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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 (hereinafter referred to as the "Competition") 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: 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, unless approved by Canada Soccer's Competitions Committee before the start of the PTSO's declared qualifying competition.

1.5. The Competition Regulations outline the rights, duties and responsibilities for all PTSOs and their participating Clubs (hereinafter: "Club") taking part in the Futsal Canadian Championship. In conjunction with the Hosting Agreement, these Regulations also outline the key rights, duties and responsibilities for the Local Organising Committee (hereinafter: "LOC"). In case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the translations of the Competition Regulations, the English version shall be authoritative.

1.6. *Canada Soccer By-laws, Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code, Canada Soccer Code of Conduct and Ethics, Canada Soccer Rules and Regulations*, and all Policies in force shall apply.

1.6.1. Any reference in these Regulations to Canada Soccer By-laws, *Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code, Canada Soccer Code of Conduct and Ethics, Canada Soccer Rules and Regulations*, and Policies refers to those valid at the time of application;

1.6.2. In the event of any conflict, *Canada Soccer By-laws, Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code, Canada Soccer Code of Conduct and Ethics, Canada Soccer Rules and Regulations* and Policies shall take precedence;

1.6.3. In case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the translations of *Canada Soccer By-laws, Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code, Canada Soccer Code of Conduct and*

Ethics, Canada Soccer Rules and Regulations, and Policies, the English version shall be authoritative.

1.7. Within the constraints of these Regulations, Canada Soccer, through its Organising Committee address specific situations not otherwise covered in the Regulations, but only as necessary to meet the competition objectives of Canada Soccer.

1.8. Canada Soccer, as the governing body for futsal in Canada, shall be responsible for ensuring that specified sanctions are carried out and complied with.

1.9. The format of the Futsal Canadian Championship shall be determined in advance by Canada Soccer.

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.

1.10. 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. On entering the Futsal Canadian Championship, all Clubs automatically undertake to:

1.11.1. Observe the Regulations;

1.11.2. Sign the Club Participation Agreement and comply with the terms therein;

1.11.3. Acknowledge that failure to comply with any of the requirements within these Regulations shall render any organisation or individual subject to disciplinary procedures;

1.11.4. 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 majeure;
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 the 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 will support their qualified teams throughout the competition, but they are not an active member of the teams.

5.1.1. One “PTSO” accreditation badge will be provided to each PTSO Representative for each hosting location of the Competition;

5.1.2. The PTSO Representative will not be a member of the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee, a Team Delegation List of any of the qualified teams, or the immediate family of a person on the Team Delegation List of any of the qualified teams, even if they serve on the PTSO Board or work as a PTSO staff member.

5.2. The PTSO Representative must:

5.2.1. 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;

5.2.2. Be in possession of a working cell phone for the duration of the competition so that they can be reached by the Match Commissioner; the phone must have any required applications installed to allow participation in group communications with the Match Commissioner and other PTSO Representatives;

5.2.3. Stay at the host hotel, or the hotel of their qualified teams, unless dispensation has been granted by Canada Soccer (but they will not share a hotel room with any members of the Club);

5.2.4. 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 Club and depart with, or after, their last Club has left the host venue;

5.2.5. Attend Competition matches on a daily basis, notably as many matches played by their PTSO's qualified teams;

5.2.6. 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;

5.2.7. Attend both the PTSO Representatives Meeting as well as the Pre-Competition Meeting;

5.2.8. Attend all disciplinary hearings involving any member of the Team Delegation List from one of their Clubs;

5.2.9. Attend daily meetings with the Match Commissioner and be available to attend any other meetings called by the Match Commissioner during the competition;

5.2.10. Be responsible to the Match Commissioner for the communication of all matters relating to the Clubs, including requests from Canada Soccer related to the competition;

5.2.11. Ensure that all players and Team Officials adhere to the Canada Soccer Code of Conduct and Ethics;

5.2.12. Ensure all members of the Team Delegation List wear their Canada Soccer accreditation badge in the appropriate zones;

5.2.13. Participate on a Competition Discipline Committee if appointed by the Match Commissioner during the competition;

5.2.14. Attend all official functions of the competition and must be dressed appropriately as advised by the LOC; and

5.2.15. Report all incidents of property damage by the Club(s) involved to the Match Commissioner and to the LOC Chair.

6. PARTICIPATING CLUBS

6.1. Clubs may participate in the following two divisions of the Futsal Canadian Championship, although they may not have more than one qualified team in any division as per Article 1.4:

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

Other national amateur competitions
As may be defined from time to time by Canada Soccer.

6.2. Each PTSO that is in good standing and participated in the previous edition of that division is eligible to participate in the same division for the current year of the Futsal Canadian Championship.

