open Men	Adidas Trio League 4

2.8 Competition Points

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

b) The following points will be awarded for F- League 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 to the Team receiving the forfeit (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)

2.9 Competition Placings

a) Football Queensland will use the following process when determining the ranking of Teams within each Age Division of the Competitions:

i. Highest number of points accumulated during the Regular Season;

ii. If two (2) or more Teams are equal on points accumulated, the following criteria will be applied, in order, until one (1) of the Clubs can be determined as the higher ranked:

(a) Highest goal difference;

(b) Highest goals scored for;

(c) Highest number of points accumulated in the Regular Season Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head);

(d) Highest number of goals scored in the Regular Season Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head);

(e) Lowest number of red cards accumulated;

- (f) Lowest number of yellow cards accumulated; and
- (g) Toss of a coin in the event of a tie of two (2) teams or drawing of lots in the event of a tie of three (3) or more Clubs.

2.10 Competition System

a) The F-League Competition shall consist of 2 stages:

- i. Regular Season consisting of fourteen (14) rounds with seven (7) played as home and away rounds hosted by the home club and administered by FQ and seven (7) played at a centralised venue as determined by FQ. If necessary, FQ has the right to amend the calendar as required.
- ii. Finals Series consisting of knockout Matches in a format approved by FQ. The format of Finals Series outlined in table below.

Competition:

AGE DIVISION	COMPETITION STRUCTURE
Open Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each team to play each other twice• Total of fourteen (14) games per team in the Regular Season
Open Men	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each team to play each other twice• Total of fourteen (14) games per team in Regular Season

Final Series structures are as below:

AGE DIVISION	FINALS STRUCTURE
Open Women & Open Men	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Semi Final 1<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1st Place v 4th Place• Semi Final 2<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 2nd Place v 3rd Place• Grand Final<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Winner Semi Final 1 v Winner Semi Final 2

Football Queensland determines the composition of each competition, the composition will be in the sole and absolute discretion of FQ.

2.11 Technical Rules for the Finals Series

- All Finals Series Matches will be played in accordance with the knockout system, single Match. The date and venue will be decided by FQ.
- For purposes of allocating a Home Team, the Team finishing higher on the ladder from the round competition will be considered the Home Team, for each respective Match in the Finals Series.
- Teams shall play a single Match and the Team having scored most goals in the Match will win the Match.
- 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.

2.12 Substitution

- For all divisions within the F- League, unlimited substitution applies.
- Procedure and rules for the unlimited substitution of players:
 - The substitution zone will be defined by the referee prior to the start of the match.
 - The area in front of the timekeeper's table five (5) metres to either side of the halfway line is to be kept clear.
 - 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).
 - A substitution can be made any time during the Match, and for which the following conditions shall be observed:
 - The player leaving the field shall do so from sideline, crossing over at the sector called the substitution zone.
 - 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 side line.
 - The number of substitutions made during a Match is unlimited. A player who has been replaced, may return to the field for another player.
 - 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).

2.13 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 or Send Offs will be rescinded. Teams that have not played the removed or withdrawn team will obtain a bye result. In the event a team withdraws in the second cycle of fixtures and every opposing team has played the withdrawing team at least once, those results will be retained and any additional results removed.

2.14 Club Officials

a) Home Clubs must supply one (1) ground official per venue for all Matches who must have their names recorded on the team sheet and report to the Referee fifteen (15) minutes prior to the Match.

b) All ground officials are to wear clothing that easily identifies them as Club Officials and must not be anyone involved as a team official in that given match.

c) Failure to supply and identify the one (1) ground official per venue may result in a fine of \$50 per offence.

d) All Home Teams should supply (1) volunteer to manage the scoreboard to update results and number of fouls when a timekeeper is not available

2.15 Medical Coverage

a) Home Clubs must provide spectator and player medical support service during match days in compliance with the minimum standards.

Open Women and Open Men – Qualified First Aid Officer (First Responder)

b) All Sports Trainers and Physiotherapists must be registered with the Club through the Play Football System.

2.16 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.

2.17 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. Failure to do so may result in a fine of \$200.

e) Football Queensland, when determining kick off times, may start Matches at 8:00am for any daytime fixture which may include Saturday, Sunday or any Public Holiday.

f) Football Queensland may also schedule mid-week evening Matches to accommodate Regular season fixtures, affected or deferred fixtures.

i) Any disputes between two (2) or more Clubs as to the arrangement of fixtures shall be referred to and decided by FQ.

j) 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.

2.18 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° or above 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.
- e) To read the full Hot Weather Guidelines refer to the FQ website,
www.footballqueensland.com.au

2.19 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.

