



FNT Futsal Junior League Rules and Regulations 2020

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SECTION 1: GENERAL

1 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

1.1 Football Federation Australia (FFA) has granted Football Federation Northern Territory (FFNT) trading as Football NT (FNT) a mandate to be responsible for the organisation, promotion and regulation of football in the Northern Territory (NT).

1.2 FNT will interpret and apply all articles of these Regulations and any such interpretation or application will be final and binding on all parties, and not subject to challenge or appeal.

1.3 If any provision of these Regulations is held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the remainder of these Regulations and the application thereof shall not be affected thereby and shall continue to be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

1.4 These Regulations govern the Leagues as set out in Section 1, Article 4.

1.5 These Regulations apply to participants in the following competitions (the competitions) unless stated otherwise: a) Senior Social Futsal

1.6 Teams, Players and Team Officials must comply with and agree to abide by the regulations of FFA and FNT including but not limited to:

- a) Football Federation Australia National Registrations Regulations;
- b) Football Federation Australia National Disciplinary Regulations;
- c) Football Federation Australia Code of Conduct;
- d) Football Federation Australia Grievance Resolution Regulations;
- e) Football Federation Australia and Football NT Member Protection Policies;
- f) Football NT Complaint Handling Regulations.

1.7 FNT may from time to time make variations to these Regulations, providing due notice of the variations is given to all competing teams.

1.8 Any capitalised terms used in these Regulations will have the meaning given to them in Schedule 1.

2 CONSEQUENCES FOR BREACH

2.1 Any breach of these Regulations or failure to comply with any direction given by FNT may result in the imposition of a penalty issued by FNT under these Regulations or other sanctions pursuant to the Football NT Disciplinary Regulations.

3 DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS

3.1 All Teams, Players, Team Officials, Match Officials, spectators or any person participating in any manner at a FNT Match or event will submit exclusively to the jurisdiction of FNT.

4 CONFIRMATION OF LEAGUES / AGE DIVISIONS

4.1 FNT will conduct the following competitions under the FNT Futsal Junior League banner: FNT Futsal Junior League 11 and Under division, FNT Futsal Junior League 13 and Under division and FNT Futsal Junior League 15 and Under division.

4.2 Composition of the Leagues, including maximum numbers of Teams, will be determined by FNT.

5 MONIES OWING TO FNT

5.1. Monies owing by a Club / Team:

- a) All amounts owed by a Club / Team to FNT must be paid within 30 days of the date of the invoice issued by FNT in relation to that amount.
- b) For monies still owing after the expiry of 30 days from the date of invoicing, a reminder notice will be sent to the Club / Team requesting that they bring their accounts with FNT into order within 21 days from the date of the reminder notice.
- c) For monies still owing after a period of 90 days from the date of invoicing, a notice will be sent to the Club / Team stating they are un-financial and will be unable to accumulate any regular season points from that time, in any age division or League.

- i. Clubs / Teams may enter into a written payment plan agreement with FNT to pay back those debts whose balance exceeds 90 days. A Club / Team entering into such an agreement will be determined to be financial and may continue to play for points provided they abide by the terms of the arrangement. Where an agreement is not complied with, any points accumulated by the Club / Team (in any age division or League) from 90 days from the date of the invoice/s to which the agreement relates will be deducted and removed.
- ii. A Club / Team subjected to this penalty will be notified in writing as to when the deduction of points will take effect.
- iii. Clubs / Teams who are un-financial, and have not entered into an agreement with FNT, will be ineligible for finals and unable to participate in any Cup competitions.

Notwithstanding Section 1, Article 5.1 a) & b), FNT may in its absolute discretion, either offset any fees owed to FNT by an un-financial Club / Team to the extent of the amounts owing or expel a Club / Team if it does not comply with these Regulations.

- d) Clubs / Teams who are in debt to FNT, where any of the debt amount is outstanding at any time after 30 September each year:
 - i. Shall lose their right of appeal on any matter.
 - ii. May at the absolute discretion of FNT, be suspended from all competitions in which that Club / Team competes;
 - iii. Have any rights or privileges in the activities of FNT relating to that Club's / Teams participation suspended until all debts and obligations have been discharged, except where a dispute over fees remains unresolved.
 - iv. Where a Club / Team has been suspended under Regulation Section 1, Article 5.1 d) ii), the opposing team will be awarded a forfeit and the score will be recorded as 3-0.

5.2. Monies owing by an Individual

- a) All amounts owed by an individual to FNT must be paid within 30 days of the date of the invoice issued by FNT in relation to that amount.
- b) For monies still owing after the expiry of 30 days from the date of invoicing, individuals will be deemed ineligible for participation in any FNT competitions.

6 INSURANCE

6.1 Insurance of Players:

- a) All registered players taking the field of play (or training) will automatically be insured through FNT's insurer;
- b) The player will be covered by insurance once their registration on the National Registration System has been accepted by FNT Futsal;
- c) The insurance fee is collected through the Team Nomination Fee;
- d) The FNT insurance policy will be null and void unless all players participating in football are legitimately registered or otherwise eligible to play competition matches;
- e) Teams are not required to list injuries on the team sheet should an injury occur during a match.

6.2 Insurance of Club / Team Officials:

- a) All registered Club / Team Officials will automatically be insured through FNT's insurer;
- b) The Club / Team Officials will be covered by insurance once their registration on the National Registration System has been accepted by FNT Futsal.

