





## **SYDNEY FUTSAL CUP:**

1st major tournament including Academies & Clubs ever organised in Sydney.

It's a greater opportunity for more children and youth to play at a high level,

nationally, every year. A tournament that:

- ✓ Boosts the passion for the game
- ✓ Grows futsal in Australia
- ✓ Increases the quality of Australian football

## **WELCOME**

We are pleased to have you joining the 2023 Sydney Futsal Cup! This sporting event would not happen without your participation. Thank you for your support and we hope you have an amazing experience!

### **Host Organisation's Information**

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## Participant Responsibilities

The Participants (and the Clubs from which they represent) shall be responsible throughout the Competition for, and agree to the following:

1. Comply with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game
2. To respect the principles of Fair Play and Code of Behaviour and Code of Ethics
3. To field the strongest team and to perform at the best of their ability throughout the SFC
4. To participate throughout the entire SFC
5. Ensuring the conduct of the team, players, team officials, and spectators is respectful, honest, and non-aggressive throughout the competition from the arrival at the venue until their departure
6. Paying for incidental expenses incurred by the participants which may include uniforms, equipment, food and drink, travel, accommodation, etc
7. Must supply bibs for substitutes to wear
8. Players sitting on the substitutes bench must be wearing bibs at all times
9. Attending any meetings, disciplinary hearings, appeals or other of which presence is required such as media activities
10. Ensure that all paperwork is completed and returned during the required time frames
11. By participating in the Competition, participants agree to comply with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game, Statutes, Regulations, Disciplinary Codes, Doping Control Regulations, Code of Ethics, Licensed Marketing Agreement, and the Operations Manual of FA and FIFA as well as the Rules of Competition for the SFC
12. By participating in the Competition, participants agree to comply fully with decisions and directives given by the Match Officials, and Competition Administrators.
13. To observe all safety instructions as provided by SFC and its participants



14. Not to represent the SFC without prior written approval by the authorized person

15. Grant SFC the right to use and authorize others use photographic, audio-visual and visual material of participants, including names, statistics, club name, logo, emblems and sponsors, free of charge for its use. The use may include use on the website, media usage, advertising, promotional materials

### Insurance

1. SFC has insurance coverage through AON Risk Services Australia Limited
2. The insurance company is XL Insurance Company SE.
3. The SFC will have Public Liability cover for \$20,000,000.000 also through XL Insurance Company SE.
4. If a player is seriously injured, they must fill out an incident report form on the day of the accident occurring.
5. To lodge a claim contact Leandro Mercaldi via email at [info@sydneyfutsalcup.com](mailto:info@sydneyfutsalcup.com)
6. All players MUST be registered to play in the Sydney Futsal Cup
7. Any player NOT Registered as a player in the Sydney Futsal Cup will be the responsibility of their club and the player / parent / Club in which they play and will indemnify Sydney Futsal Cup and any all of its volunteers / employees /Referees /competing players & coaches against any claim / liability whatsoever in any regard.

### **COMPETITION ENTRY**

#### Entries for the Competition

The SFC is the 1st major Futsal tournament including academies & clubs of this scale organised in Sydney.

The minimum & maximum number of competing teams within each age division and category will be at the sole discretion of the competition administrators.



## Teams

To be eligible to participate in the SFC, a Team must fulfill the following criteria:

1. It must fill in the official entry documents, which must reach the SFC Competition Administrators by the deadline communicated in the information accompanying the entry documents.
2. Have paid their registration fees by the due date.
3. Teams must nominate a minimum of six (6) players and a maximum of 10 players.
4. Only players who meet the Player Eligibility Criteria as set out below can be listed for a team.

