

# REGULATIONS • RÈGLEMENTS

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#### 1. FUTSAL CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1.1. Canada Soccer's Futsal Canadian Championship (in French, "Championnat canadien de futsal") is a competition owned and managed by Canada Soccer.
- 1.2. The Futsal Canadian Championship takes place annually and consist of the following two divisions: Men's Futsal Canadian Championship; Women's Futsal Canadian Championship.
- 1.3. For the purposes of these Regulations for the Futsal Canadian Championship (hereinafter referred to as, the "Regulations"), wherever duly noted, "PTSO" refers to Canada Soccer's Provincial and Territorial Soccer Organisations (also known as Canada Soccer's Provincial and Territorial Member Associations).
- 1.4. For each division of the Futsal Canadian Championship, at least one Club from each PTSO is eligible to participate, as may be determined by Canada Soccer. A Club may not have more than one qualified team in any division of the Futsal Canadian Championship.
- 1.5. These Regulations regulate the rights, duties and responsibilities of all participating Clubs taking part in National Championships (each hereinafter: "Club") and of the Local Organising Committee (hereinafter: "LOC") by forming an integral part of the Hosting Agreement.
- 1.6. Canada Soccer, as the governing body for futsal in Canada, shall be responsible for ensuring that specified sanctions are carried out and complied with.
- 1.7. The format of the Futsal Canadian Championship shall be determined in advance by Canada Soccer.
- 1.8. Each Club in the Competition shall have only such rights in relation to the Competition (and any match in the Competition) as are expressly granted to the Club under these Regulations or by Canada Soccer in writing.
- 1.9. Canada Soccer Competitions Committee shall have power to make, delete and amend Regulations for the organisation, control, and management of the Competition as it, from time to time, deems expedient subject only to the authority of Canada Soccer Board where such matters related to financial or commercial matters.
- 1.10. All Clubs and their members shall be bound by and comply with these Regulations (and any rules or regulations issued pursuant to the Futsal

Canadian Championship). The Club's selected players, coaches, and staff members accredited for the Futsal Canadian Championship are collectively referenced as the Team Delegation List (hereinafter: "Team Delegation List").

- 1.11. Within the constraints of these Regulations, Canada Soccer, through its Organising Committee may adapt these Regulations to address specific situations not otherwise provided for, as necessary to address the competition objectives of Canada Soccer.
- 1.12. On entering the Futsal Canadian Championship, all Clubs automatically undertake to:
  - 1.12.1. Observe the Regulations;
  - 1.12.2. Sign the Club Participation Agreement and comply with the terms therein;
  - 1.12.3. Acknowledge that failure to comply with any of the requirements within these Regulations shall render any organisation or individual subject to disciplinary procedures;
  - 1.12.4. Observe the principles of fair play and abide by all Safe Sport principles being enforced by Canada Soccer.

# 2. CANADA SOCCER COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

- 2.1. The Canada Soccer Competitions Committee is an Operational Committee of Canada Soccer appointed by the General Secretary to oversee competitions in accordance with its Terms of Reference. In addition to its overall responsibilities the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee has specific responsibilities for the Futsal Canadian Championship including, but not limited to:
  - 2.1.1. Selecting a suitable venue for the Championship;
  - 2.1.2. Overseeing general preparations deciding on the competition format, any draws and forming groups that may be required;
  - 2.1.3. Approving the dates, venues and determining kick-off times;
  - 2.1.4. Where a match is abandoned determining if, when, and where, the match will be replayed;
  - 2.1.5. Replacing Clubs who have withdrawn from the Championship;
  - 2.1.6. Deciding on cases of each PTSO or Clubs failing to adhere to the timelines and/or the formal requirements for submitting the necessary documents;
  - 2.1.7. Verifying that the requirements concerning the eligibility of players are met;

- 2.1.8. Dealing with breaches of the doping regulations;
- 2.1.9. Reporting cases in relation to disciplinary action to Canada Soccer Disciplinary Committee;
- 2.1.10. Judging protests and taking appropriate steps to verify their admissibility;
- 2.1.11. Settling cases of force maieure:
- 2.1.12. Dealing with any other aspect of the Futsal Canadian Championship Competition that is not the responsibility of any other body under the terms of these Regulations.
- 2.2. Any decisions taken by the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee regarding the Futsal Canadian Championship are final and binding, unless otherwise stated in these Regulations, on all parties and are not subject to appeal.

#### 3. CANADA SOCCER ORGANISING COMMITTEE

- 3.1. A Canada Soccer Organising Committee shall be appointed for each hosting location of the Futsal Canadian Championship. It will consist of the appointed Match Commissioner, General Coordinator, Assistant General Coordinator, Supervisor of Officials, and any other persons deemed necessary.
- 3.2. The Canada Soccer Organising Committee shall be responsible for the in-venue operation and execution of the respective Competition to which it is appointed. The duties of each position will be provided to the appointee.
- 3.3. The Match Commissioner (hereinafter: "Match Commissioner") acts as the senior Canada Soccer appointee and is responsible for the overall management of the competition and specifically deals with disciplinary matters, protests, admissibility, and leads the crisis management team.
- 3.4. The General Coordinator (hereinafter: "General Coordinator") is responsible for all operational aspects related to the staging of the competition.
- 3.5. The LOC Chair is responsible for all logistics and delivering the requirements of the Hosting Agreement.
- 3.6. The Supervisor of Officials (hereinafter: "Supervisor of Officials") is responsible for the overall management of referees (hereinafter: "Match Officials") as well as the assessors. The Supervisor of Officials is appointed to each competition by Canada Soccer Referees Committee.

# 4. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)

- 4.1. Canada Soccer appoints the hosts for the respective Futsal Canadian Championship (hereinafter: "Host").
- 4.2. The Host is responsible for organising, hosting, and staging the selected Futsal Canadian Championship competition. The Host shall set up a LOC in accordance with the Hosting Agreement to establish financial controls, budgets and reports, preparing concepts for review, and ensuring standards are met for each event. Canada Soccer Competitions Committee requires hosts to complete Concepts of Operations in accordance with the timelines approved by Canada Soccer.
- 4.3. The obligations and responsibilities of the LOC with respect to the Futsal Canadian Championship are stipulated in the Hosting Agreement.
- 4.4. The LOC shall ensure that any decision taken by Canada Soccer Competitions Committee relating to its duties and responsibilities is enforced immediately.

