



Peninsula Futsal Club

Competition Rules and Regulations



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Section 1: Competition Structure

1. Matches Played in Accordance with the Laws of the Game

- a. All matches sanctioned by Peninsula Futsal Club will be played under the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game, and Competition Rules and Regulations.

2. Competition

- a. The age groups in which Peninsula Futsal Club shall conduct competitions is determined by team nominations and will be posted onto the Peninsula Futsal Club website prior to the start of the season.
- b. All junior competitions, where players are aged younger than 18, will be mixed unless otherwise stated.
- c. All fixtures, results and tables will be available through the Peninsula Futsal Club website.
- d. Any changes will be posted on the Peninsula Futsal Club website, the Peninsula Futsal Club Facebook page and an email or SMS may be sent to team managers.
- e. Competitions will be structured depending on team nomination numbers.
- f. Regular Competition rounds will be determined by Peninsula Futsal Club.

3. Venues

- a. All matches will be conducted at venues approved by the Peninsula Association.
- b. For the 2016/17 season, the approved venues are:

Clontarf	Isobel Street Clontarf, 4019
North Lakes	10 The Corso, North Lakes 4509
Redcliffe	cnr Klingner Road and Oxley Avenue Redcliffe, 4020
YMCA Bowen Hills	95 Abbotsford Road Bowen Hills QLD 4006

- c. All players, Team Officials, spectators or any other person attending a Peninsula Futsal Club sanctioned match abide to the following venue conditions:
 - i. No smoking on venue grounds.
 - ii. No alcoholic beverages are permitted on venue grounds.
 - iii. No animals are permitted on venue grounds.
 - iv. Persons causing any wilful or negligent 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.
 - v. All facilities, i.e. Change rooms, toilets, shall be left in a clean and tidy condition.
 - vi. No spectators are permitted onto the playing field exception of half time and at the end of each game, where safe to do so and not interfering with any

aspects of the current game or the upcoming game. Only players, registered coaching staff and officials permitted.

- vii. Any team player be involved in any physical or verbal fracas within venue grounds/facilities, will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.

4. Duration of the match

- a. The duration of all matches sanctioned by Peninsula Futsal Club will be as following:

Age Group	Duration of the Match	Half Time Interval
U9/U10 – U13/U14	Two periods of 20 minutes	2 minute
U15/U16	Two periods of 25 minutes	2 minute
Youth Men, Men, Women & Mixed	Two periods of 25 minutes	2 minute

- b. There will be no usage of stop clock in any Peninsula Futsal Club Matches.
- c. No time outs are permitted in any competition.
- d. If after the commencement of a match there is a situation that causes a delay in play, and in the opinion of the referee, the match cannot be restarted within five minutes the match shall be abandoned and reported by the appointed Referees to the Club for further action as required.
- e. All games will start at the allocated time slot. The game clock will be started regardless if teams are ready to play or not. If a team is not ready to play within five minutes of the official kick off time, the match will be deemed a forfeit and the result will be recorded as a 6-0 win to the opposition team.

5. Disciplinary Sanctions and Proceedings

- a. All players, Team Officials, spectators and any other person attending a Peninsula Futsal Club sanctioned match will be subject to the FFA Code of Conduct.
- b. The Peninsula Futsal Club Disciplinary Committee reserves the right to take disciplinary action against any person that breaches the FFA Code of Conduct.

6. Disciplinary Sanctions

- a. Yellow Cards
 - i. Any yellow cards issued will be recorded by the match officials.
 - ii. Any player who accumulates three (3) yellow cards will be suspended for one (1) competition match.
 - iii. Should a player accumulate a further three (3) yellow cards in a season, the player will incur an automatic suspension of two (2) matches.
 - iv. If a player receives two (2) yellow cards in one (1) match, the player must leave the playing area and must not remain on the substitute's bench. A player who receives two (2) yellow cards in one match will be suspended for one (1) competition match.
 - v. Disciplinary cards issued throughout the competition will not continue into the finals series.
- b. Red Cards
 - i. A player who receives a red card must leave the playing area and must not remain on the substitute's bench.
 - ii. A player receiving a red card can be replaced by a substitute after two (2) minutes following the expulsion of that player unless a goal is scored by the opposition before the two (2) minutes has elapsed.
 - iii. A player receiving a red card will be suspended for two (2) competitions matches.
 - iv. The Peninsula Futsal Club Disciplinary Committee reserves the right to request a player sent from the field of play to face the Disciplinary Committee.
 - v. A player has the right to appeal a decision made by the Disciplinary Committee.
- c. Peninsula Futsal Club has a Zero Tolerance to abuse Policy. Any persons (team officials, players, spectators) who breach the code of conduct may be asked to leave the premises and the game shall not continue until the person has complied. Teams that field unregistered or suspended players will forfeit the matches the players participated in. The result will be recorded as a 6-0 win to the opposing team. There will be no refund of match fees.

