



2011 Queensland Summer Futsal League By- Laws



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1. General Provisions

1.1. The Competition

The Queensland Summer Futsal League (QSFL) is a regional competition which fulfils the second stage of the Football Queensland Futsal Player Pathway. This elite Competition is organised in order to provide for Players, Match and Team Officials who have been identified as being the best in their category within each Zone a Regional Competition in which they can further develop their skills.

The QSFL is run under the auspices of Football Queensland Futsal. Football Queensland is a Member of the FFA who is an Affiliated Association under FIFA. The Competition will be conducted to observe FIFA, FFA and FQ Statutes, Regulations, Directives, Decisions, Guidelines, Circulars as well as the current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game and Rules of Competition. The decisions of FQF are final.

1.2. Host Club Information

The QSFL is run under the auspices of Football Queensland Futsal* by:

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1.3. Definitions

QSFL	-	Queensland Summer Futsal League
FQF	-	Football Queensland Futsal
FQ	-	Football Queensland
FFA	-	Football Federation Australia
FIFA	-	Federation International Football Association
Regular Competition	-	Local weekly FQF competition run by a Club
Participants	-	Includes the Teams, Players, Match Officials, Team Officials and any person conducting a duty on their behalf
Field of Play	-	The Pitch, the technical areas and the area immediately surrounding the Pitch (if the pitch has walls or netting then the area between the pitch and these boundaries are included) are included under the definition of Field of Play.
Playing Area	-	Includes the Field of Play, the technical area and the area surrounding the field of play as well as the facilities used by players, match officials and Team officials such as the dressing rooms. If the playing area is not clearly defined it is up to the Match Referee and the Centre Official to set the guidelines for the venue

2. Responsibilities

2.1. Host Club Responsibilities

The Host Club – The Queensland Futsal League - undertakes to observe the FIFA, FFA and FQ Statutes, Regulations, Directives, Decisions, Guidelines, Circulars as well as the current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game and Rules of Competition.

The Host Club shall be responsible for:

- Organising the Competition in accordance with FQF Operations Manual and the Rules of Competition
- Regulate the Rights, Duties and Responsibilities of all associations, clubs and players taking part in the Competition
- Ensuring that safety is maintained in co-operation with Venue Owners
- Ensure that there is the presence of a Competition Administrator and a sufficient number of staff present at the QSFL to ensure that the competition matches are efficiently, effectively and safely managed
- The Host Club shall discharge FQF from all responsibility and relinquish any claim against FQF and the members of its delegation for any damages resulting from any act or omission relating to the organisation and course of the QSFL
- Supervising general preparations of the competition, deciding on the competition format, the draw and the formation of Age Group Categories and Groups in the Competition
- Fixing the Dates of the Competition
- Determining the Match Schedule and kick-off times for all matches including Finals, allowing sufficient time between matches for injuries, delays, and / or extra time where applicable.
- Selecting and hiring Venues for the Matches in the QSFL which are available and meet the requirements of the FQF Operations Manual, Rules of Competition and any other higher level requirements such as Australian Standards
- Appointing personnel such as Centre Official, Security Personnel (if required), First Aid personnel to be present during the fixture matches
- Dealing with issues which may arise from the QSFL in accordance with the Rules of Competition and FQF Operations Manual
- The decisions taken by the Host Club within its responsibilities and authority are final and binding.

2.2. Participant Responsibilities

The Participants (and the Clubs from which they represent) shall be responsible throughout the Competition for and agree to the following:

- Comply with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game
- To respect the principals of Fair Play and Code of Behaviour and Code of Ethics
- To field the strongest team and to perform at the best of their ability throughout the QSFL
- To participate throughout the entire QSFL
- Conduct of the team, players, match officials, team officials, and spectators and of any person carrying out duties on its behalf throughout the competition from the arrival at the venue until their departure.
- Paying for incidental expenses incurred by the participants which may include uniforms, equipment, food and drink, travel, accommodation etc
- Attending any meetings, disciplinary hearings, appeals or other of which presence is required such as media activities.
- Ensure that all paperwork is completed and returned during the required time frames.
- By participating in the Competition, participants agree to comply with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game, Statutes, Regulations, Disciplinary Codes, Doping Control Regulations, Code of Ethics, Licensed Marketing Agreement, and the Operations Manual of FQF, FFA and FIFA as well as the Rules of Competition for the QSFL
- By participating in the Competition, participants agree to comply fully with decisions and directives given by the Match Officials, Competition Administrators and FQF
- To observe all safety instructions as provided by FQF, QSFL and its participants
- Not to represent the QSFL or FQF without prior written approval by the authorised person
- Grant FQF and the QSFL the right to use and authorise others use photographic, audio-visual and visual material of participants, including names, statistics, club name, logo, emblems and sponsors, free of charge for its use. The use may include use on the website, media usage, advertising, promotional materials and in documentation produced by FQF which may not be related to the QSFL.

2.3. Insurance

- QSFL has insurance coverage through Football Queensland
- The insurance company is Jardine Lloyd Thompson Pty Ltd (Jlt Sport). The insurance cover can be seen at www.jltsport.cpm.au/fg.
- The QSFL will have Public Liability cover for \$10,000,000.000 also through Jardine Lloyd Thompson Pty Ltd.
- If a player is seriously injured, they must fill out an incident report form on the day of the accident occurring. The Centre Official will have the form, or it can be downloaded at www.qldsummerleague.com.au.

3. Competition Entry

3.1. Entries for the Competition

The QSFL is an Annual Regional Competition under the FQF Player Pathway. This Competition caters to the South East Queensland Region. It will be contested by a maximum of Six (6) Teams within each Age Division and Category.

3.2. Participating Member Associations

The QSFL is open to FQF Registered Players, Match and Team Officials from FQF Clubs within the South East Queensland Region.

The South East Queensland Region comprises of the following (6) zones:

- North Brisbane
- South Brisbane
- Brisbane West
- Sunshine Coast
- Gold Coast
- Toowoomba

Where there are multiple Clubs within each zone it is up to the Clubs to communicate with each other to pick the players, match officials and team officials for their representative team.

By the process of registering Players for a team, the players, match and team officials agree to respect the Statutes, Regulations, Directives, Decisions and Rules of Competition by FQF and higher level authorities including Disciplinary Sanctions and Appeals.