# 5. PTSO REPRESENTATIVES

- 5.1. Each PTSO must appoint a person to act as its representative (hereinafter: "PTSO Representative") for each hosting venue of the Futsal Canadian Championship in which their province or territory is competing. The PTSO Representative must:
  - 5.1.1. Not be a member of the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee, Team Delegation List, or immediate family of a person on the Team Delegation List, regardless even if they serve on the PTSO Board or staff from the PTSO;
  - 5.1.2. Stay at the host hotel, unless dispensation has been granted by Canada Soccer, but not share a hotel room with any members of the Team Delegation List;
  - 5.1.3. Be present in the host location for the entire duration of the National Championships. They must arrive with, or on the same day as, the first Club and depart with, or after, their last Club has left the host venue;
  - 5.1.4. Be approved by the PTSO Board and hold Enhanced Police Information Check (E-PIC) Clearance or Criminal Record Check (CRC) with Vulnerable Sector

- Check (VSC). For this purpose, an E-PIC or CRC with VSC clearance must have been issued within 12 months of the end date for respective competition;
- 5.1.5. Be present at all Canada Soccer mandated meetings, including the pre-departure meeting for Club coaches and staff (hereinafter: "Team Officials") traveling to the Futsal Canadian Championship;
- 5.1.6. Attend both the PTSO Representatives Meeting as well as the Pre-Competition Meeting;
- 5.1.7. Attend all disciplinary hearings involving any member of the Team Delegation List from one of their Clubs;
- 5.1.8. Attend daily meetings with the Match Commissioner during the competition;
- 5.1.9. Be responsible to the Match Commissioner for the communication of all matters relating to the Clubs. In this regard, the PTSO Representative must be in possession of a cell phone that can operate in the host venue;
- 5.1.10. Ensure that all players and Team Officials adhere to the Canada Soccer Code of Conduct and Ethics;
- 5.1.11. Ensure all members of the Team Delegation List wear their Canada Soccer accreditation badge;
- 5.1.12. Participate on a Competition Discipline Committee
  if appointed by the Match Commissioner during the
  competition;
- Attend all official functions of the competition and must be dressed appropriately as advised by the LOC;
   and
- 5.1.14. Report all incidents of property damage by the Club(s) involved to the Match Commissioner and to the LOC Chair.
- 5.2. A Canada Soccer accreditation badge will be provided for only one PTSO Representative for each hosting location of the National Championships.

#### 6. PARTICIPATING CLUBS

6.1. Clubs shall participate in one of the following competition categories:

Futsal Canadian Championships
Adult/Senior Amateur – Men and Women's
Open Age.

# Other National Championships

As may be defined from time to time by Canada Soccer.

- 6.2. Each PTSO must confirm their participation for entry in the Futsal Canadian Championship annually as determined by Canada Soccer.
  - 6.2.1. Each PTSO must provide Canada Soccer with an overview of each of their qualifying competitions (which includes all league and/or cup matches that may lead into the final qualifying stage for the Futsal Canadian Championship). The overview must be provided in a timely manner from the moment the PTSO declares for the upcoming Futsal Canadian Championship (with updates to the overview provided as they become available). The overview must include:
    - 6.2.1.1. Format and link to competition website:
    - 6.2.1.2. Start date and end date:
    - 6.2.1.3. List of all teams in all parts of league and/or Cup matches (including final standings);
    - 6.2.1.4. Total number of matches
- 6.3. Each PTSO must advise Canada Soccer of its qualified Clubs immediately. Each Club must be affiliated with its respective PTSO.
- 6.4. On entering the Futsal Canadian Championship, the Club automatically undertakes to:
  - 6.4.1. Comply with the maximum number of players and Team Officials as defined in these Regulations;
  - 6.4.2. Observe these Regulations and the principles of fair play;
  - 6.4.3. Accept and obey all decisions taken by Canada Soccer and its officials under the term of thee Regulations;
  - 6.4.4. Respect the deadlines as set by Canada Soccer and the LOC;
  - 6.4.5. Participate in all matches of the Competition in which the Club is scheduled to take part;
  - 6.4.6. Accept all the arrangements relating to the respective Futsal Canadian Championship made by Canada Soccer and the LOC;
  - 6.4.7. Accept the usage by Canada Soccer, as well as the recording and broadcast of the images, names and records of all participants that may appear in connection with the Futsal Canadian Championship; and
  - 6.4.8. Ensure the provision of adequate insurance to cover the Club and any other person carrying out duties on its behalf against all risks, including, but not limited to, injury, accident and

travel.

- 6.5. In addition, each Club shall be responsible for:
  - 6.5.1. The actions of its Club members including the Team Delegation List and spectators; they must take all precautions necessary to prevent anyone from threatening or assaulting any other person at matches, especially the match officials and volunteers:
  - 6.5.2. Paying for costs incurred not covered by Canada Soccer during the course of its stay in the host venue;
  - 6.5.3. Attending official media activities when requested to do so;
  - 6.5.4. Attending official meetings, PTSO Representative meetings, disciplinary hearings, and other meetings called by Canada Soccer in-venue.
- 6.6. Each Club must be able to field a minimum of 10 players to participate in the Futsal Canadian Championship. Clubs who fail to meet this minimum standard will be subject to sanction.
- 6.7. Each Club must be affiliated with its respective PTSO and will be certified as eligible for the Futsal Canadian Championship after their Team Delegation List has been approved by their PTSO. Only members of the Team Delegation List approved by the PTSO will be provided an accreditation badge for permission to enter any accredited areas.
- 6.8. No qualified Club(s) may be replaced without the approval of the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee. (see Article 8).
- 6.9. Any PTSO that withdraws after the deadline will be subject to sanction in accordance with articles 7.2 and 7.3.
- 6.10. Members of the Team Delegation List cannot temporarily leave and return to the championship, without prior approval of the Match Commissioner. Depending on the reason for leaving, players may be required to submit a return-to-play form.
  - 6.10.1. Any member of the Team Delegation List who wish to permanently leave the Futsal Canadian Championship must notify the Match Commissioner prior to their departure, confirmed by the PTSO Representative.
  - 6.10.2. A player who receives any medical attention during the Futsal Canadian Championship will be required to provide the Match Commissioner with a return-to-play form signed by the

registered medical practitioner who attended the player.

- 6.11. Once a PTSO has declared its Clubs and before departure to the National Championships, the Team Officials and PTSO Representative must review these Regulations and attend a virtual preparation meeting where Canada Soccer will review expectations. Canada Soccer will provide the content for this meeting.
  - 6.11.1. Following the Canada Soccer preparation meeting, Team Officials shall meet with their players and review these Regulations and expectations. Players are also to be informed of the procedures to follow, and who to contact, in the event of any problems during the competition
- 6.12. The Canada Soccer Competitions Committee may reject the participation of any Club at its entire discretion where the Club fails to meet the criteria.

