

## **FUTSAL OZ CENTRE LAWS & CODE OF CONDUCT**

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It is the responsibility of each player/patron to be familiar with the Futsal Oz **Centre Laws**, **Code of Conduct** as well as the appropriate **League Rules** for the competition played.

**This document contains:**

- 1. Centre Laws** – Centre information including by-laws
- 2. Code of Conduct** – Futsal Oz considers to be an acceptable standard of behaviour and conduct

Please also refer to the document named **Leagues Rules** which covers the following:

- 3. Social League Rules** – League rules specific for social leagues
- 4. Junior Oz League Rules** - League rules specific for Junior leagues
- 5. Premier League Rules** - League rules specific for Premier League
- 6. Series Futsal Rules** – Comprehensive Rules for all Elite Leagues at Futsal Oz

The base rules that apply at Futsal Oz are those of **Series Futsal Rules**, unless a rule of Futsal Oz's competition in question provides otherwise. In a case where there is a conflict between the League Rules of the competition played and **Series Futsal Rules** the **League Rules for the Competition Played** will prevail.

All the above documents can be obtained from the Futsal Oz website - [futsaloz.com.au](http://futsaloz.com.au)

### **1. CENTRE LAWS**

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**1. Team application**

- a. Upon requesting to join a competition, teams are required to fill out a Futsal Oz Team Registration form.
- b. Correct information including all member contact details is required with every player's photo ID at time of player registration.
- c. All new players are required to provide photo identification eg. Drivers license, passport or at the very least a student card.
- d. Futsal Oz reserves the right to refuse entry.
- e. Teams with outstanding moneys owed from previous seasons need to

**2. Player Insurance**

- a. Players understand that the nature of sporting activity means that there are inherent risks of injury in both training and playing.
- b. Futsal Oz, its officers and game officials do not accept any liability for any injury that a player should suffer during a game or training session.
- c. Players and members of teams play and train at their own risk.
- d. Players need to make their own separate insurance arrangements against the event that they injure themselves in the course of playing or training.
- e. Players should consider taking out personal cover both medical and paramedical (AMBULANCE) as well as cover for their own financial position if they are unable to work for an extended period.

**3. Match Fees**

- a. The fees for a match consist of a team's payment to the Centre and a team's payment to the referee.
- b. A team must be paid up at least ten minutes before its game is scheduled to commence.
- c. Match fees, including referee fees are non-refundable.
- d. Fees can be paid in advance and assists teams in not falling behind in payments.
- e. Futsal Oz may deduct (1) one league point from a team's total league points if it does not pay its game fee in full on the night of a game.
- f. Points will continue to be deducted at Futsal Oz's discretion until full payment is received.
- g. Any team that has outstanding game fees at the end of the season risks being replaced for the finals.

**4. Registration Fees**

- a. A team must pay its registration in full by round 3 of the new league fixture or within the first three league games for new teams who join part way through an existing season.
- b. A team registration fee is non-refundable.
- c. Futsal Oz may deduct (1) one league point from a team's total league points if it does not pay its team registration in full by the due time period. Futsal Oz reserves the right to expel and remove teams from all competitions.

**5. League Fixture**

- a. The times which games are fixtured shall be determined by Futsal Oz, and may vary them without notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances. Futsal Oz asks all team captains to check match times the day before to ensure teams arrive on time.
- b. Teams are to be on court at the time fixtured for the start of their game.
- c. The clock will be started at the fixtured time to ensure that all teams have a full game.
- d. Failure to be on court within one minute of the fixtured time will result in a one-goal penalty and will repeat every minute.
- e. Teams who have members running late must take the court when they have a minimum of three players so that the referee can start the game and avoid any goal penalties.
- f. An automatic forfeit will apply if a team is not on court within ten minutes of the fixtured start time.
- g. A team that loses on forfeit shall not receive any league points, and the team that wins on forfeit will receive 3 league points and 9 goals for provided that the team plays a scratch match organized by centre management.

**6. Finals**

- a. All finals dates will be posted on the futsal oz website can be confirmed by the relevant stadiums. The set dates will not change.
- b. Finals times will be given out a week before finals commence.
- c. In a competition of 14 or more games, a player must play 5 games for the same team to qualify for finals.
- d. In a 6 game competition, a player must play 3 games for the same team to qualify for finals.
- e. A player, can only play for one team in the same division, and can only qualify for one team in the finals for that division.
- f. If a team is short of field players an exception can be made on a one-off basis at the Centre management's discretion after having taken the appropriate League Rules into consideration.
- g. The total points a team has received during the course of competition will determine a team's ladder position.
- h. If two or more teams are on the same points at the end of the season, the position on the ladder will be determined by a team's goal difference then by goals for and followed by goals against. The final resort is head to head result.

**7. Duration of game**

- a. A game shall consist of two equal halves. Teams will change ends at half time.
- b. There will be a maximum two-minute break a half time.
- c. A game is started and finished by the referee's whistle once he/she hears the siren sound.

**9. Forfeit**

- a. A team will be regarded as forfeiting a match if, on its own volition, does not play a match that Futsal Oz has scheduled for it in a competition.
- b. Forfeiting teams will have to pay a penalty equal to their scheduled game fee.
- c. A forfeiting team will receive no league points and will concede the default forfeit goals.
- d. Teams that have a game forfeited against them have to play a scratch match to obtain full points and goals for as per Law 5g of Centre Laws.
- e. Any fees arising as penalties as a result of a forfeit must be paid prior to the start of the next fixtured game otherwise (1) point may be deducted each week until any arrears are paid.

