



# **2025 FUTSAL STATE TITLES FINAL SERIES STRUCTURE**

# 1. Scope

For the purposes of clarity, the following terms are being defined:

**Placing** is the final placing that a team is determined to have finished in the overall competition (at the completion of the Finals Series) and is used for allocating Championship Points.

**Ranking** is based on where a team finished on their respective tables during the regular season. Ranking is used to determine Play Offs which will determine final Placings for the purpose of allocating Championship Points.

**Ranking Method** is the system that is used to determine the ranking of a team. In a single table competition, the ranking is based on where that team finished on the table. This is determined by Points, Goal Difference, Goals For, Goals Against, Head-to-Head and lastly a Coin Toss.

Where there are multiple Pools, the following Ranking Method will be applied based on each team's respective placing in their Pool Table (i.e., this is used to determine ranking for 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place etc in each Pool) and applying:

- Average points per game.
- Average goals scored per game.
- Average goals conceded per game.
- Toss of a coin.

## 1.1. U12 Boys

The top two (2) teams from each of the four (4) pools at the conclusion of the regular season will progress to the Finals Series.

The Final Series format will be as follows:

**Quarter Final 1** – 1<sup>st</sup> place Pool A versus 2<sup>nd</sup> place Pool B

**Quarter Final 2** – 1<sup>st</sup> place Pool B versus 2<sup>nd</sup> place Pool C

**Quarter Final 3** – 1<sup>st</sup> place Pool C versus 2<sup>nd</sup> place Pool D

**Quarter Final 4** – 1<sup>st</sup> place Pool D versus 2<sup>nd</sup> place Pool A

**Semi Final 1** – Winner of Quarter Final 1 versus Winner Quarter Final 3

**Semi Final 2** – Winner Quarter Final 2 versus Winner Quarter Final 4

The winner from each Series Semi Finals will play off in the **Grand Final Match**.

**The bottom four (4)** Final Series will be as follows:

**Shield Quarter Final 1** – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Pool A versus 4<sup>th</sup> place Pool B

**Shield Quarter Final 2** – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Pool B versus 4<sup>th</sup> place Pool C

**Shield Quarter Final 3** – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Pool C versus 4<sup>th</sup> place Pool D

**Shield Quarter Final 4** – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Pool D versus 4<sup>th</sup> place Pool A

**Shield Semi Final 1** – Winner Shield Quarter Final 1 versus Winner Shield Quarter Final 3

**Shield Semi Final 2** – Winner Shield Quarter Final 2 versus Winner Shield Quarter Final 4

The winner from the Shield Semi Finals will play off in the **Shield Grand Final Match**.

## 1.2. U13 Boys

The top two (2) teams from each of the four (4) pools at the conclusion of the regular season will progress to the Finals Series.

The Final Series format will be as follows:

**Quarter Final 1** – 1<sup>st</sup> place Pool A versus 2<sup>nd</sup> place Pool B

**Quarter Final 2** – 1<sup>st</sup> place Pool B versus 2<sup>nd</sup> place Pool C

**Quarter Final 3** – 1<sup>st</sup> place Pool C versus 2<sup>nd</sup> place Pool D

**Quarter Final 4** – 1<sup>st</sup> place Pool D versus 2<sup>nd</sup> place Pool A

**Semi Final 1** – Winner of Quarter Final 1 versus Winner Quarter Final 3

**Semi Final 2** – Winner Quarter Final 2 versus Winner Quarter Final 4

The winner from each Series Semi Finals will play off in the **Grand Final Match**.

**The bottom four (4)** Final Series will be as follows:

**Shield Quarter Final 1** – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Pool A versus 4<sup>th</sup> place Pool B

**Shield Quarter Final 2** – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Pool B versus 4<sup>th</sup> place Pool C

**Shield Quarter Final 3** – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Pool C versus 4<sup>th</sup> place Pool D

**Shield Quarter Final 4** – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Pool D versus 4<sup>th</sup> place Pool A

**Shield Semi Final 1** – Winner Shield Quarter Final 1 versus Winner Shield Quarter Final 3

**Shield Semi Final 2** – Winner Shield Quarter Final 2 versus Winner Shield Quarter Final 4

The winner from the Shield Semi Finals will play off in the **Shield Grand Final Match**.

## 1.3. U13 Girls

The top two (2) from each pool at the conclusion of the regular season will progress to the Finals Series.

The Final Series format will be as follows:

**Semi Final 1** – 1st place Pool A versus 2nd place Pool B

**Semi Final 2** – 1st place Pool B versus 2nd Place Pool A

The winner from each Series Semi Finals will play off in the **Grand Final Match**.

## 1.4. U14 Boys

The 1st and 2nd teams from each of the three (3) pools at the conclusion of the regular season will progress to the Cup Finals Series. The 3rd and 4th teams from each pool will progress to the Shield Finals Series.