6.3 Insurance of Match Officials

- a) All registered Match Officials will automatically be insured through FNT's insurer;
- b) The Match Officials will be covered by insurance once their registration on the National Registration System has been accepted by FNT.

7. PROTECTION OF IMPORTANT FIXTURES

7.1 Where an international, interstate A-League / Westfield W-League Match or Indigenous Showcase match is scheduled for the NT, FNT may determine that no competition fixture or sanctioned match shall take place at the same time.

8 SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

8.1 FNT will have the power to consider special circumstances outside the prescribed limits of the Regulations should it be clear those special considerations are in the interests of the game.

8.2 The decision by FNT to review and consider special circumstances under this section is not subject to appeal or review.

9 UNFORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES

9.1 Nothing in these Regulations will prevent FNT from approving a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the Regulations, including but not limited to promotion, relegation, number of Leagues, number of divisions and composition of teams.

SECTION 2: COMPETITION

1 MATCHES PLAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE GAME

1.1 All matches under the jurisdiction of these Regulations will be played in accordance with FFA and FNT regulations, codes and directives, and under the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game 2020/21, unless otherwise stipulated in these Regulations.

2 COMPETITION SYSTEM

2.1 All Leagues will consist of two stages:

a) Premiership:

- i. Consisting of round matches or any League format as approved by FNT.

b) Championship:

- i. Consisting of knockout matches in a format approved by FNT.

3 PITCHES

3.1 Standard size pitches, per the official FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game, will be used for all junior league competitions where facility capability permits.

4 MATCH SCHEDULE AND KICK OFF TIMES

4.1 FNT will communicate the official match schedule for all Leagues.

4.2 FNT will determine the venue, dates and kick off times of all Premiership and Championship Matches.

4.3 Final Match dates and kick-off times for all Matches will be determined by FNT.

4.4 FNT may start matches from as early as 5:00pm and as late as 8:00pm for any Match 4.5 Notwithstanding any other Regulation on the same subject matter, FNT reserve the right to alter or amend any Match after it has been nominated in the official Match schedule. The alterations could be to the date, venue, kick-off times or a combination of all.

4.6 Teams must be ready to begin play by the stated kick off time.

- a) If both teams are not ready to begin playing five (5) minutes after the scheduled kick off time the Referee may determine the competition Match as abandoned in accordance with Section 2, Article 15. 5

5 DURATION OF MATCH

5.1 Duration of all matches will be as per below table for 2020 Futsal Junior Wet season competition.

Competition	Match Duration	Half Time Break
11 and Under	12 minutes halves	6 Minutes
13 and Under	15 minutes halves	6 Minutes
15 and Under	17 minutes halves	6 Minutes

Table: Duration of Matches

5.2 The Referee may cut short any competition Match (including reducing the length of each half before the commencement of the competition Match) if in the Referee's opinion playing conditions compromise player safety or to prevent the delay to the commencement of any subsequent competition Match from its scheduled kick off time only if:

- a. It is in line with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game; FUTSAL COMPETITION REGULATIONS – 2020
- b. The Referee has consulted with the coaches of each participating Team before the start of the Match.

5.3 The Referee is the sole arbiter of time, and no protest may be lodged against the time as recorded by the Referee.

6. EXTRA TIME

6.1 There will be no extra time played in FNT Premiership Matches in the event scores are equal at the conclusion of normal time.

6.2 Should scores be equal at the conclusion of a Championship Match, extra time will be played in accordance with FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game:

- a) There will be two equal periods of extra time of five (5) minutes each

6.3 For all Championship Matches where extra time is required:

- a) There will be an interval of a maximum of two (2) minutes before the commencement of extra time;
- b) There will be an interval of a maximum of one (1) minutes between the whistle ending the first period of extra time and the whistle starting the second period of extra time.

7. DETERMINING THE WINNER BY PENALTY KICKS

7.1 If the result of a Championship Match is still a draw after the two (2) periods of extra time, alternate kicks from the penalty mark will be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedures described in the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.

8. COMPETITION POINTS

8.1 Points will be allocated as follows for all Premiership Matches

Result	Competition Points Awarded
Win	Three (3) points
Draw	One (1) point for each Team
Loss	Zero (0) Points
Bye	Zero (0) Points
Forfeit For (Team Forfeiting)	Zero (0) Points
Forfeit Against (Team being forfeited against)	Three (3) Points
No Result	Zero (0) Points and zero (0) Goals for each Team

Table: Competition Points

8.2 FNT reserves the right to record a competition Match as a 'no result' if the circumstances require or as a result of a breach of these Regulations.

9 PREMIERSHIP RANKINGS

9.1 FNT will use the following process when determining the ranking of Teams within each competition:

- a) Greater number of points obtained in all Premiership Matches;
- b) If two (2) or more Teams are equal on the basis of the above criteria, their place will be determined as follows:
 - i. Greater goal difference resulting from all Premiership Matches;
 - ii. Greater goals scored from all Premiership Matches;
 - iii. Team with the lowest number of Red Cards (direct and indirect) received in all Premiership Matches;
 - iv. Team with the lowest number of Yellow Cards received in all Premiership Matches;
 - v. Greater number of points obtained in the Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head);
 - vi. Greater number of goals scored in the Premiership Matches between the Teams concerned (head to head);
 - vii. A coin toss.
- c) Should teams play an uneven number of games throughout a season, FNT reserves the right to apply a points per game method (points divided by matches played), to rank Teams within each division or competition.

