



FOOTBALL
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2008 – 2009

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PREMIER / SUPER

LEAGUE RULES

Preamble

The 2008 – 2009 Football NSW (FNSW) Futsal Premier and Super Leagues are a “Club based” competition open to teams entered by Clubs affiliated with Football NSW.

The 2008 – 2009 FNSW Futsal Premier and Super Leagues shall be conducted by the FNSW Futsal Department, and governed by the *FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game 2004* (FFLG) as varied by the FNSW Futsal Dept 2008 – 2009 Futsal Premier League and Super League Rules.

NUMBER OF CLUBS – 2008/2009

22 Clubs have been accepted to participate in the 2008/09 Football NSW Futsal Premier and Super League competitions. A Bond of \$1000 is required to cement your Club's position in the Competition. This Bond MUST be received by Friday 19 September 2008. After this date, Clubs will be declared Unfinancial. This Bond will be used at Competition completion to assist the Club with Premier/Super League Presentation Night expenses for 10 persons and will be allocated against this expense (i.e. it will not be refunded).

NB: ALL Premier/Super League Clubs will be EXPECTED to provide 10 (ten) or more members to attend the season end Presentation Night function.

FORMAT

The Premier League format is based on 8 Clubs finishing first to seventh in the 2007/08 Premier League Club Championship table. The first placed Club of the 2007/08 Super League competition will be promoted to Premier League (this makes up the eighth place). The 8th placed Club in the 2007/08 Premier League competition, and the Super League Clubs placed from the 2nd position of the 2007/08 season, who are progressing to the 2008/09 season, together with the 3 new Clubs joining the 2008/2009 season will comprise the Super League competition – a total of 14 Clubs.

The Premier League competition will comprise of each team competing against the remaining teams in 2 full rounds. The Super League competition will comprise of each team competing against the remaining teams in 1 full round.

At the completion of the rounds, the top 4 Clubs in the Premier League will progress to the Major Semi finals. The top 5 teams of the Super League will progress to the Minor Semi finals. Refer to Rule 11 for details.

DEFINITIONS

Round – A series of fixtures scheduled by the FNSW Futsal Dept.

Fixtures – A meeting of two (2) Clubs as scheduled in all grades applicable.

Match – An individual meeting between two (2) teams in a particular grade.

Game(s) – a. As per match

b. The code as outlined by FIFA.

N.B.: Declared Unfinancial Clubs will be eligible to compete in the Round Robin series but will not be eligible to accumulate game points until the debt is cleared. Declared Unfinancial Clubs will not be eligible to compete in the Finals series i.e. Minor or Major Semi Finals, Preliminary Finals or Grand Final.

Unfinancial Clubs are ineligible to attend Council of Clubs Meetings.

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The Debt of players deemed Unfinancial by Clubs, MUST be based on a monetary basis only (not a debt for e.g. uniform). Clubs have from the date of the Premier/Super League Final until 31 March 2009 to list Unfinancial players with FNSW Futsal Dept after having fulfilled the debt recovery criteria:

- Ensure that you have evidence of the Debt i.e. the member's signature confirming the e.g. acknowledgement to play;
- Contact the member by phone and in writing, listing what is outstanding;
- Re-send a copy of the Invoice to the member allowing 14 days for payment;
- After 14 Days, issue a Letter of Demand for the outstanding amount/equipment within 7 days, and advising that failure to comply will involve contact with a Debt Collector;
- When all avenues have been exhausted, contact the Futsal Office in writing to place the member in default.

COMPETITION SEASON

The commencement date of the competition will be 27 September 2008 with the Grand Finals being played Saturday 21 February 2009.

AGE GROUPS

Age groups to be fulfilled by the Club are 12 Yr boys (2.00pm), 14 Yr boys (2.45pm), 13 Year girls (3.30pm), 16 Yr boys (4.15pm), 16 Yr girls (5.00pm), Youth Men (up to and including 19 Yrs) (5.45pm), Open Female (6.30pm), and Open Male (7.15pm).

The 2009/10 Age Groups will change: 13 Year Girls age group will be eliminated, and will be replaced with 12 Year and 14 Yr Girl's age groups.

REGULATIONS

1. The Competition Secretary shall make such Regulations as he/she deems necessary in respect of any matter arising from or incidental to the implementation of these Futsal Premier and Super League Rules.
2. Regulations made pursuant to Regulation Number 1 come into effect immediately.

3. The power to make Regulations, include the power to amend, delete or add to Regulations made.
4. Where there is any inconsistency between these Regulations and Rules, the Competition Secretary's decision will prevail.

UNFORSEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES

Nothing in the foregoing shall prevent the Competition Secretary of FNSW Futsal Premier or Super League from approving a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the Rules and Regulations concerning Promotion, Relegation, Number of Divisions and composition of Teams in each Division.

Rule 1: Court Size

- 1.1 Premier League minimum court size - 18 x 32m.
- 1.2 Super League minimum court size – 15 x 30m.