# 7. <u>WITHDRAWALS, UN-PLAYED MATCHES, AND ABANDONED</u> MATCHES

- 7.1. All Clubs undertake to play all of their matches.
- 7.2. After entering the Futsal Canadian Championship, a Club that fails to participate shall be penalised as specified below, except in unforeseen circumstances and cases of force majeure as determined by Canada Soccer.
- 7.3. If a withdrawal takes place:
  - 7.3.1. After entering the Competition but on, or before, the day of the first match of the Competition a fine of \$2,500 is to be paid:
  - 7.3.2. Anytime during the Competition a fine of \$5,000 is to be paid.
- 7.4. If a Club does not report for a match except in cases of force majeure recognised by Canada Soccer Organising Committee or refuses to continue to play or leaves the playing venue before the end of the match, the Club shall be considered as having lost and will be disqualified from the Futsal Canadian Championship Competition. The offending Club shall not be eligible to participate in the next two Futsal Canadian Championship Competitions and will be subject to sanction as determined by Canada Soccer.
- 7.5. Depending on circumstances and the decision of Canada Soccer Competitions Committee, a Club which withdraws at any stage of the

Competition may be ordered to reimburse Canada Soccer and the LOC of any expenses that have already been incurred as a result of the Club's proposed involvement or non-involvement in the Competition and also pay compensation for any damages or losses arising from its withdrawal.

- 7.6. Penalties specified in paragraph 7.3. above will not be applied in cases of force majeure, as verified by Canada Soccer Competitions Committee.
- 7.7. A Club must arrive at the venue for its scheduled match no later than 50 minutes before the designated kick-off time.
  - 7.7.1. Failure to do so, without just cause, will result in the Club forfeiting the game or expulsion from the competition and all its scheduled matches declared null and void. The PTSO will be required to provide an explanation of the actions of its Club to Canada Soccer, and may be subject to sanction.
- 7.8. Where a match is abandoned as a result of a discipline issue from one of the competing Clubs, the matter shall be reported to the Match Commissioner who will convene a disciplinary hearing to decide the appropriate course of action. On the final day such issues will be referred to the Canada Soccer Discipline Committee for its action.
- 7.9. Where a Club forfeits a match, it is considered to have a loss of 3-0, unless the goal difference on the court is greater than 3-0, in which case the score at the time of abandonment is upheld. The Canada Soccer Competitions Committee may take further action as deemed appropriate.

# 8. REPLACEMENT CLUBS

8.1. If a qualified Club is unable to participate in the Futsal Canadian Championship, Canada Soccer Competitions Committee shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion.

#### 9. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

9.1. Only players registered with a PTSO shall be eligible to compete in the National Championships. All players must be eligible to participate in their PTSO competition leading into the Futsal Canadian Championship.

For the Futsal Canadian Championship, at least nine players must be:

9.1.1. A Canadian Citizen: or

- 9.1.2. A Permanent Resident (as defined by the Government of Canada);
- 9.1.3. A Protected Person (as defined by the Government of Canada);

In all leagues and competitions in Canada including the Futsal Canadian Championship, any player who arrived from abroad at 10 years of age or older must request and receive an International Transfer Certificate in accordance with the current FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players before they register to play in Canada.

- 9.2. The Match Commissioner may request proof of eligibility at any time. Failure to provide the proof will result in the player not being permitted to play. Proof of eligibility is as follows:
  - 9.2.1. Canadian Citizen valid passport or birth certificate (or colour copy of birth certificate);
  - 9.2.2. Permanent Resident valid permanent resident card; or proof of permanent residency as provided by the Government of Canada;
  - 9.2.3. Protected Person documents as provided by the Government of Canada.
- 9.3. The deadline for registration with the PTSO shall be at least 35 days before the completion of the declared qualifying competition for the Futsal Canadian Championship, but in all cases before 31 January 2025.
- 9.4. Players must be eligible to play in any futsal league match for the current playing season. No Club shall register players after qualifying for the Futsal Canadian Championship.
- 9.5. Once having appeared in the PTSO qualifying competition for a Club, a player may not appear for any other Club for the duration of that qualification or final competition.
- 9.6. Any Club found guilty of fielding an ineligible player shall forfeit the match.

# 10. ELIGIBILITY OF TEAM OFFICIALS

10.1. Each Club must have at least one Team Official identified as the same gender as the division in which the Club competes, be it men's futsal or

women's futsal. One such Team Official must be present within the technical area for every match (the role cannot be filled by a player) and must remain with the Club for every day of the competition.

- 10.2. Each Club must have at least one Team Official that has completed the CCES E-learning requirements as mandated by the Canada Soccer. A copy of the CCES certificate for each of the required courses must be submitted through the competition platform along with the Team Delegation List.
- 10.3. All accredited Team Officials must have completed proper Background Screening, including a Criminal Record Check (CRC) with Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) or Enhanced Police Information Check (E-PIC) within the last 12 months.

## 11. TEAM DELEGATION LIST (PLAYERS & OFFICIALS)

- 11.1. Each PTSO will ensure that Canada Soccer can announce a Club's qualification to the National Championships on the day that the Club qualifies. Within five days of qualification, the PTSO will provide:
  - 11.1.1. Club Contacts, specifically the name(s) and email(s) of the person(s) that will be responsible for registering the Team Delegation List on Canada Soccer's competitions platform (COMET);
  - 11.1.2. Club President contact, specifically the name and email of the Club President;
  - 11.1.3. a copy of the Club's registered team roster for the National Championships division in which they have qualified.
- 11.2. Within 10 days of the Club's qualification, the Club must complete the following requirements for participation in the Futsal Canadian Championship:
  - 11.2.1. Complete Canada Soccer's Club Participation Agreement;
  - 11.2.2. Ensure that the Club's registered players from their qualifying competition have been added and linked to their "Club" on COMET for the National Championships, including each player's details and headshot image;
  - 11.2.3. Ensure that all Team Officials (coaches and staff) from their qualifying competition have been added and linked to their "Club" on COMET for the National Championships, including each person's details, headshot image, and (when applicable) coaching certification number as well as CCES certification

