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1. Futsal Canadian Championship

- 1.1. The Futsal Canadian Championship (herein also referred to as the “Competition”) is an official event of the Canadian Soccer Association (Canada Soccer).
- 1.2. Canada Soccer, as the governing body for futsal in Canada, shall be responsible for ensuring that specified sanctions are carried out and complied with.
- 1.3. The format of the Competition shall be determined in advance by Canada Soccer.
- 1.4. A team participating in the Competition shall have only such rights in relation to the Competition (and any match in the Competition) as are expressly granted to the team under these Regulations or by Canada Soccer in writing.
- 1.5. Canada Soccer Competitions Committee shall have power to make, delete and amend Regulations for the organization, control, and management of the Competition as it, from time to time, deems expedient subject only to the authority of Canada Soccer Board where such matters relate to financial or commercial matters.
- 1.6. All Participants participating in any way in the Competition shall be bound by and comply with these Regulations (and any rules or regulations issued pursuant to the Competition).
- 1.7. Within the constraints of these Regulations, Canada Soccer, through its Organizing Committee may adapt these Regulations to address specific situations not otherwise provided for, as necessary to address the competition objectives of Canada Soccer.
- 1.8. On entering the Futsal Canadian Championships, all teams automatically undertake to:
 - 1.8.1 Observe these Regulations;
 - 1.8.2 Sign the Participation Agreement and comply with the terms therein;
 - 1.8.3 Acknowledge that failure to comply with any of the requirements within these Regulations shall render any organization or individual subject to disciplinary procedures;
 - 1.8.4 Observe the principles of fair play.

2. Canada Soccer Competitions Committee

- 2.1. The Canada Soccer Competitions Committee is an Operational Committee of Canada Soccer appointed by the General Secretary to oversee competitions in accordance with its Terms of Reference. In addition to its overall responsibilities the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee has specific responsibilities for the Futsal Canadian Championships including, but not limited to:
 - 2.1.1. Selecting a suitable venue for the Championship
 - 2.1.2. Overseeing general preparations, deciding on the competition format, any draws and forming groups that may be required
 - 2.1.3. Approving the dates, venues, and determining kick-off times
 - 2.1.4. Where a match is abandoned determining if, when, and where, the match will be replayed
 - 2.1.5. Replacing teams who have withdrawn from the Championships;
 - 2.1.6. Deciding on cases of Provincial/Territorial Associations or participating teams failing to adhere to the timelines and/or the formal requirements for submitting the necessary documents
 - 2.1.7. Verifying that the requirements concerning the eligibility of players are met



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- 2.1.8. Dealing with breaches of the doping regulations
- 2.1.9. Reporting cases in relation to disciplinary action to Canada Soccer Disciplinary Committee
- 2.1.10. Judging protests and taking appropriate steps to verify their admissibility
- 2.1.11. Settling cases of force majeure
- 2.1.12. Dealing with any other aspect of the Futsal Canadian Championship Competition that is not the responsibility of any other body under the terms of these Regulations

2.2. Any decisions taken by the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee regarding the Futsal Canadian Championships are final and binding, unless otherwise stated in these Regulations, on all parties and are not subject to appeal.

3. Canada Soccer Organizing Committee

3.1. A Canada Soccer Organizing Committee shall be appointed for the Futsal Canadian Championship. It will consist of the appointed Match Commissioner, General Coordinator, Assistant General Coordinator, Supervisor of Officials, and any other persons deemed necessary.

3.2. The Canada Soccer Organizing Committee shall be responsible for the in-venue operation and execution of the respective Competition to which it is appointed. The duties of each position will be provided to the appointee.

3.3. The Match Commissioner acts as the senior Canada Soccer appointee and is responsible for the overall management of the competition and specifically deals with disciplinary matters, protests, admissibility, and leads the crisis management team.

3.4. The General Coordinator is responsible for all operational aspects related to the staging of the competition.

3.5. The Supervisor of Officials is responsible for the overall management of match officials and assessors.

3.6. The Canada Soccer Organizing Committee shall be responsible for approving the official ball and the stipulated technical material

4. Participating Teams

4.1. Participation in the Competition shall be open to one (1) representative team of each Association in Membership each playing season. Each Association in Membership will determine how the team will qualify for the Competition. Teams must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in these Regulations to be admissible to the Competition.

4.2. Teams shall participate in the following competition categories:

Futsal Canadian Championships
Senior Amateur – Men and Women’s
Open Age

Other Championships



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As may be defined from time to time by Canada Soccer