6.2.1. For any division in which the PTSO did not participate in the previous edition, the PTSO may be eligible to participate in the current year by special request to the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee, who may approve the request if the PTSO is in good standing and the format for that division allows for the PTSO to return to the division. The Canada Soccer Competitions Committee may decide when and how that PTSO returns to any division of the Futsal Canadian Championship, especially if the PTSO had been previously sanctioned, suspended, or is not in good standing with Canada Soccer.

6.3. Each PTSO must confirm their participation for entry in the Futsal Canadian Championship annually as determined by Canada Soccer.

6.3.1. Each PTSO must provide Canada Soccer with an overview of each of their declared qualifying competitions (which includes all league and/or cup matches that may lead into the final qualifying stage for the Futsal Canadian Championship). A general overview must be provided in a timely manner from the moment the PTSO declares for the upcoming Futsal Canadian Championship (with further updates to the overview provided as they become available). The required details include:

6.3.1.1. Format and link to competition website;
6.3.1.2. Start date and end date;
6.3.1.3. List of all teams in all parts of league and/or Cup matches (including final standings);
6.3.1.4. Total number of matches;

6.3.1.5. The maximum number of players that can be assigned to a team during the PTSO's declared qualifying competition.

6.4. Each PTSO must advise Canada Soccer of its qualified Clubs immediately, which at minimum means the same day in which the Club qualifies. The PTSO will keep Canada Soccer informed if there are any changes to the declared qualifying format (or Final Match) so that Canada Soccer is aware of the Clubs that may potentially qualify. Each Club must be affiliated with its respective PTSO.

6.5. On entering the Futsal Canadian Championship, the Club automatically undertakes to:

6.5.1. Comply with the maximum number of persons permitted on the Team Delegation List as defined in these Regulations;
6.5.2. Observe these Regulations and the principles of fair play;
6.5.3. Accept and obey all decisions taken by Canada Soccer and its officials under the term of these Regulations;
6.5.4. Respect the deadlines as set by Canada Soccer and the LOC;
6.5.5. Participate in all matches of the Competition in which the Club is scheduled to take part;
6.5.6. Accept all the arrangements relating to the respective Futsal Canadian Championship made by Canada Soccer and the LOC;
6.5.7. 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
6.5.8. 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.

6.6. In addition, each Club shall be responsible for:

6.6.1. 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;
6.6.2. Paying for costs incurred not covered by Canada Soccer during the course of its stay in the host venue;
6.6.3. Attending official media activities when requested to do so;
6.6.4. Attending official meetings, PTSO Representative meetings, disciplinary hearings, and other meetings called by Canada Soccer in-venue.

6.7. Qualified teams must be able to dress a minimum of 10 players to participate in the Futsal Canadian Championship. Clubs who fail to meet this minimum standard for any match will be subject to sanction.

6.7.1. Any Club that lists only one goalkeeper on their Team Delegation List must identify, to both their PTSO and Canada Soccer, at least one player who can serve as a backup goalkeeper in case the first goalkeeper is injured or suspended.

6.8. 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.

6.9. No qualified team(s) may be replaced without the approval of the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee. (see Article 8).

6.10. Any PTSO that withdraws after the deadline will be subject to sanction in accordance with Articles 7.2 and 7.3.

6.11. Members of the Team Delegation List cannot temporarily leave and return to the Competition, without prior approval of the Match Commissioner. Depending on the reason for leaving, players may be required to submit a return-to-play form.

6.11.1. 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;

6.11.2. A player who receives any medical attention during the Competition will be required to provide the Match Commissioner with a return-to-play form signed by the registered medical practitioner who attended the player.

6.12. Once a PTSO has declared its Clubs and before departure to the Competition, 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.

6.12.1. 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

6.13. The Canada Soccer Competitions Committee may reject the participation of any PTSO, Club or the Club's qualified team at its entire discretion where the PTSO, Club or Club's qualified team fails to meet the criteria.

7. WITHDRAWALS, UN-PLAYED MATCHES, AND ABANDONED 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 they 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 their PTSO shall be eligible to compete in Canada Soccer's national amateur competitions. All players must be eligible to participate in their PTSO's declared qualifying competition leading into the Futsal Canadian Championship.

For the Futsal Canadian Championship, at least nine players on the Team Delegation List must be:

9.1.1. A Canadian Citizen;
9.1.2. A Permanent Resident (as defined by the Government of Canada); or
9.1.3. A Protected Person (as defined by the Government of Canada).

In accordance with the *Canada Soccer Rules & Regulations, any player that transfers from another country into Canada must obtain an International Transfer Certificate prior to registering and playing futsal in Canada. Likewise, any player that transfers from one PTSO into another PTSO must obtain an Inter-Provincial Transfer Certificate. Any player who competes in a declared qualifying competition before they have obtained, through their Club and PTSO, an International or Inter-Provincial transfer will not be eligible to compete in the 2027 Futsal Canadian Championship.*

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. In principle, players will not be added to the team after it qualifies for the Futsal Canadian Championship, unless they are added with permission in accordance with Article 24.