7. Suspension of Match Bans

- a. Where a player has been sent off during a match via a R4* or R5* the player's subsequent match bans may be suspended if the player is of good character* and where the offence would have only been punished by a free kick should it have occurred elsewhere on the pitch.
- b. A match ban will be suspended for two weeks starting with the next fixture the player in question participates in.
- c. If the player receives a further send-off while possessing a suspended match ban the suspended sentence will be enacted for the following fixture and both the suspended match ban and match ban will be served by the player.
- d. To apply for a suspended match ban the team of the dismissed player must submit in writing a request for suspension to the Disciplinary Committee.
- e. The Disciplinary Committee will take into consideration the Referee's report, Centre Manager's report and the Good character of the player and team.
- f. Once a decision has been made, the Disciplinary Committee shall inform the team in writing of the decision.
- g. Items denoted with an asterisk (*) are detailed further in Section 8: Dictionary of Terms.

8. Competition Points

- a. Points will be allocated in line with the following table for all competitive matches during the season:

Result	Points
Win	Three (3) Competition Points
Loss	Zero (0) Competition Points
Draw	One (1) Competition Point to each team
Bye	Zero (0) Competition Points
Forfeit	Three (3) Competition Points to the team receiving the forfeit. The match will be recorded as a 6-0 win against the team forfeiting.

9. Technical Area

- a. At all venues there will be a designated Technical areas reserved for Players and Team officials of the team's currently playing each other.
 - i. Only registered Players and Team officials are allowed to be in the Technical Area for the duration of the match.

10. List of Players

- a. Teams are entitled to list up to ten players for each game.
- b. Players on the team sheets must be identical to those on the registration form.

11. Match Balls

- a. Match balls will be provided by the Centre Manager, or appointed Referees if applicable.
- b. The size of match balls will be as following

Age Groups	Match Ball Size
12 year olds and under	Size 3
13 year olds and above	Size 4

12. Home Team & Clash of Kits

- a. Should there be a clash of kits the home team, nominated first on the team sheets, shall be required to change into an alternate strip.

13. Borrowing of Players during Regular Fixtures

- a. If an agreement can be reached between the teams, in the case of teams aged over 18, or Coaches or Managers, in the case of teams aged under 18, a team with fewer than five players may borrow enough registered players to reach five players.
- b. A player may only play as a 'borrowed player' for 3 occasions per borrowing team.
- c. The spirit and intent of this Competition Rule is to provide sufficient flexibility to support fair play principles. To allow teams to compete in games dependent on team ability, rather than lack of players, and to avoid forfeits when possible. Borrowed players must not affect the team they are playing for to a substantive level but complement current team standards.
- d. It is however the intention of Peninsula Futsal Club that players regularly play for one designated team per competition.

14. Titles conferred to teams at the end of Regular Competition

- a. The team placed first at the end of regular fixtures will be titled Premiers.
- b. The teams placed 1st to 4th at the end of regular fixtures are titled Finalists if eligible to compete in the Finals Series. As per subsection 16 the next eligible team shall be titled Finalists.

Section 2: Forfeits, Abandoned Matches and Alterations

15. Forfeits

- a. Forfeits relate to the following:
 - i. Teams that can't produce three (3) registered players on the field of play ready to play at the scheduled kick off time.
 - ii. Teams that play unregistered or suspended players.
 - iii. Teams failing to pay match fee.
 - iv. Teams failing to produce a team sheet.
 - v. Teams unable to play within 5 minutes of allocated time slot.
- b. Teams that forfeit will be recorded as a having a 6-0 loss. There will be no refund of match fees if a match is forfeited
- c. The forfeiting team will be required to pay match fees for both teams.
- d. In order to avoid paying additional fees, teams must provide 48 hours notice that they intend to forfeit.
- e. Should a team be deemed repeat offenders, determined by Club but must occur at least twice, the Club may refer the team in question to the Disciplinary Committee.

16. Abandoned Matches

- a. Should a match be abandoned the appointed Referees, along with the Centre Manager if appointed, shall report the incident to the Club.
- b. The Club, taking into account the reason for abandonment, shall rule upon whether to declare the match a forfeit, a draw, award the game at its standing score at time of abandonment, or replay the match.
- c. The decision of the Club shall be conveyed to the teams involved in fixture.

17. Alterations, Unforeseeable Circumstances and Control of Competitions

- a. The Peninsula Futsal Club holds the power to make, alter or rescind the Competition Rules and Regulations.
- b. When Unforeseeable Circumstances occur, the Peninsula Futsal Club holds the right to make any necessary changes to competitions to remedy the situation.

Section 3: Final Series

18. Finals Series

- a. The top four teams in an age group at the end of the regular season will play in Semi Finals with the two winners progressing to the Final.
- b. The Finals Series will be played in the following format.