- 11.2.4. Provide team names (including leagues/divisions and age categories) for any teams or reserve teams within the Club structure from which potential call-up players may be considered.
- 11.3. Upon qualification, Clubs will be asked to provide a preliminary team excel sheet with player details from the match or season in which they qualified. The preliminary team sheet requirements for player details are: Position; Name; Height; Dominant foot; Date of Birth; Birthplace; City in which they grew up.
- 11.4. At 21 days before the Pre-Competition Meeting for the National Championships (by 19 March 2025), all Clubs must submit their Team Delegation List and uniform colours (hereinafter: "Team Kit Colours") on COMET for the National Championships, specifically:
  - 11.4.1. From the list of players linked to the "Club" on COMET, select a minimum of 10 players with a maximum of 14 Players for their "Team" participating at the Futsal Canadian Championship;
  - 11.4.2. From the list of Team Officials linked to the "Club" on COMET, select a minimum of two Officials (including at least one Official from the same gender as the division in which their players are competing) with a maximum of four Officials for their "Team" participating at the Futsal Canadian Championship;
  - 11.4.3. Through their "Team" page on COMET, show at least two variations of their Team Kit for outfield players (one combination with a light colour for the shirts and socks; another combination with a dark colour for the shirts and socks) as well as at least three variations of their Team Kit for goalkeepers (they must wear colours that are distinguishable from the outfield players).
- 11.5. By 14 days before the Pre-Competition Meeting for the National Championships, each PTSO must approve the eligibility of the Team Delegation List for the National Championships. Each Club must also identify each player's official Team Kit Number for the National Championships so that the same Team Kit Number is worn by the same player across entire week of the National Championships. Within the last 14 days before the National Championships, any and all changes may only be made by Canada Soccer.
- 11.6. Eligible players and Team Officials from the Team Delegation List who have received Canada Soccer accreditation badge and are indicated as present on the match sheet must occupy a position in the technical area

unless dispensation has been granted by the Match Commissioner.

11.7. At the Futsal Canadian Championship, all members of the Team Delegation List must wear their Canada Soccer accreditation badge starting before their arrival at all competition venues (including any official transportation to the stadiums and fields).

#### 12. MATCH SHEETS

- 12.1. Clubs must submit their completed match sheets through Canada Soccer's competitions platform (COMET) no later than 45 minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time. Once submitted, the Team Delegation List is locked, and no changes will be permitted to the match sheet unless approved by the General Coordinator or designate.
- 12.2. Clubs must list a maximum of 14 players and four Team Officials on each match sheet through COMET (Clubs must identify a starting goalkeeper and a starting captain for each match).
- 12.3. A maximum of 13 persons shall be allowed on the Club's bench: nine substitutes and four Team Officials. The names of the Team Officials and their functions must be indicated on the form provided prior to the match.
- 12.4. A match is played by two Clubs, each consisting of not more than five players on the court, one of whom is the goalkeeper. The minimum number of players required to start a match is three, one of whom must be the goalkeeper. The match is abandoned if one of the Clubs has fewer than three players on the court.
- 12.5. If a player from a Club with only three players leaves the court to receive medical attention, the match will be suspended until this player has received treatment and is able to return to the court. If the player is unable to return, the match is abandoned, and the Club forfeits the match in accordance with Article 7.9.
- 12.6. Players serving a suspension are not permitted to sit in the technical area. Youth-aged players must serve their suspension by sitting in a designated position on the team bench in the technical area. This position is subject to approval of the Match Officials. Suspended players sitting in the technical area may not take any part in the match, including engaging with Match Officials or opposing players and Team Officials, and are subject to the authority of the Match Officials.

#### 13. FORMAT AND STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

- 13.1. The format for each competition shall be determined in advance by the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee and set out in the match schedule.
- 13.2. For the 2025 Futsal Canadian Championship, Clubs will be seeded in each division based on their PTSO's highest final ranking in the 2024 Futsal Canadian Championship.
- 13.3. Canada Soccer may include a "second" Club from any PTSO for any division of the National Championships. Canada Soccer will prioritise the addition of a "second" Club from the hosting location's PTSO. When a "second" Club from a PTSO not hosting the National Championships is included, it will be the second-place Club or runners up in the PTSO's declared qualifying competition.
  - 13.3.1. Only Clubs from a declared PTSO qualifying competition with four or more teams may be considered for inclusion as a PTSO's "second" Club in the Futsal Canadian Championship;
  - 13.3.2. For the purposes of seeding Clubs in any division of the Futsal Canadian Championship, the "second" Club(s) will be seeded below or after all the "first" Clubs.
- 13.4. Canada Soccer may, at its discretion, revoke the inclusion of any Club. If either the "first" or "second" Club from a PTSO is unable to compete, the PTSO may request permission from the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee to enter another Club. The decisions taken by the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee will be final, binding, and not subject to appeal.

# 14. DURATION OF PLAY, STANDINGS & TIE BREAKING CRITERIA

- 14.1. Each match shall last 40 minutes, comprising of two periods of 20 minutes with an interval of 15 minutes in between.
  - 14.1.1. Matches will be played with stopped time;
  - 14.1.2. Time shall be kept by the Timekeeper who will be positioned at the Timekeeper's Table situated at the halfway line;
  - 14.1.3. In each period, each Club is entitled to one one-minute time-out.
- 14.2. Clubs will be presented a 30-minute warm-up period on the court before each match. The warm-up period will be monitored and any Club abusing the privilege will be subject to sanction. If the pitch is not in good condition, or if the warm-up sessions would negatively affect the state of the pitch for the match, or if the pitch will be used for ceremonies related to the National Championships, Canada Soccer may adjust, shorten and/or cancel

the warm-up period.

- 14.3. In a Futsal Canadian Championship organised with a round-robin format for either four or five Clubs per group, three points will be awarded for a win and one point for a draw during the group phase. All matches organised in these groups will be played to regulation time only. Group standings shall be determined by points won at the completion of the round robin.
- 14.4. In a Futsal Canadian Championship organised with a round-robin format of three Clubs per group, three points will be awarded for a win and one point for a draw. Matches organised in these groups will be played to regulation time, unless the last match of a group has mathematically been determined as a head-to-head playoff.
- 14.5. In the last match of a round-robin format with three Clubs, if the Club not participating has either six points (guaranteed first place), zero points (guaranteed last place), has been suspended, or has withdrawn from part or all of the competition, then that last match becomes a playoff match that must be played to a decision.
  - 14.5.1. In that playoff match, if the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the match will go straight to penalties in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game published by FIFA.
- 14.6. In National Championships (or parts thereof) whereby points are required to determine rankings for any reason, then Clubs will be ranked by points won across all matches played including group, knockout and playoff matches: three points for a win in regulation time, one point for a draw in regulation time.
- 14.7. The following tie-breaking criteria shall be used to determine standings:
  - 14.7.1. Most points in all matches concerned;
  - 14.7.2. If two Clubs are tied on points after all matches concerned, then:
    - 14.7.2.1. Greater number of points in matches between the Clubs concerned (head-to-head competition);
    - 14.7.2.2. Greater goal difference in all matches concerned (goals scored minus goals conceded);
    - 14.7.2.3. Greater number of goals scored in all matches concerned:
    - 14.7.2.4. Drawing of lots to determine ranking at a time and place decided by the Match Commissioner.
  - 14.7.3. If three or more Clubs are tied on points after all matches concerned, then:

