



Competition Handbook 2019

Welcome

The administrators and Staff would like to welcome you and your team, to an exciting season of Futsal with Football Mid North Coast.

Who

The competitions will be administered and managed by Football Mid North Coast.

Where

Port Macquarie Hockey Fields – 30 Hockey Place, Port Macquarie.

When

Tuesday Evenings from 4:30pm.

Wet Weather

In the event of wet weather, notices will be put on the [FMNC Facebook](#) page, and through Team App, as per winter football – [Wet Weather Information](#).

Rules

A full version of the rules being utilised for the FMNC Futsal competitions can be found here – [2019 FMNC Futsal Rules](#).

Information

For more information including Contact Details, 2019 Draws, Active Kids Voucher, Registrations, Field Map etc check the FMNC website – [2019 FMNC Futsal](#).

Player Regulations and Equipment

List of Players

- Each team must have 6 registered players per team as a minimum.
- A Match may not start if either team consists of fewer than three (3) players.
- If during the course of the match fewer than three (3) players (including the goalkeeper) are left in either of the teams, the match shall be abandoned.

2019 Age Groups

Year of Birth Playing	Age Group
2013	6
2012	7
2011	8
2010	9
2009	10
2008	11
2007	12
2006	13
2005	14

Players Equipment

- The basic compulsory equipment shall consist of an matching jersey or shirt, shorts, long socks, shin pads and footwear.
- Players shall not wear anything that is considered dangerous to another player, this WILL be determine by the referee or Venue Manager.
- Shin pads shall be entirely covered by long socks, and shall be made of a suitable material to afford reasonable protection to the user.
- Goalkeepers shall wear colours that distinguish them from other players and from the referee. In the event that this still clashes with either team or the other team, a bib will be permitted to be used.
- Only Futsal shoes and sneakers can be worn – no soccer boots.
- Where there is a clash of colours, the away team shall change to an alternate strip or are to wear bibs. The home team is the first team mentioned on the team sheet and fixture list. The referee will start the clock at scheduled time of the match and will not wait for teams searching for bibs.

- Players in teams that do not comply with the above mentioned requirements concerning player's equipment will not be eligible to play in games.
- A Player shall not use equipment or wear anything (including any kind of jewellery) that could be dangerous to himself/herself or another player (including wedding bands). Jewellery cannot be taped.
- 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.
- Only sports glasses that are secured to the head of the player by way of flexible banding or other device that is deemed by the referee as to pose no threat to the individual or other players will be permitted.
- 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.
- FMNC Futsal shall reserve the right to reject any uniform if considered inappropriate or undesirable. No appeal will be considered.

Competition Rules

Procedure to Determine Placings

The matches in the Regular Season will be played with each team within an Age Division playing the other teams within the same Age Division an equal number of times where possible.

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
- Highest goal difference in matches between the teams concerned
- Highest number of goals scored over the Regular Season
- Lowest number of Red Cards accumulated
- Random Lottery

Final Series

The top four (4) positioned teams at the conclusion of the Regular Season will progress to the Final Series.

The Final Series format will be as follows:

Major Semi Final - 1st place versus 4th place

Minor Semi Final – 2nd place versus 3rd place

Grand Final – Winner of Major Semi Final versus Winner of Minor Semi Final

Variations to FIFA Laws of the Game

- Under 6-12s will play with a size 3 match ball. Under 13 and above will play with a size 4 match ball. In the event that size 3 match balls are unavailable – All age groups will play with size 4 match balls.
- There will be no time outs. (FIFA Law #7).
- The clock will run for its entire duration of each half. (FIFA Law #7).
- The FIFA Laws of the Game can be found at www.footballmidnorthcoast.com One referee will officiate each game.
- Minimum numbers of players needed to commence a game will be 3. Less than 3 will constitute a forfeit by this team and the opposing side will be granted 6 – 0 win.
- There will be NO slide tackling permitted (This Includes the Goal Keeper outside of the penalty area) what so ever. This will result in a yellow card and a Direct Free Kick or Penalty being awarded to the opposing team.
- Age Groups may be combined. This will be to the sole discretion of FMNC Futsal. Only 2 age groups maximum will be combined to form 1 League. Eg: 13' and 14's combined may form League.
- In The event of a serious injury and the game is unable to be continued, the score at the time of stoppage will stand regardless of duration played. The game will not be replayed. The clock will not stop.

Match Score Sheets

- The match team sheet shall be completed before each game at official desk five (5) minutes prior to the kick off time.

- Players must be on court ready to start at the scheduled kick off time.
- If there is not Three (3) players in a team to start a game after five (5) minutes of the scheduled kick off time, the match will be deemed a forfeit and the result will be a 6-0 win to the opponent.
- Game CLOCK will commence at scheduled times. No delays to the games due to the teams readiness, e.g. Player on their way OR in the bathroom, will be accepted. Players that get to a game after the game started must inform the referee's before taking part in the game.
- Only players that are registered and financial with that particular will be allowed to participate in the match.

The Duration of the Match

- 8's and 10's - The match shall last two (2) equal periods of fourteen (14) minutes.
- 12's and 14's - The match shall last two (2) equal periods of twenty (20) minutes.
- The clock will NOT be stopped at any time during the game eg: when the ball is out of play or a player injury.
- There will be no stoppage time in the event of serious injury which requires an ambulance, or other extenuating circumstance (such as no replacement match ball). In this event the game result will stand at the time of stoppage of the game. NO EXPECTATIONS.
- The decision regarding the Duration of the Match by the Match Officials is final.
- The half-time interval shall be one (1) minute.
- There is no extra time for matches played during the Season.
- There will be no time-outs permitted during the Season.

