

Players Handbook 2017/18



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Gold Coast Futsal Association

Welcome

The administrators and Staff would like to welcome you, your team and your club, to another exciting season of futsal with Gold Coast Futsal Association. Our aim is to have competing teams in every age group from under 7-15, Youth (16-18) , Open Men's, Open Women's

Goals

- To provide a safe and enjoyable futsal experience.
- To be the leading force of futsal in the Gold Coast and surrounding areas.
- To provide superior refereeing and coaching via FFA approved courses and mentoring programs.
- Provide a defined player/coach pathway to representative levels of futsal.
- Up hold the FIFA standards of "Fair Play" by players, coaches, officials and spectators.

Definitions

GCFA	Gold Coast Futsal Association
FGC	Football Gold Coast
FQF	Football Queensland Futsal
FQ	Football Queensland
FFA	Football Federation Australia
FIFA	Federation International Football Association
QFL	Queensland Futsal League
JW Cup	Johnny Warren Cup
CFI Cup	Craig Foster International Cup
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

Team Responsibilities - First Aid

- **It is the responsibility of each team to be equipped and prepared with First Aid Kits and qualified personnel.** 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 GCFA League 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 by GCFA.

Participants 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
- **Only players participating in that match, coach and manager will be permitted to sit on the players bench**
- **No spectator or parent is permitted to set foot onto the playing court/field before, during or after any game what so ever**
- To participate throughout the entire season, including finals
- Be responsible for the 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 required .
- Ensure that all paperwork is completed and returned during the required time frames.
- Paying for incidental expenses incurred by the participants which may include attending any meetings, disciplinary hearings, appeals or other of which presence is required
- 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 GCFA.
- 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, GCFA and its participants
- Grant FQF and the GCFA 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 and GCFA.
- Complete all paperwork regarding registration into Gold Coast Futsal Association.
- Ensure the team arrives 15 min prior to the commencement of the teams match. All matches will commence as scheduled with a minimum of 3 players.
- Ensure all players are wearing and supply the appropriate team uniform.
- Teams are to provide their own GK jerseys which must be different colours to the rest of the team. It is recommended that all teams have 2 GK jerseys. One with a hole in the back of the shirt to display players number so that substitutions can be effected with minimal impact.
- Provide bibs for their team for game day

Gold Coast Futsal Association has a **Zero Tolerance Policy**. Any player, parent, visitor or team that is involved in any **Fighting Physical or Verbal**, either inside the facility or its car park will be ejected from the venue and banned from playing or attending in Gold Coast Futsal Association competitions for 5 years.

Representative Futsal

Gold Coast Futsal Association is also part of the Queensland Futsal League. The QFL organises the representative Competitions and Tournaments in Queensland. Gold Coast Futsal players will go on and trial to represent the Gold Coast area against teams from all over South East Queensland.

Players selected to represent Gold Coast will compete in both the Craig Foster International Futsal Cup in January and the QLD State Titles in April. From these tournaments, selectors will scout players for selection into the Qld State Futsal Teams which will further compete in the Australian National Titles

Craig Foster International

The Craig Foster Challenge is the marquee event in the Queensland Futsal Calendar. The Tournament is a **representative regional** challenge with representative teams from Queensland and Far North Coast NSW and abroad competing to see which Region will be crowned as the "Craig Foster International" Champions. In 2013 this invitation was extended to the rest of Australia and Oceania.

The tournament is aimed at the best futsal players from each FFA Futsal Association in the following age groups: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 boys, Youth Men, Open Men, and 12, 14, 16 Girls and Open Women. Please ask your Association about trials.

Queensland State Futsal League

The Queensland State Futsal League, is a premiere league competition where players will represent their local club in the following age groups;

Male: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, Youth(17-19), Open Men,

Female: 15, Open Women

For the QSFL the season will commence on November and conclude on December. The format will be teams playing twice each round and matches will take place weekly. The Queensland Futsal League is affiliated to Football Queensland, FFA and FIFA.

Johnny Warren Futsal Champions of Champions – 2nd-3rd December 2017

The JWCC this summer will be presenting Futsal clubs the opportunity to be crowned state Champions of Champions.

The Johnny Warren Futsal Cup will be organised by Queensland Futsal League, under the jurisdiction of Football Queensland and will kick off in Dec each year.

The tournament is aimed at the best club teams from each FFA Futsal Club to compete in this prestigious annual event for the title of "Champion Of Champions". This annual event is by invitation only and is not open to all teams.