## Players / Match Officials

1. To be eligible to participate in the SFC, a Player must fulfill the following criteria:
2. Players must meet the requirements of the NSW Futsal Leagues Player Age Policy.
3. Be the correct age to meet the requirements of the Age Group in which the team is competing. Age is determined by the age of the player at the 31st December the year of the event. (For example: players born in 2011 are eligible to play in the U12 age group)
4. Teams are allowed to field up to 2 players born after 15th October the prior year of the age group competing in. (For example: A player born on or after 15th OCT 2010 is eligible to play in the U12 age group)
5. Girls are allowed to play one age group down.
6. Complete the official entry documents, which must reach the SFC Competition
7. Administrators by the deadline communicated in the information accompanying the entry documents.
8. Players must ensure that their name is included on the List of Players submitted by the Team for the SFC
9. A player is only eligible to play for one team in the same age group unless authorized by the Competition managers prior to the event.
10. Players are allowed to play in 2 age groups for the same club (as long as they



meet the age eligibility) and must be registered in both teams

11. Players must be available to start the match and cannot join after the match has commenced if playing in another age group. Games will not be held up to wait for players who are playing across age groups
12. By registering, players agree notably to respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence and behave accordingly

### Team Officials

There may be up to Three (3) Team Officials for the Team for every match e.g. Coach, Manager and Medical Person & will only be eligible to be on the team's bench if pre nominated with this said capacity.

Team Officials are selected by the persons / panel created for Team Official identification of the Representative Team.

The Team Officials must behave in a responsible manner.

Team Officials are responsible for but not limited to the following:

1. Complete all paperwork regarding registration into the SFC
2. Act as the centralized point of communication between the Host Club and the Team
3. Notifying the team of the playing times and venues
4. Inform the team of any changes to the SFC
5. Ensure that fair play is upheld
6. Ensure that the safety of the team is maintained
7. Assist the team to play at their highest level of ability
8. Assist the team to improve on their skills
9. Ensure Match Sheets are completed, true and accurate
10. Nominate 2-1 points to the opposing team after each match
11. Handle all issues, disputes, complaints, protests on behalf of the team & their spectators
12. Be responsible for the actions of their spectators & agree to take any action as



directed by the competition Managers

13. Only Players and Team Officials for the current match are permitted to be in the Technical Area.
14. No person under the age of 6 Years Old is permitted within the Technical Area.
15. Occupants of the Technical Area must be either a registered Player or a registered Team Official (who is always showing the appropriate accreditation)
16. A Player or Team Official who is under Suspension must not occupy a seat in the Technical Area.
17. All Players must be in Uniform and able to take part in the current match UNLESS authorized & approved by the competition managers.

### Admission Procedure

#### Entry Fee

1. Team entry fee - \$1,200.00 per team. This covers the operational costs of the competition including the venue, referees, staff and the team's flag.
2. If the tournament is cancelled due to a COVID outbreak or national/international teams are no longer able to travel to Sydney due to the COVID pandemic in their area, SFC will refund the total team entry fee including the \$200 nomination deposit. The situation will need to be supported by evidence from your respective health authority.
3. All teams MUST be completely financial prior to the commencement of the SFC.
4. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN WHATSOEVER ONCE THE LEAGUE HAS COMMENCED REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF GAMES PLAYED.

#### List of Players

1. The Teams' List of Players make up the part of the Registration Documents
2. Teams must nominate a minimum of six (6) players and can nominate up to ten (10) players.
3. Only players who meet the Player Eligibility Criteria as set out below can be listed for a team.



4. Teams cannot borrow players. Players belonging to the same Club/Academy may play up into another team on the provision that they have been nominated and registered to be in that team on the original team sheet submission.
5. Teams cannot use players who have not been named on their List of Players or registered.
6. Any amendments to the List of Players must be made in writing a minimum of one (1) day from when the match is scheduled to be played. New players to the registration form must also have the approval of the Competition Managers prior to participating in the SFC
7. When submitting the List of Players, the Clubs and Teams are responsible for ensuring that the afore mentioned provisions are respected.
8. The SFC Administration decides on questions of player eligibility. Challenged decisions are dealt with by SFC.
9. To be eligible to play in the final series the player must have played in at least 3 prior games with the team prior to the final series.

