



# CANADA SOCCER

## FUTSAL CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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## PART I - OVERVIEW

### 1. Introduction: Canada Soccer's Futsal Canadian Championship

Canada Soccer's Futsal Canadian Championship is hosted each April across two divisions: the Men's Futsal Canadian Championship and the Women's Futsal Canadian Championship.

Futsal is an exciting and fast-paced sport played indoors on a small court with five players to each side. It features a sport-specific ball that does not bounce the same way as a traditional football bounces on grass or turf and the sport features its own unique Futsal Laws of the Game which differ from traditional football. Each match features two 20-minute halves with the clock stopped each time the match is interrupted as well as rolling substitutions so that players can come in and out of the match.

At the elite club level, Canada Soccer supports domestic competition through the annual Futsal Canadian Championship for men and women. Canada Soccer launched the Men's Futsal Canadian Championship in 2015 and the Women's Futsal Canadian Championship in 2023.

Each year, Canada Soccer's Futsal Canadian Championship will:

- Determine the national champions in two divisions (men and women);
- Provide an outstanding competitive opportunity and environment for players and coaches;
- Offer match officials the ability to excel at the national level;
- Promote futsal across the country;
- Ensure an enjoyable experience for all participants;
- Provide professional development opportunities and leave a legacy for host communities;
- Attract spectators to the competition;
- Achieve maximum visibility and exposure through broadcast and media for the competition, the sport and the host community.

The Futsal Canadian Championship also provides an important milestone in the careers of Canada Soccer's Futsal National Team players. From 2015 to 2024, more than two thirds of our National Team players featured with their clubs at the Futsal Canadian Championship (61 of 90 players).

In 2025, the first-ever edition of the FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup 2025 will feature National Teams from all six confederations including two National Teams from the Concacaf region (where Canada competes).

### 2. Number of Participants: 2024 Futsal Canadian Championship

2024 Men's Futsal Canadian Championship  
8 teams, 106 athletes, 26 staff & coaches  
16 matches (Sunday Final drew 300 spectators)



2024 Women's Futsal Canadian Championship  
9 teams, 116 athletes, 28 staff & coaches  
13 matches (Sunday Final drew 205 spectators)

2025 Futsal Canadian Championship  
Men's and women's competitions from 10 to 13 April 2025  
Expected 8-10 teams per division (16-20 total), 12-20 matches per division (25-35 total)  
Expected 12-15 officials, 12-15 delegates, 15-25 volunteers, 200-250 athletes and 50-60 staff & coaches

### 3. Expression of Interest

Bid communities must email an expression of interest by 7 November followed by a bid document by 21 November 2024. The bid document must underline the community's commitment to fulfilling the infrastructure and accommodation requirements of the competition as well as highlight the host city's engagement with the local futsal community. This expression of interest should be submitted electronically to [competitions@canadasoccer.com](mailto:competitions@canadasoccer.com).



## PART II – MINIMUM HOSTING STANDARDS

### 1. Requirement Highlights

**Pitches:** A minimum of two Futsal courts measuring 42m x 25m, subject to approval by Canada Soccer.

**Airport Proximity:** The distance from the hotel to the nearest major airport must not exceed a one-hour drive by highway coach.

**Hotels:** Adequate hotel space must be available to accommodate teams, match officials and Canada Soccer personnel, with separate accommodations for teams and officials within a 15 km radius of the competition venue(s).

**Local Organising Committee (LOC):** The LOC must sign a Hosting Agreement outlining their responsibilities, including coordinating volunteers, medical services, and facility management.

Bids are strongly encouraged to include support from the local club or Provincial/Territorial Soccer Organisation.



**2. Requirements for futsal courts and surfaces**

<b>SPECIFICATIONS</b>	<b>COMPETITION</b> (Minimum Requirements)	<b>WARM-UP</b> (Minimum Requirements)	<b>TRAINING</b> (Minimum Requirements)	<b>REMARKS</b>
<i>NUMBER OF FUTSAL COURTS</i>	2	1	1	
<i>FIELD OF PLAY DIMENSIONS</i>	Min: 38m x 20m Max: 42m x 25m		Min: 38m x 20m Max: 42m x 25m	
<i>SAFETY ZONE</i> <i>(distance outside field of play to the first obstacle)</i>	2m (except 5m on team bench side)	2m	2m	
<i>FUTSAL SURFACE</i>	Wood or artificial surfaces	Wood or artificial surfaces	Wood or artificial surfaces	Concrete, tarmac or artificial turf must be avoided
<i>FUTSAL LINE MARKING</i>	Futsal Specific	N/A	N/A	Futsal marking can be temporarily added by venue. Spec's provided on request
<i>BUILDING LIGHTS</i>	800 lux	800 lux	800 lux	
<i>SPORT EQUIPMENT</i>	Futsal Goals x2	N/A	Futsal Goals x2	
<i>SCOREBOARD/ VIDEOBOARD</i>	Scoreboard with foul count	N/A	N/A	
<i>TEAM BENCH/ ATHLETES' SEATS</i>	2 team benches with seating for 13	N/A	N/A	
<i>SPECTATORS' SEATING</i>	Min. 200	N/A	N/A	
<i>ANCILLARY ROOMS (in venue)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 Team Dressing Rooms</li> <li>- 2 Officials Dressing Rooms</li> <li>- 1 Medical Room</li> <li>- 1 Event Operations Room</li> <li>- 1 Meeting Room</li> <li>- 1 Storage Room</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A	



### 3. Accommodation Specifications

The LOC will be responsible for securing accommodations for teams, officials, and Canada Soccer personnel. Each team will be allowed five double rooms and one single room, with a designated host hotel determined by the Local Organising Committee.