9.3.1. The maximum number of players permitted on a Team Delegation List for the Competition must not exceed the maximum number of players declared by the PTSO, as outlined in Article 6.3, except that the minimum number of players on a Team Delegation List will be 10 players.

9.4. The deadline for registration with the PTSO shall be at least 20 days before the completion of the PTSO's declared qualifying competition for the Futsal Canadian Championship, unless an earlier date is stipulated by the PTSO.

9.4.1. The deadline for registration with a PTSO in one of Canada's three Northern Territories shall be before the completion of the PTSO's declared qualifying competition for the Futsal Canadian Championship unless a different date has been stipulated by the PTSO.

9.5. The deadline for registration to the Participating Club, including player transfers, shall be at least 20 days before the completion of the PTSO's declared qualifying competition for the 2027 Futsal Canadian Championship, unless an earlier date is stipulated by the PTSO.

9.6. Transfers from a Club in one PTSO to a Club in another PTSO must be completed in writing, duly signed by the Club and forwarded to the PTSO where the player is currently registered for final approval. A player will be considered transferred once the transfer has been accepted by the receiving PTSO and correctly marked with the player's registration in Canada Soccer's competitions platform (COMET).

9.6.1. Any player who had been registered with a Club in one PTSO and then registered with a Club in another PTSO without the proper inter-PTSO transfer will not be eligible to play in the 2027 Futsal Canadian Championship;

9.6.2. 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.

9.7. All registered players must have been assigned by the Club to the qualified futsal team at least 20 days before the completion of the PTSO's declared qualifying competition for the 2027 Futsal Canadian Championship. Players can only be assigned to one futsal team during this period, which means that they must have been assigned to the qualified futsal team for these 20 days before the completion of the PTSO's declared qualifying competition.

9.8. A Club may not register additional players or have additional players assigned to the team beyond the deadlines listed in Article 9 nor after the completion of their PTSO's declared qualifying competition, with the exception of call-up players who may be assigned to the team in accordance with Article 24.

10. ELIGIBILITY OF TEAM OFFICIALS

10.1. Each Club must have at least two Team Officials 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 Sport Integrity E-learning requirements as mandated by the Canada Soccer. A copy of the Sport Integrity 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 within the last 12 months, as approved by the PTSO, including at minimum: Criminal Record Check (CRC) with Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) or Enhanced Police Information Check (E-PIC); Respect in Sport Activity Leader.

10.4. Each Club's coaches are required to have at minimum the following in order to meet the coaching requirements for the Futsal Canadian Championship:

1. Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screen or E-PIC
2. Soccer for Life – Theory module
3. Soccer for Life – Practical module
4. NCCP Make Ethical Decisions module and/or Online Evaluation
5. Respect in Sport Activity Leader program
6. NCCP Making Head Way in Sport module
7. NCCP Emergency Action Planning module
8. NCCP Rule of Two module
9. Introduction to Futsal – Training module

10.5. Coaching qualifications are set annually by the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee in consultation with Canada Soccer Technical Department. Please refer to your PTSO for the current requirements.

11. TEAM DELEGATION LIST (PLAYERS & OFFICIALS)

Each PTSO will ensure that Canada Soccer can announce a Club's qualification to the Futsal Canadian Championship on the day that the Club qualifies.

11.1. Within five days after the Club's qualification to the Futsal Canadian Championship (or in all cases before 6 March 2027), the PTSO and Club(s) will provide Canada Soccer with the following information. In the case that a PTSO's declared qualifying competition ends after 1 March 2027, then the PTSO will coordinate before 6 March 2027 the following information for all teams still eligible to qualify for the 2027 Futsal Canadian Championship.

- 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. The requested Excel sheet (XL document) listing the Club's eligible players and team officials from the declared qualifying competition (including all players assigned to the team at least 20 days before the end of the PTSO's declared qualifying competition), including all requested player information as identified in the XL document by Canada Soccer;
- 11.1.4. Pictures of at least two variations of the team uniform colours (hereinafter: "Team Kit") for outfield players as well as at least three variations of the Team Kit for goalkeepers (as outline in Article 15 for Equipment).