**10. Team Uniform**

- a. All team members except the goalkeeper must wear the same top, colour and design must be the same.
- b. Players must have a visible number on the back of their shirt at least 20cm high and either printed or ironed on. Numbers cannot be drawn or taped onto shirts.
- c. Shorts must be sports or soccer shorts and have no outside pockets or denim.
- d. For each incorrect uniform item teams will lose (1) one goal to a maximum of 3 goals for a game.
- e. Teams will be given 3 weeks to organize their uniforms before penalties apply.
- f. Jewellery is not part of uniform and is not to be worn during a game.
- g. In addition to the penalties aforementioned to the wearing of incorrectly coloured or inappropriate items teams, which commence play with members wearing jewellery, will not be permitted to continue playing until the team member sheds the item.
- h. The penalties that apply to a late start will apply from the moment the jewellery is detected to the moment the game recommences.
- i. The wearing of peaked hats or caps in the course of play shall be treated as wearing jewellery.
- j. Except for the goalkeeper, tracksuit pants are not allowed.
- k. Except prior written arrangement with management does not allow tracksuit pants.
- l. Goalkeepers who become general field players are to change to the team's uniform.
- m. All fill-in players, whether provided by the stadium or not, are still required to be in team colours. The team must provide the top to avoid penalties against them.
- n. All players must wear non-marking rubber soled shoes.
- o. Singlets and tops without sleeves are not permitted.

**11. Teams**

- a. Teams are allotted 8 medals/trophies per team (Premiers and Runners up) for the Finals Series. Futsal Oz will provide more medals at a cost if a team requires.
- b. A team must have three players for a game to start.
- c. No more than five players will be allowed on court at any time.
- d. A team may have up to five substitutes. Other members must watch from the outer.

**12. Injuries**

- a. The need to minimize disruption for subsequent games means that, except in finals, there is no extra time added for stoppage in play due to any injuries.
- b. An injured player, only if possible, must leave the court as soon as reasonably possible so that play may continue.
- c. Once an injured player leaves the court his or her position may be filled with a substituted player.
- d. If a player is bleeding he or she must vacate the court immediately and cannot return until the bleeding has stopped.
- e. If a player is seriously injured and cannot be moved off court the game may be abandoned and a replay may be rescheduled at Futsal Oz's discretion.
- f. An ambulance will be called only if the injured player or captain requests one.

**13. Fighting**

- a. Fighting and anti-social behaviour is neither condoned nor tolerated.
- b. If a fight occurs between teams during a game, the game will automatically be stopped!
- c. There will be no appeal and both teams will be asked to leave the competition.

**14. Other information**

- a. No pets are allowed in the building. No bicycles or roller blades are allowed either.
- b. Strictly no smoking anywhere other than designated smoking areas.
- c. Jewellery is not to be worn during a game.
- d. Caps are not to be worn during a game.
- e. Futsal balls are the only balls allowed on FUTSAL courts. Please do not bring outdoor balls into the stadium.
- f. It is the responsibility of the team captains to make sure that all players know the time of their games and that team members arrive on time.
- g. Players play at their own risk. FUTSAL Oz accepts no liability for any injury that a player might receive in the course of a game. Please refer to Law 2 of Centre Laws for more information.
- h. Persons who have been asked to leave the Centre and who do not do so immediately will be treated as trespassers. Futsal Oz policy is to call police on any trespassers.
- i. Ignorance of the any Rules is no excuse.
- j. Management has the final discretion on any matter relating to its futsal leagues and operations.

## 2. CODE OF CONDUCT

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The Futsal Oz Code of Conduct is designed to provide all social league teams / players / captains / supporters / patrons with important information which Futsal Oz considers to be an acceptable standard of behaviour and conduct. These codes illustrate how Futsal Oz expects your team/club should expect its members and guests to behave.

### **Players**

- Play by the rules – the rules of Futsal Oz and the Laws of the Game.
- Be a team player and cooperate with your coach, referees and teammates.
- Treat all players, as you would like to be treated – fairly.
- Control your temper.
- Never argue with a referee or other officials.
- Play for your own enjoyment and to improve your skills.
- Don't use any ugly remarks based on ability, gender, religion or race.

### **Coaches**

- Understand and abide by the rules of Futsal Oz and the Laws of the Game.
- Develop players respect for others, equipment and their surroundings.
- Teach and reinforce the rules of Futsal Oz and the wonderful game of Futsal.
- Ensure players enjoy their Futsal.
- Strive for excellence in everything they do including being a positive role model.

### **Parents, Officials and Supporters**

- Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, referees, officials, parents and spectators – physical or verbal abuse as well as threatening behaviour will not be tolerated.
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses – parents and supporters are there to support, not ridicule.
- Refrain from publicly criticising referees or officials – raise personal concerns with Futsal Oz management in private.
- Recognise all coaches and volunteers who are giving up their valuable time to conduct the event.
- Support Futsal Oz's efforts in building and maintaining a utopia with positive role models for kids and adolescents as well as an environment which is welcoming to everyone.

### **Futsal Oz does not condone**

- Foul or abusive language.
- Disrespect towards anybody else including players, parents, supporters, referees or officials.
- The taking of non-prescription drugs or illegal substances.
- Theft or the destruction of anybody's property.

We thank you for choosing Futsal Oz and for all your support and contribution to building a positive sporting environment for all to enjoy.

Kind regards,



The Futsal Oz team