- 4.3 Teams must be able to field a minimum of ten (10) players to participate in the Competition. Teams who fail to meet this minimum standard will be subject to sanction.
- 4.4 Each club team entering must be affiliated with its respective Member Association and will be certified an eligible team upon having its Member Association approve the Online Team Roster. Only players and team staff approved by the Member Association will be permitted access to accredited areas.
- 4.5 Canada Soccer Competitions Committee may reject the participation of any team at its entire discretion where the team fails to meet the criteria.
- 4.6 On entering the Competition, the Participating Teams automatically undertake to:
- 4.6.1 Comply with the maximum number of players and officials as defined in these Regulations;
 - 4.6.2 Observe these Regulations and the principles of fair play;
 - 4.6.3 Accept and obey all decisions taken by Canada Soccer and its officials under the terms of these Regulations;
 - 4.6.4 Respect the deadlines as set by Canada Soccer;
 - 4.6.5 Participate in all matches of the Competition in which the team is scheduled to take part;
 - 4.6.6 Accept all the arrangements made by Canada Soccer
 - 4.6.7 Accept the usage by Canada Soccer, as well as the recording and broadcast of the images, names and records of all participants that may appear in connection with the Championship;
 - 4.6.8 Ensure the provision of adequate insurance to cover the team and any other person carrying out duties on its behalf against all risks, including, but not limited to, injury, accident and travel.
- 4.7 In addition, each participating team shall be responsible for:
- 4.7.1 The actions of its players, team staff, and spectators and must take all precautions necessary to prevent them from threatening or assaulting anyone at matches, especially the match officials;
 - 4.7.2 Paying for costs incurred not covered by Canada Soccer during the course of its stay in the host venue;
 - 4.7.3 Attending official media activities when requested to do so;
 - 4.7.4 Attending team meetings, Provincial/Territorial Representative meetings, disciplinary hearings, and other meetings called by Canada Soccer in-venue.
- 4.8 Players and staff cannot temporarily leave and return to the championship, without prior approval of the Match Commissioner. Depending on the reason for leaving, players may be required to submit a Return to Play Form.
- 4.9 A player who receives any medical attention during the championship will be required to provide the General Coordinator, Assistant General Coordinator or Match Commissioner with a return to play form signed by the registered medical practitioner who attended the player.
- 4.10 Players/team staff who wish to permanently leave the Competition and are not returning must notify the Match Commissioner prior to their departure, confirmed by the Provincial/Territorial Representative.



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- 4.11 Provincial/Territorial Associations must confirm their participation for entry in the Competition annually as determined by Canada Soccer.
- 4.12 Any Province/Territory that withdraws after the deadline will be subject to sanction in accordance with articles 6.2 and 6.3.
- 4.13 Provincial and Territorial Associations must advise Canada Soccer of its qualified teams. No qualified team(s) may be replaced without the approval of the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee. (see Article 7).

5. Provincial/Territorial Representatives

- 5.1. Each Province/Territory participating in the Futsal Canadian Championship must appoint a person to act as its representative. The Provincial/Territorial Representative must:
- 5.1.1 Not be a member of the team staff, a player, or immediate family of a player/team staff in the competition regardless of if he/she serves on the Provincial Board or staff from the Provincial/Territorial Association;
 - 5.1.2 Stay at the host hotel, unless dispensation has been granted by Canada Soccer, but not share a hotel room with team staff members or players;
 - 5.1.3 Be present in the host venue for the entire duration of the Competition. They shall arrive with, or on the same day as their first team and depart with, or after, their last team has left the host venue;
 - 5.1.4 Be approved by the Provincial/Territorial Association Board and hold enhanced police information check (E-PIC) clearance. For this purpose, an E-PIC clearance must have been issued within 12 months of the start date for the respective competition;
 - 5.1.5 Be present at all Canada Soccer mandated meetings;
 - 5.1.6 Attend, together with the team representative, the Pre-Competition Meeting;
 - 5.1.7 Attend all discipline hearings involving a player or staff member with one of his/her teams;
 - 5.1.8 Attend daily meetings with the Match Commissioner during the competition
 - 5.1.9 Be responsible to the Match Commissioner for the communication of all matters relating to the teams. In this regard the Provincial/Territorial Representative must be in possession of a cell phone that is capable of operating in the host venue;
 - 5.1.10 Ensure that all players and team staff adhere to the Canada Soccer Code of Conduct and Ethics;
 - 5.1.11 Ensure players and team staff wear their team accreditation at the hotel, to and from matches, at the playing venues, and at any official functions;
 - 5.1.12 Participate on a Competition Discipline Committee when appointed by the Match Commissioner during the Competition;
 - 5.1.13 Attend all official functions of the competition and be dressed appropriately;
 - 5.1.14 Report all incidents of property damage by the team(s) involved to the Match Commissioner.
- 5.2. Accreditation will be provided for one Provincial/Territorial Representative.

6. Withdrawals, un-played matches, and abandoned matches

- 6.1. All participating teams undertake to play all of their matches.



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- 6.2. After entering the Competition, a team that fails to participate shall be penalized as specified below, except in unforeseen circumstances and cases of force majeure as determined by Canada Soccer.
- 6.3. If a withdrawal takes place:
- 6.3.1. After entering the Competition but on, or before, the day of the first match of the Competition a fine of \$2,500 is to be paid
 - 6.3.2. Anytime during the Competition a fine of \$5,000 is to be paid
- 6.4. If a team does not report for a match – except in cases of force majeure recognized by Canada Soccer Organizing Committee – or refuses to continue to play or leaves the playing venue before the end of the match, the team shall be considered as having lost and will be disqualified from the Futsal Canadian Championship Competition. The offending team shall not be eligible to participate in the next two Futsal Canadian Championship Competitions and will be subject to sanction as determined by Canada Soccer.
- 6.5. Depending on circumstances and the decision of Canada Soccer Competitions Committee, a team which withdraws at any stage of the Competition may be ordered to reimburse Canada Soccer and the Host Committee any expenses that have already been incurred as a result of the team’s proposed involvement or non-involvement in the Competition and also pay compensation for any damages or losses arising from its withdrawal.
- 6.6. Penalties specified in paragraph 6.5 above will not be applied in cases of force majeure, as verified by Canada Soccer Competitions Committee.
- 6.7. A team shall arrive at the venue for its scheduled match no later than 65 minutes before the designated KO time. Failure to do so, without just cause, will result in the team being expelled from the remainder of the competition and all its scheduled matches declared null and void. The Provincial/Territorial Association in membership will be required to provide an explanation of the actions of its team to Canada Soccer, and may be subject to sanction.
- 6.8. Where a match is abandoned as a result of a discipline issue from one of the competing teams, the matter shall be reported to the Match Commissioner who will convene a disciplinary hearing to decide the appropriate course of action. On the final day such issues will be referred to the Canada Soccer Discipline Committee for its action.
- 6.9. Where a team forfeits a match, it is considered to have a loss of 3-0, unless the goal difference on the pitch is greater than 3-0, in which case the score at the time of abandonment is upheld. The Canada Soccer Competitions Committee may take further action as deemed appropriate.