To qualify for an invitation your team must meet the following criteria;

- Be registered and competing in an FFA Futsal Club League.
- Be either currently at the top of your League or have won the grand final in your local club competition. (In the event that this team is unavailable, the next highest ranked team will be permitted to enter. If in a combined age group the highest genuine aged team in that League e.g. U/14s league the highest U/13 aged team will be eligible to compete in the U/13 age group for the JW Cup).
- Only one team per age group per club is permitted to enter.
- To satisfy and comply with the competition "rules of the game" will be provided.
- Age groups to be competing are 9s,10s,11s,12s,13s, 14s, 15s, Youth Men

World Futsal Cup



Winners and Runners Up of the Craig Foster International from each age group will be exclusively invited to play in the World Cup in Barcelona Spain. The World-Cup Futsal is a futsal tournament is open to teams from around the world and takes place in three different categories; children, youth and cadet. The tournament will take place in December in the city Barcelona in 2 different locations, Blanes and Barcelona capital.

Each category will be composed of a maximum of 6 teams, which will play a first phase as Liguilla. Each team will play 3-4 games in the first round, a semi-final or consolation match and the final or third and fourth.

World Futsal Championships



Winners of the respective age groups of the Johnny Warren Champions of Champions will be invited to enter their team in the World Futsal Championships at Walt Disney World Resort, Florida USA. These teams will compete in August, against the world's best teams for the title of World Futsal Champions at the ESPN Wide World of Sports in the famous Walt Disney World Resort. VIPs like Gabriel Lima (2014 UEFA Euro MVP), Javier Lozano President of LNFS, the top scouts from Europe and many more will be in attendance to watch you compete against FC Barcelona and other great teams from around the world.

Competition Dates and Trials

Gold Coast Futsal Association League

Sign On Days: TBA **Sign up Location:** Carrara Indoor Stadium

*** NOTE: Due to the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast in 2018 Competitions Starting Dates and Finishing Dates will vary from Venue to Venue**

Competition Commences: August

N.B: Mens comps all year round

Competition Concludes: February

Cost: See Venue at Online Registration

Proposed Playing Days:

Venue	Days	Age Groups
Elanora	Tuesday	Under 10's
Benowa High	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	Under 8's Under 10's Under 12's Under 14's
Coomera Stadium	Tuesday Thursday	8,9,10,11,12,13,(Div1-2) 14-16 Div1, 12 Girls Gold Coast Men's Premier League
Carrara Stadium	Wednesday	Girls Leagues 14's, 16's, Women's Division 1, Women's Division 2, Men
Robina High School	Tuesday Thursday Saturday	Under 13's Under 14's Under 8's, 9's, 10's, 11's
Runaway Bay Indoor Centre	Monday	Under 12's, 13's, 14's, 15's, 16's, Men
Tallebudgera Leisure Centre	Wednesday	Under 15's, 16's
Varsity College	Saturday	Under 11's, 12's,13's

Queensland State League

Trials: Club Representative teams will be scouted and be recruited on a invitation basis only

Comp Location: Coomera Sports Centre

Competition Commences: November 5th **Cost:** \$185 / player (Futsal Registered)

Competition Concludes: December 10th (includes: Uniform, Training, Match Fees, Coach)

Johnny Warren Champion of Champions

Qualification: Leader of Age Division as of December 3

Age Group: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, Mens

Comp Location: Coomera Sports Centre

Competition Date: December 2nd & 3rd

Cost: \$30 per player

Craig Foster Cup

Trial Dates: Oct 10, 17, 24

Trials Location: Carrara Indoor Stadium

Comp Location: Carrara Sports and Leisure Centre

Competition Commences: January 18th

Competition Concludes: January 21st **Cost:** \$250/player (Futsal Registered) – includes both the Craig Foster Cup and the QLD State Titles)

Includes: Uniform, Training, Match Fees, Coach)

Please note: all players are selected on the provision that they are available for **both** the Craig Foster Cup and the QLD state titles – **NO** discounts will be provided to those who can only attend one of these competitions.

QLD State Titles

Trial Dates: Craig Foster Team

Comp Location: See Football Queensland Website for Details

Competition Commences: Easter Saturday

Competition Concludes: Easter Sunday **Cost:** Included in Craig Foster Fees

Gold Coast Premier League

Trial Dates: Coaches invite players to play

Comp Location: Coomera Sports Centre

Competition Commences: August

Competition Concludes: December **Cost:** \$95.00 per player

Admission Procedure

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

Registration Process

- Teams must first email or fax their Team Nomination Form, (single players skip this)
- Each player must go to the website and follow the registration instructions
- Print out registration invoice and bring to sign up days with payments
- Non financial and or non registered players will NOT be permitted to play under any circumstances.
- Coach/Manager to return signed by all parties the GCFA Team/Parent/Coach Agreement

Entry Fee

- This covers the operational costs of the competition including the venue, referees, insurance, competition equipment and replaces match fees.
- **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN WHATSOEVER ONCE THE LEAGUE HAS COMMENCED REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF GAMES PLAYED.**

Sign On Days

- Please bring a copy of identification. i.e. Birth Certificate, Passport, Drivers Licence
- Please bring all moneys. Cheque (made out to Gold Coast Futsal Association), EFTPOS, Credit Card, and Cash and Direct Debt will all be accepted, will incur a 2% service fee
- If you're entering a team please have the Team Nomination Form filled out.
- Please remember your team name if you're on a team.

