



**Arana United Futsal Leagues (AUFL) - facilitated by Arana United Futsal Club Inc. (AUFC)**

### **Club Rules / Competition Rules**

#### **Playing Requirements**

- Players must wear team jerseys with numbers (ideally matching)
- Players must wear appropriate footwear (Non-Marking)
- Players must wear shin pads and long socks (that fully cover shin pads) must also be worn - these must provide reasonable protection as per the Laws of the Game, determined by match officials and/or club committee/club officials.
- As per the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game, jewelry is not permitted to be worn; please see the 'Season Information' section of our website under 'Arana United's stance on Jewellery, Religious items and Player Safety'.
- Teams must be ready to start play at game kick-off time (minimum 3 players as per FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game). If after 5 minutes a team does not have at least 3 players, the opponents will receive a Forfeit win.
- Players, team officials and spectators must adhere to the Football Australia (FA) Code of Conduct and competition rules at all times
- A team member must report to the club official bench pre-match to sign off players.

## Arana United Futsal Leagues: Community Futsal Comp Rules (in conjunction with FIFA Futsal Laws)

- 5 players per team on the pitch (4 players, 1 goalkeeper)
- 20 minutes each half
- Sideline restart by kick in
- Goal clearance restart is with the ball in keepers hands
- Interchange – substitute must not enter field of play until substituted player exits
- Goalkeepers during active play can throw and kick over half way on the full with **no restrictions**.
- Two touch law applies when the goalkeeper has possession
- No time outs
- 6 team foul law applies
- Players must show proof of registration and age if required
- Players **must** have shirts with numbers on back (ideally matching); matching shorts and socks are preferred but not required
- Numbers are not required on 'away' kits (alternate), though 'home' (primary) kits are required to

### BY-LAWS

#### 1. Organisers

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#### 2. Preamble

The competitions are open to all players (male, female and other). All players must be registered with Football Queensland to be eligible to participate in Arana United Futsal Leagues (AUFL) competitions, which our player registration packages encompass. Registered players are also eligible to participate in Football Queensland State Championships and Premier League competitions, along with Football Australia National Championship events. AUFL matches will be conducted and governed by FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game 2024-25.

Arana United Futsal Club is affiliated with Football Queensland and Football Australia.

#### 3. Venues

- Hills District PCYC, Olearia Street West, Everton Hills

#### 4. Cost and Registration

- Governing body fees for Football Queensland Futsal are set by FQ at \$37.50 and \$42.50 per Junior/Senior player respectively. This includes Football Queensland & Football Australia player insurance. Season match fees are determined prior to each Community Futsal season commencing.

Summer 2025/26 fees are \$257.50 and \$262.50 total for junior/senior players respectively. **Fees are non-refundable once a player plays their first game;** Under extenuating circumstances a player can appeal for their season fee to be refunded after any number of matches, which will be discussed with the Committee for a decision to be made.

- All players MUST be registered before taking the field of play, for insurance purposes.

#### 5. Player Insurance

- Registration fees include Football Queensland registration and Football Australia registration (\$37.50 for Juniors, \$42.50 for Seniors).
- If a player is seriously injured, they must notify match officials and/or club officials as soon as possible for the process.

#### 6. Eligibility

- All players must be registered.
- Playing a non-registered player will result in the team losing the match 6-0.
- The match result for forfeits will be a 6-0 loss up until the last 3 rounds of fixtures, where forfeits will be a 9-0 loss

#### 7. Age groups

- Will be determined on year of birth. Make up of competitions may be determined by player numbers in respective age groups.
- Age example: **For the Summer 2025/26 season, using the U11/12 age group as an example**, players born in January 2013 are eligible to play.
  - Players born in October - December 2012 *typically are not eligible* for the U12 comp starting in 2025
  - Players born in September 2012 or earlier are NOT age eligible for the U12 comp in 2025
- **Players outside certain age groups may request permission to play 'down' an age group they would normally not be eligible for, which is reviewed on a case by case basis.**

## **8. List of Players**

- Each team is entitled to list up to (and including) ten (10) players for each match.
- For the Over 30s competition, teams may list up to (and including) 12 (twelve) players.
- The players on the team sheets must be identical to those on the registration form; any new players must be communicated to Arana United Futsal Leagues within a reasonable timeframe prior to them playing

## **9. Competition Structure**

- All fixtures, results and points tables will be available on the respective website/documents. Any changes within a week of the respective matches will be posted accordingly and an email or SMS may be sent to the team managers. Competitions will be structured depending on team nominations.

### **NB: Please regularly check fixtures in case of changes.**

- The structure of the Finals series will be determined prior to its commencement for each respective competition. The structure is dependent on the number of teams; each respective age group will have the finals structure determined individually to best suit the competition.
- Premiers are the team which concluded the preliminary rounds in first (1st) position. Champions are the team that wins the Grand Final.