7. Replacement Teams

If a qualified team is unable to participate in the Futsal Canadian Championships, Canada Soccer Competitions Committee shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion.

8. Eligibility of Players



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- 8.1. Only players properly registered for the current season with an Association in Membership shall be eligible to compete in the Futsal Canadian Championship. Each player on the final submitted roster shall be either:
- 8.1.1. A Canadian Citizen; or
 - 8.1.2. A Permanent Resident (as defined by the Government of Canada);
 - 8.1.3. A Protected Person (as defined by the Government of Canada).
- 8.2 The Match Commissioner may request proof of eligibility at any time. Failure to provide the proof will result in the player not being permitted to play. Proof of eligibility is as follows:
- 8.2.1 Canadian Citizen – valid passport or birth certificate (or colour copy of birth certificate);
 - 8.2.2 Permanent Resident – valid permanent resident card; or proof of permanent residency as provided by the Government of Canada;
 - 8.2.3 Protected Person – documents as provided by the Government of Canada;
 - 8.2.4 Provincial/Territorial Association photo ID card for both players and team staff.
- 8.3. Teams participating in the Futsal Canadian Championship shall enter the names of players and team staff in the Canada Soccer Competitions online registration platform. The online team roster shall be the final list and will have a minimum of ten (10) and a maximum of fourteen (14) players and a maximum of four (4) staff. Teams must submit their roster of players and staff no later than ten (10) days prior to the opening match in the Competition.
- 8.4. Players must be eligible to play in any futsal league match for the current playing season. No team shall register players after qualifying for the Futsal Canadian Championship Competition.
- 8.5. Prior to the first match, documentation for all players listed on the player roster are to be checked for verification by the appointed Match Commissioner (or General Coordinator).
- 8.6. Once having appeared in the Association in Membership’s Futsal Canadian Championship Qualifying Competition for a team, a player may not appear for any other team for the duration of that qualification or final competition.
- 8.7. Any team found guilty of fielding an ineligible player shall forfeit the match.
- 8.8. Any player not meeting the required eligibility may apply, via their respective Provincial/Territorial Association, to the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee Eligibility Panel for an exemption. The decision of the Competitions Committee Eligibility Panel is final and not subject to appeal. The deadline for submitting the exemption request is January 31st of the current year or prior to qualifying for the Competition, whichever comes earlier. Any exemption granted is only valid for the year in which it was issued.

9. Eligibility of Team Staff

- 9.1 One member of the team’s staff must be the same gender as the team. This staff member must be on the team bench at all matches and remain with the team until the end of the competition. This role cannot be fulfilled by a player.
- 9.2 All staff listed on the team’s online roster for teams participating in the Futsal Canadian Championships must be E-PIC cleared. For this purpose, an E-PIC clearance must have been issued within 12 months of the start date for the respective competition. One member of the team staff must have completed the CCES E-learning: True Sport Clean 101 and the Role of Athlete Support Personnel



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Course. A copy of the CCES certificate for each of the listed courses must be submitted with the Canada Soccer Online Team Roster.

10. Players and Official Delegation List

10.1 Provincial/Territorial Associations must provide the following information to Canada Soccer within seven (7) days of each team qualifying for the Futsal Canadian Championship:

- 10.1.1 Name of the team;
- 10.1.2 Team Contact;
- 10.1.3 Club President name and contact information

10.2 Teams will be provided with a link to an online form to complete the Competition requirements. The deadline to complete this requirement will be within 7 days of receiving the link.

The online requirements are:

Players: name, date of birth, passport style headshot, jersey number, position, player ID number and CCES Certificates, where applicable.

Coaches: name, date of birth, Coaching Certification Number, headshot and CCES Certificates where required

Team Colours – Light and Dark plus Goalkeeper colours.

All staff listed on the team's online roster for teams participating in the Futsal Canadian Championships must be E-PIC cleared. For this purpose, an E-PIC clearance must have been issued within 12 months of the start date for respective competition.

Designated Athlete Support Personnel for each team staff must complete, on an annual basis, the CCES E-learning courses: True Sport Clean and the Role of Athlete Support Personnel Course. A copy of the CCES certificate for each of the listed courses must be submitted with the Canada Soccer Online Team Roster.

10.3 Teams participating in the Competition must enter the names of players and team staff in the Canada Soccer Competitions Website online team roster. The online team roster shall be the final list and will have a minimum of ten (10) and a maximum of fourteen (14) players and a maximum of four (4) staff.

10.4 Once the online team roster has been completed by the team and the eligibility confirmed by the Provincial/Territorial Association on the Canada Soccer competitions website changes may only be made by Canada Soccer.

10.5 Team staff and players who have received Canada Soccer accreditation and are indicated as present on the match sheet must occupy a position in the Technical Area unless dispensation has been granted by the Match Commissioner.

10.6 Team staff/players must wear the Canada Soccer accreditation at the hotel, at the competition playing venues and any official functions.



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11. Match Sheets

11.1 Teams must submit their completed match sheets through Canada Soccer's online competition platform no later than sixty-five (65) minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time. Once submitted, the team roster is locked, and no changes will be permitted to the match sheet unless approved by the General Coordinator or designate.

