



# **Northern Region Football**

**Futsal Playing Regulations  
Secondary Schools Futsal Leagues 2024**

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## 1. DEFINITIONS

<b>Administrator</b>	The person appointed by the Competition Manager to perform administrative functions on behalf of Northern Region Football.
<b>Advisory group</b>	The group appointed to advise the Board on local district Futsal related matters.
<b>Board</b>	The Northern Region Football Board designated by NZF to make decisions on Futsal related matters in the Northern Region Football districts.
<b>Northern Region Football</b>	The name used for Northern Region Football.
<b>Futsal Regulations</b>	The Northern Region Football 2023 Futsal (Primary school, Junior, Girls Only, Youth and Senior) Playing Regulations
<b>Local district</b>	Northern Region Football districts are: Far North, Kaipara, Whangarei, Rodney Albany, Waitemata and Gulf, North Shore, Waitakere, Whau, Albert-Eden-Roskill, Orakei, Maungakiekie-Tamaki, Howick, Manukau, Manurewa-Papakura, Franklin
<b>Player</b>	A registered player of any team playing under the Futsal Regulations.
<b>The Competition Manager</b>	The Competitions Manager of Northern Region Football or associate delegated to oversee the administration of Futsal in the local districts.

## **2. INTRODUCTION**

2.1 The Futsal Regulations supersede all former rules and regulations.

2.2 All Northern Region Football administrative functions will be carried out from the Northern Region Football office.

## **3. FINANCE**

3.1 Northern Region Football will invoice teams through their assigned 'main contact' as listed on COMET.

3.2 If no 'main contact' is listed on COMET, the invoice will be directed to the school.

## **4. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

4.1 These Futsal Regulations apply to all U19 players in Futsal competitions within the Northern Region Football district.

4.2 The Competition Manager is responsible for managing competitions in a manner that is consistent with the objectives of Northern Region Football and the Board.

## **5. LEAGUES**

5.1 The final composition of leagues is at the discretion of the Competition Manager.

## **6. MATCHES**

6.1 All matches are to be played in accordance with the FIFA Futsal laws of the game.

6.2 For all league matches, three (3) points are awarded for a win, one (1) point for a draw and zero (0) points for a loss.

6.3 Northern Region Football will publish match results and standings on their website.

6.3.1 The recording of match results can be conducted by Northern Region Football staff or delegated representatives for the purpose of assigning teams' appropriate levels of competitive games.

## **7. EQUIPMENT AND KIT**

7.1 Teams can either wear their own uniform or use the bibs provided by Northern Region Football.

7.2 Goalkeepers will need to wear a different coloured top or bib from teammates and opposition outfield players.

7.3 Players in this Northern Region Futsal Leagues is highly recommended to wear shin pads. However, it is not mandatory for this competition.

7.4 Teams may use up to ten (10) players throughout the duration of a league. Players must fit the age eligibility criteria. All players must be registered in COMET or have completed the latest registration form for the league they are playing in.

7.5 Players may only play for one team throughout the duration of a league. However, players can fill in on a temporary basis to make up the numbers in order for a match to be played.

7.6 All matches shall be played in accordance with FIFA Futsal Laws of the game.

## **8. REFEREES & OFFICIALS**

8.1 Northern Region Football is responsible for providing a match official for all matches in Northern Region Football's Futsal Leagues.

8.2 Northern Region Football is responsible for providing a Court Coordinator for all Northern Region Football Futsal Leagues.

## **9. CANCELLATIONS/DEFAULTS**

9.1 Northern Region Football or a Northern Region Football representative (referee or court coordinator) may cancel a match under any circumstance that they deem breaches the health and safety of players.

9.2 Teams must notify the Northern Region Football Futsal Competitions Manager within 24 hours of a match date that they wish to default. The default will be recorded as a 3-0 loss for the defaulting team.

9.3 Northern Region Football will notify teams via email to the listed 'team contact' with any changes to the draw once published on the Northern Region Football website.

## **10. DATA**

10.1 All registrations will be held with Northern Region Football via a submitted Google Form.

## **11. TEAM ENTRIES**

11.1 Teams can enter in the Northern Region Football Futsal Leagues via COMET or a Google form. Teams are accountable for the league and grade, they select to play in.

11.2 The competition format of a league will be determined by the number of teams that enter and is at the discretion of the Competitions Manager.

## **12. MATCH SCHEDULING**

12.1 The Competition Manager will schedule all matches to ensure completion of each league by the end of each term.

12.2 Teams may be required to play more than one (1) match per week.

12.3 If teams are unable to play their scheduled match, they can notify the Competitions Manager to ask for a rescheduled time. It will be at the discretion of the Competitions Manager if this is possible. If a change cannot happen the match must be played as originally scheduled or a default will occur.

## **13. DISCIPLINE**

13.1 Refer to the NZF Disciplinary Code.

13.2 Misconducts & Suspensions.

13.2.1 The Schedule of Suspensions and Fines in respect of a misconduct by a player in the Northern Region Futsal Premier Draft League shall be:

13.2.2 When a player receives a red card a one (1) playing day suspension will be implemented.

13.2.3 Serious infringements and misconduct against match officials (direct red card) shall incur a minimum fine of \$20.00 and automatic one playing day suspension. Including the automatic suspension incurred, the overall suspension imposed on any player receiving a direct red card shall be in accordance with the NZF Disciplinary Code.

13.2.4 Any fines shall be paid by the due date indicated on the invoice from Northern Region Football.

## **14. PROTESTS**

14.1 Any team may bring a protest or complaint to Northern Region Football through the Competition Manager.

14.2 A protest or complaint must be made within three (3) days of the alleged breach, by forwarding a written statement onto the Competition Manager, detailing the:

14.2.1 name of the team, player, or person(s) complained against.

14.2.2 alleged breach.

14.3 Northern Region Football will forward a copy of the protest or complaint to the club or team complained about for a response. After ascertaining all details of the alleged complaint, Northern Region Football will advise both parties of their decision.

## **15. MISCELLANEOUS**

15.1 Anything not covered in the Futsal Regulations is at the discretion of Northern Region Football.