Rule 2: Match Balls

- 2.1 12 Yr Boys age category will use a Size 3 ball; Years 13 Yr to All Age Male and Female will use a Size 4 Ball.
- 2.2 Nike, Patrick, Lotto, Errea and 5 Star Balls are the only Futsal balls to be used in match play for the Premier and Super League competitions. These may be purchased from the FNSW Soccer Wearhouse. Fines of \$50 per game will apply for Clubs not using the Football NSW Futsal Dept approved Balls.
- 2.3 Opposing Clubs are expected to advise FNSW Futsal Dept in writing of the breach of this rule (Report to be written on "Breach of Rules" form supplied to Club).
- 2.4 Futsal Match Balls shall be supplied by the Home Club.

Rule 3: Players Equipment

- 3.1 The basic compulsory equipment of a player includes:
 - a) A matching shirt (with unduplicated numbers). Shirts are to be tucked into shorts at all times. Referees will police this rule.
 - b) Shorts – if under shorts are worn, they shall be of the same colour as the main colour of the shorts.
 - c) Socks
 - d) Shin guards are to be worn and covered by socks at all times.
 - e) Footwear – the only types of footwear permitted are canvas or soft leather shoes with non-marking soles.

- f) All playing strip details e.g. colour/markings, must be submitted to Football NSW Futsal Dept for approval (prior to the commencement of the season). Alternate strip details are also required.
 - g) The Goalkeeper colours shall be distinguishable from the colours worn by all the other players.
- 3.2 Clubs must supply identical coloured strips (irrespective of style) for their players throughout each age grouping, with a home and alternate strip to be held by each Club. Failure of any team not playing in their registered colours may result in their Club being fined \$100.00
 - 3.3 In the event of a Colour clash, the Visiting Club shall change to a strip which does not include any of the basic colours of the Home Club. Failure to observe this Rule may result in a fine of \$100.00
 - 3.4 In the event of a strip Colour clash, in the Final Series fixtures, the lower placed team must change their strip. Failure to observe this Rule may result in a fine of \$100.00.
 - 3.5 In the event of a Field Player or Goalkeeper jersey Colour clash with the Referees Shirt colour, the Referee will change to an alternate Shirt colour.
 - 3.6 Players "Skins" (Thermal Undershorts/Bike Pants) worn under shorts MUST be of the same main colour as the shorts.
 - 3.7 Bench players must wear a "Bib" to cover their jersey until they become active players. The "Bib" must be of a different colour to their playing jersey.

Rule 4: I D CARDS

- 4.1 FNSW will supply all nominated Premier League Players with a SPECIAL Premier or Super League Identity Card.
- 4.2 Player's Premier or Super League identity cards are to be made available to the opposing Team Manager for perusal prior to the commencement of the match. Once they have been checked and are in order, they must be placed on the Scorer's Bench prior to the commencement of the game, and must remain there for the duration of the game.

Team Managers failing to provide the opposing Team Managers with player Identity Cards may result in a fine of \$500 against the Club.

Clubs are expected to advise FNSW Futsal Dept in writing of the breach of this rule (Report to be written on "Breach of Rules" form supplied to Club).

- 4.3 A Futsal player is not registered until the registration data from the Player Registration Form is processed and an ID Card is produced. **A player is suspended if 2 Registration Forms are completed by him/her until it is resolved as to which Club is the preferred Club.**
- 4.4 Premier and Super League Clubs must write to FNSW Futsal Dept to request a player be issued with a Premier/Super League ID Card if playing for a Local Club which is not involved with the Premier or Super League Clubs.

Premier and Super League replacement ID Cards will be charged at fifty dollars (\$50) per card.

PLEASE NOTE: The rule of NO CARD – NO PLAY will be enforced.

Mitigating circumstances e.g. car accident, will be considered by the Competition Secretary.

Where a Club detects any abnormality or breach of FNSW Futsal Regulations, or where a Club is unable to produce an identity card they shall:-

- a. Advise the opposing Club of the intention to report the matter to FNSW Futsal Dept, AND
- b. Request the players without identity cards to sign the back of the team sheet in the presence of the Referee, AND
- c. Submit a written report to FNSW Futsal Dept by the Tuesday following the match.

Where any abnormality or breach of regulation involves the true identity of a player participating in a fixture, the Club shall bring the matter to the attention of the Referee and request that he/she report the abnormality to FNSW Futsal Dept. The player ID Card should be forwarded to Football NSW with his/her report.

Rule 5: MATCH OFFICIALS

- 5.1 The appointment of Match Officials will be the responsibility of the NSW Futsal Indoor Soccer Referees Association Inc.
- 5.2 The Home Club shall be responsible for the Match Officials payment.
- 5.3 2008 – 2009 FNSW **Premier** and **Super** Futsal League Match Official payments are:

Junior Matches: 12 Yr Boys, and, 13 and 16 Yr Girls: \$20 Senior Referee; \$15 Assistant Referee per game;

14 Year Boys: \$25 Senior Referee; \$20 Assistant Referee per game;

16 Year Boys: Senior Main Referee \$30; Senior Assistant Referee \$25 per game;

Senior Matches: All Age Female: 2 Senior Referees @ \$30 each per game;

2008 – 2009 FNSW **Premier** Futsal League
Match Official payments are:

Senior Matches: Youth Male: \$35 Senior Referee; \$30 Assistant Referee per game; All Age Men: \$45 Senior Referee; \$40 Assistant Referee per game.