Round	Title	Teams
1	Semi Final 1	1 st v 4 th
2	Semi Final 2	2 nd v 3 rd
3	Grand Final	Winner of Semi Final 1 v Winner Semi Final 2

- c. If at the conclusion of the regular season's rounds, teams are equal on points, the following qualifications apply to determine team places;
 - i. Goal difference,
 - ii. Head to head result,
 - iii. Least number of accumulated disciplinary cards,
 - iv. Number of goals scored,
 - v. Toss of a coin.
- d. If at the conclusion of normal time in a final series match, the scores are level, two periods of extra time will be played.
- e. The amount of extra time is as following.

Age Group	Extra Time	Interval
U9/U10 – U13/U14	3	No Interval
U15/U16	5	No Interval
Youth Men, Men, Women & Mixed	5	No Interval

- f. If at the end of extra time the scores remain tied, the match shall precede to Kicks from the Penalty Mark of 3 kicks, as detailed under the Laws of the Game.

19. Announcement of Finals Venue, Times & Competing Teams

- a. The venue and times for finals fixtures shall be announced during the last week of regular fixtures.
- b. The full details of the Finals Series will be published to the Peninsula Futsal Club website. These details will also be sent to the relevant teams.

20. Player Eligibility for Finals Series

- a. To be eligible for Finals Series, each player must compete in a minimum of six competition matches.

21. Teams failing to meet Finals Series Requirements

- a. If a team that finishes in the top four places at the end of regular competition fails to meet the requirements to compete in the Finals Series the next eligible team shall be selected to compete. All teams competing in the Finals shall be promoted up to replace the ineligible team.
- b. Teams may also chose to refuse to enter the Finals Series in which case the next eligible team will be offered a place in the Finals Series. All teams competing in the Finals shall be promoted up to replace the team that refused entry.

22. Titles conferred to teams competing in Finals

- a. As per subsection 14, teams competing in the Finals Series are titled Finalists.
- b. The team that wins the Grand Final are titled Champions of their respective age group.
- c. The team that loses the Grand Final are titled Runners-up of their respective age group.

Section 4: Team Requirements

23. Playing Requirements

- a. Players must wear matching team jerseys, or bibs, which feature numbers unique among each team.
- b. As per the Laws of the Game players must wear;
 - i. Shin guards,
 - ii. Non marking footwear, which have no dark soles,

24. Player Registration Proof

- a. If requested by an appointed Referee, Centre Manager, Club or member of the Referee Committee, a player must produce proof of registration.
- b. If a player refuses to or is unable to, the requester along with the Centre Manager, if not the requester, will report the incident to the Club.

25. Player Proof of Age

- a. If requested by an appointed Referee, Centre Manager, Club or member of the Referee Committee, a player must produce proof of age.
- b. If a player refuses to or is unable to, the requester along with the Centre Manager, if not the requester, will report the incident to the Club.

26. Team Sheet & Match Fee

- a. Before every match each team must complete and submit a team sheet, provided by the Centre Manager, along with the match fee.
- b. Should a team fail to provide a match fee or team sheet the match shall not start. Should more than five minutes pass, as per subsection 11, the match shall be recorded as a forfeit.

27. Nomination of Team Strip

- a. Teams are required to submit their chosen strip prior to the start of the season to the Club.
- b. Should the Club consider the strip to be inappropriate or undesirable, it shall be reject and the team required to choose an alternative option.
- c. No appeal will be considered of the Club's decision.

Section 5: Player Eligibility

28. Player Eligibility

- a. To be eligible to play in any competition administered by Peninsula Futsal Club players must be registered and financed with Football Queensland.
- b. As a registered player, players become eligible to participate in Football Queensland State Titles and State competitions such as the SEQFPL. Additionally players are eligible to play in FFA National Futsal Championships.

29. Player Insurance

- a. As part of their registration players are covered by Football Queensland's registration.
- b. If a player is injured, they must fill out an incident report form on the day of the accident and report it to the Referees and Centre Manager.

30. Cost and Registration

- a. Costs of Registration will be posted on the Peninsula Futsal Club website prior to the start of the season.
- b. Registration Fees will include Football Queensland Registration and Football Federation Australia fees.
- c. Once a player has played their first game the fees become non-refundable.

31. Age Group

- a. Age groups will be determined on year of birth.
- b. Players may via written request to the Club and Director of Futsal, request to play up or down in age brackets.
- c. Players under the age of 16 wishing to play in open age groups must request permission of Club and the Director of Futsal.