2.20 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.

2.21 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 be replayed in full. The following principles will apply to the recommencement of the Match:
- i. 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
 - ii. Players sent off during the Postponed Match cannot be replaced.
 - iii. Football Queensland will endeavour to appoint the same Match Officials to the completion of the Match, however, may appoint replacements should any or all Match Officials be unavailable.
 - iv. 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.
 - v. 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 Match will be determined as a forfeit against the Team/Club that is deemed guilty of the abandonment or responsible for the delay.

vi. 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 and reschedule accordingly.

2.22 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 reason other than stated in section 2.24 (b) the Match may only be replayed by the authority of FQ.

2.23 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.

c) Fines for forfeited Matches in the F-League Regular Season or Finals Series are:

i. \$250 for the 1st forfeited fixture (per team) in a season.

ii. \$500 for any subsequent forfeited fixture (per team) in a season.

2.24 Match Deferments

a) A Club may seek the permission of FQ to have a fixture deferred in certain cases:

i. When an epidemic or extraordinary affects the availability of players (accident or otherwise).

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.

2.25 Trial Matches

a) Clubs shall not arrange Trial Matches without first submitting the prescribed form ([FQ Sanction Request Form](#)) to FQ at least seven (7) working days prior to the requested Trial Match date.

b) The Match can only be conducted upon receipt of written approval from FQ.

c) Payment for Referees at Trial Matches will be one hundred (100%) percent of the normal fee for the highest graded Team participating.

d) All clubs will be invoiced by FQ to cover the refereeing fees after completion of the match.

e) A third (3rd) Official will not be required for any Trial Matches played.

f) Appearance of suspended players in Trial Matches is in accordance with the FQ Disciplinary Regulations.

2.26 Friendly Fixtures and Visiting Teams

a) Clubs wishing to arrange friendly Match/s must obtain the written approval of FQ not less than ten (10) working days before Match/s and also must ensure that such Match/s do not interfere with fixtures of other Clubs in FQ Competitions.

b) Matches to be played against Interstate or International teams must be sanctioned in accordance with the relevant policies and procedures as set by the relevant governing bodies of the involved teams/clubs.

2.27 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.

2.28 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 course of the Regular Season and Finals Series must serve the following Mandatory Match Suspension:

i. Five (5) yellow cards, equates to a one match suspension.

ii. A further three (3) 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
Open Women	For players born 2007 & before
Open Men	For players born 2006 & before

b) There shall be no maximum age qualification for Open Men or Open Women, however players attaining the age of 16 in the 2022 season is the minimum age for the Open Men's and players attaining the age of 15 in the 2022 season is the minimum age for the Open Women's. In exceptional circumstances clubs may make written submissions for a player to play outside of these age parameters, FQ's determination in this regard will be final.

3.8 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.

3.9 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 or been available for 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 13 games for example in the regular season, eligibility to play Final Series would be a minimum of 7 matches.

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

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

Section 4: Registration

4.1 Player Status

- a) Players who are registered participants in the F-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 F-League for another club.
- b) The registration can be effected 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.
 - ii. Coaches must be registered to be eligible to sit in the technical area as well as be clearly identifiable. Clubs must comply with the "No badge, no bench policy". Team Official Accreditation shall be worn at all times by the team coach, assistant/s and the team manager. Only persons with such identification or designated players as listed on the team sheets shall be allowed in the technical area.

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 must be processed prior to the player taking the field of play.

c) From the beginning of the Season, for all F-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 11:59pm of the specified date.

4.6 Registration Periods

a) Football Queensland registration periods for season 2022 F-League Season 1, are as outlined below

WHAT	F-LEAGUE 2022
Registration Opening Date	Monday, 1 st August 2022
Registration Closing Date	Friday, 30 th September 2022

b) Special exemption to the above registration periods may be applied at the discretion of Football Queensland.

4.7 Player Registration in the Case of Amalgamation of Clubs

a) Where an amalgamation/merger takes place between two Clubs, the following will apply to register Players of such Clubs:

- i. All disciplinary cautions incurred by Players will be carried forward if Players move to another Club.
- ii. All suspensions incurred by Players will be carried forward if Players move to another Club.

4.8 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 Football Australia 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.

4.9 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 Federation 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 Football Australia 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 F-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 Football Australia does not receive a response to:
 - i. an ITC request made otherwise, within thirty (30) days of that request being made by Football Australia, the Player may immediately be registered on a provisional basis in accordance with the FIFA Statues.
- 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 www.footballaustralia.com.au

4.10 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) F-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 F-League Club, will be deemed to have committed misconduct and will be liable to sanction under the FQ Disciplinary Regulations and FFA National Disciplinary Regulations, including but not limited to match forfeits, suspension of fixtures (club/player) as well as financial penalties.