2008 – 2009 FNSW **Super** Futsal League Match Official payments are:

Senior Matches: Youth Male: 2 Senior Referees @ \$30 each per game; All Age Men: 2 Senior Referees @ \$40 each per game.

- 5.4 Payments to the Match Officials are to be made on the day of the Match.
- 5.5 Any variations to payment schedules for Match Officials must be ratified by the FNSW Futsal Department and agreed to by the Clubs.
- 5.6 Forfeiting teams will incur the cost of the Referees Match payments, whether the “HOME” team, or the “AWAY” team. This payment MUST be paid to the Referees on the Day/Night of the forfeited match.
- 5.7 Referee Assessment – Is an optional form which Clubs may choose to complete – it is not compulsory.

Rule 6: SCORER

- 6.1 In every game each competing team (both Home and Away team) will supply a Scorer to sit on the Scorer’s Bench. If a Scorer is not supplied by either or both teams, a fine of \$50 will apply. Clubs are expected to advise FNSW Futsal Dept of the breach of this rule. (Report to be written on “Breach of Rules” form supplied to Club).
- 6.2 At the completion of the game, the Scorers must confer and delete player’s names from the team sheet that did not compete in the game.

Rule 7: ELIGIBILITY

- 7.1 All Players, FNSW Futsal Club's and Centre's Teams and Officials participating shall be currently registered with FNSW Futsal.
- 7.2 Players and Officials are only permitted to represent one (1) Club at any one time.
- 7.3 Players and Officials are permitted to represent multiple age groups within their Club above their specified age group.
- 7.4 Clubs are responsible for ensuring that all Players representing their Club are registered with FNSW Futsal Dept and meet eligibility criteria.
- 7.5 Clubs must be able to produce Premier or Super League Players ID cards upon request.
- 7.6 Players may represent any Premier or Super League Futsal Club regardless of where they initially register.
- 7.7 If players wish to transfer during the season they must do so prior to the commencement of Round six (6). A release form must be obtained from and returned to the FNSW Futsal Dept. Only players deemed to be financial with FNSW Futsal Dept and their Premier or Super League Club will be considered for transfer.
- 7.8 Players selected for Football NSW State representative duty during the season must be released by the Premier or Super League Club the player competes for. If the Club does not comply, the player concerned will not be eligible to compete in the Premier or Super League games during the period of representative duty. If 3 or more 12 Yr Boys & 13 Yr Girls team's players are called for representative duty, the affected game/s may be postponed providing notice of the postponement is received in writing by the FNSW Futsal office no less than 4 Weeks prior to the proposed postponement. This is due to there not being a player base of a younger age group to draw from. Games must be played within 2 weeks of the postponed game date and before the last round of the season. Any cost of the deferred game/s must be borne by the deferring Club if the rescheduled game/s cost can not be averted e.g. Court hire costs.
- 7.9 **Declared Unfinancial Clubs will be eligible to compete in the Round Robin series but will not be eligible to accumulate game points until the debt is cleared. Declared Unfinancial Clubs will not be eligible to compete in the Finals series i.e. Minor or Major Semi Finals, Preliminary Finals or Grand Final. Unfinancial Clubs are ineligible to attend Council of Clubs Meetings.**

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- 7.10 Eligibility for specific age categories shall be determined by a Player’s age as at the 31st of December in the year that the registration period commenced (eg: 16 Years competition is for players who are 16 years or younger at the 31st of December 2008).
- 7.11 Players who are 19 years or younger as of the 31st December 2008) are eligible for the Youth Category.
- 7.12 Any player facing Disciplinary Sanction under Rule 13 of the 2008 – 2009 FNSW Premier or Super League Rules shall be deemed ineligible to play.
- 7.13 Players eligible to compete in the Final series must have played five (5) round games with their current Premier League Club within a particular Age Category, or four (4) round games with their current Super League Club within a particular age category.
- 7.14 A Player’s name must not be added to the Game Sheet after the commencement of the Game.
- 7.15 The maximum number of players listed on the Game Sheet on any given match shall be twelve (12).
- 7.16 Players must be registered with FNSW Futsal Dept no later than 5.00pm the Thursday prior to the match.
- 7.17 Player Registration Forms must be submitted to FNSW Futsal Dept by Close of Business Friday 5 September 2008 to be eligible for Round one (1).
- 7.18 Coaches must hold a minimum of a Level One (1) Futsal Coaching Certificate, OR, must have applied to complete a Level One (1) Coaching course before 30 November 2008.
- 7.19 Coaches and Managers must possess an ID Card supplied by FNSW Futsal Dept. The ID Card must be placed in the supplied Lanyard and worn around the neck with the photo side facing outwards. They must have attended a Football NSW “Working with Children/Child Protection” seminar, and have signed a “Working with Children” check and “Child Protection” documentation.

