



FNQ SCHOOL FUTSAL TITLES **2010 BY-LAWS**



The regulations that govern participation in the FNQ School Futsal Titles are outlined in this document. All rules, contained herein are based on Futsal laws of the game and the regulations may only be varied with the consent of Vikings Futsal Association. All games will be played in accordance with the FIFA Futsal 5-A-Side Indoor Football rulebook, unless stated below.

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1) Eligibility

- To be eligible to participate in School Tournaments all players must attend the same school and be the correct age group for the competition. To compete in the 16 year age group, a player cannot turn 17 in 2010 and so on. The player must turn the year of competition or lower in 2010.
- Players in the Primary School Championships must attend a Primary School or a Primary section attached to a larger college. Secondary Schools cannot enter teams in the primary Tournaments unless they have a Primary section at their school.
- Players can be nominated for only one team in a category, but can be nominated for another team in other age groups. **NOTE HOWEVER: A PLAYER CANNOT PLAY FOR TWO TEAMS PLAYING AT THE SAME TIME. THEY CAN ONLY BE COMMITTED TO ONE COURT AT ONE TIME OR SLOT.**
- A Player can compete in more than one age group.
- Only players whose names appear on the official nomination form, by Friday 23rd of July are eligible to play.

2) Tournament Draws – Draw Format

- Vikings Futsal Association will comply with the following format when generating draws for confirmed team nominations in all age categories.
- Each team is guaranteed a minimum of 4 matches. If an age category has not enough teams to form a draw, that age group will combine with next closest age group.

3) Point Scoring

- (a) Win = 3 points
 - (b) Score Draw = 2 points
 - (c) Scoreless Draw = 1 points
 - (d) Forfeit = 3 points + the average goals against of the forfeiting team will be awarded as goals for.
- If a team forfeits any matches throughout the tournament, they may be expelled from the Tournament, and a report will be passed onto the Board of Directors regarding any further tournaments that team wishes to enter.
 - Where team categories are combined, points will count from all games.

4) Determining Group Positions and/or Placing

- At the completion of the Round Robin phase of the tournament, the team with the highest points gained will be placed first. The team with the next highest points will be placed second, etc.

- Should two (2) or more teams be equal on points then the team with the highest number of goals for will be placed first.
- Should the teams still be equal the team with the least number of goals recorded against them shall be placed first. Should teams still be equal, the team with the least amount of disciplinary cards recorded against them will be placed first. If still equal, the winner of the game between the two teams, will be placed first. If this game has not occurred or was a drawn game, then a penalty shootout between the two teams will commence, with the winner of the penalty shootout going through to the next stage.
- Adjustment to this years draw:
 - ❖ We have created an 8 boys Final for the 2 teams that are under the age of 8. These teams can qualify for the 9 boys Semi Final, however if they do, they will then forfeit their right to compete in the 8 Boys Grand Final. Therefore there will be no under 8's Grand Final. However if either of the 8 boys team(s) qualify for the 9 boys Semi Final and wish to decline, they will then qualify for the 13 boys secondary Grand Final. The next placed team(s) in the 9 boys category will then qualify for the 9 Boys Semi Final (as determined by group positioning).
 - ❖ The 13 boys secondary and 14 boys are combined. The two (2) under 13 boys secondary teams can qualify for the 14 boys Semi Final, however if they do, they will then forfeit their right to compete in the 13 boys secondary Grand Final, therefore there will be no 13 boys secondary Grand Final. However if either of the 13 boys secondary team(s) qualify for the 14 boys Semi Final and wish to decline, they will then qualify for the 13 boys secondary Grand Final. The next placed team(s) in the 14 boys category will then qualify for the 14 Boys Semi Final (as determined by group positioning).

5) Elimination, Quarter & Semi Final

At the completion of the Elimination, Quarter Finals or Semi Finals should the game be drawn the following shall apply:

- Should the teams be drawn at the completion of ordinary time the team who finished highest in their group will be awarded the game.
- If both finished in the same position then the team with the highest average points will be declared the winner.
- Should the teams still be equal the team with the least number of goals recorded against them shall be placed first. Should teams still be equal, the team with the least amount of disciplinary cards recorded against them will be placed first. If still equal, the winner of the game between the two teams, will be placed first. If this game has not occurred or was a drawn game, then a penalty shootout between the two teams will commence, with the winner of the penalty shootout going through to the next stage.