#### Overview

- Accommodations for participating teams, Provincial/Territorial Representatives, Canada Soccer personnel, Canada Soccer appointed Match Officials/Assessors and the Supervisor of Officials will need to be provisioned for the duration of the competition.
- The LOC will be responsible for the following:
  - i. Receive bids, negotiate contracts and provide to Canada Soccer for approval prior to sign off
  - ii. Reserve sufficient space at designated host hotels for all participating teams, match officials and Canada Soccer personnel
  - iii. Collect rooming lists from teams and monitor all changes with team and hotel contacts
  - iv. Provide hotel portal for Canada Soccer and Host Committee to view pick up and overall room nights

#### Team Hotel

- Hotel accommodations for all visiting teams will be booked through the LOC (maximum 14 players and 4 team staff)
- It is recommended that teams be allocated five double rooms and one single room
- One single room for each Provincial/Territorial Representative will be booked at the designated host hotel
- Final quantity of rooms will be determined based on team needs

#### Laundry

- Ideally, each team hotel provides laundry services or has laundry facilities in house
- If a team hotel does not provide laundry service or facilities, the LOC is required to compile a list of local laundromats for distribution to teams

#### Canada Soccer Personnel and Match Officials

- One single room will be booked for each of the following: Match Commissioner, General Coordinator and Assistant General Coordinator. These rooms will be booked at the host hotel
- Rooms for Match Officials will also be booked at the host hotel
  - The LOC will book five double rooms for Match Officials
  - The LOC will book one single room for the Supervisor of Officials
  - The LOC will book single rooms for appointed assessor(s) with direct billing to Canada Soccer; typically, two single rooms should be booked for this purpose

### 4. Broadcast Specifications

#### Overview

- Canada Soccer is responsible for organising a broadcast solution for the competition
- The LOC is responsible for providing the infrastructure for broadcast. This includes:
  - Centralised camera position with a clear view of the futsal court
  - Access to power near the primary camera position, at all primary futsal courts
  - Access to stable internet connection, preferably hard-wired, near the primary camera position
  - The LOC is responsible for helping to source commentators for all matches (where possible), with a requirement to source commentary for the Semifinals and Finals



## 5. Dressing Rooms Specifications

### Overview

- A minimum of four dressing rooms are required at the futsal court so that matches can be scheduled back to back
- In addition, two separate dressing rooms must be available for the Match Officials. Note that there will be mixed groups of Match Officials (male/female)

### Requirements

- Each dressing room must have a dedicated toilet facility
- The LOC must provide a source of drinking water in each team and Match Official dressing room
- The LOC must provide laundry services for team bibs and towels throughout the competition. Used items should be washed after each match

## 6. Internet Connectivity Specifications

### Overview

- Canada Soccer utilizes a competitions website that requires a daily internet-enabled data entry by the Match Officials and Canada Soccer appointed personnel
- A strong, reliable internet connection is required for successful event administration
- If the competition venue provides wireless internet, the access point (ex. Router) must be capable of providing stable internet access throughout the required areas at the venue. This should be tested prior to the competition. If an access point is too far away from any of the required areas, the stability of the wireless connection may be inadequate. In this case, an alternative arrangement must be made to secure a stable connection

### Requirements

Internet access is required in the following areas

- i. In the Canada Soccer events office
- ii. In the Match Official reporting room
- iii. At court level for broadcast purposes
  - a. Must be hard-wired with a minimum of 10mbps upload speed
- iv. In the Pre-Competition Meeting room
- v. In the Canada Soccer meeting room for disciplinary hearings/daily meetings
- vi. In the Match Official's meeting room (in the host hotel or elsewhere if necessary)

## 7. Medical/First Aid Specifications

### Overview

- Arrangements must be made in advance with emergency health care officials and local emergency departments alerting them to the time and location(s) of the competition and the potential for serious injury on the field of play
- The LOC must provide a concept that outlines the facilitated access to medical/first-aid operations for each competition venue
- The LOC must provide a concept that includes medical services (physiotherapists and/or athletic therapists)

### Requirements

#### Athlete Support

- The LOC must arrange to have a qualified physiotherapist (or athletic therapist) at the venue for each game



- The physiotherapist/athletic therapist must be present at the futsal court while matches are in progress and must be available a minimum of one hour before and after each game for preventative measures and taping

**Automated External Defibrillators (AED)**

- A functioning, portable AED must be available at the competition venue
- The LOC must verify that the AED has a current, valid expiration date and has up-to-date servicing
- A designated person must be identified who is approved to operate the AED

**8. Volunteer Specifications**

**Overview**

- The LOC must source competition volunteers to assist with Match Day and (if applicable) Ticketing Operations
- Volunteers will be provided with accreditation

**Match Day Volunteers**

- Match Day volunteers will start approximately two hours before kickoff

**Ticketing Volunteers**

- Ticketing volunteers will start approximately an hour and a half hours before kickoff