



## Technical Regulations Futsal

Tampere, Finland  
6 - 14 December 2018

Please refer to EDSO General Sports Regulation, where no ruling is stated in this Technical Regulation  
Click here: [EDSO General Regulations 2018 v3.0](#)

### 1. EVENTS

Team tournament competition will be conducted for men and women.

#### 1.1. ICSD World Futsal Championship

The final tournament of the competition counts as the European qualifying tournament for the 2019 ICSD WORLD FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIP in Winterthur, Switzerland. EDSO will communicate the qualifying details to the eight (8) teams which have qualified to the ICSD final tournament prior to the ICSD final draw.

### 2. PARTICIPANTS

#### 2.1. Age Eligibility

Players are eligible to play in the competition if they were born on or before as follow:

**MEN: 1 January 2004**

**WOMEN: 1 January 2005**

All players under the age of sixteen years of age or under in the same year as the Competition MUST obtain authorisations from Parent/Guardian and Education department.

#### 2.2. Eligibility of Deafness

Deaf, defined as a hearing loss of at least 55dB pure tone average (PTA) in the better ear (three-tone pure tone average at 500, 1000 and 2000 Hertz, air conduction, ISO 1969 Standard)

#### 2.3. Number of Teams

##### **MEN:**

Each National Federation may enter one (1) team. Participation in the EDSO Competition is limited to a maximum of sixteen (16) men's teams.

**Teams (16):** Finland (Host), Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, England, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey.

##### **WOMEN:**

Each National Federation may enter one (1) team. Participation in the EDSO Competition is limited to a maximum of twelve (12) Women's teams.

**Teams (12):** Finland (Host), Denmark, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Poland, Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Spain, and Sweden.

## **2.4. Number of players**

Each team may have a maximum of fourteen (14) players.

- 2.4.1.** Each national federation that qualifies for the final competition shall enter 14 players (at least two (2) of whom shall be goalkeepers) numbered from 1 to 15. The numbers on the back of the shirts shall correspond with the numbers indicated on the official player's list (Form 4) The number 1 must be worn by Goalkeeper. No number may be used by more than one player.
- 2.4.2.** The list of twenty-five (25) players (showing the full last name(s), every first name, popular name, date of birth and country) shall be submitted to the Secretariat, using the official form (Form 3) for this purpose, no later than thirty one (31) full days before the opening match in the final competition. Only these 14 players (except in the case of force majeure recognised by the Organising Committee for the EDSO will be permitted to compete in the final competition.
- 2.4.3.** A listed player may only be substituted in the event of serious injury leading up to 24 hours before his team's first match, after EDSO has received a detailed medical assessment in the official languages (English), and only after acceptance and confirmation by the Sports medical Committee that the injury is sufficiently serious to prevent the player from taking part in the competition. The national federation shall then immediately nominate the substitute and inform EDSO accordingly.
- 2.4.4.** 14 players shall be included in the starting list for the match (5 selected players and 9 substitutes.).
- 2.4.5.** The Organising Committee will publish the official lists of 14 players from each country on paper to be handed out to all countries at the first Technical meeting. This information shall include the players' shirt numbers, family names, first names and the names of the team coaches/managers (including background staff).
- 2.4.6.** Any team found guilty of fielding an ineligible or suspended player will forfeit the match. A win and three points and/or a score of 5-0 will be awarded to the opposing team, or greater, depending on the score of the match.

## **3. REGISTRATION**

### **3.1. Preliminary Registration**

The preliminary registrations (Form 1) with an indication of the probable number of teams must be submitted to EDSO Representative no later than **30 April 2016**. [Not less than one (1) year before the competition.]

### **3.2. Final Entry**

The deadline for final registration (Form 2) for team sports is **31 April 2017**. (Not less than three (3) months before the competition.), except for teams still playing in qualifying rounds. Such teams have to confirm their participation immediately after having completed the qualifying rounds. Such submissions will be made via official online registration form followed by the official registration form.