11.2 Teams must list a maximum of fourteen (14) players and four (4) team staff on the match sheet. Teams must identify the goalkeeper and captain for each match.

11.3 A maximum of thirteen (13) persons shall be allowed on the team bench: nine (9) substitutes and four (4) team officials. The names of the team officials and their functions must be indicated on the form provided prior to the match.

11.4 A match is played by two (2) teams, each consisting of not more than five (5) players on the pitch, one of whom is the goalkeeper. The minimum number of players required to start a match is three (3), one of whom must be the goalkeeper. The match is abandoned if one of the teams has fewer than three (3) players on the pitch.

11.5 If a player from a team with only three (3) players leaves the pitch to receive medical attention, the match will be suspended until this player has received treatment and is able to return to the pitch. If the player is unable to return, the match is abandoned and the team forfeits the match in accordance with Article 6.9.

11.6 Players serving a suspension are not permitted to sit in the technical area. Youth players must serve any suspension in a designated area under the supervision of team staff.

11.7 The referee shall submit the Referee Report online immediately after the match.

12. Organization of the Competition

12.1 The Competition shall be played annually to determine the Futsal Canadian champions who will represent Canada Soccer in the subsequent Confederation Club Futsal Championship where this competition is organized by CONCACAF.

12.2 The matches in the Competition shall be played according to the schedule determined by Canada Soccer Competitions Committee prior to the commencement of the Competition.

12.3 Teams will be seeded on the basis of their Provincial/Territorial Associations team's final standing in the previous year's championship.

12.4 Host teams may be added at the discretion of the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee in consultation with the Provincial/Territorial Association concerned. The host team shall be the 2nd place team from the Provincial/Territorial Association qualifying provincial championship. If the 2nd place team is unable to compete the hosting Provincial/Territorial Association may request permission from the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee to enter another team. The decision taken by the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee will be final and binding and not subject to appeal.



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12.5 When a host team is required at a Futsal Canadian Championship, the team shall be seeded in last position and shall be eligible for medals. The seeding for the following year will exclude the host team.

12.6 Canada Soccer may, at its discretion, revoke the addition of a 2nd team.

13. Duration of Play, Tie-Breaking, and Standings

13.1 Each match shall last forty (40) minutes, comprising of two periods of twenty (20) minutes with an interval of fifteen (15) minutes in between. Matches will be played with stopped time. Time shall be kept by the Timekeeper who will be positioned at the timekeepers table situated at the halfway line.

13.2 Teams will be afforded a thirty (30) minute warm up period on the pitch before each match, subject to the condition of the pitch. The General Coordinator/Assistant General Coordinator will monitor the warmup period and teams abusing the privilege will be subject to sanction. If the warm-up sessions would negatively affect the state of the pitch for the match, or if the pitch is to be used for ceremonies related to the Championships, Canada Soccer may shorten or cancel the warm-up session.

13.3 The teams are entitled to one (1) one-minute time-out in each period.

13.4 Where the Competition (or parts thereof) is organized on a round-robin basis. Points will be awarded as follows: three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss. The top team from each group in round robin play will advance to the championship match.

13.5 In the third match of any three (3) team round robin, if the team not participating has zero points, has been suspended, or has withdrawn from part or all of the championship, the match shall be played to a decision in accordance with this rule. In the event that the score is tied after regulation time, the taking of kicks from the penalty mark will be used to determine the winner.

13.6 The following criteria shall be used to determine the final standings:

13.6.1 Most points in all group matches,

13.6.2 If two (2) teams are tied in points in all group matches:

13.6.2.1 Greater number of points in matches between the teams concerned (head to head competition);

13.6.2.2 Greater goal difference in all group matches;

13.6.2.3 Greater number of goals scored in all group matches;

13.6.2.4 A drawing of lots

13.7 If three (3) or more teams are tied in points in all group matches, the following are the only criteria to break the tie:

13.7.1 Greater goal difference in matches between the teams concerned (head to head competition);

13.7.2 Greater number of goals scored in all matches between the teams concerned;

13.7.3 Greater goal difference in all group matches;

13.7.4 Greater number of goals scored in all group matches;

13.7.5 Drawing of lots to determine ranking at a time and place determined by the Match Commissioner.



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13.8 Team representatives will be required to attend a Pre-Competition Meeting. Details of said meeting will be provided to each team no later than one week prior to the date the Competition is due to commence.

13.9 Preliminary round matches will only be played to the end of normal playing time, with the exception of the 3-team round robin scenario outlined in Article 13.5 of these regulations.

13.10 Placement matches on the last day (with the exception of the championship match) will be played with a running clock. Should a placement match end in a draw at the end of the 40 minutes, the winner of the match will be determined by kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game published by FIFA.

13.11 Should the championship match end in a draw at the end of normal playing time, extra time will be played. This shall consist of two (2) periods of five (5) minutes each, with an interval of five (5) minutes at the end of normal playing time, but not between the two periods of extra time.

13.12 If at the end of the ten (10) minutes of extra time, the teams are tied, penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the “kicks from the penalty mark” procedure specified in the Futsal Laws of the Game.

13.13 The venue must have a scoreboard showing the remaining time in the period, score, foul count, and period during the match. The timekeeper, positioned at the timekeeper’s table, is responsible for this function and ensures that the clock is stopped and started in accordance with the development of play.

14. Equipment

14.1 Club’s equipment must comply with the FIFA Equipment Regulations and the Futsal Laws of the Game.

14.2 The appointed General Coordinator and Supervisor of Officials will assign the team colours for each match. Teams shall have a least two (2) different and distinct sets of uniforms and will present them at the pre-competition meeting. Goalkeepers are to have two (2) uniforms that distinguish them from the other players and the match officials. . Goalkeepers should declare and bring three distinct colour socks to the championship.