### Venue Information

Venue Details:

Menai Indoor Sports Centre: 98-150 Allison Cres, Menai NSW 2234

### Venue Conditions

1. No smoking inside the venue. Smoking areas must be in accordance with Government Regulations.
2. No alcoholic beverages are permitted outside of licensed areas.
3. No animals are permitted inside the venue.
4. Persons causing any damage to the venue and or its fittings and fixtures will be held responsible for all costs and the matter will be referred to the Police
5. All facilities, i.e. Change rooms etc shall be left in a clean and tidy condition.
6. No spectators are permitted in the playing area.
7. No persons under the age of 6 Years of Age are permitted in the playing area unless approved by the competition management





8. Only participants actively competing in the Match should be near the field of play. Those which are about to take part of have just finished a Match are permitted to be within the Playing Areas but outside of the Field of Play and should enter / leave the Playing Areas within a reasonable timeframe.

## Competition Structure

### *Age Divisions:*

*U8s, U9s, U10s, U11s, U12s (mixed boys and girls)*

Please note that players who wish to play outside of their Age Category must conform to the Player Age Policy.

### *Draw*

A draw will be made available Four (4) days prior to the commencement of the Tournament.

It is the responsibility of the Team Manager and players of the team participating in the competition to ensure that they have the correct details for their matches.

- 8 teams per age group - (5 age groups - therefore 40 teams in total)
- All teams to play each other - Round Robin
- Top 4 teams make to the Cup Division (Div 1)
- Bottom 4 teams make to the Plate Division (Div 2)

### *Number of games:*

Day 1 – 2 or 3 games per squad

Day 2 – 2 or 3 games per squad

Day 3 – 2 or 3 games per squad

Day 4 – 1 game from group stage plus Semis and Final

Guarantee per team a total of 8 games (9 for finalists) in 4 days

- TOTAL GAMES: 170



## Procedure to Determine Placings

The matches in the Tournament will be played with each team within an Age Division playing the other teams within the same Age Division an equal number of times. The following points will be awarded for matches during the Regular Season:

- Win = 3 Points,
- Draw = 1 Point,
- Loss = 0 Points

If two (2) or more teams are level on points accumulated, the following criteria shall be applied, in order, until one (1) of the teams can be determined as the higher ranked:

- Highest goal difference
- Highest number of points accumulated in matches between the teams concerned  
Lowest number of Yellow Cards accumulated
- Lowest number of Red Cards accumulated
- Toss of a coin

The Team who wins the Grand Final will be crowned the SFC Champions in their Age Division. The Team who loses in the Grand Final will be crowned the Runners-Up in their Age Division.

## Disciplinary Matters

1. Disciplinary Incidents will be dealt with by SFC in a timely manner.
2. Match Officials may be required to attend Disciplinary Hearings involving Send-off or Incident Reports.
3. No protests will be accepted in relation to Yellow Cards
4. A Protest against a send-off decision / Red Card must be in writing by the club / Team Official & NO protests lodged by parents or spectators regarding these



matters will be recognized or acted upon.

5. Any Official Protest against a Referees Decision / sanction will incur a NON refundable \$50.00 application fee which is payable immediately upon lodgement of the protest.

### First Aid

1. Whilst the SFC will ensure that a First Aid Officer is present, it is the responsibility of each team to be equipped and prepared with First Aid Personnel.
2. Medications will not be issued by the SFC or any of its staff or nominated authorities. Players who require medications (e.g. Asthma Medication) should ensure that they have it prior to participating in the SFC and only administer the medication on and by themselves as prescribed by their physician.
3. Please note that medications including Asthma Puffers and Pain Killers (e.g. Panadol) cannot be provided to players by the First Aid Officer supplied by the SFC.

NO STRAPPING WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE FIRST AID OFFICER WHATSOEVER.

### Disputes / Protests

If there is a protest from the Match regarding the Score, the playing of an ineligible player, or an issue to do with time, or equipment including uniform or pitch markings / nets, then the protest must be lodged within an hour after the conclusion of the match. Any protest regarding any other facet of the match must be lodged within twenty-four (24) hours after the match in question.

All disputes outside of the Rules of Competition will be dealt with in accordance with the FA Grievance Resolution Regulations.