11.2. Within 10 days after 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, to be duly signed by the Club President or Club Executive Director;
- 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 Futsal Canadian Championship, including each player's details and headshot image (Clubs must upload cropped headshots to COMET for each person in their potential Team Delegation List);
- 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 Futsal Canadian Championship, including each person's details, headshot image, and (when applicable) coaching certification number as well as Sport Integrity certification;

11.2.4. Provide to the PTSO and Canada Soccer the 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. At 28 days before the Pre-Competition Meeting for the Futsal Canadian Championship (Wednesday 10 March 2027), or within five days after the Club's qualification to the Futsal Canadian Championship, the Club must:

11.3.1. Upload their Team Kit colours to their COMET Team page, as per Article 15;

11.3.2. Confirm approval of their sponsors list as well as use of sponsors on their Team Kits, as per Article 21;

11.3.3. Confirm approval of maximum one Club display banner, as per Article 21.

11.4. At 22 days before the Pre-Competition Meeting for the Futsal Canadian Championship (by Tuesday 16 March 2027 at 15.00 of the Club's local time zone), or within five days after the Club's qualification to the Futsal Canadian Championship, all Clubs must submit their 20-person Team Delegation List for the Futsal Canadian Championship, 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 18 players for their "Team" participating at the Futsal Canadian Championship (maximum 18 players within a Team Delegation List of 20 accredited persons);

11.4.2. From the list of Team Officials linked to the "Club" on COMET, select a minimum of two Officials (including at least two Officials from the same gender as the division in which their players are competing) with a maximum of five Team Officials for their "qualified Team" participating at the Futsal Canadian Championship (maximum five coaches/staff within a Team Delegation List of 20 accredited persons);

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 Futsal Canadian Championship (by Wednesday 24 March 2027), or within seven days after a Club's qualification, each PTSO must approve the eligibility of the Team Delegation Lists submitted for the Competition. Each Club must also identify each player's official Team Kit Number for the Competition so that the same Team Kit Number is worn by the same player across entire week of the Competition.

Within the last 14 days before the Competition, 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 from before their arrival at all competition venues (including any official transportation to the stadiums and fields). All members of the Team Delegation List must also wear their Canada Soccer accreditation badge to any official functions and within any official spaces, including those in and around all areas of the official team hotel or venue.

12. MATCH SHEETS

12.1. Clubs must submit their completed COMET Teamsheet (also known as their match sheet or starting lineup) through Canada Soccer's competitions platform (COMET) no later than 45 minutes prior to the match's scheduled start 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 will list their players and Team Officials on the COMET Teamsheet, including one starting goalkeeper and one captain.

12.2.1. From a maximum of 18 players on the 20-person Team Delegation List, only 14 players can be selected for each individual match of the Competition;

12.2.2. From a maximum of five staff on the 20-person Team Delegation List, only four team officials can be selected for each individual match of the Competition;

12.2.3. If a youth player is not included on the list of 14 players selected for any match, then a Team Official (of the same gender as the competition) must be excluded from the Teamsheet so that they may supervise the youth player(s).

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 marked correctly in COMET.

12.4. The minimum number of players required to start a match is three, one of whom must be a goalkeeper.

12.4.1. After a team starts the match with only three players, if they are further reduced to less than three players at any point for

any reason including medical attention, the match will be suspended until the team fields three players;

12.4.2. Within 30 minutes of the initial suspension, if the team is unable to proceed with three players, the match is abandoned and the Club forfeits the match in accordance with Article 7.9. A report will be submitted by the referee to the Match Commissioner;

12.4.3. If a player from a Club with only three players is sent from the field of play for a disciplinary offence, the match is abandoned. The Club causing the abandonment will forfeit the match and a report will be submitted by the referee to the Match Commissioner. See Article 7.9.

12.5. Persons serving a suspension are not permitted to sit in the technical area. Youth-aged players serving a suspension must be supervised by a Team Official of the same gender as the division in which they are playing, be it men's futsal or women's futsal.

12.5.1. Suspended persons may not take any part in the match, which includes any unwarranted engagement with Match Officials opposing players or Team Officials. Suspended persons remain subject to the authority of the Match Officials.

12.6. A Club that is found guilty of fielding an ineligible player for any reason shall forfeit the match in accordance with Article 7.9.

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 each division of the 2027 Competition, the top-four PTSOs from the previous year will be ranked based on their highest final ranking in that same division from the 2026 Futsal Canadian Championship.

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13.3. Canada Soccer may include a "second" Club from any PTSO for any division of the Competition. 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 Competition 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 Competition, but only with approval of Canada Soccer's Competitions Committee;

13.3.2. For the purposes of seeding Clubs in any division of the Competition, the “second” Club(s) may be seeded below or after all the “first” Clubs.

13.4. Canada Soccer may, at its discretion, revoke the inclusion of any PTSO, Club or qualified team. 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. Teams may be provided a 30-minute warm-up period on the court before each match, subject to schedule. The warm-up period will be monitored and any team abusing the privilege will be subject to sanction.