3.3. Admission Criteria

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3.3.1. Clubs

To be eligible to participate in the QSFL, a Club must fulfil the following criteria:

- Be a Club with an current Registration under FQF
- Be running an active FQF Regular Competition before and during the QSFL
- Be financial with FQF
- Not be under any sanctions by FQF or a higher level authority
- Exemptions to the above MAY be allowed upon review by the QFL and approval by Football Qld

3.3.2. Teams

To be eligible to participate in the QSFL, a Team must fulfil the following criteria:

- It must fill in the official entry documents, which must reach the QSFL Competition Administrators by the deadline communicated in the information accompanying the entry documents.
- Be financial with FQF and the QSFL
- Not be under any sanctions by FQF or a higher level authority
- Teams must nominate a minimum of ten (10) players and can nominate up to twenty (20) players for its team for the QSFL, however, a maximum of fifteen (15) players only can participate in a QSFL Match.
- Only players who meet the Player Eligibility Criteria as set out below can be listed for a team.
- Match Sheets must be completed no later than fifteen (15) minutes before kick-off by each Team for each match

3.3.3. Players / Match Officials

To be eligible to participate in the QSFL, a Player must fulfil the following criteria:

- Players and Match Officials must meet the requirements of the FQF Player Age Policy, Refereeing Requirements and the FQF Operations Manual
- Be a minimum of 8 years of age (a minimum of 17 years of age for Open Age Group) for players and 12 years of age for Match Officials
- Be the right age to meet the requirements of the Age Group in which the team is competing. (Age is determined by the age of the player at the 31st December 2011).
- Complete the official entry documents, which must reach the QSFL Competition Administrators by the deadline communicated in the information accompanying the entry documents.
- Be financial with FQF and the QSFL prior to commencement of the League.
- Not be under any sanctions by FQF or a higher level authority
- Be selected by the persons / panel created for player identification for the Representative Team from the zone or appointed by a designated Refereeing Appointments Officer as decided by FQF
- Players must ensure that their name is included on the List of Players submitted by the Team for the QSFL.
- A player is only eligible to play for one Team in the QSFL.
- By Registering, players agree notably to respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence and behave accordingly.

3.4 Admission Procedure

Once the Clubs and Teams are satisfied that they have met the Admission Criteria, they may register to the QSFL using the following conditions:

3.5 Registration Forms

- Registration Forms can be found on the www.qldsummerleague.com.au website.
- Registration Forms must be completed and returned to the Host Club by 15th October 2011.

3.6 Entry Fee

- Competition Entry Fee is **\$100.00 per player (MIN 10 PLAYERS PER TEAM)**. This covers the operational costs of the competition including the venue, referees, insurance and replaces match fees.
- All teams MUST be completely financial prior to the commencement of the QSFL.
- NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN WHATSOEVER ONCE THE LEAGUE HAS COMMENCED REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF GAMES PLAYED.

- **Age Groups-** Following are the age groups that will be competing in the QSFL 2011
- **Boys-** 9s , 10s ,11s, 12s, 13s, 14s, 15s, Youth (16-19) , Open Men's
- **Girls-** 12s, 14s and Open Women

3.7 List of Players

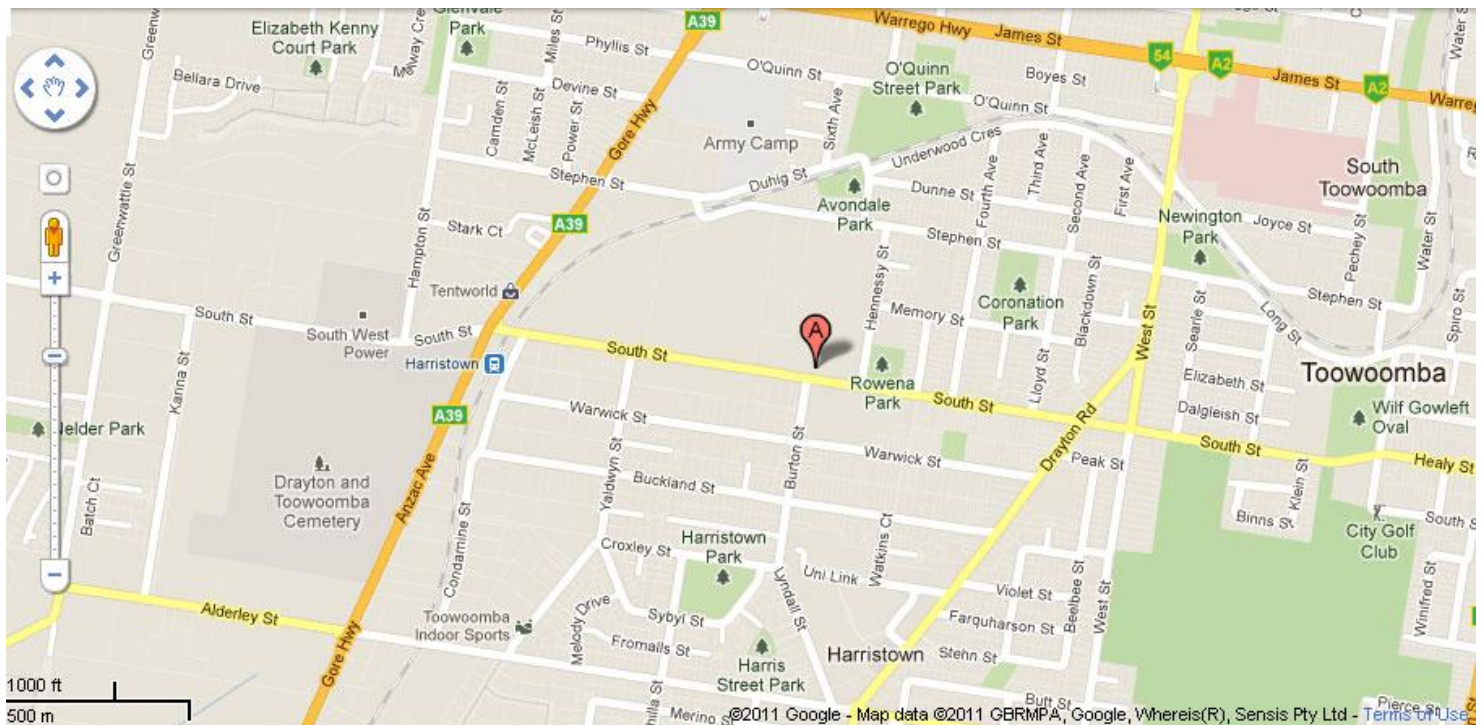
- The Teams' List of Players make up the part of the Registration Documents
- Teams must nominate a minimum of ten (10) players and can nominate up to twenty (20) players for its team for the QSFL, however, a maximum of fifteen (15) players only can participate in a QSFL Match.
- Only players who meet the Player Eligibility Criteria as set out below can be listed for a team.
- Teams cannot borrow players
- Players cannot be 'transferred' to another team throughout the QSFL
- Teams cannot use players who have not been named on their List of Players
- Any amendments to the List of Players must be made in writing a minimum of seven (7) days from when the match is scheduled to be played. New players to the registration form must also have the approval of the Host Club prior to participating in the QSFL.
- When submitting the List of Players, the Zone, Clubs and Teams are responsible for ensuring that the aforementioned provisions are respected.
- The QSFL Administration decides on questions of player eligibility. Challenged decisions are dealt with by FQF. FQF decision is final.