### The Duration of the Match

1. The match shall last two (2) equal periods of eighteen (18) minutes. The clock will not be stopped when the ball is out of play.
2. There will be no stoppage time. In the case of a serious injury which requires an ambulance, or other extenuating circumstance (such as no replacement match ball)

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the game at the sole discretion of the NSW Futsal League may either be replayed OR deemed to be completed and any score at the time of the stoppage of play may stand as the final match result for that game.

3. The decision regarding the Duration of the Match by the Match Officials or Host Club is final.
4. The half-time interval shall be (2) minutes
5. There is no extra time for matches played during the round robin stage and group stage of competition.
6. During the Finals Series, if the scores are level at the completion of a match, extra time will be awarded in the form of two (2) equal periods of Five (5) minutes. After the extra time period, if the scores are still level a penalty shootout in the accordance of the FIFA Laws of the Game will determine the winner of the match.

### Trophies and Medals

FOR EACH AGE GROUP: U8, U9, 10, U11, U12

#### CUP Division

- 10 medals 1st place
- 10 medals 2nd place
- 1 large trophy for 1st place
- 1 smaller trophy for 2nd place

#### PLATE Division

- 10 medals 1st place
- 10 medals 2nd place
- 1 Big Plate for 1st place
- 1 Small Plate for 2nd place

### FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game

The Players' Equipment Uniform and their proposed colours must be sent to the SFC organizers at the time of Registration for Approval. SFC will ensure that there are no clashes of colours between the teams. If there is a clash of colours, the 'home team' shall change to an alternative strip. The 'home team' is the first team mentioned on the team sheet and fixture list.



The 'Uniform' consists of the following items:

1. A Jersey or Shirt:
  - a. Must have sleeves
  - b. Must be uniquely numbered and must contrast with the colour of the shirt
  - c. The Jersey or Shirt must be identical in appearance (with the exception of numbering and the Goalkeepers Jersey or Shirt) for all players on one team.
  - d. The Goalkeeper shall wear colours that easily distinguish him from the other players and the referee (this includes outfield players replacing the goalkeeper. Replacement Keepers must have their starting number on the back of the Goalkeepers Jersey)
  
2. Shorts:
  - a. The Shorts must be identical in appearance (with the exception of numbering and the Goalkeepers Jersey or Shirt) for all players on one team
  - b. The Goalkeeper is permitted to wear long trousers
  
3. Socks:
  - a. Please note that if undergarments are worn (e.g. "Skins", bike pants or long sleeved tops), they must be the colour of the main colour of the sleeve of the Jersey or Shirt or as the same main colour of the shorts
  
4. Shin guards:
  - a. Shin guards Shall be entirely covered by the socks
  - b. Made of a suitable material (rubber, plastic or similar substance)
  - c. Shall provide a reasonable degree of protection
  
5. Footwear:
  - a. Canvas or soft leather training or gymnastic shoes
  - b. Soles of rubber or a similar material (no studs)

A Player shall not use equipment or wear anything (including any kind of jewellery /earrings or piercings) that could be dangerous to himself or another player. Jewellery cannot be taped. GLASSES must be strapped to the players head by way of sports band and be of an approved sports eyewear material e.g. NOT glass.

Players who are not compliant with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game in terms of Players Equipment (including Jewellery, uniform and undergarments) will not be able to participate in the match until they are compliant.



Any Player who has been asked to leave the pitch to correct their Players Equipment by a Match Official must report to the Match Official and show that they are now compliant before they are permitted to re-enter the match.

A player may be cautioned by the Referee for incorrect Playing Equipment

SFC shall reserve the right to reject any uniform if considered inappropriate or undesirable. No appeal will be considered.

## Fouls and Misconduct

### General

The FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game are the governing Laws for this Competition. The Decisions of the Referee regarding facts connected with play including whether or not a goal is scored and the result of the match, are final.

All Disciplinary Sanctions will be in accordance with the SFC Disciplinary Policy.