Rule 8: COMPETITION STRUCTURE

- 8.1 The Competition shall be staged in a Round Robin Format.
- 8.2 A Finals series shall follow the Round Robin Series
- 8.3 The Home Team is the Team that appears first on the Official FNSW Futsal Premier or Super League Draw.

Rule 9: DURATION OF THE MATCH

- 9.1 There shall be two (2) equal halves of twenty (20) minutes for all divisions except for All Age Men's teams which will play twenty (25) minutes per half .
- 9.2 There will be no provision for time added on for injury or pause in play apart from exceptional circumstances e.g. broken leg/player refuses to leave the bench.
- 9.3 FIFA Rules will apply except:
"Time-Outs" and "Stop the Clock" are not allowed during Round Robin Matches, but "Time-Outs" only ARE ALLOWED during Semi-finals, Preliminary Finals and Grand Finals. One (1) only "Time-Out" per team, per half game will be allowed.
- 9.4 The Half Time interval shall not exceed two (2) minutes.
- 9.5 Clubs may use electronic clocks during a game, but the Referee is the official arbitrator of the game time. The clock MUST be stopped 1 minute prior to half and full time. Failure to abide by this Rule will exempt the Club from using a clock in future games.

Rule 10: POINTS

- 10.1 Competition points will be awarded during the Round Robin Series on the following basis:

Win	– three (3) points
Score Draw	– two (2) points
Scoreless Draw	–one (1) point
Loss	– nil (0) points
Win on Forfeit	– three (3) points
Bye	- nil (0) points
- 10.2 In the event of a Team forfeiting a Match, the Match shall be awarded to the opposing Team, with a score of six (6) – zero (0) favouring the opposing side.
- 10.3 In the Event that a Club fields an ineligible Player, it shall be deemed that the Team in mention forfeits the Match, and Rule 10.2 stands. A fine of \$200 each will be imposed on a Club who field ineligible player/s.

- 10.4 In the event of a Bye – zero (0) goals or points will be awarded.
- 10.5 Clubs will play for zero (0) points on a weekly basis if deemed “Unfinancial”. **Declared Unfinancial Clubs will be eligible to compete in the Round Robin series but will not be eligible to accumulate game points until the debt is cleared. Declared Unfinancial Clubs will not be eligible to compete in the Finals series i.e. Minor or Major Semi Finals, Preliminary Finals or Grand Final.**

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Rule 11: FINALS SERIES

- 11.1 At the conclusion of the Round Robin, the following will take place:

WEEK 1 – Minor Semi Finals – Saturday 31 January 2009

Super League only

SF 1: 2nd Vs 3rd

SF 2: 4th Vs 5th

Premier League only

Round 14 Games played

WEEK 2 – Major Semi Finals – Saturday 7 February 2009

Super League only

SF 3: 1st Vs Winner SF1

SF 4: Loser SF1 Vs Winner SF 2

Premier League only

SF 1: 1st Vs 2nd

SF 2: 3rd Vs 4th

WEEK 2 – Preliminary Final – Saturday 14 February 2009

Super League only

PF : Loser SF3 Vs Winner SF4

Premier League only

PF : Loser SF 1 Vs Winner SF 2

WEEK 3 – Grand Final – Saturday 21 February 2009

Super League only

GF: Winner SF3 Vs Winner PF

Premier League only

GF: Winner SF1 Vs Winner PF

- 11.2 To be eligible for the Finals Series in a particular age category or higher a Player must have played a minimum of five (5) Round Robin games for their current Club in that age category.
PARTICIPATED is defined as in attendance at the match, listed on the Team Sheet, dressed and eligible to take the court.
- 11.3 At the conclusion of the Round Robin Games, should two (2) or more Teams be level on points, the highest placed Team shall be the Team that:
- a) has the greatest goal difference (goals scored minus goals conceded), then;
 - b) has the greatest number of goals scored, then;
 - c) has the least number goals conceded, then;
 - d) has the least number of disciplinary sanctions, then;
 - e) won their first head to head Round Robin Match, then;
 - f) won their second head to head Round Robin Match, then;
 - g) by the toss of a coin by the Competition Secretary.
- 11.4 In the event of a strip Colour clash, in the Final Series fixtures, the lower placed team must change their strip. Failure to observe this Rule may result in a fine of \$100.00.
- 11.5 Should a match be drawn at the end of normal time during the Finals Series, teams shall swap benches, and two (2) equal halves of five (5) minutes extra time shall be played. There will be an interval of five (5) minutes after the end of normal time and the commencement of extra time, but no interval between the two (2) extra time halves. The Team leading at the end of the two (2), five (5) minute periods of extra time will be declared the winner.

- 11.6 Should scores be level at the end of extra time, the winning team shall be determined by alternate kicks from the penalty mark as in accordance with FFLG Law 18; Procedures for Determining the Winner of a Match.