- 14.7.3.1. Greater goals difference in all matches concerned between the three (or more) Clubs tied on points (goals scored minus goals conceded);
- 14.7.3.2. Greater number of goals scored in all matches concerned between the three (or more) Clubs;
- 14.7.3.3. Greater goals difference in all matches concerned;
- 14.7.3.4. Greater number of goals scored in all matches concerned:
- 14.7.3.5. Drawing of lots to determine ranking at a time and place decided by the Match Commissioner.
- 14.7.4. When penalties are required for a tie-breaking scenario, players under suspension are not eligible to participate. In such a case, the scenario does not constitute the serving of any disciplinary suspension already awarded.
- 14.8. For all matches that require a decision (including knockout, playoff, consolation, ranking and placement matches), if the score is tied after regulation time, the match will go straight to penalties in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game published by FIFA.
- 14.9. On the last day of the Futsal Canadian Championship, Canada Soccer may organise placement matches (excluding the Final match in each division) to be played with a running clock. Should a placement match end in a draw at the end of the 40 minutes, the winner of the match will be determined by penalties in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game published by FIFA.
- 14.10. Should the Final end in a draw at the end of normal playing time, extra time will be played. This shall consist of two periods of five minutes each, with an interval of five minutes at the end of normal playing time, but not between the two periods of extra time.
  - 14.10.1. If at the end of the ten minutes of extra time, the Clubs are tied, the winner of the match will be determined by penalties in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game published by FIFA.
- 14.11. The venue must have a scoreboard showing the remaining time in the period, score, foul count, and period during the match. The timekeeper is responsible for this function and ensures that the clock is stopped and started in accordance with the development of play.

#### 15. EQUIPMENT

15.1. Club's equipment must comply with the FIFA Equipment Regulations and the Futsal Laws of the Game.

- 15.2. The appointed General Coordinator will assign the team colours for each match. All Clubs must have at least two different and distinct sets of Team Kits and will present them at the Pre-Competition Meeting. Goalkeepers are to have two Team Kits that distinguish them from the other players and the match officials. Goalkeepers should declare and bring three distinct colour socks to the championship.
- 15.3. Shirts must be numbered and the corresponding number used for identification on the team sheet. A player shall be identified by the same number on both sets of Team Kits. Clubs should plan ahead for the players who are candidates to play as flying goalkeepers. Every flying goalkeeper should bring two sets of Team Kits bearing their own player number.
- 15.4. Players may be identified by means of their surname, or an abbreviation, or nickname on their shirts. The player's name shall correspond with the name on the players' list.
- 15.5. Each Club must bring both sets of Team Kits to each match. Goalkeepers should bring their three sets of socks, too.
- 15.6. During the match, substitutes must wear bibs of a different colour than the players on the court. Team Officials must also wear a colour different from the colours of the players on the court.
- 15.7. Undershirts must be the same colour as the main colour of the shirt sleeve; 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 Club must wear the same colour. Players that do not comply will not be allowed to enter the court until the match officials are satisfied that the equipment conforms to the Futsal Laws of the Game.
- 15.8. Where tape or similar material is applied externally to a sock it must be the same colour as the part of the sock to which it is applied. Clear tape may be used. Ankle braces worn on top of the socks must be taped with the same colour as the part of the sock to which it is applied.
- 15.9. Knee and arm protectors: Where knee and arm protectors are worn, they must be the same colour as the main colour of the shirt sleeve (arm protectors) or the shorts/trousers (knee protectors) and cannot protrude excessively. When it is not possible to match these colours, black or white protectors may be used with shirt sleeves/shorts (or trousers, where applicable) of any colour. When protectors that do not match the shirt sleeves/shorts (or trousers) are used, all such protectors must be the same colour (black or white).

- 15.10. Players are not permitted to wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or other players. Players are not permitted to wear jewelry (not even if it has been covered with tape), including but not limited to rings, bracelets, earrings, necklaces, and any other visible body piercing. An exception will be made for medical alert bracelets which must be either made of Velcro or similar soft material, or covered with sweatband.
- 15.11. Clubs may wear the Team Kit they wear in their current league competitions providing that it is not in conflict with Canada Soccer or the Futsal Canadian Championship title sponsors. Jerseys may display a maximum of four sponsor brands per Team Kit. This includes any sponsor branding that may be embedded in a league logo. However, the advertising of tobacco or distilled spirits, as well as slogans of a political, religious, or racist nature, or for other causes that offend common decency, is prohibited.
- 15.12. Each Club will bring the flag from their province or territory (6' x 3') to every match of the Futsal Canadian Championship.

#### 16. COURT, STADIA, FUTSAL BALLS

- 16.1. Canada Soccer shall ensure for the Futsal Canadian Championship that the venue and its facilities in which the matches are to take place fulfill FIFA requirements and comply with the standards of safety and security required for hosting matches. The court and the ancillary equipment shall comply with the provisions stipulated in the Futsal Laws of the Game. The court and the facilities shall be in optimum condition.
- 16.2. The LOC shall guarantee for the Futsal Canadian Championship that the court complies with the Futsal Laws of the Game. This shall be subject to the approval of the appointed Canada Soccer representative and the Match Officials.
- 16.3. The selection of fields and kick-off times will be approved by Canada Soccer in consultation with the LOC.
- 16.4. The match balls for the Futsal Canadian Championship Competition shall be supplied by the LOC for the Futsal Canadian Championship. All balls that may be used are to be provided to the referee one hour before kick-off for inspection.
- 16.5. An electronic scoreboard must be provided by the LOC for the Futsal Canadian Championship in the venue to display remaining time in the period, score, foul count, and period. This scoreboard must be able to be controlled

by the Timekeeper situated at the halfway line on the court.

- 16.6. All venues used for Futsal Canadian Championship shall be free of any and all commercial activities and identifications (including boards and signage) other than those approved by Canada Soccer from at least one day prior to the opening match to the day following the final match on that field.
- 16.7. Smoking and/or vaping is not allowed in any of the competition accredited areas including but not limited to the technical area, the vicinity of the field of play, or within other competition areas such as the dressing rooms.