4 Venue Information

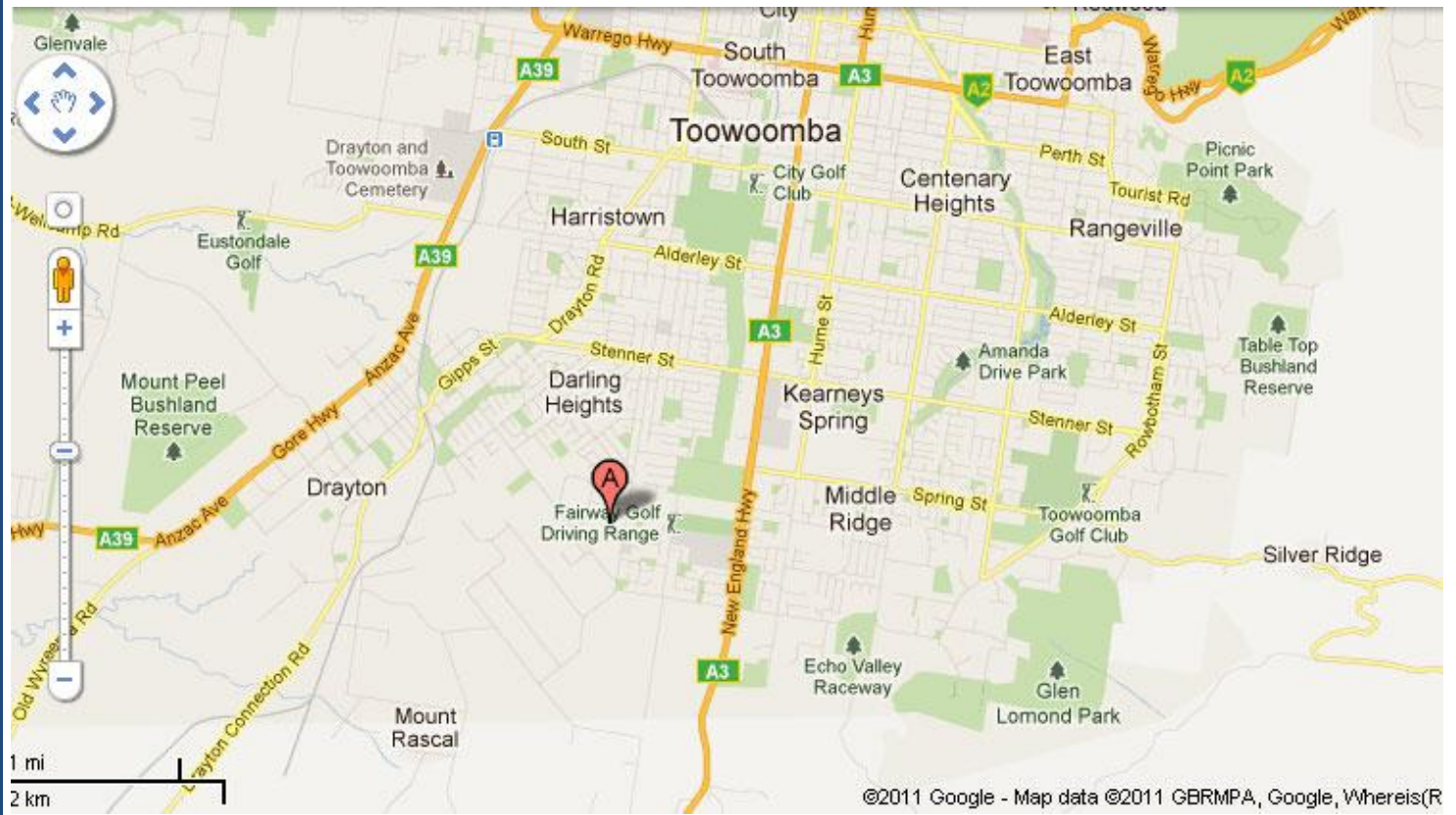
There will be four (4) venues utilised for matches during the QSFL which are listed below.