The Ranking Method will apply to rank all teams. Teams ranked 1-6 will participate in a Cup Final Series and teams ranked 7-12 will participate in a Shield Final Series.

The **Cup** Final Series format will be as follows:

Rank 1 and Rank 2 progress to Semi Finals

**Elimination Final 1** – 3rd Ranked Team versus 6th Ranked Team

**Elimination Final 2** – 4th Ranked Team versus 5th Ranked Team

**Semi Final 1** – 1st Ranked Team versus Winner of Elimination Final 2

**Semi Final 2** – 2nd Ranked Team versus Winner of Elimination Final 1

The winner from each Series Semi Finals will play off in the **Cup Grand Final Match**.

**Friendly Game 1** 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Pool A versus 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Pool B

**Friendly Game 2** 4<sup>th</sup> Place Pool A versus 4<sup>th</sup> Place Pool B

### 1.5. U15 Boys

The top two (2) teams from each of the two (2) pools at the conclusion of the regular season will progress to the Finals Series.

The Final Series format will be as follows:

**Semi Final 1** – 1st place team Pool A versus 2nd place team Pool B

**Semi Final 2** – 1st place Team Pool B versus 2nd place Team Pool A

The winner from each Series Semi Finals will play off in the **Grand Final Match**.

### 1.6. U15 Girls

The top two (2) teams from each of the two (2) pools at the conclusion of the regular season will progress to the Finals Series.

The Final Series format will be as follows:

**Semi Final 1** – 1st place team Pool A versus 2nd place team Pool B

**Semi Final 2** – 1st place Team Pool B versus 2nd place Team Pool A

The winner from each Series Semi Finals will play off in the **Grand Final Match**.

### 1.7. U16 Boys

The top two (2) from each pool at the conclusion of the regular season will progress to the Finals Series.

The Final Series format will be as follows:

**Semi Final 1** – 1st place Pool A versus 2nd place Pool B

**Semi Final 2** – 1st place Pool B versus 2nd Place Pool A

The winner from each Series Semi Finals will play off in the **Grand Final Match**.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Pool A versus 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Pool B in a Crossover Match (no progression)

4<sup>th</sup> Place in Pool a versus 4<sup>th</sup> Place in Pool B in a Crossover Match (no progression)

## 1.8. U17 Girls

The top two (2) teams at the conclusion of the Regular Season will progress to the Final Series.

**Grand Final Match 1st place Team versus 2nd place Team**

## 1.9. Youth Women

The top two (2) teams at the conclusion of the Regular Season will progress to the Final Series.

**Grand Final Match 1st place Team versus 2nd place Team**

## 1.10. Youth Men

The top two (2) teams from each of the three (3) pools at the conclusion of the regular season will progress to the Top Six (6) Finals Series. The Ranking Method will be used to determine Semi Finals

The Final Series format will be as follows:

**Quarter Final 1** – 3rd Ranked Team versus 6th Ranked Team

**Quarter Final 2** – 4th Ranked Team versus 5th Ranked Team

**Semi Final 1** – 1st Ranked Team versus Winner Quarter Final 2

**Semi Final 2** – 2nd Ranked Team versus Winner Quarter Final 1

The winner from each Series Semi Finals will play off in the **Grand Final Match**.

## 2. Ranking Method

After the pool games are completed, all teams will be ranked based on where they finished in their pool.

- 1st place teams are ranked 1 to 3
- 2nd place teams are ranked 4 to 6
- 3rd place teams are ranked 7 to 9
- 4th place teams are ranked 10 to 12

Finals Format:

- Rank 1 and Rank 2 go straight into the Semi Finals
- Rank 3 vs Rank 6 = Elimination Final 1
- Rank 4 vs Rank 5 = Elimination Final 2
- Winners of the Elimination Finals join Ranks 1 and 2 in the Semi Finals
- Ranks 7–12 play in the Shield Final Series (to determine overall placings)

## 3. Averaging

- **Averaging Method (Uneven Pool Sizes)**

In divisions where pools have an **uneven number of teams**, some teams will play **3 games** while others may only play **2 games** in the group stage. To ensure fairness across all pools, an **averaging method** will be applied when determining rankings.

### **Step 1 – Points per Game**

- Teams will be ranked first by **average points per game** (total points ÷ games played).

### **Step 2 – Goal Difference per Game**

- If teams are equal on average points, the next tiebreaker will be **average goal difference per game** (goal difference ÷ games played).

### **Step 3 – Goals Scored per Game**

- If still equal, the next tiebreaker will be **average goals scored per game** (total goals scored ÷ games played).

### **Step 4 – Goals Conceded per Game**

- If still equal, teams will be ranked by the **lowest average goals conceded per game** (goals against ÷ games played).