14.3 Shirts must be numbered and the corresponding number used for identification on the team sheet. A player shall be identified by the same number on both sets of uniforms. Teams should plan ahead for the players who are candidates to play as flying goalkeepers. Every flying goalkeeper should bring two sets of player uniform bearing their own player number.

14.4 Players may be identified by means of their surname, or an abbreviation, or nickname on their shirts. The player’s name shall correspond with the name on the players’ list.

14.5 Teams must bring both sets of playing uniforms to each match. Goalkeepers should bring their three sets of socks too.

14.6 During the match, substitutes must wear bibs of a different colour than the players on the pitch. Coaches and team staff must also wear a colour different from the colours of the players on the pitch.



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- 14.7 Undershirts must be the same colour as the main colour of the shirt sleeve; undershorts/tights must be the same colour as the main colour of the shorts or the lowest part of the shorts – players of the same team must wear the same colour. Players not complying will not be allowed to enter the pitch until the match officials are satisfied that the equipment conforms to the Laws of the Game.
- 14.8 Where tape or similar material is applied externally to a sock it must be the same colour as the part of the sock to which it is applied. Clear tape may be used. Ankle braces worn on top of the socks must be taped with the same colour as the part of the sock to which it is applied.
- 14.9 Knee and arm protectors: Where knee and arm protectors are worn, they must be the same colour as the main colour of the shirt sleeve (arm protectors) or the shorts/trousers (knee protectors) and cannot protrude excessively. When it is not possible to match these colours, black or white protectors may be used with shirt sleeves/shorts (or trousers, where applicable) of any colour. When protectors that do not match the shirt sleeves/shorts (or trousers) are used, all such protectors must be the same colour (black or white).
- 14.10 Players are not permitted to wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or other players. NO jewelry: that includes rings, bracelets (except medical alert bracelets – which must be either made of Velcro or similar soft material, or covered with a sweatband), earrings, necklaces, other visible body piercing, etc. The practice of taping jewelry is not acceptable.
- 14.11 Teams may wear the uniform they wear in their current league competitions providing that it is not in conflict with Canada Soccer or the Futsal Canadian Championship Competition title sponsors. Team uniforms (jerseys) may display a maximum of two (2) sponsor brands per playing uniform. This includes any sponsor branding that may be embedded in a league logo. However, the advertising of tobacco or distilled spirits, as well as slogans of a political, religious, or racist nature, or for other causes that offend common decency, is prohibited.
- 14.12 Each team is to bring its Provincial/Territorial Flag (6' x 3') to every match.

15. Pitch, Stadia, Balls

- 15.1 Canada Soccer for the Futsal Canadian Championship Competition shall ensure that the venue and its facilities in which the matches are to take place fulfill FIFA requirements and comply with the standards of safety and security required for hosting matches. The pitch and the ancillary equipment shall comply with the provisions stipulated in the Futsal Laws of the Game. The pitch and the facilities shall be in optimum condition.
- 15.2 The Organizing/Host Committee for the Futsal Canadian Championship Competition shall guarantee that the pitch complies with the Futsal Laws of the Game. This shall be subject to the approval of the appointed Canada Soccer representative and the Match Officials.
- 15.3 The match balls for the Futsal Canadian Championship Competition shall be supplied by the Canada Soccer Organizing Committee for the Futsal Canadian Championship Competition. All balls that may be used are to be provided to the Referee one (1) hour before kick-off for inspection.
- 15.4 An electronic scoreboard must be provided by the Organizing/Host Committee for the Futsal Canadian Championship Competition in the venue to display remaining time in the period, score, foul count, and period. This scoreboard must be able to be controlled by the Timekeeper situated at the halfway line on the pitch.



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16. Medical/Anti-Doping

16.1 A player who receives any form of medical attention from any medical practitioner, either on site, an emergency clinic, or in a hospital during the competition, shall provide the General Coordinator, Assistant General Coordinator, or the Match Commissioner a letter signed by the attending medical practitioner advising that the player can return to play.

16.2 The Canada Soccer Cast Policy shall apply. Any player wearing a cast is to be presented for inspection by the Supervisor of Officials prior to the Pre-Competition Meeting.

16.3 Where a player sustains an injury during the competition that requires a cast, brace or medical support to be worn an inspection will be carried out by the Supervisor of Officials. The player shall also have a certificate from a medical practitioner advising that the player can return to play.

16.4 Canada Soccer has accepted and adopted the 2021 Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) to protect the integrity of our sport, to safeguard the health of our athletes, to permit our elite athletes to participate in international competitions, to fulfill obligations imposed by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), and to satisfy government policy that requires all financially supported sport organizations to have World Anti-Doping Code (Code) compliant anti-doping programs.

16.5 Administered by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES), the 2021 CADP is fully compliant with the 2021 World Anti-Doping Code and its associated International Standards. Athletes, including those participating in the Futsal Canadian Championships, accept these rules as a condition of participation in sport and agree to be bound by these rules.

16.6 Athletes and athlete support personnel registered for the Futsal Canadian Championships are subject to the rules of the CADP and are responsible for meeting the requirements of the CADP.

16.7 Canada Soccer will provide meaningful and effective anti-doping education to all participants (athletes and athlete support personnel) in advance of the Futsal Canadian Championships. This education will be delivered in collaboration with the CCES, and may include mandatory online education completion, webinars and in-person education sessions.

16.8 Proof of education completion (e.g., certificate of completion, attendance records, etc.) must be submitted to Canada Soccer upon registration.