4.5 Venue Details

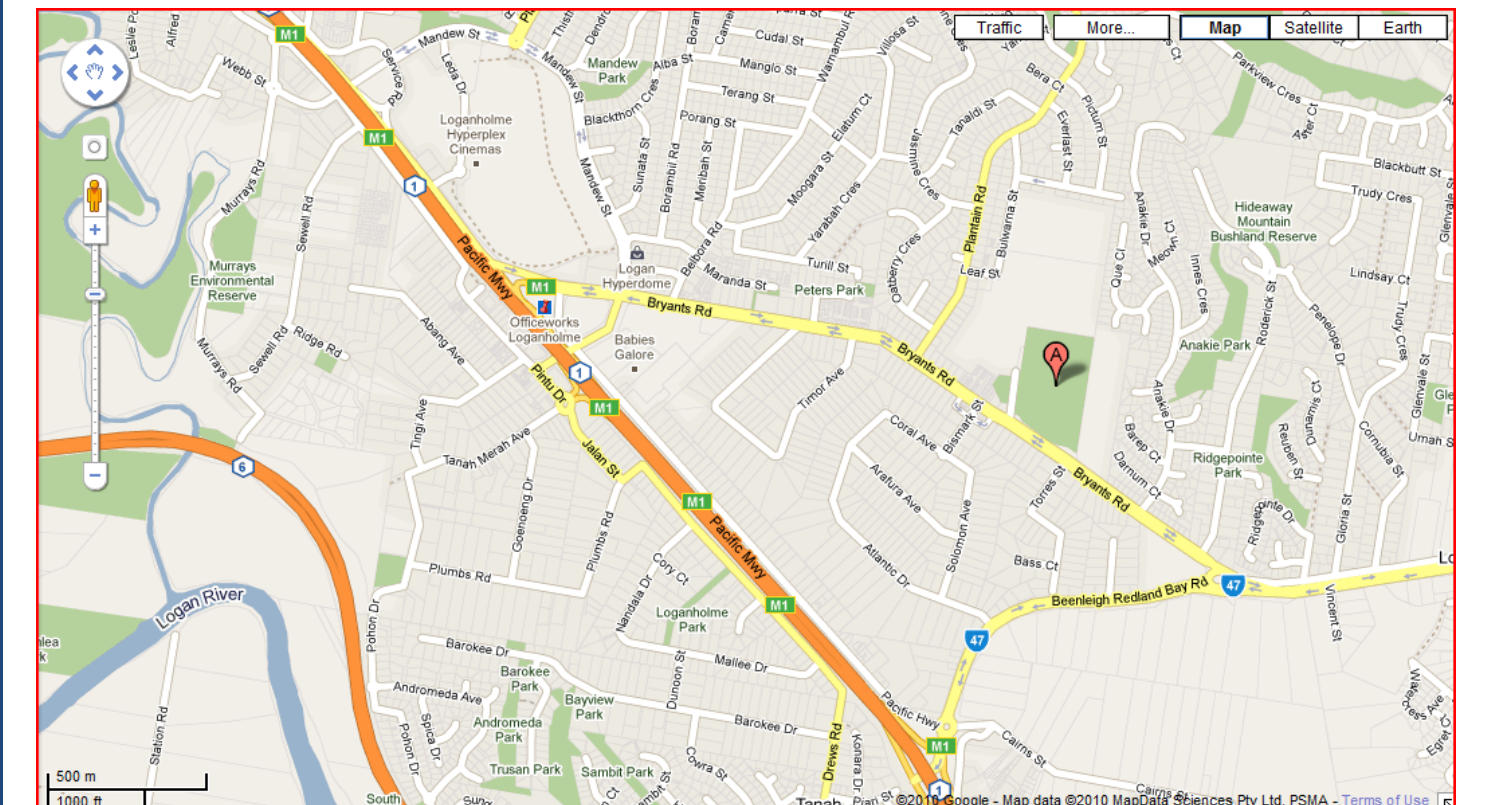
Harristown State High School - 341 South St, Toowoomba QLD 4350



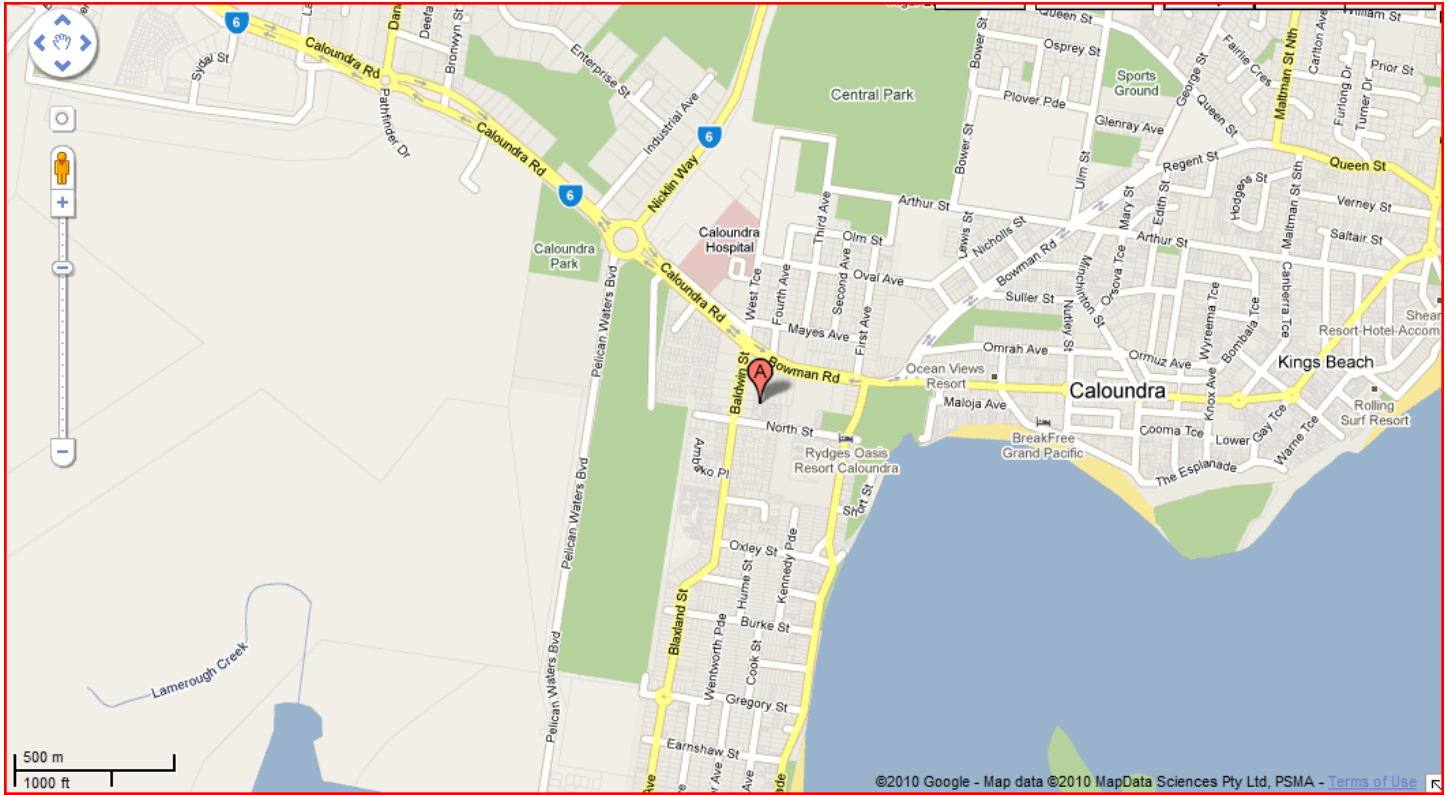
University of Southern Queensland - West St, Toowoomba QLD 4350