## **10. Duration of Matches**

- Each match will consist of two (2) x twenty (20) minute halves with a three (3) minute half-time break.
- The match will start on time. The Club Official will start the clock at the scheduled time of kick off regardless if a team/s are ready to play or not. If a team/s 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 a forfeit win to the opponent based on the current round of the fixture (see section 6. Eligibility).
- There will be no time outs and the clock will run for the duration of each half
- No added time will be played during the regular season.
- Finals series matches may play added time at the discretion of the match officials

## **11. Match Balls**

Under 6 yrs to Under 10 yrs will play with a size 3 match ball. Under 12 yrs and above will play with a size 4 match ball. All balls will be supplied by Arana United Futsal Leagues.

## **12. Variation to FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game**

- The ball size will vary depending on age groups (FIFA Law #2), as mentioned above.
- There will be no time outs. (FIFA Law #7).
- The clock will run for its entire duration of each half. (FIFA Law #7).
- The FIFA Laws of the Game will be applied otherwise.

## **13. Competition Rules**

### **(a). Players Equipment**

- The basic compulsory equipment shall consist of a jersey or shirt of the same colour (preferably identical) and (preferably similar) shorts and socks, along with shin pads and appropriate footwear.
- Each team's shirts shall be identical in colour (and preferably) design and style with numbers on the back. Identical shorts and socks are preferred, but not required; similar shorts and socks are sufficient.
- The player's shirts 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.
- Numbers are required for teams' 'Home' kits (base kit); they are NOT required for 'Away' kits (alternate kit)
- Players shall not wear anything that is considered dangerous to another player.
- Shin pads shall be entirely covered by socks, and shall be made of a suitable material to afford reasonable protection to the user.
- Goalkeepers shall wear colours that distinguish them from other players and from the referee. If not, bibs will be provided by Arana United Futsal Leagues.
- Only Futsal shoes and non-marking sneakers can be worn – no Football (Soccer) boots.
- The club representative shall reserve the right to reject any uniform if considered inappropriate or undesirable.
- Where there is a clash of colours, Arana United Futsal Leagues will have bibs available to use.

### **(b). Officials**

- Arana United Futsal Leagues will provide qualified Futsal referees to officiate at all matches.

### **(c). Match Score Sheets**

- The team sheet will be completed by the Club Official electronically.
- Players must be on pitch ready to start at the scheduled kick off time.
- If a team/s 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 a forfeit win to the opponent based on the current round of the fixture (see section 6. Eligibility).
- Players can only register with one (1) team per age group for the duration of the season - If a player wishes to play in multiple age groups they must contact the Operations Manager to discuss eligibility and additional registration payment options.
- If a player wishes to switch teams, they may present to the committee the reason why
- This will be reviewed by the Committee and an independent ruling shall be made on a case by case basis
- Only players nominated on the registration forms can appear on team sheets
- If a team wishes to add a new player during the season, they must inform the Club officials with reasonable notice before the new player may take part in a match
- Players must compete in a minimum of four (4) competition matches to be eligible for the finals series - This can be reviewed by Arana United Futsal Leagues on a case by case basis in extenuating circumstances.

### **(d). Technical Area (Benches)**

- During the match, teams are permitted to have two (2) coaches or managers at a time on the bench, though only one can provide instructions to the players
- Minors of Managers and/or coaches are permitted to sit on the bench if no other parent or guardian is able to care for them.

#### 14. Mixed Opens (14+) Specific Competition Rules

During the Winter 2026 season AUFL created a new Mixed Opens competition, where players of any gender aged 14 or above can participate!

*In addition to all other sections of these comp rules (also applicable to Mixed) the following comp rules **ONLY apply to Mixed**:*

- Team list - Each team **must** have at least two (2) female players in their squad
- During play - A minimum of one (1) female player **must be on pitch at all times**; 2 and more female players on pitch is strongly recommended (where possible)
- Goal scoring values - Goals scored by female players will count as two (2) goals towards the match score (for golden boot these will remain as 1 goal per goal); non-female goals will count as one (1) goal for both match score and golden boot (as usual)
- Scoring location - **Non-female player scoring is restricted to the final 1/3 area of the pitch**, indicated by the red lines.

Any goals scored from outside the red lines by a non-female player will result in a Goal Clearance restart to the opposing team (same as when a kick-in or Indirect free kick is scored directly from the kick).

- In exceptional circumstances where no female player/s are available, the female player requirement may be satisfied with a suitable young male player who is 14-15 years of age and/or a teenage male player (minimum 14 years of age) with limited or lower experience/skill

#### 15. Disciplinary Cards

##### (a). Yellow Cards (Caution)

- Any yellow cards issued will be recorded by the club representatives.
- Any player who accumulates four (4) yellow cards will be suspended for their next competition match. This is a cumulative total over the season.
- Should a player accumulate a further four (4) yellow cards in a season, the player will incur an automatic suspension of two (2) matches.
- 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 serve the Mandatory Match Suspension (MMS) of one (1) competition match.
- Disciplinary cards issued throughout the competition will continue into the finals series.