17. Disciplinary Matters

17.1 Disciplinary incidents are dealt with in compliance with the FIFA and Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code in force as well as any relevant FIFA Circulars or Directives with which Canada Soccer is required to comply.

17.2 Participating Teams and their delegation members agree to comply with the Laws of the Game, and with Canada Soccer By-laws, Rules and Regulations and Policies, in particular the Disciplinary Code, Anti-Doping Regulations, Code of Conduct and Ethics, as well any instructions or decisions that have any significance regarding the Futsal Canadian Championships.

17.3 In addition, the players agree to: respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence; behave accordingly; and refrain from doping as defined by the Anti-Doping Policy.



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17.4 The Match Commissioner shall investigate any formal complaint or protest prior to laying any charges of misconduct and shall form a Competition Discipline Committee to conduct a hearing and take appropriate action if necessary.

17.5 The Canada Soccer Disciplinary Committee may, at its discretion, take action against any club/team/Province/Territorial Association whose players, team staff or spectators have been found guilty of misconduct and/or violence toward anyone present at a match and especially towards match officials.

Club/Team/Provincial/Territorial Associations may also be fined for offences committed by their supporters.

17.6 Canada Soccer Competitions Committee shall rule on any alleged breach of these Regulations by an individual or organization. Where Canada Soccer Competitions Committee finds, at its sole discretion, an individual or organization to have breached one or more of these Regulations, the specified penalty shall be applied. Canada Soccer will collect any financial sanction directly from the participating teams in accordance with the Participation Agreement. These decisions are final and are not subject to appeal.

17.7 Canada Soccer Competitions Committee may refer an individual, team or Provincial/Territorial Association, found in breach of the Regulations, to the Canada Soccer Discipline Committee for further review.

17.8 Damage by a team member(s) to any property, other than his/her (their) own shall be the financial responsibility of, and dealt with equally, by the Provincial/Territorial Associations of the members involved in the incident causing the damage. All such incidents must be reported to the Match Commissioner. Sanctions may be imposed by Canada Soccer where appropriate.

17.9 A Youth Player at a Futsal Canadian Championship shall not acquire, possess, purchase, or consume alcohol. Sanctions will be applied to an individual, team, and/or Provincial/Territorial Association, found in breach of this Regulation.

17.10 The Canada Soccer Competitions Committee may refer all issues of misconduct, willful damage, and bringing the match into disrepute by an individual, team, Provincial/Territorial Association to the Canada Soccer Discipline Committee.

17.11 A player or member of team staff dismissed from a match during the Futsal Canadian Championships, except in his/her team's final match of that competition, will receive, at minimum, an automatic one (1) match suspension. Including the automatic suspension incurred, additional disciplinary action shall be imposed as follows:

17.11.1 Breaching the Canada Soccer Code of Conduct and Ethics
File to be sent to Canada Soccer Ethics Committee.

17.11.2 Minor Infringements of the Laws of the Game
As per the Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code

17.11.3 Serious Infringements of Laws of the Game
As per the Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code. Discipline Hearing at the discretion of the Match Commissioner



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- 17.11.4 Team Official dismissed from the technical area in accordance with the Laws of the Game
Minimum two match suspension.
- 17.11.5 Misconduct against Match Officials
As per Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code.
- 17.11.6 Disorderliness at Match and Competitions
Expulsion from the competition; file to be sent to Canada Soccer Disciplinary Committee for further sanctions.
- 17.11.7 Team Misconduct
As per the Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code
- 17.12 A suspended youth age player must sit in the designated supervised area.
- 17.13 A player who accumulates two (2) cautions during the Futsal Canadian Championship competition shall receive a one-match suspension to be served in their next match.
- 17.14 A team official who receives two (2) cautions throughout the Futsal Canadian Championship competition shall receive a one-match suspension to be served in their next match.
- 17.15 A player or member of team staff who is dismissed in the final match of the Futsal Canadian Championship, a player who receives a second caution throughout the competition or a team official who receives a second caution throughout the competition in the final match, will be referred to the Canada Soccer Discipline Committee for sanction.
- 17.16 Fines levied by Canada Soccer must be paid within thirty (30) days after receiving written notification.

18. Disciplinary Hearings and Appeals

- 18.1 The Match Commissioner may, at his/her sole discretion, conduct a hearing for misbehaviour on or off the pitch. A Competition Discipline Committee shall be formed to conduct this hearing in accordance with the FIFA and Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code and Canada Soccer By-laws, Rules and Regulations and Policies.
- 18.2 The Match Commissioner shall establish and chair a Competition Discipline Committee to conduct a hearing and take appropriate action if necessary.
- 18.3 A Competition Discipline Committee shall include at least two (2) Provincial/Territorial Representatives.
- 18.4 Any decision taken by the Competition Discipline Committee shall be final as far as the competition is concerned but further disciplinary sanctions may be imposed by the Canada Soccer Discipline Committee.
- 18.5 Misconduct by players or team staff reported by the referee shall be dealt with by the Match Commissioner or a Competition Discipline Committee prior to the team's next match.



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18.6 When summoned to a hearing by the Match Commissioner a player or member of team staff reported for misconduct must attend. The Provincial/Territorial Representative shall accompany the player or team staff to the hearing. In addition, the player or team staff may be accompanied by a team official. The individual summoned for a hearing may, at the discretion of the Match Commissioner, appoint a representative to attend the hearing on their behalf. Anyone representing an accused must provide a signed proxy from the accused before being allowed to participate at a hearing.

