



PA WEST FUTSAL STATE CUP

TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT

All questions relating to the qualifications of competitors, to interpretation of the rules, or any dispute or protest concerning the Futsal State Cup competition shall be referred to the PA West Futsal Committee. All decisions of the Committee are final. The tournament committee reserves the right of final decision on any matter not expressly covered in these rules.

Purpose

The purpose of this competition is to determine the PA West Futsal representative for the respective age groups (9U – 19U) at the US Futsal Northeast Regionals. This is the only qualifying event for teams to advance and participate at US Futsal Regionals. Should a team win the regional competition, that team will represent PA West Futsal in the US Futsal National Championships.

Ground Rules for Entry

Teams entering this competition will be expected to pay all necessary fees, travel and other expenses to meet its obligations for entry in this tournament. This is an un-restricted tournament. Any team can enter the competition, provided the team is properly rostered and registered with PA West. A team that withdraws from the tournament prior to the start of the first game of the competition shall default their games and forfeit the sum of the entry fee; if the tournament schedule has been posted then the team is subject to additional disciplinary action as set forth by the Futsal State Cup Committee. After the start of tournament play, any team that fails to complete or to play any game in the Futsal State Cup Competition will invalidate all of its results and will be fined a sum of \$500.00. A team failing to attend or to play all of its games to completion at the regional or national competition shall be fined a maximum of \$3,000.00 in addition to whatever amount is assessed by the regional or national governing bodies. They shall also pay any additional costs that may be incurred.

This competition shall be conducted in accordance with US Futsal Rules.

Pre-Tournament Rules

1. Teams need to be declared by the published deadline and a non-refundable entry check in the amount of **295.00** must be received by the P West State Office postmarked or hand-delivered to the PA West State Office by 4:00 PM on the published deadline. Once a team is declared and fees have been received, there will be **NO refund for withdrawals.**

2. Credentials check for all teams will be held prior to each game. Team roster, game day roster (one for each game) and passes are required.

3. It shall be the responsibility of the Youth Board President in consultation with the Tournament Director to certify the eligibility of competing teams for the Regional Tournament and it shall be his/her responsibility to sign the rosters for each designated team.

Tournament Rules

Competition Format

The tournament shall offer competition for 9U – 19U Tournament will feature round robin play. In age groups with odd numbers of entries and/or pairing, the competition will incorporate byes as needed.

Round Robin Play

The teams in each group will play one another in a round robin. The winner, or the advancement to the final or semi final bracket of each age group, both boys and girls, is determined by the round robin results.

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| a) | One team | Age Group Champion |
| b) | Two teams | Home and Away Game (aggregate result) |
| c) | 1-6 teams | Round Robin with the winner being Age Group Champion |
| d) | 7 teams | One sub group of 4 one group of 3 the winner of each proceeds to Final |
| e) | 8 teams | Two sub groups of 4 the winner of each proceed to Final |
| f) | 9 teams | One sub groups of 5 one group of 4 the winner of each proceeds to Final |
| g) | 10 teams | Two Sub groups of 5 the winner of each proceeds to Final |

The Futsal Committee shall determine the nature and site(s) for all games.

GENERAL RULES

1. A team representative must report to the administration area 30 minutes before the team's first game for each day that the team is playing.
2. All schedules and field assignments are subject to change.
3. Final changes will be posted at the administration area.
4. It is the goal of the Futsal State Cup Committee to have every game decided on the field of play by the two opponents.
5. Teams are expected to be ready to play at the scheduled time of the match. Games will not be delayed or changed to accommodate missing information or players. Teams not ready to play at the scheduled start time of any match shall be granted five (5) minutes grace period. A minimum of five (5) players constitutes a team. Only the Futsal State Cup Committee may decide that a forfeit will be awarded to a team. The decision of the Futsal State Cup Committee in this matter is final and not subject to appeal.
6. All games will be played as scheduled
7. At no time should a team leave the field unless instructed to do so by the referee.
8. At no time should a team leave the site unless directed by the Futsal State Cup Committee.
9. Players will be required to report to their field sites one half hour before each game for a pre-game check-in by the Field Marshal. The player passes will be presented to the Field Marshal at each game. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit by the offending team.
10. Players not participating in the game are considered spectators and must remain on their team's spectator sideline with their uniform covered.
11. Each game will use the game balls provided by the tournament.
12. The team listed first is the home team. The home team will change uniform colors in case of a conflict.
13. An unfinished game due to any cause shall be replayed providing neither team is at fault and play has not begun in the second half. If play is stopped after the completion of the first half and cannot be resumed and if neither team is at fault, the Futsal State Cup Committee shall deem the game complete. However, if play is stopped at any time due to one of the teams being adjudged to be at fault, it shall be at the discretion of the Futsal State Cup Committee whether the full game is to be replayed or declared a forfeit.
14. If a referee terminates a game for reasons other than field conditions, the Futsal State Cup Committee will decide the results of the game.
15. The Futsal State Cup Committee reserves the right to shorten the overall time of a game should rescheduling become necessary. Two halves of equal length shall be played.
16. Should fans behave in an unsportsmanlike manner or any other such manners that the site coordinator deems will jeopardize the safe and fair playing of the games, the committee reserves the right to eject the fans (by police if necessary). The club and or the team will be reported to the Disciplinary Committee for possible action, which could

include suspensions, and to declare the game a forfeit, which would result in the team being removed from the tournament this includes before and after scheduled games.