14.2.1. Canada Soccer may, for any reason related to the schedule, adjust, shorten and/or cancel the warm-up period.

14.3. In a three-team group whereby each team plays each other once (total three matches with each team playing two matches), group standings will be determined on points accumulated. Any match in this group phase that is even after regulation time will head straight to a penalty shootout.

14.3.1. Three points will be awarded for a win (in regulation time), one point will be awarded to each team for a draw, and an additional point will be awarded for the winner of a penalty shootout;

14.3.2. If teams are tied on points at the completion of the group phase, then the tie-breaking scenario outlined in 14.5 will be used to determine the group standings.

14.4. In a group with four or more teams whereby each team plays each other once, group standings will be determined on points accumulated. All matches in this group will be played to regulation time only.

14.4.1. Three points will be awarded for a win and one point will be awarded for a draw;

14.4.2. If teams are tied on points at the completion of the round-robin group phase, then the tie-breaking scenario outlined in 14.5 will be used to determine the group standings.

14.5. In any group phase where each team plays each other once, the following tie-breaking criteria shall be used to determine standings:

14.5.1. If two teams are tied on points after all matches concerned, then:

14.5.1.1. Greater number of points in the match between the teams concerned (head-to-head competition);

14.5.1.2. Greater goal differential in all group matches (goals scored minus goals conceded);

14.5.1.3. Greater number of goals scored in all group matches;

14.5.1.4. Drawing of lots to determine ranking at a time and place decided by the Match Commissioner.

14.5.2. If three or more teams are tied on points after all group matches, then only the following tie-breaking scenario will be used to rank those teams:

14.5.2.1. Greater goal differential in matches concerned between the three (or more) teams tied on points (goals scored minus goals conceded);

14.5.2.2. Greater number of goals scored in all matches concerned between the three (or more) teams;

14.5.2.3. Greater goal differential in all group matches;

14.5.2.4. Greater number of goals scored in all group matches;

14.5.2.5. Drawing of lots to determine ranking at a time and place decided by the Match Commissioner.

14.6. In any other group format or parts of the Futsal Canadian Championship whereby points will be used to determine standings or rankings, as long as those teams have played the same number of matches, then all results from the group, knockout and playoff matches will be counted. For 2027, such a scenario may include the ranking of four teams that lose their Quarterfinals (in which case results from both the group phase and Quarterfinals will be counted).

14.6.1. In a group format where each team does not play each opponent in the round, any match that is even after regulation time will head straight to a penalty shootout.

14.6.2. In any scenario under this article, three points will be awarded for a win (in regulation time), one point will be awarded to each team for a draw, and an additional point will be awarded to the winner of a penalty shootout;

14.6.3. If teams are tied on points at the completion of the round, then the following tie-breaking scenario will be used to determine the ranking or standings:

14.6.3.1. Greater goal differential in all matches (goals scored minus goals conceded);
14.6.3.2. Greater number of goals scored in all matches;
14.6.3.3. Most wins in regulation time across all matches (excluding the penalty shootout);
14.6.3.4. Drawing of lots to determine ranking at a time and place decided by the Match Commissioner.

14.7. For any match that requires a penalty shootout, penalties will be taken in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game.

14.7.1. 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. On any day of the Futsal Canadian Championship, Canada Soccer may organise matches (excluding the Final match in each division) to be played with a running clock.

14.9. 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. Each Club must have a minimum of two field player kits of different and contrasting colours that are also distinctly different from the goalkeeper kits.

15.1.1. Each player and goalkeeper shall be identified by the same number on all sets of Team Kits throughout the competition, including players who may play at both goalkeeper and outfield positions;

15.1.2. All Clubs must bring both the “light” Team Kit and “dark” Team Kit to every match;

15.1.3. All Clubs must bring at least two additional outfield shirts (one “light” and one “dark”) that either has no number or has a number not allocated to any players on the Team Delegation List (in case an outfield player unexpectedly needs to switch their shirt because of a blood and/or damage to the shirt);

15.2. Each Club must have a minimum three goalkeeper kit combinations featuring at least two different shirts that are distinctly different and contrasting from each other as well as the field player kits outlined in Article 15.1. The three goalkeeper kit combinations must each feature a different set of sock colours.

15.2.1. A third goalkeeper shirt may be used, but must be numbered in the same way (as per Article 15.1.2);

15.2.2. Both the starting goalkeeper and substitute goalkeeper must wear the same colour Team Kit assigned for the match;

15.2.3. Every player who is a candidate to act as a flying goalkeeper must bring outfield and goalkeeper Team Kits identified by the same number;

15.2.4. All Clubs must bring an additional goalkeeper shirt with a number that is not allocated to any player (in case an outfield player unexpectedly needs to switch to the goalkeeper position).