Rule 12: FORFEITS AND ABANDONED MATCHES

- 12.1 A Team needs a minimum of five (5) Players to take to the court for the game to commence.
- 12.2 If a team is unable to take the court within five (5) minutes of the scheduled kick off time, the match shall be declared a forfeit and Rule 10.2 of the 2008 – 2009 FNSW Futsal Premier and Super League Rules will apply.
- 12.3 If a match is abandoned for any other reason, (including misconduct), the Match Official/s and Administrator shall provide a complete report on the incident surrounding the abandonment to the FNSW Futsal Dept. The outcome of such matches will be decided via a judiciary process, if required, or the General Purpose Tribunal.
- 12.4 **a.** A Club wishing to postpone a 12 Yr Boys, or 13 Yr Girls Match, due to 3 or more players of one team having FNSW Representative commitments, must submit a written request to the FNSW Futsal Dept Competition Secretary and be received no later than four (4) weeks prior to the scheduled match. A decision will be made by the Competition Secretary. The decision will be non negotiable and FINAL. The costs of venue hire/referees are to be borne by the postponing club. This match is to be contested within four (4) weeks of the date of the postponed game, and before the last game of the Round Robin series.
- b.** In the event of any match not being played owing to weather or other causes over which neither club has any control, on being ordered to be replayed, it shall be played within four (4) weeks of the date of the postponed game, and before the last game of the Round Robin series.
- Any Club failing to set a postponed fixture in accordance with 12.4 (a) and (b) may result in a fine of \$100.00.**
- Failure to comply with the above regulation will result in the Competition Secretary determining the venue and date.
- 12.5 If a Club does not complete the competition season, ALL Round games whether already played or otherwise will be deemed a Forfeit, and scores and

points will be adjusted accordingly.

Rule 13: DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

- 13.1 An automatic suspension of one (1) fixture shall apply to any Player who accumulates four (4) yellow cards during the competition irrespective of which age group they were accumulated in. The Suspension Round does not include postponed Rounds, but does include "Catch-Up" Rounds. If the same player accumulates a further two (2) yellow cards, an automatic suspension of one (1) fixture shall apply. If the same player attracts another one (1) yellow card he/she may be required to attend a FNSW Futsal Dept Judiciary hearing. Accumulated cards carry through into the Finals Series.
- 13.2 For Red Card offences under FFLG, Law 12: Fouls and Misconduct, incurring a mandatory one (1) match suspension, the said suspension shall be served at the next Futsal Premier or Super League fixture for all age categories.
Red Card Offences will attract a Club fine of fifty dollars (\$50) per player per offence for All Age Male & Female, and Youth Male Players.
- 13.3 A suspended player is deemed ineligible for all Futsal Premier and Super League grades for the fixture week of his/her suspension.
- 13.4 For send off offences under FFLG, Law 12: Fouls and Misconduct, incurring a mandatory one (1) week suspension (to be served at the next Futsal Premier or Super League fixture), the FNSW Futsal Judiciary may extend the mandatory one (1) week suspension, and the player may be summoned before the FNSW Futsal Dept Judiciary for offences that are deemed more serious. The said player will remain ineligible until he/she has presented themselves to the Judiciary. The Judiciary will be held on the Thursday following the game in which the offence occurred.
- 13.5 Quorum for the Disciplinary Committee shall be two, but in the event of Committee members and alternates not being available, the Chairman of the Committee can call upon a member of Premier and/or Super League Clubs to make up the quorum.

- 13.6 For the purpose of defining suspensions, competition fixtures shall be deemed to be any Premier or Super League fixture controlled or organised by FNSW Futsal Dept that the suspended parties team actually participates in.
- 13.7 Suspensions and penalties of the Disciplinary Committee of FNSW Futsal Dept shall also apply to any player, person or official registered within its jurisdiction whose team by seeking to play in the Premier or Super League competition recognised by FNSW although not necessarily under its direct control.
- 13.8 Players sent off for a Red Card Offence shall immediately vacate the vicinity of the field of play and the technical area. A player shall be sent from the court for the following offences as prescribed for in the Laws of the Game:
- R1 Serious Foul Play;
 - R2 Violent Conduct;
 - R3 Spitting at an opponent or any other person;
 - R4 Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball;
 - R5 Denying an opponent moving towards the player's goal an obvious goalscoring opportunity by committing an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick;
 - R6 Using offensive, insulting or abusive language or gestures;
 - R7 Receiving a second caution in the same match.

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- (a) Players sent from the field shall incur a minimum one (1) match suspension.
A fifty dollar (\$50) fine applies to all send offs in Youth as well as All Age Men & Women's teams.
This one (1) match suspension is mandatory and is not subject to challenge, appeal or waiver by the Disciplinary Committee.
- (b) At the termination of a match, the Referee must provide Football NSW Futsal Dept with a copy of the Referees Report which indicates the send off charge for any player dismissed from the court.
- (c) All Clubs whose players are dismissed from the court are required to follow these directions:
- (i) Each and every Club whose player/s was/were dismissed from the court for offences will be contacted by FNSW Futsal Dept Office by no later than noon of the Friday of the week following the send-off to inquire as to what the Disciplinary Committee's decision is after reviewing the offence. If the decision is to be challenged, notification of such action is to be received by FNSW

Futsal Dept Office in writing by no later than 48 Hours from the time of receipt of the Notice.

