



CLARENCE FUTSAL CUP 2020

By-Laws

1. Organisers

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2. Preamble

The tournament is open to male and female players from Northern NSW.

All matches will be conducted and governed by FIFA Laws of the Game 2020, including the updates.

3. Venues

The venue to host the 2020 Clarence Futsal Cup is the Raymond Laurie Sports Centre, located at 78 Angourie Road, Yamba, NSW 2464.

4. Venue Conditions

- No smoking inside the venue
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted inside the venue
- No animals are permitted inside the venue (with the exception of vision & hearing-impaired guides)
- Persons causing any damage to the venue and or its fittings and fixtures will be held responsible for all costs and the matter will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.
- All facilities, ie: change rooms etc. shall be left in a clean and tidy condition
- No spectators are permitted onto the playing courts. Only players, coaching staff and Officials permitted
- Should any team or player be involved in any fighting within the facility, whether inside the venue or car park, they will face deregistration from the tournament and will no longer be permitted to participate in any future Competition and may be subject to further action which may include police involvement where charges may be laid, and additional sanctions imposed by NSW Futsal Association which may include a life ban.

5. Team Entry Fee

- Tournament entry fee must be paid prior to the competition unless agreed otherwise with North Coast Futsal. Each team must register a minimum of 5 players in order to be eligible to enter and compete in the competition. Each team can register a maximum of 10 players.
- All teams MUST be completely financial prior to the commencement of the Tournament.
- NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN WHATSOEVER ONCE THE TOURNAMENT HAS COMMENCED REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF GAMES PLAYED.

6. Eligibility

- All players must be registered and covered by insurance within their own clubs or region.
- Players from one team may be used to “fill in” for the next age groups above.
- Teams are not allowed to borrow players unless special permission has been granted by the organisers.

7. List of Players

- Each team is required to register a minimum of 5 players and a maximum of 10 players.
- The players listed on the game score card must be identical to the North Coast Futsal team nomination form at time of entry.
- Any amendments to the Team Nomination Form must be made in writing. A minimum of forty-eight (48) hours notice is required from when the Tournament is scheduled to commence. New players to the Nomination Form must have approval from the competition organisers prior to participating in the competition.

8. Competition Structure

All fixtures, results and points tables will be available and visible on the day for any player or coach to consult and will be published on the website at: www.northcoastfutsal.com. It is the responsibility of the team manager and players of the team participating in the competition to ensure that they have the correct details for their matches. Please continue to check until the night before the competition, in case any unforeseen changes have to be made.

9. Duration of Matches

- Each match will comprise of 2 x 13 minute halves for juniors & 2 x 15 minute halves for seniors with a one (1) minute break at half time
- The game will start on time. The time keeper will start the clock at the scheduled time of kick-off regardless if the teams are ready to play or not. If the teams are not ready to play within five (5) minutes of the official kick off time, the match will be deemed a forfeit and the result will be on 5-0 win to the opponent.
- The clock will run for the duration of each half.
- Time outs will not be allowed during the competition.
- At the start of the match each team shall have at least four (4) players.

10. Match Balls

Match balls will be supplied by North Coast Futsal.

11. Variation to FIFA Laws of the Game

In the age groups of U8, U10 & U12 the “Power Play” Variation of the laws of the game will be applied. (Please see annex A for details). There will be no variations of the FIFA Laws of the Game for U14 & Youth/Mens division.

12. Competition Rules

(a) Players Equipment

- The basic compulsory equipment shall consist of an identical jersey or shirt, shorts, socks, shin pads and footwear as defined below. Jerseys MUST have sleeves.
- Each team strip (shirts, shorts and socks) shall be identical in colour, design and style with the exception of the Goal Keeper
- Players shall not wear anything that is consider dangerous to another player
- Shin pads shall be entirely covered by socks, and shall be made of suitable material to afford reasonable protection to the user
- Goalkeepers shall wear colours that distinguish them from other players and from the referee
- The player's shirt shall be numbered with each player in the same team having a different number. The colour of the number shall contrast with the colour of the shirt
- Only futsal shoes and sneakers worn, no soccer boots
- The organisers shall reserve the right to reject any uniform if considered inappropriate or undesirable. No appeal will be considered
- Where there is a clash of colours, the away team shall change to an alternative strip or wear bibs. The away team is the second team mentioned on the team sheet and fixture list
- Players in team that do not comply with the above mentioned requirements concerning players' equipment will not be eligible to play games

(b) Officials

- The organisers will provide qualified referees to officiate at all matches

(c) Match Score Sheets

- The match sheet shall be completed for each game fifteen (15) minutes prior to kick off time
- There will be no refund of match fees if a match is forfeitd
- Players must compete in a minimum of two (2) matches to be eligible to take part in the finals.