15.3. The back of team kits worn by players must feature large numbers that contrast the colour of the back of the team kit. This means that a light shirt will have dark (or black) numbers while a dark shirt will have light (or white) numbers. The area on which the numbers are placed must be of a single contrasting colour (so a dark number can not be placed on an area which features both dark and light colours).

15.3.1. The front and back of team kits worn by players, as well as all other equipment worn by players and Team Officials, must comply with the commercial rights (and as submitted to Canada Soccer by 6 March 2027.

15.4. Canada Soccer will inform the Clubs of the colours that will be worn for each match. Clubs who fail to wear the assigned colours, without the approval of the General Coordinator, will be subject to sanction.

15.4.1. Clubs who fail to wear the uniform number registered on the Team Delegation List without the approval of the General Coordinator will be subject to sanction.

15.5. 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.

15.6. 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 who 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.

15.7. 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 or covers (unless it is clear tape). 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.

15.8. Players are not permitted to wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or other players. This includes casts or braces made of hard materials. 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.

15.9. 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. 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.

15.11. Each Club must 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. The selection of fields and start times will be approved by Canada Soccer in consultation with the LOC.

16.2. 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.

16.3. 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.

16.4. The match balls for the Futsal Canadian Championship shall be supplied by the LOC for the Futsal Canadian Championship. All balls that may be used will 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 the 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 (or their designate) 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 Sport Integrity Canada (hereinafter: "Sport Integrity"). 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 (nor shall any participant who is under the age of majority in the province where the Futsal Canadian Championship are played). 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 two-match 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 Competition 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. A Player will be served a one-match suspension if they accumulate yellow cards in two separate matches, not counting matches whereby two yellow cards result in a red card. The suspension will be served in their Club's next competitive match, be it the next Futsal Canadian Championship match or as directed by the Canada Soccer Discipline Committee in accordance with Article 18.13.

18.12. A Team Official will be served a one-match suspension if they accumulate yellow cards in two separate matches, not counting matches whereby two yellow cards result in a red card. The suspension will be served in their Club's next competitive match, be it the next Futsal Canadian Championship match or as directed by the Canada Soccer Discipline Committee in accordance with Article 18.13.

18.12.1. When a Team Official receives a suspension during the Futsal Canadian Championship, the Team Official will be suspended from all divisions of the Futsal Canadian Championship until the suspension is served, yet only the matches in the division where the suspension was given will count as matches served.

18.13. Any member of the Team Delegation List with an outstanding suspension, whether they were dismissed in their Club's final match of the Futsal Canadian Championship or were serving a suspension through accumulation of cautions, will be referred to the Canada Soccer Disciplinary 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 that hears the complaint shall have a minimum of three members, one of whom will be the Match Commissioner who serves as the chair. As per the *Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code,* the Committee may appoint a non-voting recording secretary to attend the hearing.

19.4. 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.

19.4.1. 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 accused person to the hearing (and they may be accompanied by a Team Official).

19.7. At the discretion of the Match Commissioner, the accused person may appoint a representative to attend the hearing on their behalf. Anyone representing an accused person must provide a signed proxy from the accused before being allowed to participate at a hearing. The hearing must be held behind closed doors and shall proceed as follows, although the chair may adjust the sequence of these actions.

19.7.1 The chair shall read the complaint and clearly state the charge;

19.7.2 The author of the complaint (if present) shall be given an opportunity to comment on or to add any qualifications to the complaint;

19.7.3 The accused person shall be allowed to ask relevant questions to the complainant (if present) and to make submissions and/or statements on their own behalf;

19.7.4 Committee members may question the complainant and the accused, as well as any witnesses invited to participate by either the complainant or the accused;

19.7.5 The complainant and the accused will be invited to make summary statements before withdrawing;

19.7.6 The Committee shall consider the evidence presented and decide the case before the accused person's next match in the competition.

19.8. Failure to appear at a discipline hearing when due written notice has been given will result in suspension of the accused person until they request a further hearing in writing and then appear at that subsequent hearing.

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 these 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, eligibility 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 decisions 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, are 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. Clubs must confirm the approval of their sponsors list as well as the use of sponsors as per the schedule outlined in Article 11.3.

21.4.1. Team Kits and equipment, as well as any visible marketing or sponsorship materials, may not feature brands or marks associated with sports betting, bet or betting (as described in the *Canada Soccer Code of Ethics*);

21.4.2. Team Kits and equipment, as well as any visible marketing or sponsorship materials, may not feature brands or marks associated with the use of cannabis, tobacco, and other substances – both recreational and performance-related;

21.4.3. For youth players and youth teams, Team Kits and equipment, as well as any visible marketing or sponsorship materials, may not feature brands or marks associated with the use of alcohol.

21.5. 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.