### **3.3. Player Registration**

The Player Registration (Form 3) with the names of each athlete indicating event entered must be submitted to the EDSO Representative no later than **5 November 2018**. [Not less than one (1) month before the competitions.] Such submissions will be made via official online registration form followed by the official registration form, together with passport photos of each player.

- 3.4.1.** The preliminary entries with the names of each athlete indicating event entered must be submitted to the EDSO Representative no later than **5 November 2018**. (Not less than thirty one (31) days before the competition). Such submissions will be made via official online registration form followed by the official registration form.
- 3.4.2.** The final entries with the names of each athlete indicating event entered must be submitted to the EDSO Representative no later than **19 November 2018**. (Not less than fourteen (14) days before the competition). Such submissions will be made via official online registration form followed by the official registration form.
- 3.4.3.** No changes or additional entries will be accepted after **5 December 2018**.

#### **4. COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS**

##### **4.1. Technical Organisation**

EDSO is responsible for the technical organisation of the Futsal competitions.

##### **4.2. Committee**

###### **4.2.1 Technical Committee:**

The technical committee will be composed of the EDSO Technical Officer and members appointed by the Organising Committee:

Daniel Cuennet	EDSO Futsal Assistant Technical Director (Men)
Andre Braendel	EDSO Technical Director Women Football (Women)
Bjorn Roine	EDSO Representative
Name	Referee Liaison Officer
Juha-Matti Aaltonen	Sports Liaison Officer
Name	Deaf Representative

###### **4.2.2 Protest Committee:**

The Championship Protest Committee shall consist of:

Bjorn Roine	EDSO Representative (Chair – NO VOTE RIGHT)
Andrew Scolding	EDSO Director of Football
Name	Head Referee
Name	UEFA Representative

##### **4.3. Competition Rules**

- 4.3.1.** The Futsal competitions will be conducted in accordance with the *current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game*. In case of disagreement in the interpretation of the Rules and Regulations, the English text shall prevail. Unforeseen incidents not covered by the Rules and Regulations shall be dealt with as follows:
- 4.3.2.** Cases of a general nature will be resolved in accordance with EDSO Regulations, EDSO General Technical Rules and this Futsal Technical Regulations.
- 4.3.3.** Technical questions related to competition rules shall be resolved according to the UEFA Rules and Regulations.

**4.3.4.** Only athletes who comply with the EDSO Regulations are entitled to take part in the EDSO Futsal competitions.

#### **4.4. Competition Equipment**

**4.4.1.** The Futsal chosen for the preliminary and final competitions shall conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game and bear one of the following three quality standard designations licensed by FIFA: 'FIFA Approved', 'FIFA Inspected' or 'International Match balls Standard'. The competition official match balls shall be JOMA SALA

**4.4.2.** The goals and nets will comply with the *current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game*.

#### **4.5. Competition Clothing**

**4.5.1.** Each team shall wear its official colours as identified on the official final entry by **5 November 2018**. If the two teams colours might cause confusion, team A of the official match schedule shall be entitled to wear its official outfit and team B shall use its reserve outfit or, if necessary, a combination of the official and the reserve outfit; EDSO - Technical Committee decides the matter.

**4.5.2.** In addition to the official outfit, each team shall have a reserve outfit (reserve colours), which shall also be declared on the final entry form. The colours of the reserve outfit (shirt, shorts and socks) shall be noticeably different from and contrast with the colours of the official outfit (shirt, shorts and socks). The reserve outfit shall also be taken to every match.

**4.5.3.** Throughout the final competition, each player shall wear the number allocated to him on the official players' list. The colour of the numbers must contrast clearly with the outfits (light on dark or vice versa) and be legible from a distance for spectators in the stadium and possibly television viewers. These numbers shall be between 25cm 35cm in height in the centre of the back of the shirt, between 10cm and 15cm in height on the front of the shirt in any position at chest level, and between 10cm and 15cm in height in any position on the front of either leg of the shorts.