### *Disciplinary Sanctions for Teams*

If teams are not ready to play at the scheduled kick off time (minimum of three (3) players who are ready with correct Players Equipment), the match will be deemed a forfeit and the result will be on 6-0 win to the opponent. This is at the discretion of SFC. The SFC decision is final.

Should any player / team official or spectator be involved in any fighting within the facility, whether during a match, inside the venue or on the venue grounds including the car park, the team / person / club may face deregistration from their representative club, may no longer be permitted to participate in the SFC and may be subject to further action which may include police involvement where charges may be laid, as well as additional sanctions imposed by SFC/ Football Federation Australia which may include a life ban.

Teams that field unregistered or suspended players or Players who were not on the List of Players submitted by the team upon registration will forfeit the matches the players participated in. The result will be recorded as a 6-0 win to the opposing team. The team MAY also be required to appear before a Disciplinary Committee to state why they should not be removed from the competition. There will be no refund of fees for forfeits.

Any forfeit by a Team will incur a 6-0 loss.



Upon the third (3rd) forfeit the team will be removed from the competition and the team and its players may be banned from competitions run by the Host.

### *Disciplinary Sanctions for Players*

Decision regarding suspensions is final. Yellow and Red Cards may be shown to Players or Team Officials at any time before, during and after the game, on or off the court.

Yellow and Red Cards may be issued verbally to players and substitutes before the match, when the player or substitute is off the pitch or after the match. Where they player cannot be directly informed (e.g. if removed from the Field of Play due to Injury), The referee may verbally inform the Players and Team Officials of the disciplinary sanction taken.

Yellow and Red Cards will be recorded by the Assistant Referees and the Host Club

### *Yellow Cards*

Any player who accumulates three (3) yellow cards will be suspended for their next competition match. This is a cumulative total over the tournament.

Should a player accumulate a further three (3) yellow cards in the competition, the player will incur an automatic suspension of two (2) matches.

If a player receives two (2) yellow cards in one (1) match, these two yellow cards are added to the cumulative yellow cards total, plus the Player will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension for being shown a red card.

If more than one suspension occurs, suspensions cannot be served concurrently  
Disciplinary cards issued throughout the competition will continue into the final series.  
A player cannot appeal a yellow card decision by the Referee.

A player may be cautioned by the Referee for incorrect Playing Equipment through dissent by action.

### *Red Cards*

A player that receives a red card during a match must leave the field of play A player receiving a red card can be replaced by a substitute in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.



A player receiving a red card as a result of two (2) cautions in one match will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension.

A player receiving a straight red card for Denying an Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension.

Disciplinary cards issued throughout the competition will continue into the final series. If more than one suspension occurs, suspensions cannot be served concurrently. The Host Club reserves the right to ask a player sent from the field of play for any reason to face a Disciplinary Committee.

A player has the right to appeal a decision made by the Disciplinary Committee. The appeal must be made in writing to SFC.

#### *Disciplinary Sanctions for Team Officials / Spectators*

Team Officials and Spectators are to act in a responsible manner.

Team Officials and Spectators are subject to the FA (FFA) Code of Behaviour and Code of Ethics.

If they are deemed to be in breach of these codes, they may be asked to leave the Field of Play (for Team Officials) and / or the Venue (for both Team Officials and Spectators) by either the Match Official or the Host Club.

If a Team Official has been asked to leave the Field of Play then an automatic one (1) match suspension will occur for the first incident. If it is the second incident, then a two (2) match suspension will occur. Any further incidents or cases in which the Match Official deems that the Team Official requires further sanctions (such as threatening of participants including the Match Officials) will be subject to appear before a Disciplinary Committee.

Sanctions may include no further participation in the SFC, suspensions or de-registrations by the Representative Club and in some cases, Police involvement. If a Team Official or Spectator has been asked to leave the Venue, then they may be required to appear before a Disciplinary Committee before being allowed to re-enter the venue for the remainder of the SFC. Sanctions may include no further participation in the SFC, suspensions or de-registrations by the Representative Club and in some cases, Police involvement.

Matches will not continue until the Team Official or Spectator has left the Field of Play and / or Venue.