21.5.1. Any Clubs that feature sponsors not approved by Canada Soccer will have to have those sponsors either covered or removed.

21.6. Clubs are permitted to display one banner, provided the banner has been approved by the Canada Soccer Business Development Department. The banner shall be no larger than 3' x 8', may feature Club sponsor branding, and must be displayed behind the team bench.

21.6.1. The Club's banner must not display any sponsor branding which conflicts with the sponsor categories of the Futsal Canadian Championship. The banner must display the logo of the Club which indicates the relationship between the Club and its sponsors;

21.6.2. The Club's banner cannot be displayed during the walkout, match protocol, or any events like the Awards Ceremony;

21.6.3. Any Clubs displaying a sponsor banner which has not been approved by Canada Soccer will be subject to a fine.

22. REFEREEING

22.1. The Match Officials shall be selected from the list of futsal referees approved by Canada Soccer.

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.

22.6. For all Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Final Matches, a crew of five Match Officials shall be mandated. For all other matches, a minimum crew of four Match Officials shall be appointed.

23. LAWS OF THE GAME

23.1. Except where provided in these Regulations all matches shall be played in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game in force at the time of the Futsal Canadian Championship and as approved and published by FIFA. In case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the translations of the Futsal Laws of the Game, the English version shall be authoritative.

24. CALL-UP PLAYERS, RETURNING PLAYERS, & LATE INJURY REPLACEMENTS

24.1. In principle, Participating Clubs may not add players to the qualified team after the PTSO's declared qualifying competition, unless done so correctly through the call-up player process. 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 using the appropriate form (as per Article 11.1.3), to their respective PTSO who may seek final approval through the Canada Soccer Call-Up Panel.

24.1.1. A Club may not increase the number of players assigned to their qualified team for the Futsal Canadian Championship

above the number of players assigned to the team at 20 days prior to the completion of the PTSO's declared qualifying competition for the Futsal Canadian Championship;

24.1.2. A Club may only call up a player who was properly registered with their PTSO in accordance with Article 9.3;

24.1.3. A call-up player or late injury replacement player must be at least 16 years of age as of 1 January of the year of the Competition.

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. Players called up from the Club's approved team(s), as submitted to Canada Soccer when the Club qualified, may be approved by the PTSO in accordance with the Competition Regulations. The PTSO must confirm any call-up requests to Canada Soccer when the Team Delegation List is submitted on COMET.

24.2.1. With special permission, a Club from one of Canada's three Northern Territories may pick up players from another Club in the same division or players from the same PTSO declared qualifying competition;

24.2.2. Initial call-up requests must be submitted to the PTSO a minimum of 20 days prior to the start of the Futsal Canadian Championship. The Canada Soccer Call-Up Panel will meet on select dates before the Futsal Canadian Championship to consider any requests that can't be approved by the PTSO, including players that may need to be called up (or picked up) from a team not approved by Canada Soccer at the time of the Club's qualification to the Futsal Canadian Championship.

24.2.3. Any and all requests to call up a youth player must be approved solely by the Canada Soccer Call-Up Panel.

24.3. Clubs may call back returning players who helped the Club qualify for the Futsal Canadian Championship but afterwards registered with or transferred to a new Club during or after the 2026-27 / 2027 season. The qualified Club must have written permission from the player's new Club and PTSO in order to include the player in their Team Delegation List for the Futsal Canadian Championship. The returning player must be registered as "Additional Eligibility" in COMET with both a start date and end date. This request must be approved by Canada Soccer.

24.4. Under extraordinary circumstances, Clubs may request permission to replace one player from the Team Delegation List who is injured within the last 21 days before the Futsal Canadian Championship (specifically injured between 18-31 March 2027). The PTSO must provide written confirmation of the date of the player's injury accompanied by a medical certificate that confirms the player's injury.

24.4.1. Late injury replacements for the 2027 Futsal Canadian Championship must be confirmed in writing by Thursday 1 April at 15.00 (the team's local time).

24.5. Under special circumstances, a Club may request a call-up goalkeeper within the last 21 days prior to the start of the Futsal Canadian Championship for either a reason other than an injury or because of an injury sustained after 1 April. This special request may be approved by the Chair of the Competitions Committee.

24.6. The criteria for a player to be eligible for a call-up request or late injury replacement request will be as follows:

24.6.1. Players must be registered with the PTSO of the Club requesting the call-up players;
24.6.2. Players must come from the Club's system, if such a system is in place;
24.6.3. If the playing season is not over, a call-up player must have written permission of the Club for which they play;
24.6.4. Players can not have played for another Club at the same adult/senior competitive level in the same qualifying season (league or Cup competition);
24.6.5. Players must come from a lower adult/senior competitive level or should come from an approved youth team;
24.6.6. Youth-aged players must have participated with the adult/senior team during the current season, including training sessions and/or competitive matches;
24.6.7. Players may not be a nationally-carded athlete.