6) Grand Final

- Should the teams be drawn at the completion of ordinary time in Grand Final one ten (10) minute period of sudden death will apply, with 1 player from each team dropping off every Four (4) minutes. The sudden death period will start with both teams starting with the same number of players as they finished with.
- If at completion of extra time the teams are still drawn then a penalty-shoot out shall be used to determine the winner. Such penalty shoot out will be conducted under the rules laid down in the FIFA Futsal 5-A-Side Indoor Football rulebook.

7) Competition Rules and Regulations

- Any players name not entered on the score sheet prior to that game commencing shall not play in that game.
- All players must be listed on the Official Tournament nomination form prior to Friday 23rd of July.
- **SHIN PADS ARE COMPULSORY with long socks covering the shin pads.** Players without shin pads will not be allowed to take the court!!
- All teams must substitute from their own defensive half (within the substitute area) on the same side as the main referee. At half time both teams must swap benches and hence substitute areas. A player must be OFF THE COURT through the substitute area before another player can enter the court through the substitute area, this includes the Goal Keeper (unless stipulated by the referee eg – a player is injured and cannot come off through the required substitute area). If this is not done correctly, it is a yellow card offence for the player entering the court.
- A Goalkeeper **can not throw, punt kick or drop kick the ball over 2/3 of the length of the court** without it first touching a player or the floor. The goalkeeper can only kick the ball over the 2/3 line on the full if he/she does not gather the ball with his/her hands in general play. If the goal keeper does gather the ball in general play with his/her hands and wishes to kick over the 2/3 line on the full, then he/she must roll the ball outside the goal area D for more than one (1) meter and kick the ball off the floor.
- A goal cannot be scored from a kickoff if the ball is shot directly into the goal without a second touch. The game is restarted with a goal clearance and the goal is not awarded.

- All games must start with a minimum of 4 players per team on the court.
- **Teams are required to fill in match sheets for all games at least 10 minutes prior to kickoff time with full names and the relevant shirt number.**
- If a team is found guilty of playing an ineligible player, that team will be deducted all points in which the ineligible player has played in. And will not be allowed to play with the team at any stage of the tournament.

8) Completion of Match Sheets

- Official Match sheets will be provided for all games by FNQ Futsal.
- Match Sheets will be located in an area accessible to all team officials and will be available for completion until 10 minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off.
- Team officials are required to complete the match sheets at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled kick off (earlier if possible) and include all relevant details such as: First Name and Surname of players and shirt numbers.
- Only the names of players present on the day who have been officially nominated to participate in the tournament for their respective school should be included on match sheets.
- Players not entered on the match sheets at the time the games commence, will be deemed ineligible to participate in that game.
- The name of any suspended player will appear on the match sheet of the game that the player is suspended. The word "Suspended" will appear beside the player's name.
- Players are only permitted to nominate and play in one team only as detailed in the eligibility guidelines. Any player found guilty of breaching the eligibility guidelines will be expelled from the tournament.
- At the completion of each game an official from both teams must sign the match sheet to confirm the final result.

9) Uniforms & Equipment

- **SHIN PADS ARE COMPULSORY with long socks covering the shin pads.** Players without shin pads will not be allowed to take the court!!
- Players must be in the same or similar coloured shirts to the rest of their team. If teams clash in colour, then bibs will be available to be worn by the team that is listed on the game score sheet as the away team.
- Teams must distinguish their goal keeper from the rest of their players with a different coloured shirt or bib. If substituting the goal keeper during the game, the new goal keeper must be wearing the different coloured shirt or bib. **NOTE:** the game **will not be stopped** so this can occur.
- If teams do not have numbers on their shirts then numbers must be clearly marked on the players arm at all times so that selectors and referees can distinguish the players. All players must keep the same number throughout the tournament.
- Goalkeepers may also wear: knee and/or elbow pads, and goal keeping gloves
- A player must not use equipment or wear anything, which is dangerous to himself or herself or another player, including any kind of jewellery.
- The referee's decision to exclude players using or wearing dangerous equipment is final, however common sense should prevail.