4.11 Team Nomination

- a) Clubs must nominate all their players in each competition by the 26th August 2022 through the team nomination form. The nomination form should be sent to futsal@footballqueensland.com.au
- b) Players who are not nominated will be ineligible to play. As per section 3.8, penalties will be applied if an ineligible player takes the field of play.
- c) If required to exchange or add a new player into the team nomination form, a club should inform FQ through futsal@footballqueensland.com.au no later than 11:59pm on the Monday prior to the scheduled week's Fixture.
- d) Each team is allowed to nominate a maximum number of 18 players per age division and a minimum of 10 players. Note for the 2022 Season a maximum number of players in a season nomination is 30 with a maximum of 18 active at any time. Once a player is removed from a nomination, they cannot be reinstated. Any exemptions are at the discretion of FQ.

4.12 Minimum Coaching Qualifications

- a) Following are the minimum coaching qualifications required by Coaches for each respective League and age division:
 - i. Appointment of individual head coaches to all Leagues is mandatory; a fine of \$200 will apply for each team that does not have a registered qualified coach; and
 - ii. Appointment of assistant coaches to all Leagues is optional. Should one be appointed they must meet the relevant minimum standard.
- b) F-League Senior Men's Head Coach - Minimum AFC Level One Coaching Licence or is working towards.
- c) F-League Senior Women's Head Coach – Minimum AFC Level One Coaching Licence or is working towards.
- d) F-League Senior Men's Assistant Coach – Minimum FA Community Futsal Coaching Licence
- e) F-League Senior Women's Assistant Coach – Minimum FA Community Futsal Coaching Licence

4.13 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 F-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 F-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 each season in 2022:

i. Regular Season Winners (Premiership):

(a) Trophy or Plaque for all competitions.

ii. Club Finals Series Winners:

(a) Trophy or Plaque for all age divisions.

(b) Twenty-one (21) medals for all competitions

(c) Four (4) medals for referees of each Grand Final

iii. Club Finals Series Runners up:

(a) Twenty-one (21) medals for all competitions

iv. Player of the Season, Golden Boot and Goalkeeper of the Year:

(a) Trophy will be awarded to the player of the season in all competitions.

v. Coach of the Year:

(a) There will be an award to one coach from the F-League.

vi. Club Awards:

(a) Football Queensland may from time to time recognise Club Officials with awards in any form approved by FQ.

vii. Referee of the Year:

(a) There will be an award to one referee from the F-League

b) Criteria – Individual Player Awards

i. The Golden Boot is awarded to the highest goal scorer at the conclusion of the Regular Season.

ii. The Goalkeeper of the Year award is awarded to the Goalkeeper who polls the highest number of votes in the Player of the Year voting

iii. Player of the Year is awarded to the Player who through the following combination of criteria:

(a) Own Coaches 3-2-1 Votes (either weekly or at the conclusion of the first and second cycle of fixtures)

iv. Any other reasonable justification as determined by FQ. Such as disciplinary record or overall team performance is determined by FQ as their respective Competitions Player of the Season at the conclusion of the Regular Season.

c) The coach of each team should nominate in the team sheet the top three players of their own team on a 3-2-1 vote basis for all matches in F-League competitions.

c) Additional Criteria – Individual Coach Awards and Team of the Season

i. The Coach of the Year is awarded to the best overall Team Coach during the 2022 season (both seasons)

(a) The Coach of the Year is going to be decided by the FQ Panel.

iii. The Coach of the Year Award will be presented to the winner at the conclusion of the final series.

iv. A Coach is ineligible to win the Coach of the Year, if the Coach has been suspended as a result of being sent from the Field of Play during a match or as the result of a Disciplinary Committee Hearing.

v. The Referee of the Year is awarded to the Referee who is judged as the best Referee for the Regular Season:

(a) The award is judged by FQ's State Referees Manager in consultation with the State Referee's Committee

(b) The Referee of the Year will be presented the award at the conclusion of the Finals Series

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 F-League 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, deliver a copy of the team sheets to the Home Club official at 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.