18.7 Failure to attend a Discipline Hearing, after receiving written notification by the Match Commissioner to do so, shall result in immediate suspension until the player or team staff involved requests a further hearing in writing and appears at that subsequent hearing.

18.8 The Competition Discipline Committee may hold a hearing into any allegation of misconduct off the pitch or bringing the match into disrepute. The Committee may take any disciplinary action it sees fit, including suspension for the remainder of the competition. Furthermore, it may refer the matter to the Canada Soccer Discipline Committee for review and disposition.

18.9 An appeal may be lodged with Canada Soccer Appeals Committee in accordance with Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code, unless the disciplinary sanction pronounced is:

- 18.9.1 a warning;
- 18.9.2 a reprimand;
- 18.9.3 a suspension for fewer than three (3) matches or of up to two (2) months;
- 18.9.4 a decision passed in compliance with Canada Soccer Competition Regulations where such decisions are final and binding.

19. Protests

19.1 For the purpose of these Regulations, protests are objections of any kind related to events or matters that have a direct effect on matches, including but not limited to the state of and markings on the pitch, accessory match equipment, eligibility of players, facilities, and footballs.

19.2 Unless otherwise stipulated, any protest arising out of any match in a Canada Soccer Competition shall be made in writing to the Match Commissioner or the General Coordinator match report having been finalized online. A protest fee of \$500 will be levied by Canada Soccer.

19.3 In all cases, the Competition Discipline Committee must rule on the protest, including the disposition of the protest fee, prior to the commencement of the next day's matches. Any decision taken by this Committee on a protest shall be final and binding, as far as the competition is concerned.

19.4 If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the Competition Disciplinary Committee may impose a sanction.

19.5 The referee's decision regarding facts connected with play, including whether or not a goal is scored and the result of the match, are final. There can be no protests against a decision of the referees as outlined in the Laws of The Game.

19.6 Protests or challenges in respect to player eligibility not ruled upon, or requiring further investigation, will be dealt with by the appropriate Canada Soccer Committee and may result in the overall standings being amended.



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19.7 After the completion of the Futsal Canadian Championships, any protest regarding player eligibility already ruled on by the Match Commissioner will not change the results of the Competition.

19.8 If any of the formal conditions of a protest as set out in these Regulations is not met, such protests shall be disregarded by the competent body. Once the final match in the respective Futsal Canadian Championship has ended, no further protests under this article will be received.

20. Commercial Rights

20.1 Canada Soccer is the owner of all of the rights around the Futsal Canadian Championship. These rights include among others, audiovisual and radio recording rights, reproduction and broadcast rights, multimedia rights, sponsorship, marketing and promotional rights and incorporeal rights such as logo and emblems and rights arising under copyright law, whether currently existing or created in the future, subject to any provision as set forth in specific regulations.

20.2 The Futsal Canadian Championship logo cannot be duplicated or manipulated by participating teams.

20.3 Each participating team shall grant Canada Soccer with the right to use the teams' names, logos, badges, and marks in connection with their participation in the Futsal Canadian Championship for marketing and promotional purposes (examples include website, program, etc.).

20.4 Participating team playing and/or warmup uniforms (jerseys) may display the branding of team sponsors, to a maximum of two (2) sponsor brands per playing uniform. This includes any sponsor branding that may be embedded in a league logo.

20.5 The jersey manufacturer logo is exempt and does not count toward two sponsor brands.

20.6 The Sponsors whose brands are visible on participating team playing and/or warmup uniforms must have supported the team prior to qualification to the Futsal Canadian Championship.

20.7 Participating Teams wearing a playing and/or warmup uniform which features a sponsor logo that has not been approved by Canada Soccer shall cover or remove the offending logo (the jersey manufacturer is exempt).

21. Refereeing

21.1 The Referees shall be selected from the list of Canada Soccer approved Futsal match officials.

21.2 Supervisor of Officials shall be appointed to each competition by Canada Soccer Referees Committee.

21.3 Match Officials shall be appointed to individual matches in the respective competitions on behalf of Canada Soccer Referee Committee by the Supervisor of Officials in venue. Canada Soccer's decision on the appointment of match officials shall be final and not subject to appeal.

21.4 The referee must complete the online referee report at the playing venue immediately after the match. The report will be complete once the match has been set to "Played". On the report



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form the referee must note all occurrences of significance such as misconduct of players leading to caution or expulsion, unsporting behaviour or misconduct by team officials or spectators and any other incident happening before, during and after the match in as much detail as possible.

21.5 The decision of Canada Soccer Referees Committee is final and binding and not subject to appeal.

21.6 Match Assessors, where appointed, must complete the online Incident Report Form for all matches.

22. Laws of the Game

22.1 All matches will be played under the Futsal Laws of the Game as approved and published by FIFA.

22.2 In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Futsal Laws of the Game, the English text shall be authoritative.

23. Accommodations

23.1 Teams participating in the Futsal Canadian Championships must stay in the hotels designated by the Canada Soccer Organizing Committee. Clubs or teams registered within a 50km radius of the hosting venue may request exemption from this regulation.

23.2 Parents shall not share hotel rooms with players

23.3 Players and team staff shall not share hotel rooms

23.4 Youth age players at any youth or senior Competition must be appropriately supervised by the team staff.

23.5 Curfews shall be appropriate for the age of the players. Unless the team staff has stipulated an earlier curfew time all youth age players on either a youth or senior team shall adhere to an "in-room" curfew of no later than 11:00pm.

23.6 The youth curfew time may be extended if their team is attending an official function which runs past the established time.

23.7 All team staff and senior-age players shall adhere to a curfew as set by their Provincial/Territorial Association.

24. Trophies and Awards

24.1 At the Futsal Canadian Championship, the medal winning (Gold/Silver/Bronze) teams will receive a maximum of twenty (20) medals.