Player Registration

- All players must be registered and paid up in full both in registration and match fees prior to taking the field. This fee is inclusive of:
 - Registration to play Futsal
 - Player Insurance
 - Public Liability
 - All games including Finals

Non financial and or non registered players will NOT be permitted to play under any circumstances.

Communications Protocol

Venue Manager

Any questions regarding the venue or administration of the competition

Marcelo Maciel

Technical Director

Any questions regarding relating to Technical Laws or Laws of the Game or Refereeing

Armando Cacace

Operations Manager

Any and all further complaints or requests that can not be dealt with by the above MUST be put in writing and in the first instance be attention to the Operations Manager via the Venue Manager

Andrew Parkes

Managing Director

Any and all further complaints or requests that cannot be dealt with by the above MUST be put in writing and in the first instance be attention to the Managing Director via the Venue Manager

Refunds

Refunds will only be given to players withdrawing **prior to commencement of the competition**. Once competition schedule has been announced **NO REFUNDS** will be given under any circumstances.

Insurance

Gold Coast Futsal Association and players have insurance cover through Football Queensland. The insurance company is Gow Gates Sports Pty Ltd. The insurance cover can be seen at

<http://www.gowgatesport.com.au/football/>

Gold Coast Futsal Association has Public Liability cover for \$10,000,000.00 also through Gow Gates Sports Pty Ltd.

If a player is seriously injured, they must fill out an incident report form on the day of the accident occurring.

Players should see their respective Futsal Club contact for incident report procedures. The form can also be found at www.footballqueensland.com.au

2017 / 18 Age Groups

Year of Birth	Playing Age Group
2010	7
2009	8
2008	9
2007	10
2006	11
2005	12
2004	13
2003	14
2002	15
2001	16
1998 - 2000	Youth (17-19)
1997	Open Age
1982	Over 35's

List of Players

- Each team must have 6 registered players per team as a minimum
- To delete a player from the registration list and replace that player with another player, will require the approval of Gold Coast Futsal Association. The request must be made one (1) day prior to the match taking place. **The new player MUST PAY all registration fees as registrations are NOT transferable.**
- Players are only permitted to play in the team in which they have nominated to play for.
- There will be **NO switching of players between teams** unless they have nominated and are registered for the second team and have paid the match fees for the second nominated team IN FULL
- Players must be from the List of Players provided by the Team at the start of the competition.
- 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.

Team Officials

- There may be up to Two (2) Team Officials for the Team for every match and can include the Coach, Manager and Medical Person.
- Only one person at a time is authorised to convey tactical instructions.
- The Team Officials must behave in a responsible manner.
- Team Officials are responsible for but not limited to the following
- Complete all paperwork regarding registration into the GCFA
- Act as the centralised point of communication between GCFA and the Team
- Notifying the team
- of the playing times and venues
- Inform the team of any changes to the GCFA League
- Ensure the team arrives 15 min prior to the commencement of the teams match.
- Ensure that fair play is upheld and safety of the team is maintained
- Ensure Match Sheets are completed and signed after every game as well as checking that all information is true and accurate
- Handle all issues, disputes, complaints, protests on behalf of the team.
- All complaints must be in writing, completed **ONLY** by a team official (not parent or player) in the prescribed form.

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.

Procedure to Determine Placings

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 where possible. The following points will be awarded for matches during the Regular Season:

Win	=	3 Points
Draw	=	1 Point
Loss	=	0 Points

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 points accumulated in matches between the teams concerned
- Highest goal difference in matches between the teams concerned
- Highest number of goals scored over the Regular Season
- 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 GCFA Minor Champions in their Age Division.

Penalty Shootout

- Penalty Kicks shall consist of each team alternatively taking three (3) penalty kicks. At the completion of the three (3) kicks the team having scored the most goals shall be declared the winner. If before both teams have taken 3 kicks one team has scored more goals than the other could (even if it were to complete three (3) kicks) the taking of further kicks shall cease. Only the five (5) players from each team on the field at the conclusion of extra time are eligible to take part in the penalty shoot out.
- If teams are still equal they shall continue to take alternate kicks until one misses. Both teams must complete the same number of kicks.
- No player is to take more than (1) kick until all players on the field have taken part.
- No member of either team is permitted to leave the field of play until a decision has been achieved.
- Substitutes & Officials are not allowed onto the field until a decision has been achieved.