### 17. MEDICAL MATTERS & ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

- 17.1. After receiving any form of medical attention from any registered medical practitioner (including an Emergency Medical Technician or Doctor) during the Futsal Canadian Championship, a player must submit a "Return to Play" form that has been signed by an attending medical practitioner. The signed form must be approved by either the Match Commissioner or General Coordinator before the player is allowed any further participation at the Futsal Canadian Championship.
- 17.2. A player wearing a cast, brace or medical support must have their cast, brace, medical support or equipment checked and approved by the Supervisor of Officials before the Pre-Competition Meeting at the Futsal Canadian Championship (or before their first match wearing the cast, brace or medical support). The Supervisor of Officials will determine the player's eligibility to play in accordance with the Laws of the Game. The Supervisor of Official's decision is final and binding for the whole Futsal Canadian Championship.
  - 17.2.1. Hard casts are considered dangerous and, as such, are not permitted for the Futsal Canadian Championship;
  - 17.2.2. A soft cast may be permitted as long as the cast does not present a danger to any individual on the pitch;
  - 17.2.3. Modern protective equipment made of soft, lightweight, padded materials may be permitted as long as the equipment does not present a danger to any individual on the pitch;
  - 17.2.4. Any player who uses a cast with the intent to intimidate or injure an opponent shall be sent off.
- 17.3. A player who, after an injury sustained at the Futsal Canadian Championship, requires the use of a cast, brace, or medical support, that

cast, brace, medical support or new equipment must be checked and approved by the Supervisor of Officials. The player must also submit a "Return to Play" form that has been signed by an attending medical practitioner.

- 17.4. All members of the Team Delegation List are subject to the rules of the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (hereinafter: "CADP"), which protects the integrity of sport, safeguards the health of athletes, permits elite athletes to participate in international competitions, fulfills obligations imposed by FIFA, and satisfies government policy that requires all financially-supported sport organisations to have World Anti-Doping Code-compliant programs.
  - 17.4.1. Athletes including those participating in the Futsal Canadian Championship, accept the rules of the CADP as a condition of participation in sport and agree to be bound by these rules.
- 17.5. Each Club will ensure that at least one Team Official has completed the "True Sport Clean" (Untracked) course as delivered by the Canadian Centre of Ethics in Sport (hereinafter: "CCES"). Proof of education (such as a screenshot of the online certificate) must be submitted to Canada Soccer.

# **18. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

- 18.1. Canada Soccer will review all disciplinary incidents in compliance with the FIFA and Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code in force as well as any relevant FIFA Circulars or Directives with which Canada Soccer is required to comply.
- 18.2. Clubs and members of their Team Delegation List agree to comply with the Laws of the Game, and with Canada Soccer By-laws, Rules and Regulations and Policies, in particular the Disciplinary Code, Anti-Doping Regulations, Code of Conduct and Ethics, as well as any instructions or decisions that have any significance regarding the Futsal Canadian Championship.
  - 18.2.1. In addition, members of each Team Delegation List agree to: respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence; behave accordingly; and refrain from doping as defined by the Anti-Doping Policy.
- 18.3. The Match Commissioner shall investigate any formal compliant or protest prior to laying any charges of misconduct and shall form a Competition Discipline Committee to conduct a hearing and take appropriate

action if necessary.

- 18.4. The Canada Soccer Disciplinary Committee may, at its discretion, take action against any PTSO and/or Club whose players, Team Officials or spectators have been found guilty of misconduct and/or violence toward anyone present at a match and especially towards match officials.
  - 18.4.1. A PTSO and/or Club may also be fined for offences committed by their supporters.
- 18.5. Canada Soccer Competitions Committee shall rule on any alleged breach of these Regulations by an individual or organisation. Where Canada Soccer Competitions Committee rules, at its sole discretion, that an individual or organisation has breached one or more of these Regulations, the specified penalty shall be applied. Canada Soccer will collect any financial sanction directly from the Member Association in accordance with the Participation Agreement. These decisions are final and are not subject to appeal.
- 18.6. Canada Soccer Competitions Committee may refer an individual, Club or PTSO, found in breach of the Regulations, to the Canada Soccer Discipline Committee for further review.
- 18.7. Damage by any members of a Club to any property, other than their own shall be the financial responsibility of, and dealt with equally, by the PTSO of the members involved in the incident and causing the damage. All such incidents must be reported to the Match Commissioner. Sanctions may be imposed by Canada Soccer where appropriate.
- 18.8. A youth-aged player at the Futsal Canadian Championship shall not acquire, possess, purchase, or consume alcohol or any illegal drugs. Sanctions will be applied to an individual, Club and/or PTSO, found in breach of this Regulation.
- 18.9. The Canada Soccer Competitions Committee may refer all issues of misconduct, willful damage, and bringing the match into disrepute by an individual, Club, and/or PTSO to the Canada Soccer Discipline Committee.
- 18.10. A player or Team Official dismissed from a match during the Futsal Canadian Championship, except in their Club's final match of that competition, will receive, at minimum, an automatic one match suspension. Along with the automatic suspension incurred, additional disciplinary action shall be imposed as follows:

- 18.10.1. In breaching the Canada Soccer Code of Conduct and Ethics, the file will be sent to Canada Soccer Ethics Committee;
- 18.10.2. For minor infringements of the Laws of the Game, action will be taken in accordance with the Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code;
- 18.10.3. For serious infringements of the Laws of the Game, action will be taken in accordance with the Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code and the Match Commissioner may conduct a disciplinary hearing;
- 18.10.4. For Team Officials dismissed from the technical area in accordance with the Laws of the Game, a minimum twomatch suspension will be imposed;
- 18.10.5. For any misconduct against Match Officials, action will be taken in accordance with the Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code;
- 18.10.6. For disorderliness at the match and/or during the competition, expulsion from the National Championships and the file sent to the Canada Soccer Disciplinary Committee for further sanctions;
- 18.10.7. For team misconduct, action will be taken in accordance with the Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code.
- 18.11. Any player who accumulates a third caution during the Futsal Canadian Championship shall receive a one-match suspension to be served in their next match.
- 18.12. Any Team Official who accumulates a second caution during the Futsal Canadian Championship shall receive a one-match suspension to be served in their next match.
- 18.13. Any player or Team Official with an outstanding suspension, whether they were dismissed in their Clubs final match of the Futsal Canadian Championship or were serving a suspension through accumulation of cautions, will be referred to the Canada Soccer Discipline Committee for sanction.
- 18.14. Fines levied by Canada Soccer must be paid within 30 days after receiving written notification.

# 19. DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS AND APPEALS

19.1. The Match Commissioner may, at their sole discretion, conduct a hearing for misbehaviour on or off the court. A Competition Discipline

Committee shall be formed to conduct this hearing in accordance with the FIFA and Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code and Canada Soccer By-laws, Rules and Regulations and Policies.