6.3 Match Officials Fees

- a) Football Queensland, prior to the commencement of a Competition, will communicate to all relevant bodies the approved Match Officials fees for that particular Season. These fees will come into effect immediately.
- b) Match Officials fees for all Regular Season and Finals Series Matches will be paid by FQ.
- c) In the case of forfeits and abandonments, Match Officials fees will still be payable by FQ but FQ reserve the right to recover these through a fine to the Team that caused the forfeit or abandonment, except that where Matches are abandoned or postponed by the Referee through no fault of either Team.
- d) Compensation to Match Officials will be paid for attendance at Matches which are not conducted on the following grounds;
 - i. Match Officials that attend the Venue and a Match is abandoned or postponed prior to kick-off due to unplayable conditions, compensation will be paid by FQ.

- ii. Match Officials that attend the Venue to find the Match cancelled without being notified by FQ, compensation will be paid by FQ.
- iii. Match Officials that attend a Match on the wrong day, incorrect Venue and/or kick-off time due to a FQ clerical error, compensation will be paid by FQ.
- iv. Match Officials that attend the Venue to find one Club has forfeited, compensation will be paid by FQ and FQ will then invoice the offending Club to recoup those costs.
- v. Match Officials attend the Venue to find a Club has called off the Match without notifying the Match Officials or FQ, compensation will be paid by FQ and FQ will then invoice the offending Club to recoup those costs.
- vi. The level of compensation for Match Officials is the approved Match Officials Fees for the 2022 F-League Seasons.

g) Match Officials will be paid \$50 per game and Timekeeper/4th Official will be paid \$20 per game.

6.4 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.

6.5 Match Official Travel Expenses

a) All referee travel expenses are to be paid directly by FQ to the appropriate Match Officials. Travel allowance fee for match officials is to be confirmed.

6.6 Non-Attendance of Match Officials

a) Should appointed Match Officials not be 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.

6.7 Team Sheets

a) All team sheets for the 2022 F-League are to be completed online via SportsTG.

b) For the Open Women's and Open Men's matches, both the Home and Away Team must make their player selection In SportsTG no later than 2:00pm the day prior to that week's Fixture. Failure to comply may result in a \$100 fine.

c) Clubs are required to note the shirt number of each Player in Sports TG. This information appears automatically next to the Players name on the team sheet.

d) Each team will be responsible for printing and providing one (1) copy of their own team sheet from Sports TG on match day.

e) Failure to provide printed team sheets on match day will result in a fine of \$50 per team sheet.

f) Any changes to the Player selections post entry in SportsTG, must be manually noted on the printed copy of the match record.

g) The printed team sheet must be handed to the Referee at least thirty (15) minutes before the scheduled kick-off time. The Match Referee will write "Refs Copy".

h) A Team Sheet must include:

- i. List all match details (division, date, participating teams, and venue).
- ii. List all players taking part in the match with first name, surname, shirt number, and Football Australia number.
- iii. Not list more than fourteen (14) players for any fixture.
- iv. List all Team Officials.
- v. Indicate the team Captain with a 'C' beside the relevant person's name in all Open Men's and Women's Competition matches only; and

i) Starting line ups will not be required to be identified on team sheets.

j) Clubs must indicate all Exceptional Circumstance on the match record by marking the registered age division / club against all relevant players.

k) A Match Referee is responsible for ensuring the names of all Match Officials are listed on the match record.

l) Changes to the team sheet will be permitted any time until ten (10) minutes prior to kick-off.

m) The numbers on the back of the Player's jerseys will correspond to the numbers on the team sheet handed to the Referee before the commencement of a Match. There must be no change of numbers from ten (10) minutes prior to or during a Match (this includes goalkeepers).

n) It is the responsibility of each team to keep copy of the team sheet for their own record. FQ may request a copy to be sent by email.

o) When a Match is forfeited, the team sheet will be endorsed accordingly by the match official.

p) Following a match, a Team Official from both the Home and Away Club, together with the Match Referee are required to sign the official team sheet to confirm that the information is correct. By signing the team sheet, Team Officials acknowledge that the data recorded including but not limited to; Players and Match Officials listed, players cautioned or expelled, goal scorers and the half time and full time scores are correct.

- i. For the avoidance of doubt, by signing the match record, Team Officials acknowledge that the data recorded, including but not limited to; Players and Match Officials listed, players cautioned or expelled, goal scorers and the half time and full time scores are all correct and as such there will be no appeal against the score line shown, goal scorers or the recipients of yellow and red cards issued on a match record once it has been signed post match by all relevant parties.

ii. Alterations to the official match record, must be initialled by each team official, plus the Match Referee.