### **(b). Red Cards (Send-off)**

- A player who receives a red card 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 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 - after whichever occurs first the sent-off player can be replaced.
- A player receiving a red card will serve at least the Mandatory Match Suspension (MMS) of one (1) competition matches; the suspension length may be longer, depending on the severity of the Send-off offence.
- Arana United Futsal Leagues reserves the right to ask a sent-off player to face the Disciplinary Committee.
- A player has the right to appeal a decision made by the Committee.

### **16. Discipline**

Arana United Futsal Club and Arana United Futsal Leagues have a Zero Tolerance Policy. Any persons (team officials, players, spectators) who breach these competition rules, PCYC Hills District rules and/or the Football Australia 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 forfeit win to the opposing team. There will be no refund of match fees.

### **17. Forfeits**

Forfeits relate to the following;

- Teams that can't produce three (3) registered players on the field of play ready to play after five (5) minutes from the scheduled kick off time.
- Teams that play unregistered or suspended players.
- Teams forfeiting a match will receive a 6-0 loss match result until the last 3 rounds of fixtures, where the result will be a 9-0 loss. There will be no refund of fees if a match is forfeited.

## 17(a). Borrowing of players

FIFA Futsal Law 3 - 'The Number of Players'

'A match may not start if either team consists of fewer than three players. The match is abandoned if one of the teams has fewer than three players on the pitch.'

**AUFL by-law** - Teams may borrow registered players from other teams in the same competition or one of younger age (given the borrowed player is age appropriate) in order to field a team of five players without requiring approval from the opposition. **If the opposition team is agreeable, teams may borrow an additional player/s until they have one (1) substitute player,** or a maximum of six (6) players.

### Divisions 1 & 2 (Div 1 & 2) - borrowing players:

- Div 2 players can be borrowed by any Div 1 or Div 2 team in the same age group AND by an applicable older age group team (as usual)
- Div 1 player can ONLY be borrowed by other Div 1 teams in the same age group AND by an applicable older age group team, regardless of the older team's respective division - **Div 1 players CANNOT be borrowed by a Div 2 team in the same age**
  - *Example 1: an U12 Div 1 player can be borrowed by an U14 Div 2 team, given the younger player meets the age eligibility criteria*
  - *Example 2: Both U10 Div 1 and U10 Div 2 players can be borrowed by any U12 team (Div 1 or 2), given the younger player/s meet the age eligibility criteria*

A team can only borrow the same player a maximum of 4 (four) times during the regular season. **If your team or the borrowed player have any doubts over this please consult the Club Official at the desk to clarify.**

If a team is found to be borrowing the same player more than 4 times the Club Official will ask the substitute player to cease playing (if identified during the match). If this is identified after the same borrowed player plays their 5th match as a borrowed player, the Committee will discuss and determine whether the match shall be deemed a forfeit loss for the offending team.

Players must play regularly for one designated team only. If a player/s wish to play for more than one team on a regular basis they must discuss payment options with the club official and/or committee. Suitability of borrowed players (age / skill level) will also be at the discretion of the Club Official.

Teams cannot borrow players for Finals Series matches.

## 18. Match Points

In accordance with the FIFA Laws of the game, the points shall be;

- (a) 3 points for a win;
- (b) 1 points for a draw;
- (c) 0 points for a loss.

**19. Finals Series**

- To be eligible for the Finals Series, players must be registered and play a minimum of four (4) matches throughout the season. If extenuating circumstances arise, players may appeal to Arana United Futsal Leagues for consideration of eligibility for the finals series; Arana United Futsal Leagues may also advise players directly if these circumstances arise.

- If at the conclusion of the fixture rounds, teams are equal on points, the following qualifications apply to determine team positions in order;

(a) goal difference;

(b) goals scored;

(c) number of wins;

(d) Fair Play Award (least number of disciplinary cards);

(e) Head to head result

If after all of the above team positions still cannot be determined, an additional tiebreaker match will be arranged with the two teams, where extra time and/or penalty kicks may be applied. If at the conclusion of normal time, the scores are level, an additional two (2) periods of equal length of extra time will be played.

- The length of these periods will be determined prior to the commencement of the Finals Series for each respective competition.

- If the scores remain level after extra time, Penalty Kicks will be used (FIFA Law #10).

- Penalty Kicks will be conducted in accordance with Law 10 of the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.

**Summer 2025/26 Community Futsal:**

Arana United Futsal Leagues - Summer 2025/26 Finals structure: ALL ages									
		Semi Final - 15/02/26							Grand Final - 01/03/26
1									
2									
					Preliminary Final - 22/02/26				
		Elimination Final - 15/02/26							
3									
4									
									Green = Win; Red = Loss

Note: Dates listed related to Sunday finals matches; U13/14 finals were held on the Fridays of the respective weeks.