**4.5.4.** The national federation's emblem may also be worn as a badge on the shirt.

**4.5.5.** The manufacturer's authorized trademark may be used once as a graphic logo or name, or graphic logo and name combined (in accordance with the EDSO Regulations).

#### **4.6. Draw**

The draw for teams participating in the Group Stage of the Final tournament is to be held on 30 June 2018, in Tampere Exhibition and Sports Centre, address Ilmailunkatu 20, Tampere, Finland.

#### **4.7. Competition Plan**

##### **4.7.1. Mini- Tournament**

**MEN:** If the numbers of the participating team exceed sixteen (16) teams shall take part in Mini-Tournament.

**WOMEN:** If the numbers of the participating team exceed twelve (12) teams shall take part in Mini-Tournament.

#### 4.7.2. Group Stage

**MEN:** The participating sixteen (16) teams will be divided into four groups of four (4) teams each. During the preliminary round, each team will play the other teams in its group.

**WOMEN:** The participating twelve (12) teams will be divided into three groups of four (4) teams each. During the preliminary round, each team will play the other teams in its group.

#### 4.7.3. Quarterfinals, Semi-Finals and Classifications

**MEN:** After the Group Stage, the 1st and 2nd placed team of each group shall play quarterfinals: (A1 v B2) (B1 v A2) (C1 v D2) (D1 v C2).

The winners of the quarterfinals will play semi-finals: (A1/B2 v C1/D2) (B1/A2 v D1/C2). The losers of the quarterfinals will play for the 5th to 8th places.

**WOMEN:** After the Group Stage, the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team and 2 best 3<sup>rd</sup> placed teams of each group shall play quarterfinals: (A1 v C2) (B1 v AC3) (C1 v AB3) (A2 v B2).

The winners of the quarterfinals will play semi-finals: (A1/C2 v B1/AC3) (C1/AB3 v A2/B2). The losers of the quarterfinals will play for the 5th to 8th places.

#### 4.7.4. Consolidation Classifications

**MEN:** After the Group Stage, the 3rd and 4th placed team of each group shall play consolidation quarterfinals: (A3 v B4) (B3 v A4) (C3 v D4) (D3 v C4).

The winners of the consolidation quarterfinals will play semi-finals: (A3/B4 v C3/D4) (B3/A4 v D3/C4). The losers of the consolidation quarterfinals will play for the 12th to 16th places.

**WOMEN:** After the Group Stage, the 3rd placed team of each group shall play consolidation semi-finals: (ABC3 v BC4) (A4 v BC4). The winners of the consolidation semi-finals will play for the 9th to 10th places. The losers of the consolidation semi-finals will play for the 11th to 12th places.

#### 4.7.5. Finals

The winners of the semi-finals will play for 1st and 2nd places, the losers of the semi-finals for 3rd and 4th places.

#### 4.7.6. Classification of Teams

1. The system of competition shall be similar to the league system, each team playing a match against each of the other teams in the same group, with three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw and no (0) point for each match lost.
2. Ranking in each group shall be determined as follows:

If two or more teams in the same group are equal on points on completion of the group matches, the following criteria are applied, in the order given, to determine the rankings:

- a) higher number of points obtained in the group matches played among the teams in question;

- b)** superior goal difference from the group matches played among the teams in question;
- c)** higher number of goals scored in the group matches played among the teams in question;
- d)** if, after having applied criteria a) to c), teams still have an equal ranking, criteria a) to c) are reapplied exclusively to the group matches between the teams in question to determine their final rankings. If this procedure does not lead to a decision, criteria e) to h) apply;
- e)** superior goal difference in all group matches;
- f)** higher number of goals scored in all group matches;
- g)** lower disciplinary points total based only on yellow and red cards received in all group matches (red card = 3 points, yellow card = 1 point, expulsion for two yellow cards in one match = 3 points);
- h)** drawing of lots

**4.7.7.** If two teams which have the same number of points and the same number of goals scored and conceded play their last group match against each other and are still equal at the end of that match, the rankings of the two teams in question are determined by kicks from the penalty mark, and not by the criteria listed under 4.7.6 a) to g), provided no other teams within the group have the same number of points on completion of all group matches. Should more than two teams have the same number of points, the criteria listed under paragraph 4.7.6 apply. This procedure is only necessary if a ranking of the teams is required to determine the team which qualifies for the quarter-finals.