Cornubia Insports - 146 Bryants Road, Shailer Park QLD 4128



Caloundra Indoor Stadium – North St, Caloundra QLD 4551



4.6 Venue Conditions

- Venues are to be compliant with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game and the FQF Operations Manual
- No smoking inside the venue. Smoking areas must be in accordance with Government Regulations.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted outside of licensed areas.
- No animals are permitted inside the venue.
- Persons causing any 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.
- All facilities, i.e. Change rooms etc shall be left in a clean and tidy condition.
- No spectators are permitted in the playing area.
- No persons under the age of 9 Years of Age are permitted in the playing area.
- Only participants actively competing in the Match should be near the field of play. Those which are about to take part of have just finished a Match are permitted to be within the Playing Areas but outside of the Field of Play and should enter / leave the Playing Areas within a reasonable time-frame.
- The Host Club should undertake periodic Safety Checks of the venue for the benefit of participants and spectators
- The Host Club is also required to submit the Centre Information form back to FQF prior to matches taking part at the venue and if there are any changes to the venue at which matches are played.
- Any advertising must also be compliant with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game and the FQF Operations Manual
- Emergency information, including the nearest hospital and emergency contact details should be on display in a prominent place for easy access to all participants and spectators.

4.7 Alternate Venues

- If the venue is deemed to be unsuitable for matches to go ahead, either for to safety reasons or other, then an alternate venue may be sought or the Match may be played at one of the three designated venues at a later date.
- The Match Official may choose to postpone a match if the Field of Play is deemed to have safety concerns.
- An alternate venue must have the approval of FQF and the Matches should be played at their earliest possible convenience.

4.8 Electronic Scoreboards

Venues are permitted to use an electronic scoreboard to keep track of normal playing time, the score and fouls for each of the matches played under the QSFL, however if they are used the following conditions apply:

- They must be kept up-to-date with accurate information
- An Assistant Referee must be present to operate the Electronic Scoreboards
- If a timer is used, the clock must be stopped with a minute remaining in each half. This allows Match Officials to end the match in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game. The match does not finish until the Match Official signals end of game using a whistle.

4.9 Lighting

Lighting of venues needs to both be compliant with government regulations and for Safety reasons. Access to and from the venue should be lit as well as facility areas which could be utilised during the QSFL and its matches.

5.0 Competition Structure

The QSFL will be contested by six (6) regions: Sunshine Coast, Brisbane North, Brisbane Metro, Brisbane South, South West QLD and Gold Coast. Where a region cannot field a team from one of these categories, then another region will be given the opportunity to participate in the tournament in these divisions 9 (e.g. Far Northern NSW or Central QLD).

5.1 Age Divisions

Please note that players who wish to play outside of their Age Category must conform to the Player Age Policy by Football Queensland and must apply to Football Queensland in writing. The Age Divisions for both Male and Female Players are as follows:

Age Division	Year of Birth
Under 9	2002
Under 10	2001
Under 11	2000
Under 12	1999
Under 13	1998
Under 14	1997
Under 15	1996
Youth	1992-1995
Open	1992
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5.2 Draw

A draw will be made a fortnight (two weeks) prior to commencement of the League. The QSFL will consist of a Regular Season and a Final Series featuring the top four (4) teams from the Regular Season. If there are two groups in one age division then the top two (2) teams in each group will comprise the top four (4) teams. The number of teams participating in each age division will be a maximum of six (6) teams. If there are more than six (6) teams in one Age Division, then there may be two (2) pools available. The Host Club may modify and / or combine Age Divisions to suit the number of teams in the competition however the integrity of the competition will remain.

5.2.1 Regular Season

All teams will play two games per day / round on either Saturday or Sunday. The Regular Season will start on Saturday 12th November 2011.

The dates for the competition are as follows:

Toowoomba Dates	Cornubia Dates	Caloundra Dates
		Sat/Sun 12 th & 13 th November 2011
	Sat 19 th November 2011	
	Sat 26 th November 2011	
	Sat/Sun 3 rd & 4 th December 2011	
Sat 17 th December 2011		
	Sat 28 th February 2012	
	Sat 4 th February 2012	
	Sat 11 th February 2012	

All Kick-off times begins from 2pm sharp each round, except for Round Four (4) at Caloundra where Kick-off commences at 9am sharp.

All fixtures, results and points tables will be available on the QSFL web site www.qldsummerfutsalleague.com.au. Any changes will be posted on the web site and an email or SMS will be sent to the team managers. It is the responsibility of the Team Manager and players of the team participating in the competition to ensure that they have the correct details for their matches.

5.2.2 Final Series

The top four (4) teams at the conclusion of the Regular Season will progress to the Final Series. The Final Series format will be as follows:

Major Semi Final – 1st place versus 4th place

Minor Semi Final – 2nd place versus 3rd place

The winner from these Semi Finals will play off in the Grand Final Match.

5.3 Procedure to Determine Placings

5.3.1 Regular Season

The matches in the Regular Season will be played with each team within an Age Division playing the other teams within the same Age Division an equal number of times. The following points will be awarded for matches during the Regular Season:

- Win = 3 Points
- Score Draw = 2 Points
- Draw = 1 Point
- Loss = 0 Points

At the completion of the Regular Season teams are ranked from one (1) through to six (6), with the first four (4) teams progressing to the Final Series. The position of each team will be determined based on the highest number of points accumulated during the Regular Season.

If two (2) or more teams are level on points accumulated, the following criteria shall be applied, in order, until one (1) of the teams can be determined as the higher ranked:

- Highest goal difference
- Highest number of goals scored over the Regular Season
- Highest number of points accumulated in matches between the teams concerned
- Highest goal difference in matches between the teams concerned
- Lowest number of Red Cards accumulated
- Toss of a coin

The Team who ranks the highest with the most points at the end of the Regular Season will be crowned the QSFL Minor Champions in their Age Division.

5.3.2 Final Series

To be eligible for the Finals Series, players must be registered to FQF and to the Team on the List of Players submitted at the start of the season and they must have played a minimum of five (5) matches throughout the Season with their nominated Team.

The top four (4) teams at the conclusion of the Regular Season will progress to the Final Series. The Final Series is a “knock-out” competition. A winner must be identified from each Final Series Match as determined in these Rules of Competition.

The Team who wins the Grand Final will be crowned the QSFL Champions in their Age Division.

The Team who loses in the Grand Final will be crowned the Runners-Up in their Age Division.