10 CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

10.1 The format of the Championship series in all Leagues, will be at the sole and absolute discretion of FNT.

10.2 All Championship series Matches will be played in accordance with the knockout system, single match, in a venue to be chosen by FNT.

10.3 For purposes of allocating a home Team, the Team appearing first in the format below will be considered the home Team for each respective Match in the Championship series.

10.4 The following format will be used for the Championship series Matches for all competitions:

Round	Match Number	Title	Teams
1	1	Semi Final 1	1st v 4th
	2	Semi Final 2	2nd v 3 rd
2	3	Grand Final	Winner Match 1 v Winner Match 2

Table: Championship series

11 CLUBS / TEAMS REMOVED OR WITHDRAWN FROM COMPETITIONS

11.1 In the instance of a team withdrawing prior to the commencement of the season administration fees will still be applied as set out in Schedule 2.

11.2 In the instance of a team withdrawing from a competition after the competition has commenced, all fees paid are non-refundable. Extenuating circumstances may be considered at the discretion of FNT. Administration fees will still apply as set out in Schedule 2.

11.3 In the event of any Club / Team being removed or withdrawing from the competitions, the following procedure will take effect to allow the altered competitions to proceed:

- a) Removed or withdrawing before the competition has started: i) All Matches involving a Club / Team that has been removed or withdrawn before the competition has started will be treated as a bye, unless FNT decides to adjust the competition in some other way that will allow the competition to continue in a fair manner
- b) Removed or withdrawing during first round of a competition:
 - a. For all opposing Clubs / Teams that have played the removed or withdrawn Club / Team (for the complete first round), points and goals against the withdrawn Club / Team will be deleted from their records and will be credited with a bye result;
 - b. Clubs / Teams that have not played the removed or withdrawn Club / Team will obtain a bye result;
 - c. A round of a competition refers to a full complement of competition Matches, where each Club / Team plays each other an equal number of times.

- c) Removed or withdrawing during the second or subsequent round of a competition:
- i. All points and goals acquired will be retained by opposing Teams for the completed first round (or second round if fully completed and a third round forms a part of the competition);
 - ii. Points and goals acquired against the withdrawn Club / Team will be lost and bye results will be credited for Matches that were played prior to the removal or withdrawal;
 - iii. For all opposing Clubs / Teams that have played the removed or withdrawn Club / Team (during a second or subsequent incomplete round), points and goals against the withdrawn Club / Team will be deleted from their records and will be credited with a bye result.

11.4 Any Player or Team Official infringements (i.e. red / yellow cards) in all Matches involving a removed or withdrawn Club / Team, will be upheld.

12 FORFEITS

12.1 A Team will be deemed to have forfeited a Match when:

- a) They fail to fulfil an engagement to play a Match on the appointed date, time or venue; or
- b) They refuse or fail to begin a Match five (5) minutes after the stipulated kick-off time; or
- c) They field less than three (3) of their registered Players at the start of any Match; or
- d) At any point during the Match they cannot field at least three (3) of their registered Players; or
- e) An ineligible player as defined in these Regulations participates in the Match; or
- f) Any other scenario within the Regulations that stipulates a forfeit of the Match.

12.2 In the event of any Team forfeiting its Match, the following procedure will take effect:

- a) Three (3) points and five (5) goals will be allocated for the Match to the opposition Team, with the offending team receiving zero (0) points and zero (0) goals, unless the goal difference for the Team receiving the forfeit is greater than five (5), in which case the score will remain the same, with goal scorers for the offending team to be removed;
- b) Where a forfeit has been applied, the statistics (goal scorers and Matches played) of the non-offending Team will be retained;
- c) Where a forfeit has been applied, red cards will be retained and yellow cards will be removed;
- d) The offending Team will be fined the prescribed amount as outlined in Schedule 2 of these Regulations;
- e) Where a Match is forfeited within 24 hours of the scheduled kick off time, the offending Team is required to pay all appropriate Match Officials fees, whether they were the home or away Team for the Match.

12.3 Should a Team forfeit a second Match during the season, in addition to the procedure outlined in Section 2, Article 11.2, the Team will forfeit a further three (3) competition points.

12.4 Should a Team forfeit a third Match during the season, the Team involved will be required to show cause as to why they should not be expelled from the competition, in addition to the procedure outlined in Section 2, Article 11.2 & 11.3.

12.5 Should a Team forfeit its last scheduled Premiership Match without prior written advice from FNT permitting the Match to be rescheduled, the Team that causes the Match to be forfeited will not be eligible to participate in the Championship series.

12.6 On the competition ladder, a forfeit will count as a Match played.

13 POSTPONED MATCHES

13.1 Matches may only be postponed by the Referee or FNT.

13.2 A Match may be postponed if:

- a) the lighting at the venue fails such that in the opinion of the Referee it is impossible or unsafe to continue to play;
- b) the Referee determines that playing conditions have become unsafe or untenable for any reason;
- c) A significant injury occurs where a player cannot be moved and an ambulance is required to attend, with the delay being longer than ten (10) minutes.

13.3 In the event of any Match not being played over which neither Team has any control:

- a) The Match must be played within fourteen (14) days of the first postponement;
- b) FNT will determine the new date, time and venue to play the postponed Match. Such decision is not open to appeal or review.