The Start and Restart of Play

- The match will start on time regardless of whether the teams are ready to play or not or may start earlier if both teams are ready and consent to an earlier kick-off.
- The Venue Manager will still signal the start and end of the match via an air horn.
- The start times of each scheduled match will be governed by the venues clock, or FMNC Futsal Official and not by an individual's time piece regardless of accuracy.

The Ball in and Out of Play

- The Ball in and Out of Play shall be in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.
- There is no height restrictions on the ball in play provided it meets the other requirements as defined in the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.
- However, if the ball touches the ceiling or any structures eg: safety nets, lights, basketball hoops, beams ect, play shall be restarted with a kick-in to the opponents of the team which last touched the ball in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.
- Where multiple line markings are present on the Pitch, it is the responsibilities of the Teams coach, manager and players to ensure they are aware of which lines make up Futsal Pitch markings prior to the start of the Match.

The Method of Scoring

- A goal is scored in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.
- 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.

During the Regular Season:

- The team that scores the greater number of goals during a match shall be the winner.
- If both teams score an equal number of goals during the match then match will be declared a Score Draw.
- If no goals are scored during a match then the match will be declared a Draw.

During the Final Series:

- The team that scores the greater number of goals during a match shall be the winner.
- If both teams score an equal number of goals during the match or if no goals are scored during a match then extra time comprising of two (2) equal periods of five (5) minutes will be played.
- If both teams score an equal number of goals or if no goals are scored during extra time, a penalty shoot out will determine the winner.

Venue Conditions

- No smoking inside venues.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted inside venues.
- No animals are permitted inside venues.
- 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 Disciplinary Committee.
- All facilities, i.e. Change rooms etc shall be left in a clean and tidy condition.
- No spectators are permitted onto the playing field. Only players, coaching staff and officials permitted.
- Should any team player be involved in any fighting within the facility, whether inside the venue or car park, will be thrown out of their club and its competitions and will face a 5 year ban from FMNC Futsal and all its competitions and events.

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 3-0 win to the opponent.
- Teams that field unregistered or suspended players or Players who were not on the team nomination 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.
- Any forfeit by a Team will incur a 3-0 loss.

Disciplinary Sanctions for Players

- Yellow and Red Cards may be issued to players and substitutes before and after the match, when the player or substitute is off the pitch. Where the player cannot be directly informed (eg if removed from the Field of Play due to Injury), The Referee may sanction the player when the player is off the pitch.
- Yellow and Red Cards will be recorded by the Referees.
- Should any player be involved in any fighting, being abusive or intimidating towards a person within the facility, whether during a match, inside the venue or on the venue

grounds including the car park, could face de-registration from their representative club, may no longer be permitted to participate in FMNC Futsal and may be subject to further action which may include police involvement where charges may be laid, as well as additional sanctions imposed by Football Mid North Coast which may include a life ban.

Yellow Cards

- Any player who accumulates four (3) yellow cards will be suspended for their next competition match. This is a cumulative total over the season.
- Should a player accumulate a further three (2) yellow cards in a season, 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 card 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 not continue into the finals series.
- A player cannot appeal a yellow card decision by the Referee.
- A player may be cautioned by the Referee for incorrect Equipment through dissent by action.
- A player may be cautioned by the Referee or ask the player to leave the field of play to allow the player to regain his/her composure for the use of an offensive word or not acting according to the principals of Fair Play and Code of Behaviour and Code of Ethics.
- The team may be able to substitute the player that has been ask to leave the pitch.

Red Cards

- A player that receives a red card during a match must leave the field of play and will not be able to rejoin their bench and senior players maybe requested to leave the venue entirely.
- 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.

- A player receiving a straight red for anything other than Denying an Obvious Goal Score Opportunity will receive an automatic two (2) match suspension and may be asked to face the Disciplinary Committee.
- All sanctions are in accordance with the FMNC Disciplinary Policy.
- Red cards issued throughout the competition will continue into the finals series.
- If more than one suspension occurs, suspensions cannot be served concurrently.
- The Host Club reserve the right to ask a player sent from the field of play for any reason to face a Disciplinary Committee.

Forfeits

Forfeits relate to the following:

- Teams that can't produce Three (3) registered players on the field of play in full strip ready to play at the scheduled kick off time.
- Teams that play unregistered, suspended players or player that are not on the team nomination sheet submitted by the team upon registration.
- Teams forfeiting a match will lose the game 3-0.

Disputes and 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. If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the FMNC Futsal may impose a fine.
- All disputes outside of the Rules of Competition will be dealt with in accordance with the FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations.
- All complaints must be in writing completed ONLY by a team official (not parent or player) in the prescribed form.

Special Circumstances

- FMNC Futsal, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances that may arise during the League. These instructions shall form an integral part of these Rules of Competitions.
- Matters not provided for in these Rules and cases of force majeure shall be decided by GCFA these decisions shall be final.
- Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Host Club of the GCFA from taking a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the Rules of Competition contained herein.

Substitutions (FIFA Law #3)

- Goalkeepers – All Substitutes must be made via his/her own teams substitution zone.
- The players entering the pitch does so via his/her own teams substitution zone BUT NOT until the player leaving the pitch has completely crossed the line.
- There will be NO on field goalkeeper changeovers.
- There will be NO stopping of play or time for the substitutions to take place.
- In the event that a substitute enters the field of play prior to the player leaving the game crossing the line, then the substitute will be ordered off the field to re-enter the field as per FIFA Law #3 and be issued with a yellow card.