(ii) Offences with a minimum of two (2) fixture penalty have two options:-

(a) Accept the penalty as stipulated, or

(b) Challenge the penalty, and if the player is found guilty he/she will be subject to a penalty greater than the minimum by one or more games up to the maximum number of games as prescribed in the Rules and Regulations.

(iii) In the event that a player challenges a determination by the Disciplinary Committee above the minimum sentence, the player is required to stand down until the challenge is heard.

(iv) If a player fails to attend the Disciplinary Committee Meeting his/her hearing will be dismissed.

(v) Players may no later than twenty four (24) hours prior to the hearing inform FNSW Futsal Dept in writing that they consent to the matter being heard ex-parte and submit written evidence in support of their defence or in mitigation of penalty.

(vi) Clubs shall be notified prior to the commencement of the season of the meeting day and place for the Disciplinary Committee.

(vii) Players shall be deemed to have received notice from the Club as to the meeting day of the Disciplinary Committee.

(d) Players sent from the field of play on a charge of assault or violent conduct and/or persons summoned to appear before the Disciplinary Committee shall be suspended until such time that they will appear.

13.9 In cases of emergency the Disciplinary Committee shall meet at short notice to hear cases of players sent off in mid-week fixtures. In such cases players and Referees shall receive 48 hours notice to be in attendance.

13.10 Players failing to appear before the Disciplinary Committee when requested to do so will be considered suspended from playing until such time as their matter is dealt with by the said Committee.

(a) Players sent from the field and who do not attend the Disciplinary Committee as required, will receive a certified letter to attend a further Disciplinary Committee Meeting. Such players are suspended from taking part in any games in the meantime or until such time that the sentence has been served as specified in the Rules and Regulations. If such a player fails to attend this rescheduled meeting, the matter will be dealt with in their absence.

13.11 PLAYERS DISMISSED FROM THE COURT OF PLAY

A player who has been sent from the court will not participate in another match on the same day.

13.12 SUSPENDED PLAYERS - TRIAL GAMES

A player under suspension for a number of competition fixtures shall not be permitted to play in trial games without the specific sanction of the Competition Secretary and the payment of a good behaviour surety as determined by the Competition Secretary which may be forfeited at the discretion of the Competition Secretary.

13.13 MATCH CAUTIONS

(a) A player shall be cautioned during the course of a Match for any offence under the Laws of the Game which is deemed necessary by the Referee.

(b) The Referee may reprimand a player during the course of play, without the showing of a yellow card.

(c) An official booking (or caution) is administered by the Referee recording a player's name and number on FNSW Game Sheet form at the conclusion of the match. There shall be no appeal against the receiving of a caution from the Referee.

(d) After an individual player has received four (4) official cautions, the player shall serve a one (1) fixture suspension irrespective of which age group they were accumulated in. The suspension shall be served in the competition fixture following receipt of the fourth (4th) caution. There shall be no appeal against a one (1) fixture suspension after receiving four (4) official cautions. If the same player accumulates a further two (2) yellow cards, an automatic suspension of one (1) fixture shall apply. If the same player attracts another one (1) yellow card he/she may be required to attend a FNSW Futsal Dept Disciplinary Committee hearing who may apply further penalty, bond, fine or suspension for each official caution given to the player thereafter. Accumulated cards carry through into the Finals Series.

(e) Premier and Super League cautions shall not carry over from season to season. The termination of a premiership season shall be at the conclusion of the last Premier or Super League fixture of the season.

(f) Any player who is dismissed from the field upon being cautioned for a second yellow card offence, the initial yellow card during that game shall NOT be taken into account for the purpose of the accumulation of cautions for the application of suspension.

(g) Any Club who is found to have played a player who should have been stood down because of any breach of regulations may be fined the amount of \$200.00 and the match may be awarded to the opponents with the score line reading six goals to zero (6-0).

13.14 FINAL SERIES CAUTIONS

Any player receiving two (2) cautions in the Final Series shall automatically stand down the next fixture.

13.15 FINDINGS OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The Committee has the power to:

- (a) Consider the reports of Referees, assistant referees and others.
- (b) Decide if the offence is proved.
- (c) Determine and set whatever punishments or sanctions that it considers appropriate in accordance with the guidelines.

13.16 PUNISHMENT

If the Disciplinary Committee considers that the offence is proved it must select the punishment from the following guidelines.

The Disciplinary Committee is not empowered to set punishments outside these guidelines.

Suspensions are calculated in fixtures or a time frame.

13.17 The Disciplinary Committee has the right to consider:

- (a) the severity of the offence
- (b) the player's past record
- (c) extenuating circumstances.

13.18 FINES & BONDS

The Disciplinary Committee is also empowered to additionally fine a player or place a player on a bond.

13.19 PERSISTENT OFFENDERS

In cases of repetition, that is, if the same player during the same season is reported for other offences, even if the infraction is not of the same nature, more severe sanctions may be taken.