24.2 A medal from this allocation will be for the team's Provincial or Territorial



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Representative.

24.3 All trophies presented to the winning team at the Competition remain the property of Canada Soccer.

25. Call-ups

25.1 A Participating Team may request permission to call up players to participate who might not otherwise be eligible within the deadlines set below. This request must be in writing, to their respective Provincial/Territorial Association who will forward it to the Canada Soccer Competitions Manager. If approved, permission will be provided in writing. The appropriate team staff shall make this permission available to the Match Commissioner upon request.

25.2 Participating Teams may call-up a maximum of two (2) players to replace players already registered with the Team Roster who are unable to take part in the Futsal Canadian Championships.

25.3 Call-up requests must be submitted on the appropriate form a minimum of 14 days prior to the start of the Canada Soccer Futsal Canadian Championships.

25.4 The criterion for a player to be eligible for call-up will be as follows:

- 25.4.1 Call-ups must be registered with the Provincial/Territorial Association of the Participating Team requesting the call-up.
- 25.4.2 Call-ups must come from the team's club system, if such a system is in place.
- 25.4.3 If the playing season is not over, a call-up must have written permission of the team/club for which they play.
- 25.4.4 Call-ups may not be a nationally carded athlete.
- 25.4.5 A senior team cannot call up a player who is under the age of 17 as of 1 January of the current year unless the player has participated with the senior team during that season.

25.5 Once a player has been replaced by a call-up, they cannot participate in a Futsal Canadian Championship in the current year.

25.6 Where, after approval, a call-up player is injured and cannot compete in a Futsal Canadian Championship a Participating Team may seek to replace this player with another call-up. A medical certificate must accompany this request. Subject to meeting the criteria outlined, the Chair of Canada Soccer Competitions Committee may, at their sole discretion, approve this call-up.

25.7 A Participating Team may request a goalkeeper call-up within the 14-day window referred to in Art 28.3. Subject to meeting the criteria outlined, the Chair of Canada Soccer Competitions Committee may, at their sole discretion, approve the call-up of a goalkeeper. The team must outline the reasons why the goalkeeper is unable to participate in its request.

25.8 Where a Participating Team has exhausted its maximum number of call-ups outlined in Article 25.2 a Participating Team may request additional call-up(s) if the approved online team roster falls below the mandatory 10 player threshold. The team must provide in writing the reasons for the additional call-up(s). Subject to meeting the criteria outlined, the Canada Soccer Call-Up Panel may, at their discretion, approve this call-up.

25.9 Replaced youth players cannot be listed on the online registration in any other capacity.



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25.10 Regular registered team members who wish to play may not be replaced.

25.11 Decisions taken by Canada Soccer regarding call-ups are final and binding and not subject to appeal.

26. Breach of Regulations

26.1 Where a breach of these Regulations occur, the Match Commissioner shall complete a Breach of Regulation Form and submit it to Canada Soccer. A copy of the form will be provided to the team's Provincial/Territorial Representative. Mitigating circumstances to be taken into consideration by the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee must be provided by the Provincial/Territorial Association to the Canada Soccer Competitions Manager within fourteen (14) days of the last day of competitions.

26.2 Canada Soccer has approved a schedule of fines which shall be levied by the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee. This schedule is at Annex A.

26.3 Any decision taken by the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee on a breach of regulations is final and binding and not subject to appeal.

These regulations were approved by Canada Soccer January 2023 and came into force immediately thereafter.

Any previous versions of these regulations shall apply mutatis mutandis to any matters that arose before these Regulations came into force.

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Annex A**Approved Schedule of Minimum Fines for Breach of Regulations 2023**

Provincial/Territorial Representative not in attendance at Pre-Competition meeting or other meetings mandated by Canada Soccer	\$500 per meeting
Team Representative not in attendance at Pre-Competition meeting or other meetings mandated by Canada Soccer	\$500 per meeting
Failure of team or Provincial/Territorial Representative to attend all official functions	\$500 plus expenses
Failure to wear the assigned team colours	\$500
Failure to wear the registered online jersey number	\$250 - \$500
Failure to have a second set of uniforms	\$500
Failure to have the alternate set of uniforms at the playing venue	\$500
Failure for a team to participate in a scheduled match without just cause	\$2,500 plus expenses.
Failure of the Provincial/Territorial Representative to be present in the host location for the entire duration of the Competition. They must arrive with, or on the same day as, the first team and depart with or after their last team.	\$500 - \$1000
Failure to attend the Futsal Canadian Championship (Provinces/Territory withdrawing after the deadline)	\$2500 plus expenses
Failure to comply with gender requirement for a Team	\$1000
Failure to submit required information to the Canada Soccer office by the deadlines	\$500
Failure to submit the duly signed Participation Agreement to the Canada Soccer Competitions Manager seven (7) days prior to the start of the Competition	\$500
Submitting an incomplete match sheet	\$250 - \$500
A team not reporting for a match, refusing to continue to play, or leaving the playing venue before the end of the match	Disqualification from the competition and the offending team will be suspended from participating in the next two (2) Futsal Canadian Championship Competitions



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Where no penalty is specified, a breach of the Regulations shall carry a penalty as follows:

- *By a Provincial/Territorial Association – From a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$5,000 per breach plus any expenses incurred.
- * By a Participating Team – From a minimum of \$500 to a maximum of \$2,000 per breach plus any expenses incurred.
- * By an individual – From a minimum of \$500 to a maximum of \$1,000 per breach plus any expenses incurred.