10) Playing times

- All games will be 13 minutes each way run of the clock, with 1 minute half time break. (unless otherwise specified).
- The timer will not stop for injuries unless where it is accepted that the injury requires treatment before leaving the court. In this event, the referee will time the remainder of the game.
- Time outs will only be allowed in the Grand Finals, and only 1 "time out" is allowed per team for the entire game. There will be no time outs in extra time.

11) Match Balls

FNQ Futsal will provide official Match balls for all games.

- 13yr primary and under will use a size 3 Vikings Futsal Ball.
- 13yr secondary and over will use a size 4 Vikings Futsal Ball.

12) Disciplinary Actions

Where a player/Official accumulate disciplinary cards the following shall apply.

- ❖ Three (3) Yellow Cards (accumulated) = automatic suspension of one (1) match
- ❖ One (1) Red Card = automatic suspension of one (1) match and or appear before the judiciary
- Where a player has been dismissed with a red card, and the expulsion warrants reporting by the referee then the player will be required to report to the chairperson of the judiciary Committee.

- Once expelled (red card) the player or official concerned MAY NOT re-enter the game in progress nor may he/she remain in the court area as deemed by the tournament coordinator. The player however can be replaced by another player AFTER two (2) minutes has expired or the opposition has scored a goal.
- A suspended player or official may not enter the court area as deemed by the tournament coordinator until the suspension has been executed.
- Any person/persons involved in fighting either on or off the court, regardless of whether he/she instigated the fight or retaliated, must front the administrator/manager so show cause why they should not be expelled from the centre/tournament. The court administrator/ manager has the right to deal with such people.
- Any Person who is found guilty of causing damage to the court, its facilities or car park area will be thrown out of the tournament and reported to the Owner and or the Police. All costs will be forwarded to the person or persons found guilty of causing the damage.
- The court administrator/manager has the right to deal with such people.

13) Appeals

- No appeals will be entered into from a decision of a referee or matters relating to the conduct of the tournament except where it can be demonstrated that a decision by the organizing committee is in error. All appeals must be lodged in writing, complete with the appeal fee of \$60.00.
- Should the appeal be upheld the appeal fee will be refunded in full – if lost the fee is non-refundable. A time period of 30 minutes to lodge an appeal is in operation. The 30 minute time period will start at the completion of the game in question.

14) Abandoned Games

- Should the referee have cause to abandon a match, subject to the referees report, neither team will receive match points except:
- If a match is abandoned because a team is unable to field sufficient players to remain on the court (as per the rules) then the team remaining on the court shall receive the winning points and any goals scored up to the point of the abandonment – but no goals scored against. This will be the regulation even if the team awarded the match was the losing team at the point of abandonment.

15) Team Management and Responsibilities

- The coach and/or manager of each team is responsible for all matters relating to the team including the conduct of the team members and supporters, disciplinary matters, adherence to local regulations and appropriate use of the venue.

16) Codes of Conduct/Ethics

- Individual coaches and Managers are required to issue and enforce their respective codes of Conduct/Ethics. The conduct of all players, team officials, referees, tournament officials and spectators who participate in School Futsal Tournaments is governed by Codes of Conduct/Ethics generally accepted as endorsing the values of fair play, respect and tolerance including but not limited to:
 1. Co-operation with tournament, venue and game officials, or their delegates
 2. Compliance with venue rules and guidelines
 3. Behaving in a professional, responsible and courteous manner towards participants, team officials, referees, tournament officials and spectators
 4. Adherence to the laws of the game
 5. Participation in the spirit of the game
 6. Refraining from the use of offensive, abusive or insulting language and/or gestures
 7. Refraining from behaviour that is violent or offensive
 8. Refraining from engaging behaviour that aims to harass or discriminate against another person on the grounds of race, sex, religion or for any other reason
 9. Abstaining from the use, possession or promotion of any banned substance or drugs of dependence
- Failure to comply with the Codes of Conduct as set out in this document may result in the offender/s being dismissed from the venue or suspended from play or officiating for a fixed period of time and/or indefinitely.

17) Awards

- The winning team in each category will receive individual medals. Runners Up will receive individual Medals. Presentations will occur after the final game (unless otherwise stated).
- There is also a perpetual trophy handed out to the overall "FNQ Primary School Champion", and to the "FNQ Secondary School Champions". These trophies will be handed out when all age groups for each category have been played.