13.20 VIOLENCE

All cases of violence will be severely punished.

13.21 UNABLE TO DETERMINE OFFENCE

Should the Disciplinary Committee be unable to decide what category a particular offence falls under the Chief Executive Officer of Football FNSW shall decide.

13.22 APPEALS

Appeals against a determination of the Disciplinary Committee must be lodged within 7 Days of the decision or finding being notified to the appellant.

A non refundable appeal fee of \$750 is to accompany any appeal.

13.23 SERVING OF SUSPENSIONS

A player who is sent off during the playing of a Futsal Premier or Super League fixture shall serve any suspension/s for such send off in the next Futsal Premier or Super League competition fixture/s following that send off.

13.24 If a player is suspended in the Final fixture of the

Futsal Premier League competition, the suspension/s shall be served in the next competition for which the player is next registered.

- 13.25 Suspensions cannot be served in representative matches. However, should a player be sent from the court by the Referee during such a fixture, the Competition Secretary would determine what penalty the player shall receive.
- 13.26 A player who, for example, registered as a Youth League player, who is sent from the field whilst playing as a Senior player for his Club, shall be ineligible to play in either Youth League or Senior grades until such time as the suspension is served.

Rule 14: FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

- 14.1 A player who commits a cautionable or sending-off offence, either on or off the field of play, whether directed towards an opponent, a team-mate, the Referee, an Assistant Referee or any other person, is disciplined according to the nature of the offence committed.
- 14.2 The goalkeeper is considered to be in control of the ball by touching it with any part of his hand or arms. Possession of the ball includes the goalkeeper deliberately parrying the ball, but does not include the circumstances where, in the opinion of the Referee, the ball rebounds accidentally from the goalkeeper, for example after he has made a save. Subject to Rule 13.13, a player may pass the ball to his own goalkeeper using his head or chest or knee etc. If, however, in the opinion of the Referee, a player uses a deliberate trick while the ball is in play in order to circumvent the Rule, the player is guilty of unsporting behaviour. He is cautioned, shown the yellow card and an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team from the place where the infringement occurred. A player using a deliberate trick to circumvent the Rule while he is taking a free kick, is cautioned for unsporting behaviour and shown the yellow card. The free kick is retaken. In such circumstances, it is irrelevant whether the goalkeeper subsequently touches the ball with his hands or not. The offence is committed by the player in attempting to circumvent both the letter and the spirit of Rule 13.13.
- 14.3 A tackle, which endangers the safety of an opponent, must be sanctioned as serious foul play.
- 14.4 Any simulating action anywhere on the field, which is intended to deceive the Referee, must be sanctioned as unsporting behaviour.
- 14.5 A player who removes their jersey and or/covers their

face when celebrating a goal must be cautioned for unsporting behaviour.

Rule 15: PROTESTS

- 15.1 Protests are defined as objections of any kind in relation to matches in the Round Robin or Finals Series.
- 15.2 All protests should be submitted in writing within forty eight (48) hours after the kick off of the Match in which the protest refers.
- 15.3 A review of the protest shall be conducted by FNSW General Purpose Tribunal as soon as is practicable after the protest is received.

Rule 16: OFFICIALS AND PLAYERS ON BENCHES

Club Officials will be required to complete a Code of Conduct form supplied by FNSW Futsal Dept. This form is to be held by each Club, and is to be made available to FNSW Futsal Dept upon request.

- 16.1 A maximum of three (3) Team Officials shall be permitted on each Team bench.
- 16.2 Team Officials are defined as any official representative of the Club.
- 16.3 Coaches and Managers must possess an ID Card supplied by FNSW Futsal Dept. The ID Card must be placed in the supplied Lanyard and worn around the neck of the owner with the photo side facing outwards.
- 16.4 At the conclusion of half time teams and officials must swap benches.
- 16.5 Team Officials are to remain seated at all times after the commencement of the Match except for the Coach who may stand, make his instruction and sit down again, but must remain within the Technical Zone. Players may stand behind the Bench.
- 16.6 The Team Manager is responsible to ensure the proper conduct of all persons occupying the bench and technical area.
- 16.7 Coaching and encouragement in suitable language is permitted from the team bench and technical area but no comments must be directed to or about referees, opposing players or officials.
- 16.8 Abusive or derogatory comments must not be tolerated. Offenders may be ordered from the enclosure by a Match Official.
- 16.9 With the prior approval of the Competition Secretary, a Coach may leave the enclosure during a match, however any coaching comments from outside the enclosure must still comply to point 16.8.

16.10 Bench players must wear a "Bib" to cover their jersey until they become active players. The "Bib" must be of a different colour to their playing jersey.