13.4 After the commencement of the Match, should play be postponed due to any reason as outlined in Section 2, Article 12.2, and the Match cannot be completed in full the following principles will apply:

- a) If fifty-one percent (51%) or more of normal time of a Match has been played, then the score at the time of postponement may stand;
- b) If the Match is postponed prior to half time and FNT has approved the Match to be rescheduled, then the Match is to be replayed in full.

13.5 Where a fixture is incorrectly reported as abandoned by the Referee where circumstances show clearly that the Match was postponed, FNT will treat the Match as postponed.

14 ABANDONED MATCHES

14.1 Matches may only be abandoned by a decision of the Referee. In the absence of a Referee, FNT shall have the designated authority to recommend the abandoning of any Matches as deemed necessary by FNT.

14.2 A Match may be abandoned if:

- a. It is determined that the conditions for players, coaches, Match Officials or supporters have become unsafe or untenable for any reason;
- b. Both teams refuse or fail to begin a Match five (5) minutes after the stipulated kick-off time.

14.3 In cases where a Match has been abandoned by the Referee, the Disciplinary Committee may investigate the circumstances of the abandonment and impose such penalties as it deems fit on Teams, Team Officials, Players and/or spectators adjudged to be associated with the abandonment.

14.4 After the commencement of the Match, should play be abandoned due to any reason as outlined in Section 2, Article 13.2, and the Match cannot be completed in full the following principles will apply:

- a. If fifty-one percent (51%) or more of normal time of a Match has been played, then the score at the time of postponement may stand; d) If the Match is postponed prior to half time and FNT has approved the Match to be rescheduled, then the Match is to be replayed in full.

14.5 Should a Team, Team Official, its Players or spectators be found to have caused the abandonment of the Match, the Match will be forfeited by that Team to the opposition.

14.6 Should both Teams be found to have caused the abandonment of the Match, the Match will not be replayed and no Match result will be applied.

15 EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

15.1 All Teams should refer to the Football NT Heat Policy for information about extreme weather conditions.

16 HOT WEATHER AFFECTED MATCHES

16.1 When high temperatures occur on Match day, the Referee and/or FNT may determine:

- a. To play the Match under standard conditions;
 - i. To play the Match with provision for 'drinks' breaks; or

- ii. To delay or postpone the Match. b) Should a 'drinks' break be implemented, it will be halfway through each half and each for a duration of 1 minute.

16.2 If in accordance with the Football Heat Policy, it is deemed that the temperature is too high for the Match to either be played or continue to be played, the Referee and Teams will consult with FNT prior to Matches being postponed.

17. MATCH DEFERMENTS

17.1 A Team may seek FNT permission to have Matches deferred in the following cases:

- a. When an epidemic affects the availability of Players;
- b. When three (3) or more Players from one (1) Team are involved in FNT approved representative Match / duties (including training camps or official training sessions) or National Team representative Match / duties (including training camps or official training sessions);
- c. In circumstances which FNT at its discretion consider of sufficient weight to merit a deferral.

17.2 Under no other circumstances may a match deferment be approved.

17.3 Teams seeking to defer Matches in regards to Section 2, Article 16.1 b) & c), must submit their request in writing to FNT giving a minimum 14 days' notice of the date on which deferment will be sought.

SECTION 3: AGE ELIGIBILITY

For FNT Futsal Junior League, Players must be a minimum of eight (8) years of age at 31 December of the relevant year.

1. ELIGIBILITY AND INELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

1.1. Eligible Players:

- a. An eligible Player is one that meets all registration requirements within these Regulations and is not ineligible according to any article of these Regulations.

1.2. Ineligible Players include:

- a. A player not registered in the National Registration System to FNT Futsal;
- b. Suspended Players;
- c. FNT may decide, in its absolute discretion, whether a Suspension or part thereof may be served in an abandoned, cancelled or forfeited Match and any such decision is final and not subject to any challenge or appeal;
- d. A Player who is required to stand down for receiving a suspension as a result of caution accumulation;
- e. A Player that has been expelled from a Match or suspended as a result of caution accumulation on the day/s prior to a Match but prior to receiving their Notice of Suspension;
- f. A Player that has been expelled from a Match on the same day as the Match but played earlier in the day;
- g. A Player that is deemed ineligible due to any article of these Regulations.

1.3. Any Team will automatically lose a Match on forfeit in accordance with Section 2, Article 11.1, if an ineligible player participates in the. Additionally, the Team, Team Official/s and / or Player may be further sanctioned in accordance with the FNT regs and Rules.

1.4. For clarity, it is the Teams absolute responsibility to ensure that it fields eligible players in any Match.

2. ELIGIBILITY & PLAYER MOVEMENT IN PREMIERSHIP MATCHES

2.1. For all Divisions:

- a. A Player may be borrowed from any division below, or up to one (1) division higher.
- b. A Players division is considered to be the division in which the highest team they are registered with plays in.
- c. Players cannot be borrowed from another team in the same competition in which they are playing.
- d. A team borrowing players must have a minimum of three (3), and a maximum of six (6), of their own registered players playing in the match
- e. Borrowed players are not permitted to be used during any finals series matches.
- f. A Player is not allowed to participate in two (2) different teams within the same division.

3. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS IN CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

3.1. For all Leagues:

- a. Three (3) matches played throughout the season and being registered a minimum of four (4) weeks prior to the Championship Series beginning

4. MIXED SOCIAL

- 4.1. Mixed Social teams are required to have a minimum of two female players on the pitch at all times.
- 4.2. In the event where only one (1) female player is present at the start of the match, the match may proceed, subject to the opposition's agreement, and the team must play one (1) player down, i.e. the female player cannot be replaced by an additional male player

SECTION 4: NOMINATIONS & REGISTRATION

1. NOMINATIONS

1.1. Team nominations shall be;

- a. Completed in accordance with the process defined in the Information Packs released before each season
- b. Accompanied by the appropriate fees.
- c. Accompanied by appropriate documentation

1.2. FNT reserves the right to refuse any team nomination. Nominations may be refused as a result of;

- a. Incomplete lodgement of nomination forms and/or payments.
- b. Lodging of fraudulent registration details.
- c. A team's un-financial status with the association.
- d. A team playing status – i.e. outstanding suspensions etc.

1.3. Team nomination will only be accepted during the official nomination period.

1.4. Nomination periods will be defined in the Information Packs released before each season.

1.5. Any team nominations submitted outside the official nomination period may incur an additional late entry fee as set out in Schedule 2 and cannot be guaranteed entry into the competition.

1.6. The Federation may accept late nominations for respective competitions provided that;

- a. The production of the draws will not be delayed.
- b. The resultant competition is not disadvantaged by the entry of one additional team.
- c. The team being entered late can be placed in a competition equivalent to the ability of the team.

1.7. A late team nomination that could be placed instead of a bye may be accepted provided there is sufficient venue capacity available.

2. PLAYER STATUS

2.1. Each Player has self-registered on the National Registration System via FNT Futsal.

2.2. All Players must be registered as Amateur Players.

3. REGISTRATION PERIODS

3.1 Players are able to register at any point during the season.

4. REGISTRATION PROCESSES

4.1. Players:

- a. A Player may only be registered for a maximum of three (3) teams participating in social futsal competitions each season.
- b. Players must register via Play Football, to the Futsal Northern Territory Club.

4.2. Club and Team Officials:

- a. All Club and Team Officials (including but not limited to coaches, managers, physiotherapists and Club committee members), are required to register via the National Registration System.
- b. All Club and Team Officials must ensure they meet the relevant child protection requirements.

4.3. If it is deemed that a player's registration has been accepted as a result of false statement by the player or by the team through which they are registered, without which the registration would not have been approved, the player will be considered an unregistered player and the team liable to such penalties as set out in Schedule.

5. TEAM LISTS

5.1. All teams are required to submit a team list for the season whilst submitting the nomination form.

5.2. The team list can be added to at any time via email to FNT Competitions at media@footballnt.com.au or admin@footballnt.com.au .

SECTION 5: MATCH DAY

1. MATCH BALLS

1.1 Both teams are required to provide a match ball to the referee prior to kick off.

1.2 Failure to supply Match balls will result in a fine in accordance with Schedule 2.

1.3 FNT will provide each team with one match ball at the beginning of the season.

1.4 The following sizes of footballs are applicable to the different age grades:

Age Grade	Size
11 and Under	Size 3
13 and Under	Size 4
15 and Under	Size 4

Table: Ball Sizes

2. PLAYING STRIPS / EQUIPMENT

2.1. Compulsory Equipment

The compulsory equipment of a player comprises the following separate items:

- a) a shirt with sleeves
- b) shorts – the goalkeeper is permitted to wear long trousers
- c) socks – tape or any material applied or worn externally must be the same colour as the part of the sock that it is applied to or covers
- d) shinguards – these must be made of suitable material to provide reasonable protection and be covered by the socks
- e) footwear - Players need to wear Indoor Futsal Shoes or Runners. The soles of the shoes must be made from rubber or some type of plastic. The soles of the shoes **MUST NOT** be black coloured as they leave marks on the timber floor.

A player whose footwear or shinguard is lost accidentally must replace it as soon as possible and no later than when the ball next goes out of play; if, before doing so, the player scores a goal or is involved in the scoring of a goal by playing the ball in the build-up, the goal is awarded.

- 2.2. As per the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game; The two teams must wear colours that distinguish them from each other as well as from the match officials.
- a. For social futsal, teams must not wear a shirt that is mainly black as referees are designated to wear black
 - b. Each goalkeeper must wear colours that are distinguishable from those of the other players and the match officials. If the jerseys of the two goalkeepers are the same colour and neither has another jersey to change into, the referees allow play to begin.
 - c. Undershirts must be a single colour which is the same as the main colour of the shirt sleeve or comprise a pattern/colours which exactly replicate(s) the shirt sleeve.
 - d. 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.
- 2.3. In the opinion of the Match Official, where the colours of both teams are sufficiently similar, it is the responsibility of the away team to change into an alternate coloured strip.
- a. For social futsal competitions, bibs are able to be used as an alternate strip.
 - b. For the 2020-21 social futsal season, bibs will not be provided by FNT Venue Manager. Should teams require bibs / alternate strip, they will need to provide their own.
- 2.4. For Futsal League, teams are required to provide bibs for substitutes.
- 2.4.1. As per the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game, the wearing of jewellery is not permitted.
 - 2.4.2. Medic Alert bracelets are the only jewellery approved to be worn. All Medic Alert bracelets must be securely taped to the body, and the Match Official must be informed of them being worn prior to the match.
 - 2.4.3. As per the Futsal Referees Handbook, religious artefacts may be worn, provided the player can produce written approval from FNT to wear the artefacts, including the conditions for wearing it.

3. MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- 3.1.1. For Futsal Premier League:
 - a. A minimum of four (4) players, including a goalkeeper, are required on pitch to commence the match.

- b. Should the opposition agree, the match may commence should a team have a minimum of three (3) players, including a goalkeeper, on the pitch.
- 3.1.2. For Social Futsal:
A minimum of three (3) players, including a goalkeeper, are required on pitch to commence the match.
- 3.1.3. Should any team have less than three (3) players on the court during the match, the match will be abandoned.

4. TECHNICAL AREA

- 4.1. For Futsal Premier League:
 - a. Only currently registered and eligible Players, Coaches and Team Officials are allowed in the technical area during matches
 - b. A maximum of seven (7) persons are allowed to sit on the bench at any one time. These seven (7) persons to be a maximum of five (5) substitute Players and two (2) registered Team Officials.
 - c. All Players in the technical area must wear a bib that contrasts with the colours worn by players of both Teams, Match Officials and bibs of the opposing Team. For the 2020 FPL Competition, bibs do not have to be passed during the substitution process.
 - d. All Team Officials in the technical area must wear clothing that contrasts with the kit of the Players and Match Officials on the pitch. Should their clothing clash, they may be asked by a Match Official to wear a bib that does not clash with the colours of the Players and Match Officials.
 - e. All substitutes on the bench must remain seated unless moving to and from warm up.

5. THE PENALTY AREA

- 5.1. For 2020 Futsal Junior Wet season competition attacking players cannot score or attempt to score the goal from the penalty area. Any offence caused by an attacking team will lead into direct free kick to the defending team.

6. IDENTIFICATION

- 6.1.1. All players listed on the team sheet must have in their possession some legitimate form of photographic identification which must be produced at the request of the FNT Staff or Match Official. Legitimate forms of photographic identification may include a Driver's License, Proof of Age Card, School/University Issued ID Card, or Passport.
- 6.1.2. The detection of a breach against a status or registration regulation after viewing the opposing team's identification record may be the subject of a protest by that team but will not be cause for the match not to be played or to be abandoned. Such protests will only be considered if they are forwarded in writing to the CoF within forty-eight (48) hours of the event.

7. TEAM SHEETS

- 7.1.1. Team Sheets will be supplied by the VM on the night, but they are not responsible for ensuring team sheets are filled out.
- 7.1.2. It is the responsibility of the respective teams to ensure that team sheets are correct and include all player's names, FFA numbers and shirt numbers at least five (5) minutes prior to the start of the match.
- 7.1.3. Only players correctly listed on the team sheets will be permitted to participate. Changes can be made to the team sheet up until the commencement of the second half of play.
- 7.1.4. Should a player take the court that is not listed on the team sheet, it will result in a fine and penalty as set out in Schedule 2.
- 7.1.5. The referee may refuse to let a team take the court until that team's part of the team sheet has been presented to the referee.
- 7.1.6. A team's team sheet must be shown to the captain or manager of the opposing team at his or her request.
- 7.1.7. At the conclusion of the match, representatives from both teams are required to sign the team sheet to verify the score. Managers may also record any comments relating to purported breaches of these regulations.
- 7.1.8. Any player under suspension from the Federation will have their name noted on the team sheets under the section titled 'Players Stood Down' and will not be permitted to play. Any suspended player who takes to the court will result in penalties as set out in Schedule 2.
- 7.1.9. Team sheets will not be used for mini's programs although an attendance register is to be maintained.
- 7.1.10. Any Team Associate supplying false information shall be deemed to have been guilty of misconduct and dealt with under FNT [Competition Regulation Season Senior Football](#).

8. TIME OUT

The teams are entitled to a one-minute timeout in each period. The following conditions apply:

- a) The team officials are authorised to submit a request for a one-minute timeout to the referee or to the timekeeper.
- b) The timekeeper grants a timeout when the team that has requested it is in possession of the ball and the ball is out of play, using a different whistle or acoustic signal from the ones used by the referees.
- c) During a timeout:
 - i. the players may remain on or off the pitch. In order to have a drink, the players must leave the pitch;
 - ii. the substitutes must stay off the pitch;
 - iii. officials are not allowed to give instructions on the pitch.

- d) Substitutions may only be made after the acoustic signal or whistle has sounded to indicate the end of the timeout.
- e) A team that does not request a timeout in the first period of the match is still only entitled to one timeout during the second period.
- f) If there is neither a referee nor a timekeeper, a team official may ask the other team for a timeout.
- g) There are no timeouts allowed during extra time, if played.

9. RESULT OF THE MATCH

- 9.1.1. The FNT staff on the night will be responsible for entering the match results on SportsTG within twenty-four (24) hours after the final match of the night.

SECTION 6: MATCH OFFICIALS

1. MATCH OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

1.1. Unless otherwise decided by the Referee's Standing Advisory Committee, the appointment of referees will be made by the FNT Referee Development Manager or FNT Referee Administrator.