- 19.2. The Match Commissioner shall establish and chair a Competition Discipline Committee to conduct a hearing and take appropriate action if necessary (referenced in these Regulations as a "Competition Discipline Committee").
- 19.3. A Competition Discipline Committee shall include at least two PTSO Representatives.
- 19.4. Any decision taken by the Competitions Discipline Committee shall be final as far as the competition is concerned but further disciplinary sanctions may be imposed by the Canada Soccer Discipline Committee.
- 19.5. Misconduct by players or Team Officials reported by the referee shall be dealt with by the Match Commissioner or a Competition Discipline Committee prior to the Club's next match.
- 19.6. When summoned to a hearing by the Match Commissioner a player or Team Official reported for misconduct must attend the hearing. The PTSO Representative shall accompany the player or Team Official to the hearing. In addition, the player or Team Official may be accompanied by another Team Official. The individual summoned for a hearing may, at the discretion of the Match Commissioner, appoint a representative to attend the hearing on their behalf. Anyone representing an accused must provide a signed proxy from the accused before being allowed to participate at a hearing.
- 19.7. Failure to attend a Discipline Hearing, after receiving written notification by the Match Commissioner to do so, shall result in immediate suspension until the player or Team Official involved requests a further hearing in writing and appears at that subsequent hearing.
- 19.8. The Competition Discipline Committee may hold a hearing into any allegation of misconduct off the court or bringing the match into disrepute. The Committee may take any disciplinary action it sees fit, including suspension for the remainder of the competition. Furthermore, it may refer the matter to the Canada Soccer Discipline Committee for review and disposition.
- 19.9. An appeal may be lodged with Canada Soccer Appeals Committee in accordance with Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code, unless the disciplinary sanction pronounced is:

19.9.1. a warning;

19.9.2. a reprimand;

- 19.9.3. a suspension for fewer than three matches or of up to two months:
- 19.9.4. a decision passed in compliance with Canada Soccer Competition Regulations where such decisions are final and binding.

#### 20. PROTESTS

- 20.1. For the purpose of these Regulations, protests are objections of any kind related to events or matters that have a direct effect on matches, including but not limited to the state of and markings on the court, accessory match equipment, eliqibility of players, facilities, and footballs.
- 20.2. Unless otherwise stipulated, any protest arising out of any match in a Canada Soccer Competition shall be made in writing to the Match Commissioner or the General Coordinator within two hours post the match report having been finalised online. A protest fee of \$500 will be levied by Canada Soccer.
- 20.3. In all cases, the Competition Discipline Committee must rule on the protest, including the disposition of the protest fee, prior to the commencement of the next day's matches. Any decision taken by the Committee on a protest shall be final and binding, as far as the competition is concerned.
- 20.4. If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the Competition Disciplinary Committee may impose a sanction.
- 20.5. The referee's decision regarding facts connected with play, including but not limited to the result of the match or even a decision as to whether a goal was scored is final and binding. Protests can not be made against decisions made by the referees as outlined in the Laws of the Game.
- 20.6. Protests or challenges in respect to player eligibility not ruled upon, or requiring further investigation, will be dealt with by the appropriate Canada Soccer Committee and may result in the overall standings being amended.
- 20.7. After the completion of the Futsal Canadian Championship, any protest regarding player eligibility already ruled on by the Match Commissioner will not change the results of the Competition.
- 20.8. If any of the formal conditions of a protest as set out in these Regulations is not met, such protests shall be disregarded by the competent body. Once the final match in the respective Futsal Canadian Championship

has ended, no further protests under this article will be received.

#### 21. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

- 21.1. Canada Soccer is the owner of all of the rights around the Futsal Canadian Championship. These rights include among others, audiovisual and radio recording rights, reproduction and broadcast rights, multimedia rights, sponsorship, marketing and promotional rights and incorporeal rights such as logo and emblems and rights arising under copyright law, whether currently existing or created in the future, subject to any provision as set forth in specific regulations.
- 21.2. The Futsal Canadian Championship logo cannot be duplicated or manipulated by Clubs or the LOC.
- 21.3. Each Club shall grant Canada Soccer with the right to use the Club's names, logos, badges, and marks in connection with their participation in the Futsal Canadian Championship for marketing and promotional purposes (examples include website, program, etc.).
- 21.4. Each Club's playing and/or warmup shirts from the Team Kit may display the branding of Club sponsors, to a maximum of four sponsor brands per Team Kit (with a maximum of two sponsors per side). This rule includes any sponsor branding that may be embedded in a league logo. The jersey manufacturer logo is exempt from this rule.
  - 21.4.1. Clubs must have their sponsors list and use of sponsors approved by the Canada Soccer Business Development Department at least 14 days before the Pre-Competition Meeting for the National Championships;
  - 21.4.2. Any Clubs that feature sponsors not approved by Canada Soccer will have to have those sponsors either covered or removed.

#### 22. REFEREEING

- 22.1. The Match Officials shall be selected form the list of Canada Soccer approved futsal referees.
- 22.2. Match Officials shall be appointed to individual matches in the respective competitions on behalf of the Canada Soccer Referee Committee by the Supervisor of Officials in venue. Canada Soccer's decision on the appointment of match officials shall be final and not subject to appeal.

- 22.3. The referee must complete their report through the Canada Soccer competitions platform (COMET) at the playing venue immediately after the match. The report will be complete once the match has been set to "Played". On the report form the referee must note all occurrences of significance including goals, misconduct of players leading to caution or expulsion, unsporting behaviour or misconduct by Team Officials or spectators and any other incident happening before, during and after the match in as much detail as possible.
- 22.4. The decision of Canada Soccer Referees Committee is final and binding and not subject to appeal.
- 22.5. Match assessors, where appointed, must complete the online Incident Report Form for all matches.

#### 23. LAWS OF THE GAME

- 23.1. All matches will be played under the Futsal Laws of the Game as approved and published by FIFA.
- 23.2. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Futsal Laws of the Game, the English text shall be authoritative.

#### 24. CALL-UP PLAYERS

- 24.1. A Club may request permission to call up (or pick up) players to participate who might not otherwise be eligible within the deadlines set below. This request must be in writing, to their respective PTSO who may seek final approval through the Canada Soccer Call-Up Panel.
- 24.2. Clubs may call up a maximum of three players to replace unavailable players already registered with the Club but who are unable to take part in the Futsal Canadian Championship.
- 24.3. Call-up player requests must be submitted on the appropriate form a minimum of 14 days prior to the start of the Futsal Canadian Championship.
- 24.4. The criteria for a player to be eligible for a call-up request will be as follows:
  - 24.4.1. Call-up players must be registered with the PTSO of the Club requesting the call-up players;
  - 24.4.2. Call-up players must come from the Club's system, if such a system is in place;