13. Disciplinary Cards

(a) Yellow Cards

- Any yellow cards issued will be recorder by the organisers
- Any player who accumulates two (3) yellow cards will be suspended for their next competition match.
- A player cannot appeal a yellow card decision by a referee.

(b) Red Cards

- A player that receives a red card in one (1) match must leave the playing area and must not remain on the substitute's bench
- A player receiving a red card can be replaced by a substitute in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game
- A player receiving a red card as a result of two (2) yellow cards in one match will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension. A player receiving a straight red card for Denying an Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension. A player receiving a straight red card for anything other than an Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity will receive at least two (2) match suspension and may be asked to face the Disciplinary Committee
- The organisers reserve the right to ask a player sent from the court of play to face a Disciplinary Committee.

14. Discipline

- The organisers have a zero Tolerance Policy. Should any team or player be involved in any fighting within the facility, whether inside the venue or car park, could face deregistration from their club, will no longer be permitted to participate in the Competition and may be subject to further action which may include police involvement where charges may be laid, and additional sanctions imposed by NSW Futsal Association which may include a life ban.
- Teams that field unregistered or suspended players will forfeit the matched the players participated in. The result will be recorded as a 3-0 win to the opposing team
- There will be no refund of match fees. The team will also be required to appear before a Disciplinary Committee to state why they should not be removed from the competition.

15. Forfeits

Forfeits relate to the following:

- Teams that cannot produce at least four (4) registered players on the court of play in full strip ready to play at the scheduled kick off.
- Teams that play unregistered or suspended players
- Upon the second (2nd) forfeit the team will be removed from the competition and the team and its players will be banned from competitions run by the organisers for twelve (12) months
- Teams forfeiting a match will lose the game 5-0

16. Match Points

The points shall be;

Individual Team Scores

- a) 3 points for a win;
- b) 1 point for a score draw
- c) 1 point for a scoreless draw
- d) 0 points for a loss
- e) 3 points for a forfeit + 5 goals

17. Finals Series

- To be eligible for the Finals Series, players must be registered and played a minimum of two (2) matches throughout the competition.
- Under 8's
The top two (2) teams on the points table will advance through to the Grand Final. The 3rd & 4th place on the ladder will play at the Bronze Medal Match.
- Under 10's
The top two (2) teams on the points table will advance through to the Grand Final. The 3rd & 4th place on the ladder will play at the Bronze Medal Match.
- Under 12's
The top two (2) teams on the points table will advance through to the Grand Final. The 3rd & 4th place on the ladder will play at the Bronze Medal Match.
- Under 14's
The top two (2) teams on the points table will advance through to the Grand Final. The 3rd & 4th place on the ladder will play at the Bronze Medal Match.
- Youth/Mens
The top two (2) teams on the points table will advance through to the Grand Final. The 3rd & 4th place on the ladder will play at the Bronze Medal Match.
- If at the conclusion of the group stages, teams are equal on points, the following qualifications apply to determine team places;
 - a) Goals difference
 - b) Team that has scored the most goals for
 - c) Team that has the least goals scored against
 - d) Head to head result
 - e) Fair play award (least number of disciplinary cards)
 - f) Coin toss
- In knockout stages, if at the conclusion of normal time, the scores are equal, penalty shootouts will begin. Each team will be allowed (5) three shots. Subsequent shots may be taken if necessary, until the match is decided.

Unforeseen Circumstances

Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Competition Administrators of North Coast Futsal from appearing a course of action to meet unforeseen circumstances not covered by the Rules and Regulations contained herein.

Annex A:

Futsal is designed to maximise skills development and create the best learning experience for our young players. To ensure an imbalance in ability does not spoil this, North Coast Futsal has begun to apply the "Power Play" modified rules to our U8's, U10's & U12's competitions.

In addition to the normal rules applied in Futsal the following modifications apply:

- 1.) If a team is losing by a 4 (four) goal difference, they can put an additional player on the court, therefore 5v5, becomes 6v5.
- 2.) If the score returns to less than a 4 (four) goal difference, the team takes off a player. It does not need to be the last player to come on.
- 3.) If a team goes on to be losing by a 5 (five) goal difference a further additional player can be added for every subsequent goal scored against them, so it becomes 7v5 , 8v5 and so on. For every goal that the losing team scores they must take a player off until the game becomes a normal 5v5 again.
- 4.) In the event of a team that is losing does not have a substitute and cannot introduce an additional player on the court, a penalty kick from a 6-metre mark will be awarded when there's a 4 (four) goal difference and another one for every subsequent goal conceded.

The main aim of the "Power Play" modified rule is that all players are being challenged and enjoyed the game. Power play is available and used in many leagues around the world and has now been officially adopted by the North Coast Futsal as part of our commitment to develop the game and players.