1.2. A match may proceed with a minimum of one (1) appointed referee. In the event of a match being played without an appointed referee, both teams will be notified where possible by the FNT Competitions Administrator via Email or Via FNT Facebook Channels and will be responsible for supplying an individual to referee half the match each.

1.3. If the senior referee has to leave the court before the end of a match, the second referee will assume the responsibility of refereeing the match alone.

1.4. If the match is refereed by one (1) referee and he/she has to leave the court before the end of the match, a substitute referee will be supplied.

2. ACTION AGAINST REFEREES

2.1 Referees who fail to attend matches for which they are appointed will be subject to disciplinary action according to the Referee Sanction Policy.

3. REPORTING

3.1. If a player is sent from the court, the referee must complete a send-off report within 24 hours. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action according to the Referee Sanction Policy. 3.2. If a referee exercises his or her discretionary powers to suspend or abandon a match as per Section 2, Article 13 or any other cause, they must submit an incident report within 24 hours.

4. CAUTIONS AND EXPULSIONS FOR TEAM OFFICIALS

4.1 The Referee may take action against Team Officials who fail to act in a responsible manner and can issue a warning or a yellow card for a caution or a red card for a sending-off from the field of play and its immediate surrounds (including the technical area).

4.2. If the offender cannot be identified, the senior Coach present in the technical area will receive the sanction.

4.3. If a medical Team Official commits a sending-off offence, they may remain in the technical area if the Team has no other medical person available, and act if a Player needs medical attention

SCHEDULE 1: DEFINITIONS

Football Federation Northern Territory (FFNT) means the Football NT.

Amateur means any player that is not a Professional.

Northern Territory (NT) means the Northern territory of Australia containing the capital city of Darwin and some surrounding townships.

Football Northern Territory (FNT) means Football NT trading as Football Federation Northern Territory Inc. which is the governing body for football (including Futsal) in the NT and surrounding regions.

Championship means the final series conducted at the completion of the Premiership in accordance with the Football Northern Territory Competition Regulations.

Club or Clubs means an entity formed for the purpose of playing football or futsal that is registered with FFA and affiliated with Capital Football.

Club Official or Club Officials means any person involved with the administration, management or organisation of a Club (whether paid or unpaid), including employees, contractors, directors, representatives and volunteers.

Club Vested Officials (CVO) means a person nominated by a Club to assist the Club in meeting its match day obligations.

Community League means the senior grassroots competitions delivered by Football NT.

Constitution means the basic set of rules for the running of a club or group, that details for members and others the name, objects, methods of management and other conditions under which the club or group operates, and generally the reasons for its existence.

Cup means a tournament or event conducted by Football NT.

Disciplinary Committee means a Football NT Disciplinary Committee appointed by Football NT.

FIFA means Federation Internationale De Football Association.

FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game means the official laws of the game of football as promulgated by FIFA.

Football Federation Australia means Football Federation Australia Limited, the governing body for football (soccer) in Australia.

Hyundai A-League / Westfield W-League means the national men's and women's football competitions conducted in Australia under the auspices or control of FFA known as the Hyundai A-League and Westfield W-League

Leagues means a competition conducted by Football NT comprised of specific gender and age grades, as declared by the Board.

Match or Matches means any match played in Football NT Competition, Cup, Premiership, other event or tournament under Football NT's control.

Match Official or Match Officials means a referee, assistant referee, fourth official, club referee coordinator or referee assessor.

National Registration Regulations (NRR) means the set of regulations that govern registrations throughout Football in Australia.

National Registration System means the national database administered by FFA for the purposes of registering all participants in Football in Australia.

Player or Players means any person who participates in a Match (irrespective of whether he or she is registered with FFA, junior or senior or an Amateur or Professional).

Premiership means the round robin Matches (both home and away) that a Team competes in during a Season in accordance with the Football NT Competition Regulations.

Referee means the Match Official with the primary responsibility of officiating a Match in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.

Regulations means these Football NT Competition Regulations.

Team or Teams means an individual group of Players and Officials submitted by a Club to represent the Club in a Competition.

Team Official or Team Officials means any person involved with the management, preparation or participation of a Team (whether paid or unpaid), including the coaches, managers, medical staff, other support staff or any other person acting for or on behalf of a Club.

SCHEDULE 2: PENALTIES AND FEES

2.1. OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

2.1.1. Set out below are the range of penalties which may be imposed by Football NT in relation to breaches of these Regulations.

2.1.2. Football NT may exercise its discretion as it deems fit in relation to the imposition of the penalty. The decision of Football NT shall be final and there shall be no right of appeal.

Regulation Breach	Amount		
	Offence 1	Offence 2	Subsequent Offences
Section 2, Article 10.1 and 10.2 - Withdrawal of team	\$150	-	-
Section 2, Article 11.2 d) - Forfeit of match without 48 hours' notice	\$50	\$100	\$200
Section 2, Article 11.2 d) - Forfeit out match without a weeks' notice	\$25	\$25	\$50
Section 3, Article 2 – Unlisted player takes the court	\$50	\$100	\$200
Section 3, Article 2 – Playing an unregistered player	\$50	\$100	\$200
Section 3, Article 2 – Playing a suspended player	\$50	\$100	\$200
Section 4, Article 1.1 – Late nomination fee	\$100	-	-
Section 4, Article 4.4 - Invalid registrations due to false statements	\$50	-	-
Section 5, Article 1 - Failure to provide a match ball	\$20	\$40	\$75

Table: Fines

2.2. DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

2.2.1. General

The FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game (2020/21) are the governing Laws for this Competition. The Decisions of the Referee regarding facts connected with play including whether a goal is scored and the result of the match, are final. All Disciplinary Sanctions will be in accordance with the FNT Disciplinary Policy mentioned in FNT Competition Regulation Season 2020 –Senior Football.