6 FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game

The FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game (2010) are the governing Laws for this Competition. These Laws can be found via www.fifa.com or www.qldsummerfutsalleague.com.au

The following alterations, clarifications and additions will apply for this Competition. Where there is no mention then Laws will be in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game for

6.1 The Pitch

- All matches will be played on the Courts present at the four (4) identified venues.
- The pitch markings which will be utilised for Futsal will be the markings present on the pitches at these venues. These will be identified at the start of the match.
- Substitution Zones if not marked will be in front of the teams benches.

6.2 The Ball

- Balls will be supplied by the Host Club
- Balls will meet the requirements of Law 2 in the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.
- There will be enough balls present to replace a ball should it become defective or unavailable during the match.
- The ball may not be changed during the match without the referee's permission.

6.3 The Number of Players

6.3.1 Players

- Players must be from the List of Players provided by the Team at the start of the competition and each player must be registered with FQF .
- Each team consists of five (5) players, one (1) of which must be a goalkeeper.
- Up to ten (10) substitutes may be utilised.
- There are unlimited substitutions.
- A Match may not start if either team consists of fewer than three (3) players.
- If during the course of the match fewer than three (3) players (including the goalkeeper) are left in either of the teams, the match shall be abandoned.

6.3.2 Team Officials

- There may be up to Three (3) Team Officials for the Team for every match and can include the Coach, Manager and Medical Person.
- The Team Officials must remain within the confines of the Technical Area except when permission from the Referee (e.g. to assess an injured player).
- Only one person at a time is authorised to convey tactical instructions.
- The Team Officials must behave in a responsible manner.
- All Team Officials must have QSFL identification as a Team Official for the Team in which the match is in progress

6.3.3 Technical Area

- Only Players and Team Officials for the current match are permitted to be in the Technical Area.
- No person under the age of 8 Years Old are permitted within the Technical Area.
- Occupants of the Technical Area must be either a registered Player or a registered Team Official (who is showing the appropriate accreditation at all times)
- A Player or Team Official who is under Suspension must not occupy a seat in the Technical Area.
- All Players must be in Uniform and able to take part in the current match

6.4 The Players' Equipment

- Uniform and their proposed colours must be sent to the Host Club at the time of Registration for Approval. The Host Club will ensure that there are no clashes of colours between the teams. If there is a clash of colours, the 'home team' shall change to an alternative strip. The 'home team' is the first team mentioned on the team sheet and fixture list.
- All uniforms will be compliant with the FQ Licensed Marketing Agreement
- The 'Uniform' consists of the following items:
 - A Jersey or Shirt
 - Must have sleeves
 - Must be uniquely numbered between 1-15 and must contrast with the colour of the shirt
 - The Jersey or Shirt must be identical in appearance (with the exception of numbering and the Goal Keepers Jersey or Shirt) for all players on one team
 - The Goal Keeper shall wear colours that easily distinguish him from the other players and the referee (this includes outfield players replacing the goal keeper. Replacement Keepers must have their starting number on the back of the Goal Keepers Jersey)
 - Shorts
 - The Shorts must be identical in appearance (with the exception of numbering and the Goal Keepers Jersey or Shirt) for all players on one team
 - The Goal Keeper is permitted to wear long trousers
 - Socks
 - Please note that if undergarments are worn (e.g. "Skins", bike pants or long sleeved tops), they must be the colour of the main colour of the sleeve of the Jersey or Shirt or as the same main colour of the shorts
- Other compulsory Players Equipment includes:
 - Shinguards
 - Shall be entirely covered by the socks
 - Made of a suitable material (rubber, plastic or similar substance)
 - Shall provide a reasonable degree of protection
 - Footwear
 - Canvas or soft leather training or gymnastic shoes
 - Soles of rubber or a similar material (no studs)
- A Player shall not use equipment or wear anything (including any kind of jewellery) that could be dangerous to himself or another player (including Glasses or wedding bands). Jewellery cannot be taped.
- Players who are not compliant with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game in terms of Players Equipment (including Jewellery, uniform and undergarments) will not be able to participate in the match until they are compliant.
- Any Player who has been asked to leave the pitch to correct their Players Equipment by a Match Official must report to the Match Official and show that they are now compliant before they are permitted to re-enter the match.
- A player may be cautioned by the Referee for incorrect Playing Equipment
- The Host Club shall reserve the right to reject any uniform if considered inappropriate or undesirable. No appeal will be considered.

6.5 The Referees

- Each match shall be controlled by two Referees, who have full authority to enforce the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game in connection with the match to which they have been appointed.
- The Host Club in conjunction with the Futsal Referees Association will appoint two qualified and registered referees to officiate at each match.
- Referees must meet the Age Requirements as set-out in the Referees Manual
- Referees must come from the referees group appropriate to the level of competition or higher.
- The Referees Duties will be in accordance with the current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game
- The Decisions of the Referee regarding facts connected with play including whether or not a goal is scored and the result of the match, are final.

6.6 The Assistant Referees

- An Assistant Referee will also be appointed to each match who will fulfil the duties of Third Referee and Timekeeper.
 - The Assistant Referee will be seated off the pitch, level with halfway and on the same side as the substitution zones.
- The Host Club in conjunction with the Futsal Referees Association will appoint one registered assistant referee to officiate at each match.
- The Assistant Referees duties will be in accordance with the current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game

6.7 The Duration of the Match

- The match shall last two (2) equal periods of twenty (20) minutes.
 - The clock will not be stopped when the ball is out of play
 - The length of time may be extended by the Referee in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game
 - The match may also be prolonged by the Referee to ensure that the Integrity and Fair Play of the match is upheld.
 - There will be no stoppage time unless deemed so by the Match Officials or Host Club due to serious injury which requires an ambulance, or other extenuating circumstance (such as no replacement match ball).
 - The decision regarding the Duration of the Match by the Match Officials or Host Club is final.
- The half-time interval shall be two (2) minutes.
- There is no extra time for matches played during the Regular Season
- There will be no time-outs permitted during the Regular Season

6.8 The Start and Restart of Play

- The match will start on time or may start earlier if both teams are ready and consent to an earlier kick-off
- The Referees whistle will still signal the start and end of the match.
- If a hooter or electronic scoreboard is used for the match, the Referees whistle will still indicate the start and end of the match.
- If there is a discrepancy between the electronic scoreboard and the Referees time of the match, the Referees time of the match shall be final.
- If teams are not ready to play at the scheduled kick off time, the match will be deemed a forfeit and the result will be on 3-0 win to the opponent. There will be no refund of fees for a forfeit. Teams may be required to appear before a disciplinary committee

6.9 The Ball in and Out of Play

- The Ball in and Out of Play shall be in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.
- There is no height restrictions on the ball in play provided it meets the other requirements as defined in the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.
 - However, if the ball touches the ceiling, play shall be restarted with a kick-in to the opponents of the team which last touched the ball in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.
- Where multiple line markings are present on the Pitch, it is the responsibilities of the Teams to ensure they are aware of which lines make up Futsal Pitch markings prior to the start of the Match.