16.11 SUPPORTER BEHAVIOUR - Responsibility of Clubs for behaviour of spectators:-

Each Club shall take all such steps as are reasonably practicable to ensure the good conduct and behaviour of its supporters at any venue. A Club playing at its own venue or allowing its venue to be used for a game in which it is not participating shall also take all such steps as are reasonably practicable to ensure the good conduct and behaviour of all spectators at that venue. In the event of a report being made to FNSW Futsal Dept that the misbehaviour of spectators has had a material effect on the result of a match, being upheld, the General Purposes Tribunal may declare the match and result void and order the match to be replayed at such venue and on such date and on such conditions as the Competition Secretary or General Purposes Tribunal shall think proper, or, deduct a minimum of three (3) points from the offending Club and/or impose such other sanctions as the General Purposes Tribunal shall think proper, but not limited to a possible \$5000.00 fine. In the event of a match being abandoned due to field invasion the General Purposes Tribunal shall have the power to have the match replayed or to allow the result to stand.

Any such report shall be lodged with FNSW Futsal Dept in writing within forty eight (48) hours following the day of the match and shall only be considered if made by the Referee or a Club participating in such match.

Rule 17: FIRST AID AND ADMINISTRATION

16.1 It is the responsibility of the Home Club to make the appropriate arrangements and appoint a person trained in first aid and also a Club Administrator during the Round Robin Series.

Rule 18: FINES

18.1 FORFEITS - A Club whose team forfeits, will be liable for all costs e.g. Referee payments, Court Hire etc. A fine of \$200 per team will be imposed on the Club in addition to the previously mentioned expenses.

18.2 BEST & FAIREST PLAYER - A fine of \$50 per team will be imposed on the Club whose Scorer does not

complete their obligations to supply one (1) point to the opposing team's Best & Fairest player. This information must be written on the Game Sheet by circling the player's shirt number supplied. This information must be supplied to the FNSW Futsal Dept office by 5.00pm the following Monday after the game. If a player is nominated as a "Best and Fairest" candidate, and is involved in a Red Card offence against him, he will automatically have his accrued points stripped from him, and he will no longer be eligible for that award.

- 18.3 POSTPONED MATCHES - Any Club failing to set a postponed fixture in accordance with Rule 12.4 (a) may result in a fine of \$100.00.
- 18.4 RESULTS - A fine of \$100 will be imposed on the Club which does not communicate Home Game match results to Football NSW Futsal no later than 9.00pm on the day of the Match, as well as faxing the game sheet by the Monday following the fixture, and mailing it to Football NSW Futsal to be received no later than 12 noon on the Wednesday proceeding the Match.
- 18.5 INCORRECT GAME RESULTS - There should be no Referee scribing result errors on the Game Sheet at the games completion if there is a scorer present representing each team competing. Both Referees must sign the Game Sheet at the games completion
- 18.6 SCORER - A fine of \$50 will be imposed on the Club which does not supply a scorer for each game.
- 18.7 MATCH DAY OFFICIALS - A fine of \$50 will be imposed on each Home and Away Club which does not supply two (2) officials or security personnel. These persons must be identified as officials according to FNSW Regulations and be responsible to an Officials Supervisor appointed by each club. The Officials should be strategically stationed around the outside of the playing area. **Official's names must be listed on each of the games team sheets.** A Fine of \$50 will be imposed on Clubs who do not list their two (2) officials on each of the Game Sheets.
- 18.8 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY – A fine of \$100 will be imposed on a Club who add a player/s name to a game sheet after the commencement of a game.
- 18.9 RED CARD OFFENCES - will attract a Club fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50) per player per offence for All Age Male & Female, and Youth Male Players.
- 18.10 POINTS FORFEITURE – A fine of \$200 will be imposed on a Club who field ineligible player/s (Refer Rules 10.3 and 13.13(g)).
- 18.11 ID CARDS – A fine of \$500 will be imposed on a Club who fail to produce Team ID Cards (extenuating circumstances may be considered). Clubs are

expected to advise FNSW Futsal Dept of the breach of rules 18.1, 18.2 and 18.6 – 18.10 inclusive.

- 18.12 STRIPS – Clubs must supply identical coloured strips (irrespective of style) for their players throughout each age grouping, with a home and away strip to be held by each Club. Failure of any team not playing in their registered colours may result in their Club being fined \$100 per team.
- 18.13 In the event of a strip Colour clash, the Visiting Club shall change to a strip which does not include any of the basic colours of the Home Club. Failure to observe this Rule may result in a fine of \$100.
- 18.14 In the event of any strip Colour clash in the Final Series Fixtures both teams must change their strip. Failure to observe this Rule may result in a fine of \$100.
- 18.15 REFEREE ABUSE – A fine ranging between \$100 and \$5000 for each offence will be imposed on a Club whose player(s) and/or official(s) abuse a referee in any manner. This fine will be based on the Referee's Incident Report. The Competition Secretary may ask the person/s to appear before the Minor Offences Tribunal.
- 18.16 BALLS – Nike, Patrick, Lotto, Errea & 5 Star Balls are the only Futsal balls to be used in match play for the Premier and Super League competitions. These may be purchased from the FNSW Soccer Wearhouse. Fines of \$50 per game will apply for Clubs not using the Football NSW approved Balls.
- 18.17 COUNCIL OF CLUBS MEETINGS – At least one (1) Club Delegate MUST attend all Council of Clubs meetings. Failure to be represented, will result in a \$50 fine.