- (a) In the event that the official match record is altered post the Referee signoff, Clubs may be fined and at the discretion of Football Queensland be cited to appear before a General Purposes Tribunal under Football Queensland By-Law 11.

q) Unless otherwise stated in the FQ Disciplinary Regulations, or in these Regulations, a Player listed on the team sheet will be deemed to have participated in the Match.

r) Clerical errors by either Team on the team sheet will result in a fine as per the FQ Disciplinary Regulations. Clerical errors include, but are not limited to, failing to endorse the up-grading of players, duplicate shirt numbers, incorrect shirt numbers and failing to sign a team sheet.

s) Both competing team's appointed Officials, must ensure that players whose names are written on the opposing team's team sheet area, are sitting on the bench by half time. If the player is absent, his/her name MUST be crossed off the team sheet. Failure to do so will result in the

player's number of participating games being increased. This may influence the "eligible players" list for the Finals series being incorrect.

6.8 Match Result Reporting

- a) For all Regular Season Matches the Home Team shall be responsible for entering the results of the Match/s online into SportsTG, no later than 120 minutes hours following the conclusion of the final Match.
- b) Each Club is responsible for completing the following no later than 24 hours following the conclusion of the final match:
 - i. Allocating manual amendments for their respective teams for any players who have been manually added onto the team sheet;
 - ii. Their player match statistics, including Goal Scorers, Cautions (Yellow Cards) and Expulsions (Red Cards).
- c) Failure to comply with any part of this article will result in a fine of \$100 per breach.
- d) Referees are to submit all match records to Football Queensland via the provided Microsoft Forms link, no later than 10am on Monday following the weekend fixtures and no later than 10am, on the day following any scheduled mid-week fixture. This is integral in ensuring Match Official payment. Football Queensland reserves to right to withhold referee payment until this information is received in conjunction with a referee's stipulated role and responsibility.

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 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.
- 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 player's.
 - 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 Captains Arm Band

a) The captain of each Open Men's and Open Women's team must wear a distinguishing arm band to indicate his/her status.

7.9 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 Goalkeeper) 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 Goalkeeper (5th Man) Attire needs to be the same colour worn by the goalkeeper in the match and must have the players designated number on the back of the shirt.

i) Bibs are not allowed as an alternate playing kit.

7.10 Clash of Colours

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

b) In the case of a clash of colours of field Players the away team (team appearing second on the Match

Schedule regardless of where the Match is played) will be required to wear their alternative playing kit.

i. If the away team do not have an alternative kit, the home team should wear their alternative playing kit.

c) In the case of a colour clash the Referee may order the visiting team to wear their reserve kit or any combination of the reserve playing kit and first choice playing kit in order to resolve the clash.

d) In the case of goal keeper's colours clashing with either the opponent's field players, goal keeper or the Match Official's kit, the Referee will determine which keeper will change always keeping in mind the principle that the visiting team should change.

e) In the case of a combination of first choice and reserve kit colours of both teams clashing with the Match Officials, the referees shall determine the final colours to be worn by all players and Match Officials in accordance with these Regulations.

7.11 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.

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.

7.12 Numbering

a) All players must wear unduplicated numbered shirts that coincide with the numbers listed on the team sheet.

b) The numbers must be in contrasting colours to the playing kit.

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.

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.

“Football Australia” means Football Australia Limited, the governing body for Football (soccer), Futsal and Beach 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 2019.

“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 FFA, 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 into 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 FFA, 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 Football Australia 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.

Schedule 2: Table of Offences and Fines Imposed

Some aspects of these regulations incur fines for Breaches in the competitions. The Table of Offences is outlined below:

Offence	Fine Imposed
Misconduct / Bringing the Game into Disrepute (per offence)	Amount determined by FQ.
Ineligible / Unregistered Player (per offence)	\$250
Unregistered Head Coaches	\$200
Team Withdrawal – after drawing of fixtures (per offence)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Amount determined by FQ; (up to \$1000) and / or ● Show Cause issued at FQ Discretion.
Failure to provide Ground Officials	\$50 per offence
Five (5) or more players cautioned in the same match	\$50 - 1 st offence \$75 - 2 nd offence \$100 - 3 rd and Subsequent offence(s)
Failure to Kick Off at Stipulated Time	\$200
Forfeit Fines	\$250 – First Offence \$500 – 2 nd and Subsequent Offences
Failure to enter the online team sheets by 2pm Friday	\$100
Failure to Provide Printed Team Sheet	\$50 per Sheet
Failure to Comply with Match Result Reporting	\$100 per breach
Failure to provide 1 st choice and alternative kits for outfield players and goalkeepers when required	\$100
Failure to Attend Mandatory Meetings	\$50 per meeting