- 24.4.3. Call-up players must come from a lower adult/senior competitive level or should come from an approved youth team:
- 24.4.4. Call-up players can not have played for another Club at the same adult/senior competitive level in the same qualifying season (league or Cup competition);
- 24.4.5. Youth-aged call-up players must have participated with the adult/senior Club at least once in the past 12 months
- 24.4.6. If the playing season is not over, a call-up player must have written permission of the Club for which they play;
- 24.4.7. Call-up players may not be a nationally-carded athlete.
- 24.5. Once a registered player has been replaced by a call-up player, the replaced player cannot participate in a Futsal Canadian Championship in that same year.
- 24.6. Where, after approval, a call-up player is injured and cannot compete in the Futsal Canadian Championship, the Club may seek to replace this player with another call-up player. A medical certificate must accompany this request. Subject to meeting the criteria outlined in these Regulations, the Chair of Canada Soccer Competitions Committee may, at their sole discretion, approve this call-up request.
- 24.7. A Club may request a call-up goalkeeper within the 14-day window referred in Article 24.3. Subject to meeting the criteria outlined in these Regulations, the Chair of Canada Soccer Competitions Committee may, at their sole discretion, approve the call-up request. Within their request, the Club must outline the reason(s) why the replaced goalkeeper is unable to participate.
- 24.8. Whereby a Club has exhausted its maximum number of call-up requests outlined in Article 24.2, a Club may submit additional call-up requests if their Team Delegation List has fallen below the mandatory threshold of 10 players. The Club, in conjunction with their PTSO, must provide in writing the reasons for their additional call-up request(s). Subject to meeting the criteria outlined, the Canada Soccer Call-Up Panel may, at their discretion, approve this call up.
- 24.9. Replaced youth-aged players cannot be added to the Team Delegation List as a Team Official, unless approved by the Canada Soccer Call-Up Panel.
- 24.10. Clubs may not replace any registered players who wish to play at the Futsal Canadian Championship, unless medical instructions indicate that the injured player(s) should not play.

24.11. Decisions taken by Canada Soccer regarding call-up requests are final and binding and not subject to appeal.

#### 25. ACCOMMODATIONS

- 25.1. Each Club must arrive at the host location of the Futsal Canadian Championship at least one day before the first match of the competition. At least one Official must arrive early enough to attend the Pre-Competition meeting on that day before the first match. Except in the case of force majeure, where a Club does not arrive at the hosting location in accordance with this Article, it will result in expulsion from the competition at the Club's expense.
- 25.2. Clubs participating in the Futsal Canadian Championship must stay in the hotels designated by the LOC. Clubs registered within a 50km radius of the hosting location may request exemption from this Article.
- 25.3. Parents shall not share hotel rooms with players.
- 25.4. Players and Team Officials shall not share hotel rooms.
- 25.5. Youth-aged players at any youth or adult/senior Futsal Canadian Championship must be appropriately supervised by the Team Officials from the Club.
- 25.6. Curfews shall be appropriate for the age of the players. Unless Team Officials from the Club have stipulated an earlier curfew time, all youth-aged players at any youth or adult/senior Futsal Canadian Championship shall adhere to an "in-room" curfew of not later than 23:00 (local time).
- 25.7. The youth curfew time may be extended if the Club is attending an official function which runs past the established time.
- 25.8. All Team Officials and senior-age players shall adhere to a curfew as set by their PTSO.

#### **26. TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

26.1. The three medal-winning Clubs in each division will receive medals (either Gold, Silver or Bronze) for members of their Team Delegation List.

- 26.2. The Winners' Trophies presented to the winning Clubs at the Futsal Canadian Championship remain the property of Canada Soccer.
- 26.3. A Most Valuable Player (hereinafter: "MVP") will be selected in each division of the Futsal Canadian Championship. The MVP will be selected from the winning Club after which they will be presented an MVP trophy at the Awards Ceremonies. Canada Soccer, in consultation with the winning Club, will confirm the MVP for each division.
- 26.4. The Match Officials that officiate in the Final of each division will receive a Gold Medal for the Futsal Canadian Championship. All Match Officials as well as PTSO Representatives will receive a commemorative medallion from the Futsal Canadian Championship.

#### 27. BREACH OF REGULATIONS

- 27.1. Where a breach of these Regulations occur, the Match Commissioner shall complete a Breach of Regulation Form and submit it to Canada Soccer. A copy of the form will be provided to the Club's PTSO Representative. Mitigating circumstances to be taken into consideration by the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee must be provided by the PTSO to the Canada Soccer Competitions Manager within 14 days of the last day of competitions.
- 27.2. Canada Soccer has approved a schedule of fines which shall be levied by the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee (see Annex A).
- 27.3. Any decision taken by the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee on a breach of regulations is final and binding and not subject to appeal.

These regulations were approved by Canada Soccer November 2024 and came into force immediately thereafter.

Any previous versions of these regulations shall apply mutatis mutandis to any matter that arose before these Regulations came into force.

Kevin Blue CEO/General Secretary Ottawa 2025

#### ANNEX A

# APPROVED SCHEDULE OF MINIMUM FINES FOR BREACH OF REGULATIONS 2025

Failure to attend the Futsal Canadian Championship (Club or PTSO withdrawing after the deadline)	\$2,500 plus expenses
Failure for a Club to participate in a scheduled match without just cause	\$2,500 plus expenses.
Fielding an ineligible player who has not obtained an International Transfer Certificate at the National Championships.	\$2,500 - \$5,000 plus expense
PTSO Representative not in attendance at Pre- Competition meeting or other meetings mandated by Canada Soccer	\$500 per meeting
Team Official not in attendance at Pre-Competition meeting or other meetings mandated by Canada Soccer	\$500 per meeting
Failure of Club or PTSO Representative to attend all official functions	\$500 plus expenses
Failure to wear the assigned Team Kit colours	\$500
Failure to wear the registered online Team Kit number	\$250 - \$500
Failure to have a second set of Team Kits	\$500
Failure to have the alternate set of Team Kits at the	\$500
playing venue	
Failure of the PTSO Representative to be present in the host location for the entire duration of the Competition.  They must arrive with, or on the same day as, the first	\$500 - \$1,000
Club and depart with or after their last Club.	
Failure to comply with gender requirement for a Team	\$1,000
Failure to submit required information to the Canada Soccer office by the deadlines	\$500
Failure to submit the duly signed Participation Agreement to the Canada Soccer Competitions Manager seven days prior to the start of the Competition	\$500
Submitting an incomplete match sheet	\$250 - \$500
A Club not reporting for a match, refusing to continue to play, or leaving the playing venue before the end of the match	Disqualification from the competition; the offending Club will be suspended from participating in the next two Futsal Canadian
	Championship competitions

Where no penalty is specified, a breach of the Regulations shall carry a penalty as follows:

<sup>\*</sup>By a PTSO – From a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$5,000 per breach plus any expenses incurred.

<sup>\*</sup> By a Club – From a minimum of \$500 to a maximum of \$2,000 per breach plus any expenses incurred.

<sup>\*</sup> By an individual – From a minimum of \$500 to a maximum of \$1,000 per breach plus any expenses incurred.