**4.7.8.** Each match shall last 40 minutes (two periods of 20 minutes), with an interval as laid down in the *current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game*.

**4.7.9.** If the result of a match in the quarterfinals, semi-finals or the finals at the end of the prescribed time is a draw, and if extra time must be played, this must always consist of two periods of 5 minutes each, with an interval of 5 minutes at the end of the prescribed time, but not between the periods of extra time. If, with extra time played, the match is still a draw, the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the provisions as laid down in the *current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game*.

**4.7.10** If the result of a match in the consolidation quarterfinals, semi-finals or the finals at the end of the prescribed time is a draw, the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the provisions as laid down in the *current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game*. No extra time shall be use.

## **4.8. Match Officials**

### **4.8.1. Referees**

Allocation of four (4) officials per match (a Lead referee, Assistant referee, third Referee and a Timekeeper) to conduct the matches shall be made by the technical committee. Where possible, referees shall be in possession of an UEFA international referee license valid for 2018. However, referees with National or State accreditation may be used. A copy of all referee's qualification shall be submitted to the EDSO Futsal Technical Officer a minimum of fourteen (14) full days before the first Technical meeting.

**4.8.1.1.** If the referee or one of his assistants is prevented from carrying out his duties before or during a match as a result of injury, indisposition etc... S/he shall be replaced by the third Referee.

- 4.8.1.2.** At the conclusion of each match, the referee shall fill in an official match report form and he shall hand it over to the tournament Officer of the competition at the venue immediately after the match.
- 4.8.1.3.** On the report form, the referee shall note all occurrences before, during and after the match in as much detail as possible such as:
- a)** Misconduct of players, leading to caution or expulsion.
  - b)** Unsporting behaviour of officials, supporters and any person acting on behalf of a national team.
  - c)** Any other incidents.
- 4.8.1.4.** All referees and assistant referees shall use a flag (and a whistle at their discretion) to indicate the commencement or restart of play, to stop or delay play due to an infringement or injury, or to indicate that time has expired in the half. The flag is an important tool for the referees along with verbal, body and eye communication.

**4.8.2. Appointment**

The Organising Committee shall appoint an appropriate number of referees, timekeepers, etc.

**4.9. Withdrawal**

- 4.9.1.** If a team withdraws after the EDSO Competition have begun or is disqualified during the group matches, the group must continue without this team or a replacement. The matches played by the team concerned will not be taken into consideration and all scores and points earned will be rescinded.
- 4.9.2.** If a team does not report for a match – except in cases of force majeure recognised by the EDSO Organising Committee - or if it refuses to continue to play or leaves the stadium before the end of a match, the team will be considered as having lost. The match and three points will be awarded to its opponents with a score of 5-0 or more if, in the case of an abandoned match, the winning team has already reached a higher score at the time the guilty team leaves the field.

**5. VENUES**

**5.1. Competition Venue**

The Futsal events will take place at Tampere Exhibition and Sports Centre, address Ilmailunkatu 20 (4 pitches) for Group Stage and knockout stages.

**5.2. Training Venue**

The training venues are available at Tampere Exhibition and Sports Centre, address Ilmailunkatu 20 (1 pitch).