6.10 The Method of Scoring

- A goal is scored in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game
- The Decisions of the Referee regarding facts connected with play including whether or not a goal is scored and the result of the match, are final.
- During the Regular Season:
 - The team that scores the greater number of goals during a match shall be the winner.
 - If both teams score an equal number of goals during the match then match will be declared a Score Draw
 - If no goals are scored during a match then the match will be declared a Draw.
- During the Final Series:
 - The team that scores the greater number of goals during a match shall be the winner.
 - If both teams score an equal number of goals during the match or if no goals are scored during a match then extra time comprising of two (2) equal periods of five (5) minutes will be played.
 - If both teams score an equal number of goals or if no goals are scored during

6.11 Fouls and Misconduct

6.11.1 General

- The FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game (2010) are the governing Laws for this Competition
- The Decisions of the Referee regarding facts connected with play including whether or not a goal is scored and the result of the match, are final.
- All Disciplinary Sanctions will be in accordance with the FQF Disciplinary Policy.

6.11.2 Disciplinary Sanctions for Teams

- If teams are not ready to play at the scheduled kick off time (minimum of three (3) players who are ready with correct Players Equipment), the match will be deemed a forfeit and the result will be on 3-0 win to the opponent. There will be no refund or fees for a forfeit. Teams may be required to appear before a Disciplinary Committee
- A forfeit may also be enforced upon a team who has not completed the match sheet correctly no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the kick off time. This is at the discretion of the Host Club. The Host Clubs decision is final.
- Should any team be involved in any fighting within the facility, whether during a match, inside the venue or on the venue grounds including the carpark, could face deregistration from their representative club, may no longer be permitted to participate in the QSFL and may be subject to further action which may include police involvement where charges may be laid, as well as additional sanctions imposed by Football Queensland Futsal which may include a life ban.
- Teams that field unregistered or suspended players or Players who were not on the List of Players submitted by the team upon registration will forfeit the matches the players participated in. The result will be recorded as a 3-0 win to the opposing team. The team will also be required to appear before a Disciplinary Committee to state why they should not be removed from the competition. There will be no refund of fees for forfeits.
- Any forfeit by a Team will incur a 3-0 loss.
- Upon the fourth (4th) forfeit the team will be removed from the competition and the team and its players may be banned from competitions run by the Host Club for 12 months.

6.11.3 Disciplinary Sanctions for Players

- Disciplinary Sanctions from other FQF Competitions may affect a player's eligibility to compete in QSFL match. All suspensions from other FQF Competitions which affect Players in the QSFL will be enforced. The FQF Decision regarding suspensions is final
- Yellow and Red Cards may only be shown to Players or Substitutes only on the pitch and once the match has started
- Yellow and Red Cards may be issued verbally to players and substitutes before the match, when the player or substitute is off the pitch or after the match. Where they player cannot be directly informed (e.g if removed from the Field of Play due to Injury), The Referee may verbally inform the Players and Team Officials of the disciplinary sanction taken.
- Yellow and Red Cards will be recorded by the Assistant Referees and the Host Club

6.11.3.1 Yellow Cards

- Any player who accumulates three (3) yellow cards will be suspended for their next competition match. This is a cumulative total over the season.
- Should a player accumulate a further three (3) 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, these two yellow cards are added to the cumulative yellow card total, plus the Player will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension for being shown a red card.
- If more than one suspension occurs, suspensions cannot be served concurrently
- Disciplinary cards issued throughout the competition will continue into the finals series.
- A player cannot appeal a yellow card decision by the Referee.
- A player may be cautioned by the Referee for incorrect Playing Equipment through dissent by action
- A caution must be included on the Match Sheet using the time and infringement code

6.11.3.2 Red Cards

- A player that receives a red card during a match must leave the field of play
- A player receiving a red card can be placed by a substitute in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.
- A player receiving a red card as a result of two (2) cautions in one match will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension.
- A player receiving a straight red card for Denying an Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity will receive an automatic one (1) match suspension.
- A player receiving a straight red for anything other than Denying an Obvious Goal Score Opportunity will receive an automatic two (2) match suspension and may be asked to face the Disciplinary Committee.
- All sanctions are in accordance with the FQF Disciplinary Policy.
- Disciplinary cards issued throughout the competition will continue into the finals series.
- If more than one suspension occurs, suspensions cannot be served concurrently
- The Host Club reserve the right to ask a player sent from the field of play for any reason to face a Disciplinary Committee.
- A player has the right to appeal a decision made by the Disciplinary Committee. The appeal must be made in writing and addressed to the Appeals Committee c/-the Queensland Summer Futsal League with a fee of fifty (\$50) dollars.
- A send-off report must be completed for every send-off during a match must be completed for any removal of a Team Official or Spectator

6.11.4 Disciplinary Sanctions for Team Officials / Spectators

- Team Officials and Spectators are to act in a responsible manner
- Team Officials and Spectators are subject to the FFA Code of Behaviour and Code of Ethics.
- If they are deemed to be in breach of these codes, they may be asked to leave the Field of Play (for Team Officials) and / or the Venue (for both Team Officials and Spectators) by either the Match Official or the Host Club.
- If a Team Official has been asked to leave the Field of Play then an automatic one (1) match suspension will occur for the first incident. If it is the second incident, then a two (2) match suspension will occur. Any further incidents or cases in which the Match Official deems that the Team Official requires further sanctions (such as threatening of participants including the Match Officials) will be subject to appear before a Disciplinary Committee. Sanctions may include no further participation in the QSFL, suspensions or de-registrations by the Representative Club and / or Football Queensland and in some cases, Police involvement.
- If a Team Official or Spectator has been asked to leave the Venue, then they must appear before a Disciplinary Committee before being allowed to re-enter the venue for the remainder of the QSFL. Sanctions may include no further participation in the QSFL, suspensions or de-registrations by the Representative Club and / or Football Queensland and in some cases, Police involvement.
- Matches will not continue until the Team Official or Spectator has left the Field of Play and / or Venue