17. There shall be a team-designated side of the field. Only three team officials shall be permitted on the team sideline. All fans must use the opposite touchline or the area designated by the Futsal State Cup Committee. Failure to abide by the rule will result in stoppage of the game and potential forfeit should there be a failure to comply.

18. The team or coach may not leave the technical (coaching) area during the game.

19. During the Futsal State Cup competitions, a player or team official at a game site to participate in a game or associated activity of the competitions may only have on the outer wear of the player or team official a name, logo, or other identifying mark of a youth soccer organization that is US Youth Soccer, a State Association or other member of US Youth Soccer, a member of a State Association, or an organization that is a member of an organization that is a member of a State Association. A name, logo, or other identifying mark of any other youth soccer organization must be removed, replaced, or covered before the player or team official may continue to remain at the game site for the game or associated activity.

20. All Finalist coaches and teams must report to an area designated by the Cup Committee immediately at conclusion of the final match for pictures and trophy presentation.

21. Property should be respected. Teams must pick up trash at the end of each game. Failure to do so could result in a fine and disciplinary action.

22. Clubs and or teams are liable for any property damage that its members cause. Failure to pay damage fee will result in a team's suspension and the club facing disciplinary action.

23. Violent conduct is subject to a hearing

RULES OF PLAY

Except otherwise provided herein, the rules of the US Futsal and FIFA "Laws of the Game" shall apply.

POINT SYSTEM –TIE BREAKERS

1. Determination of standings within a group or sub - group.

a. Round Robin Points:

(1) Three Points for a win

(2) One Point for a tie

(3) Zero Points for a loss

b. Resolving ties within a sub - group

This system shall be used to determine the group or sub - group winner at the end of the round robin, when it is necessary to resolve a tie:

- 1) Winner of head to head competition
- (2) Most Wins
- (3) Goal differential (maximum 7 per game)
- (4) Least Goals allowed
- (5) Penalty Kicks (immediately following the round robin games)

2. Resolving ties for semis or finals:

- a. the overtime period will be (2) five minute halves.
- b. If a game is still tied after the end of overtime play, FIFA "Kicks from the Penalty Mark" rules will apply in order to determine the winner.

3. FORFEIT

A team not showing up for the Futsal State Cup and gives no notification to the Futsal State Cup Committee the remaining teams in the bracket will receive:

- (1) 3 Points for the win
- (2) 3 goals for
- (3) Zero goals against

4. FORFEIT

A team participating in the Futsal State Cup and forfeiting a game (s), for each forfeited round robin game:

- The non - forfeiting team shall be awarded:

- (1) 3 points for a win
- (2) Goal differential by the winner of a forfeited game shall be equal to the average goals, for game(s) in the same bracket against the team that forfeits
- (3) Zero goals against the winner of forfeited games

- The forfeiting team shall be awarded:

- (1) Zero points for the loss
- (2) Zero goals for
- (3) 3 goals against

GAME PROTESTS AND APPEALS

- a. A protest must be orally lodged with the referee and with the opposing coach at the game site before entering the field of play or leaving the game site, except as provided below; and must be filed with the Futsal State Cup Committee within two (2) hours after the completion of the game being protested.
- b. Any protest relating to the grounds, goalpost, bars or other appurtenances of the game shall not be entertained if the PA West Futsal State Cup Committee and the Referee Administrator have approved them.
- c. A lawyer shall not represent a team at a hearing on a protest unless the lawyer is listed on the team's roster as a coach, assistant coach, or team manager.
- d. The chairman of the committee shall immediately upon receipt of the protest notify the team or party against which the protest is made, which will then have the right to defend its case, with or without witnesses.
- e. A decision regarding a protest may be appealed.
- f. Any appeal must be filed with the PA West Futsal Committee no more than five (5) hours after notification of the PA West Futsal State Cup Committee's decision accompanied by:
 - a fee in the amount of \$100.00. This fee may be a club check, money order, cashiers check, or cash. Checks must be payable to PA West Soccer.
 - Five (5) written copies of the protest, which must include full particulars of the grounds on which the protest is lodged.
 - Five (5) written copies of any information to be presented by witnesses.
- g. A plea of ignorance to the rules and regulations of this competition is not sufficient grounds for a protest or appeal. Violators may expect appropriate action by PA West Soccer.
- h. Decisions of the Referee on points of fact connected with play shall be final and not subject to any protest or appeal.
- i. All hearing times will be announced as needed
- j. Protests and appeals will be heard by a minimum of three (3) panel Members