**6. SCHEDULE**

**6.1 Competition Schedule**

Refer to the competition schedule on the hosting competitions website.  
[www.futsal2018.org](http://www.futsal2018.org)

**6.2. Training Schedule**

Refer to the training schedule on the hosting competitions website.  
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### **6.3. Technical Meeting**

#### **6.3.1. Date and Location**

The Futsal technical meeting will be held in office Tampere Exhibition and Sports Centre, address Ilmailunkatu 20 Finland on **5 December 2018, time 17:00h**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Futsal technical meeting will be held in office Tampere Exhibition and Sports Centre, address Ilmailunkatu 20 Finland on **13 December 2018, time 9:30h**

#### **6.3.2. Attendance**

Each participating National Federation may be represented by two (2) officials, of whom at least one (1) must be deaf and, if necessary, an interpreter.

Each National Federation must bring two (2) sets of uniforms to the meeting for review and approval as per Article 4.5.1.

## **7. CONTROL AND SANCTIONS**

### **7.1. Hearing Devices**

The use of any hearing aid(s)/amplification or external cochlear implant parts is strictly forbidden from the restricted zone area.

#### **7.1.1. Restricted Zone Area**

The restricted zone area is in effect from the time athletes enter on the match zone (pitch) during the warm-up and competition period.

#### **7.1.2. Violation and Penalty**

Refer to [Audiogram Regulations](#), *Article 8: VIOLATIONS and PENALTIES*.

Article 8.1.3 is exempt and replace as follow:

If an offending player in the football team wears hearing devices during play, the offending player shall be dismiss from field of play as Red card offence and shall receive automatic one match suspension; substitution shall be replace after 2 minutes as per *current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Games, Law 3*; the offending team shall continue, until the match is complete. The result of the match shall stand.

If the offence is repeat by the same offending player in the team, the offending player shall be dismiss from field of play as Red card offence and shall receive full tournament suspension and shall have the Accreditation card remove; the offending team shall continue, until the match is complete. The match result shall stand.

If more than one player in the same team is found to have committed an audiogram rule violation at any time during the competition, the team will be subjected to disqualify from the Tournament.

## **8. PROTESTS**

### **8.1. Procedure for lodging a protest**

All sport related protests will be resolved in accordance to the current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game and will be managed by the Futsal Protest Committee. Any official protest must be submitted in writing in English on the Official EDSO Protest Form. The form must be given to the EDSO Technical Officer with EURO €100 within sixty (60) minutes after official posted results.

**8.1.1.** The EDSO Technical Officer will decide whether the protest is sporting related eligibility related. The Futsal Protest Committee will review all sport related protests, and the EDSO Executive Committee will review all eligibility protests. The deposit of EURO €100 will be returned to the appellant only if the protest is considered valid.

## **8.2. Procedures for reviewing a protest**

The Futsal Protest Committee will meet in the Technical Officer's office at Tampere Exhibition and Sports Centre, address Ilmailunkatu 20 at a time decided upon by the chairperson of the committee.

- The EDSO Representative will be the chairperson of the committee.
- The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will be responsible to book the meeting room and interpreters.
- The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will contact all committee members to inform them of the meeting time and location.
- The EDSO Technical Officer will be responsible for liaising with the State Sports Association's Competition Manager.
- The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will be responsible for informing the hosting Deaf Sport Federation and the EDSO Technical Officer will be responsible for informing EDSO Executive Committee about the protest and also the outcome of the protest.

## **9. CAUTIONS**

As a rule, a player who is sent off the field of play (Red Card) is suspended for the next match in the competition. In case of serious offences, the EDSO Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body is entitled to augment this punishment, including by extending it to other competitions.

A player is automatically suspended for the next competition match after two cautions in two different matches as well as after a fourth and any subsequent caution.

Pending yellow-card suspensions do not expire on completion of the qualifying competition and are carried forward to the final tournament.

Single cautions from matches in the final tournament that have not resulted in a suspension expire on completion of the quarter-finals.

Cautions and pending yellow-card suspensions expire on completion of the competition.

Red-card suspensions shall be carried forward to the next match or to the next ICSD Sanctioned Futsal competition for national teams.

The following fines have been determined:

- (a) Yellow card €20
- (b) Yellow - red card €40
- (c) Red card €70

The Disciplinary Committee's decision is final