7 Trophies and Medals

7.1 The QSFL Winners Trophy

- A representative from either the Host Club or FQF will present the Winner of the 2011 QSFL with the QSFL Trophy.
- This Trophy shall remain the property of the Host Club (if in the event of the QSFL being hosted by a different party with the consent of FQF, the Trophy must be transferred to the new host).
- The Winners shall return the Trophy to the Host Club on demand prior to the start of the following QSFL season.
- The Host Club is responsible for engraving the Trophy with the name of the winning region.
- The Clubs which represented the players who won the Trophy are entitled to time with the Trophy to display it at their respective Clubs throughout the year, however, they shall take all reasonable steps at their own expense to ensure the security and safety of the Trophy whilst they are in the possession of the Trophy.
- Any movement of the Trophy should be notified in writing to the Host Club.

7.2 Medals

- A medal will be presented to all Players and Team Officials of Winners and Runners Up of each Age Division.
- A medal will also be presented to all Referees who participated in the QSFL

7.3 Other Awards

7.3.1 Golden Boot

- The Golden Boot will be awarded to the player who scores the most goals in the Regular Season
- Joint Winners will be awarded if more than one Player finishes on equal goals.

7.3.2 MVP Player of the QSFL

- The Team Officials of each team are required to vote on a 3-2-1 basis players from their opposing team at the conclusion of every match in which their team participates during the Regular Season.
- Players who receive a direct red card or are found guilty of gross misconduct are not eligible to win.
- Joint Winners will be awarded if more than one Player finishes on equal points.

8 Team Officials

- There may be up to Three (3) Team Officials for the Team for every match e.g. Coach, Manager and Medical Person.
- Team Officials are selected by the persons / panel created for Team Official identification of the Representative Team.
- The Team Officials must behave in a responsible manner.
- All Team Officials must have QSFL identification as a Team Official for the Team in which the match is in progress
- Coaches for the QSFL should hold a minimum of an FFA Level 1 Futsal Coaching Course certification.
- Team Officials are responsible for but not limited to the following
 - Complete all paperwork regarding registration into the QSFL
 - Act as the centralised point of communication between the Host Club and the Team
 - Notifying the team of the playing times and venues
 - Inform the team of any changes to the QSFL
 - Ensure that fair play is upheld
 - Ensure that the safety of the team is maintained
 - Assist the team to play at their highest level of ability
 - Assist the team to improve on their skills
 - Ensure Match Sheets are completed, true and accurate
 - Nominate 3-2-1 points to the opposing team after each match
 - Handle all issues, disputes, complaints, protests on behalf of the team.

9.0 Match Officials

A Representative from the Referees Association will be present at every match during the QSFL. They will be responsible for the Match Officials and ensuring that there are no issues arising from the matches. Inspections and Match Official Coaching is permitted throughout the competition.

9.1 Appointments

The Match Officials will be appointed for each match by the Referees Association. They shall be selected from a panel of Match Officials. Some matches may be appointed to allow Inspections of Referees. Two Referees and an Assistant Referee will be appointed for each match. The decisions of the Referees Association are final and not subject to appeal.

If one of the appointed Match Officials is prevented from carrying out his duties, the Referees Association will identify a replacement.

9.2 Uniforms

The Match Officials uniforms for the QSFL will be decided by the Referees Association based on the Team Nominations of Colours to ensure there will not be a clash. There will be the traditional Black Uniform as well as one coloured alternative.

Match Officials are to have both uniforms available for every match during the QSFL. All three (3) Match Officials appointed to a match will wear the same colour uniform.

9.3 Reporting

- When arriving at the venue, the Match Officials are required to complete a Pitch Inspection Report.
- After each Match of the Competition, the Match Officials shall complete, check and sign the Match Sheets.
- At the end of the day, the Match Officials are required to complete the Match Summary Sheet, and the required Send-off or Incident Report Forms if applicable.
- Both the Match Sheet and the Match Summary Sheet are to contain all occurrences of cautions, send-offs and / or incidents which occurred during each Match.

9.4 Disciplinary Matters

Disciplinary Incidents are dealt with in Compliance with the FFA and FQF Disciplinary Policy, as well as any relevant circulars, directives or decisions by FQF or a higher level authority. The decision by FQF on any Disciplinary Matter is to be enforced by the Host Club. Match Officials do not impose sentencing on participants.

Match Officials may be required to attend Disciplinary Hearings involving Send-off or Incident Reports.

9.5 Match Official Fees

- The cost of Match Officials fees shall be the responsibility of the Host Club.
- Match Officials must be paid the fee set-out in accordance with the Operations Manual and Referees Manual
- Match Officials must be paid either cash or cheque on the night of the Competition, or via EFT within three (3) days of the match taking place.

10.0 First Aid

- Whilst the Host Club will ensure that a First Aid Officer is present at each venue for the QSFL, it is the responsibility of each team to be equipped and prepared with First Aid Kits.
- Medications are not permitted to be in First Aid Kits.
- Players who require medications (e.g. Asthma Medication) should ensure that they have it prior to participating in the QSFL and only administer the medication on and by themselves as prescribed by their physician.
- Please note that medications including Asthma Puffers and Pain Killers (e.g. Panadol) cannot be provided to players by the First Aid Officer supplied by QSFL.
- **NO STRAPPING WILL BE PROVIDED OR PERFORMED BY THE QSFL FIRST AID OFFICER**

11.0 Disputes / Protests

If there is a protest from the Match regarding the Score, the playing of an Ineligible player, or an issue to do with time, or equipment including uniform or pitch markings / nets, then the protest must be lodged within an hour after the conclusion of the match. Any protest regarding any other facet of the match must be lodged within twenty four (24) hours after the match in question. If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the Host Club may impose a fine. The Host Club must keep a record of any protests lodged and their outcome.

All disputes outside of the Rules of Competition will be dealt with in accordance with the FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations.

12.0 Matters not provided for

The Host Club shall, in conjunction with FQF, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances that may arise during the QSFL. These instructions shall form an integral part of these Rules of Competitions

Matters not provided for in these Rules and cases of force majeure shall be decided by the Host Club in conjunction with FQF. These decisions shall be final.

Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Host Club of the QSFL from taking a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the Rules of Competition contained herein.