2.2.2. Disciplinary Sanctions for Teams

- a) 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 3-0 win to the opponent. There will be no refund or fees for a forfeit. Teams may be required to appear before a Disciplinary Committee.
- b) A forfeit may also be enforced upon a team who has not completed the match sheet correctly no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the kick off time. This is at the discretion of Football Northern Territory and their decision is final.
- c) Should any team be involved in any fighting within the facility, whether during a match, inside the venue or on the venue grounds including the carpark, players, coaches, managers or any officials could face deregistration from their representative club, may no longer be permitted to participate in the Competition.
- d) They may also be subject to further action which may include police involvement where charges may be laid, as well as additional sanctions imposed by Football Northern Territory which may include a life ban.
- e) 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 3-0 win to the opposing team. The team will 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.
- f) Any forfeit by a Team will incur a 3-0 loss.
- g) Upon the fourth (4th) forfeit the team will be removed from the competition and the team and its players may be banned from competitions run by Football Northern Territory for a duration in line with the disciplinary sanctions of Football Northern Territory.

2.2.3. Disciplinary Sanctions for Players

- a) Disciplinary Sanctions from other FNT Competitions may affect a player's eligibility to compete in Competition match. All suspensions from other FNT Competitions, which affect Players in the Competition will be enforced. The FNT's Decision regarding suspensions is final.

- b) Yellow and Red Cards may only be shown to Players or Substitutes only on the pitch and once the match has started.
- c) 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.
- d) Yellow and Red Cards will be recorded by the Referees and Football Northern Territory.

2.2.4. Yellow Cards

- a) Any player who accumulates four(4) yellow cards will be suspended for their next competition match. This is a cumulative total over the season.
- b) The accumulation of yellow cards will be reset at the end of the last Match of the pre-season, the competition proper and any finals series respectively. This means that yellow cards accumulated in a pre-season competition do not carry over to the competition proper and yellow cards accumulated in a competition do not carry over to any finals series. Match suspensions incurred as a result of the accumulation of yellow cards will not, however, be cancelled.
- c) Should a player accumulate a further three (3) yellow cards in a season, the player will incur an automatic suspension of two (2) matches.
- d) If a player receives two (2) yellow cards in one (1) match, the Player will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension for being shown a red card, and the yellow cards are expunged from their record.
- e) If a player receives a yellow card and then a direct red card in the same match, the yellow card will not be expunged and will be counted in the Player's accumulation of yellow cards
- f) If more than one suspension occurs, suspensions cannot be served concurrently
- g) Disciplinary cards issued throughout the competition will continue into the finals series.
- h) A player cannot appeal a yellow card decision by the Referee.
- i) A player may be cautioned by the Referee for incorrect Playing Equipment through dissent by action
- j) A caution must be included on the Match Sheet using the time and infringement code

2.2.5. Red Cards

- a) A player that receives a red card during a match must leave the field of play. A player who receives a red card must serve a mandatory match suspension (unless successful application is made to the Disciplinary Committee).
- b) A player receiving a red card can be replaced by a substitute in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.
- c) A player receiving a red card as a result of two (2) cautions in one match will receive at minimum an automatic one (1) match suspension.

- d) A player receiving a straight red card for Denying an Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity will receive minimum automatic one (1) match suspension.
- e) A player receiving a straight red for anything other than Denying an Obvious Goal Score Opportunity will receive sanctions as per FNT Competition Regulation Season 2020 –Senior Football.
- f) All sanctions are in accordance with the Football NT Disciplinary Policy as mentioned in FNT Competition Regulation Season 2020 –Senior Football.
- g) Disciplinary cards issued throughout the competition will continue into the finals series.
- h) If more than one suspension occurs, suspensions cannot be served concurrently.
- i) A player has the right to appeal a decision made by the Disciplinary Committee. The appeal must be made in writing and addressed to the Appeals Committee c/-Insert club / association name with a fee and process as advised in FNT Competition Regulation Season 2020 –Senior Football.
- j) A send-off report must be completed for every send-off during a match

2.2.6. Disciplinary Sanctions for Team Officials/ Spectators

- a) Team Officials and Spectators are to act in a responsible manner
- b) Team Officials and Spectators are subject to the FFA Code of Behaviour and Code of Ethics.
- c) 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 by FNT Staff.
- d) 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 Disciplinary Sanctions. Sanctions may include no further participation in the Competition, suspensions or de-registrations by the Representative Club and / or Football Queensland and in some cases, Police involvement.
- e) If a Team Official or Spectator has been asked to leave the Venue, then they must serve the Disciplinary Sanctions before being allowed to re-enter the venue for the remainder of the Competition. Sanctions may include no further participation in the Competition, suspensions or de-registrations by the Representative Club and / or Football Northern Territory and in some cases, Police involvement.
- f) Matches will not continue until the Team Official or Spectator has left the Field of Play and / or Venue
- g) Incident Reports must be completed for any removal of a Team Official or Spectator