Section 6: Referees and Centre Managers

32. Referees

- a. It is the duty of the Referees Committee or in their absence, the club, to appoint Referees to matches played under the auspices of Peninsula Futsal Club.
- b. Where possible the Referees Committee shall appoint two qualified Referees to fixtures.
- c. During the Finals Series of youth competitions, age restricted competitions of those under the age of 18, two Referees and a third official shall be appointed. The third official shall mentor and advise the Referees appointed to the fixture and liaise with the Centre Manager through the fixture.
- d. During the Finals Series of all senior competitions, competitions of players older than 18, three Match Officials shall be appointed. Two Referees and a Timekeeper.
- e. Where a Centre Manager has not been appointed or fails to fulfil their appointment the Senior Referee, noted as Referee 1 in appointments, shall perform the duties of a Centre Manager. After the fixtures the Referees shall communicate the incident to the Referees Committee.
- f. If a player is injured during a match, the Referees must report this via the team sheet to the Club.

33. Centre Manager

- a. It is the duty of the Club to appoint Centre Managers to matches played under the auspices of Peninsula Futsal Club.
- b. Centre Managers duties include;
 - i. Collection of monies from competing teams.
 - ii. Keeping record of goal scorers, half time score, full time score and of any disciplinary cards given during matches.
 - iii. Recording of all incidents regarding the match.
 - iv. Removing spectators or outside agents that are interfering with the fixture.
 - v. Recording injuries to players on the team sheet.
 - vi. Ensuring the pitch is fit for purpose prior to the first game.
 - vii. Ensuring the pitch is left clean and completely secure, including arming of alarm code, prior to departure after the last fixture.

Section 7: Peninsula Futsal Club Committees and Positions

34. Director of Futsal

- a. The position of Director of Futsal, DOF, is the head of futsal coaching and development at Peninsula Futsal Club. The DOF is responsible for supervising the appointed coaches and working with them to implement a club wide developmental plan.
- b. The DOF will be responsible for the development of players at Peninsula Futsal Club.
- c. The DOF will select coaches and players to represent Peninsula Futsal Club at various competitions, e.g. Craig Foster Cup.

35. Disciplinary Committee

- a. The role of the Disciplinary Committee is to hear matters regarding parties referred to them. The Disciplinary Committee shall then determine an appropriate punishment and convey this to the parties involved.
- b. The Disciplinary Committee shall implement the spirit and intention of the FFA National Disciplinary Regulations and other such documents of the FFA unless,
 - i. There are inconsistencies with the Competition Rules, in which case the Competition Rules will govern to the extent of the inconsistency.
 - ii. There are differences between the nature of the National Disciplinary Regulations and the nature of futsal, in which case the Disciplinary Committee shall rule in accordance with the nature of futsal.
- c. The Disciplinary Committee shall rule upon;
 - i. Players referred to the Disciplinary Committee.
 - ii. Teams referred to the Disciplinary Committee.
 - iii. Team officials referred to the Disciplinary Committee.
 - iv. Match officials referred to the Disciplinary Committee.
 - v. Other persons referred to the Disciplinary Committee.
- d. Parties which have been faced the Disciplinary Committee have the right to appeal a decision of the Disciplinary Committee. An appeal is to be made in writing to Peninsula Futsal and the appeal will be heard within 14 days of receipt.

36. Referees Committee

- a. The primary role of the Referees Committee is to appoint Referees from the Peninsula Futsal Referees Group. Committee members are also responsible for managing the development of Referees and improving the quality of Referees. The Referees Committee shall, when appropriate, help promote Referees to the SEQFPL* and other such competitions. The Referees Committee is also responsible for appointing Referees to Finals Series fixtures on a measure of ability, work ethic, dedication and other such factors deemed relevant.
- b. Items denoted with an asterisk(*) are detailed further in Section 8: Dictionary of Terms

37. SEQFPL Coaches

- a. The multiple coaches of the Peninsula SEQFPL* teams shall be appointed by the Director of Futsal to coach an individual team representing Peninsula Futsal Club, in each of the age groups. The coaches are responsible for managing and training their individual teams along with working with the Director of Futsal to implement a club wide developmental plan. Coaches are also responsible for recruiting players from Peninsula Futsal and its affiliated clubs into their teams.
- b. Items denoted with an asterisk (*) are detailed further in Section 8: Dictionary of Terms.

Section 8: Dictionary of Terms

- a. R4
 - i. R4 is the send-off code where a player denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his penalty area).
- b. R5
 - i. R5 is the send-off code for where a player denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick.
- c. Good Character of a player.
 - i. The Good Character of a player includes several elements such as previous history with the club, previous cautions, yellow cards, and send offs, red cards, and the player's previous disciplinary history.
- d. Good Character of a Team
 - i. The Good Character of a team includes several elements such as previous history with the club, previous cautions, yellow cards, and send offs, red cards, and the team's previous disciplinary history.
- e. SEQFPL
 - i. The South East Queensland Futsal Premier League is a home and away elite state level competition run by Football Queensland. It is to be run over the summer season each year, with teams in multiple age groups.