24.7. 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 season.

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.

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. TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION

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. For Futsal Canadian Championship, each Club is responsible for its transportation to and from the host location as well as its local ground transportation in the host location.

25.3. All Clubs are required to respect the deadlines communicated by Canada Soccer and the LOC.

25.4. Clubs participating in the Futsal Canadian Championship must stay in the hotels designated by the LOC, unless otherwise directed and approved by Canada Soccer. Clubs registered within a 50km radius of the hosting location may request exemption from this Article.

25.5. Parents shall not share hotel rooms with players.

25.6. Players and Team Officials shall not share hotel rooms.

25.7. Youth-aged players at any youth or adult/senior Futsal Canadian Championship must be appropriately supervised by the Team Officials from the Club.

25.8. 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).

25.9. The youth curfew time may be extended if the Club is attending an official function which runs past the established time.

25.10. All Team Officials and adult/senior-age players shall adhere to a curfew as set by their PTSO.

26. TROPHIES AND AWARDS

26.1. The Match Officials who 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.

26.2. 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.

26.3. The three medal-winning Clubs in each division will receive 20 medals (either Gold, Silver or Bronze) for members of their Team Delegation List.

26.4. The Winners' Trophies presented to the winning Clubs at the Futsal Canadian Championship remain the property of Canada Soccer. The winning Clubs are asked to take part in a post-celebration photo session with the Winners' Trophy (individual photos of each player with the trophy) after which the trophy will return to Canada Soccer's main office in Ottawa.

26.5. Whereby a member of the Team Delegation List has been dismissed before, during or after the last match in the Competition, the Match Commissioner will have the discretion to decide if the person may participate in the Awards Ceremonies.

26.6. Whereby a member of the Team Delegation List has been suspended from their last match of the Competition, that person may receive their medal during the Awards Ceremonies, provided that the period of suspension was completed at the end of the Club's last match.

26.6.1. In the event that a member of the Team Delegation List is serving a suspension that extends beyond their last match of the Competition, the Match Commissioner will have the discretion to decide if the person will participate in the Awards Ceremonies. Whereby the person is not permitted to participate in the Awards Ceremonies, they shall receive their medal at a later time.

27. OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

27.1. Each Club's members are required to attend official functions associated with the Futsal Canadian Championship, as determined by Canada Soccer and the LOC. Any member not in attendance may face disciplinary action at the discretion of Canada Soccer.

27.1.1. At least one Team Official must attend the Pre-Competition Meeting as well as any other meetings called by the Match Commissioner;

27.1.2. In the spirit of creating a memorable atmosphere for the competing teams as well as the LOC and its volunteers, all Clubs must attend one of the Final matches in the host location where they competed, unless approved under special circumstances by Canada Soccer.

27.2. Each Club's members must adhere to the following minimum standards to ensure that their Club, their PTSO and Canada Soccer maintain a good reputation:

27.2.1. Punctuality and appropriate dress, as required by the LOC, at all official functions;

27.2.2. Supervision by at least one Team Official to ensure that players are not left unattended at any official function;

27.3. The PTSO Representative must attend the Pre-Competition Meeting as well as any other meetings called by the Match Commissioner.

28. BREACH OF REGULATIONS

28.1. 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.

28.2. Canada Soccer has approved a schedule of fines which shall be levied by the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee (see Annex A).

28.3. Any decision taken by the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee on a breach of regulations is final and binding and not subject to appeal.

29. ENFORCEMENT

These Regulations were approved by Canada Soccer in October 2026 and came into force immediately thereafter. Any previous versions of these Regulations shall apply mutatis mutandis (with the necessary changes having been made) to any matters that arose before these Regulations came into force.

Canada Soccer, Office of the General Secretariat

ANNEX A

APPROVED SCHEDULE OF MINIMUM FINES FOR BREACH OF REGULATIONS

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 Futsal Canadian Championship	$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 submit the required excel sheet (XL document) featuring the qualified team's players, coaches and staff by the deadline	$250-$500
Submitting false or incorrect information relating to a player's City of Birth or arrival date into Canada	$1,000-$2,000
Failure to submit the full Team Delegation List in COMET before the deadline	$500
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 playing venue	$500
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 Club and depart with or after their last Club.	$500 - $1,000
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:
*By a PTSO – From a minimum of $1,000 to a maximum of $5,000 per breach plus any expenses incurred.
* By a Club – From a minimum of $500 to a maximum of $2,000 per breach plus any expenses incurred.
* By an individual – From a minimum of $500 to a maximum of $1,000 per breach plus any expenses incurred.

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