Variations to FIFA Laws of the Game

- Under 8-12s will play with a size 3 match ball. Under 13 and above will play with a size 4 match ball. In the event that size 3 match balls are unavailable – All age groups will play with size 4 match balls.
- 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 can be found at www.goldcoastfutsal.com.au One referee will officiate each game
- Minimum numbers of players needed to commence a game will be 3. Less than 3 will constitute a forfeit by this team and the opposing side will be granted 6 – 0 win.
- There will be **NO slide tackling permitted (This Includes the Goal Keeper)** what so ever. This will result in a yellow card and a Direct Free Kick or Penalty being awarded to the opposing team
- Age Groups may be combined. This will be to the sole discretion of GCFA. Only 2 age groups maximum will be combined to form 1 League. E.g 13' and 14's combined may form League 2
- In The event of a serious injury and the game is unable to be continued, the score at the time of stoppage will stand regardless of duration played. The game will **not** be replayed. The clock will **not** stop

Players Equipment

- The basic compulsory equipment shall consist of an identical jersey or shirt, shorts, socks, shin pads and footwear.
- Each team strip (shirts, shorts with NO pockets and socks) shall be identical in colour, design and style.
- Players shall not wear anything that is considered dangerous to another player, this WILL be determine by the referee or Venue Manager.
- Shin pads shall be entirely covered by socks, and shall be made of a suitable material to afford reasonable protection to the user.
- Teams are to provide their own GK jerseys which must be different colours to the rest of the team. It is recommended that all teams have 2 GK jerseys with holes in the back of the shirt to display players number so that substitutions can be effected with minimal impact.
- Goalkeepers shall wear colours that distinguish them from other players and from the referee or shall wear the goal keeper “cover shirt” as detailed above. In the event that this still clashes with either team or the other team, a bib will be permitted to be used.
- The player’s shirts shall be numbered with each player in the same team having a different number. Numbers shall be 1 - 15 in the case of a number being 16 or above the referee shall award all goals on the team sheet to the player with a shirt number 1 - 15. In the case that there are no players with shirt numbers 1 - 15 all goals will be awarded on the team sheet to the goal keeper. The colour of the number shall contrast with the colour of the shirt.
- Only Futsal shoes and sneakers can be worn – no soccer boots.
- The Gold Coast Futsal Association club representative shall reserve the right to reject any uniform if considered inappropriate or undesirable. No appeal will be considered.
- Where there is a clash of colours, the away team shall change to an alternate strip or are to wear bibs. The home team is the first team mentioned on the team sheet and fixture list.
- Players in teams that do not comply with the above mentioned requirements concerning player’s equipment will not be eligible to play in games.
- A Player shall not use equipment or wear anything (including any kind of jewellery) that could be dangerous to himself or another player (including 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.
- Only sports glasses that are secured to the head of the player by way of flexible banding or other devise that is deemed by the referee as to pose no threat to the individual or other players will be permitted
- 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
- GCFA shall reserve the right to reject any uniform if considered inappropriate or undesirable. No appeal will be considered
- All players will supply their own bib

Match Score Sheets

- The match team sheet shall be completed before each game and submitted to the official desk five (5) minutes prior to the kick off time.
- The Match Team Sheets **MUST** be signed and checked that all information is true and correct including Yellow / Red cards and score **AT THE END OF EACH GAME** by a team official. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Players must be on court ready to start at the scheduled kick off time.
- If there is not Three (3) players in a team to start a game after five (5) minutes of the scheduled kick off time, the match will be deemed a forfeit and the result will be a 6-0 win to the opponent.
- Games will commence at scheduled times. No delays to the games due to the teams readiness, e.g. Player on their way OR in the bathroom, will be accepted.
- Only players nominated on the registration forms can appear on match team sheets. If a team wishes to nominate a player not listed on the original registration form then approval must be obtained from a Gold Coast Futsal Association representative one day prior to a match being played.

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 in the event of serious injury which requires an ambulance, or other extenuating circumstance (such as no replacement match ball). In this event the game result will stand at the time of stoppage of the game.
- The decision regarding the Duration of the Match by the Match Officials is final.
- The half-time interval shall be one (1) minute.
- There is no extra time for matches played during the Regular Season
- There will be no time-outs permitted during the Regular Season

The Start and Restart of Play

- The match will start on time regardless of whether the teams are ready to play or not 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 6-0 win to the opponent.
- The start times of each scheduled match will be governed by the venues clock and not by an individual's time piece regardless of accuracy.

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.

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 extra time, a penalty shoot out will determine the winner

Venue Conditions

- No smoking inside venues
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted inside venues
- No animals are permitted inside venues
- 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 onto the playing field. Only players, coaching staff and officials permitted

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 6-0 win to the opponent.
- If a team forfeits more 3 games that team will be removed from the competition with NO refund
- 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 car park, could face de-registration from their representative club, may no longer be permitted to participate in the GCFA League 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. As well as being stripped of all competition points. The result will be recorded as a 6-0 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.
- Any forfeit by a Team will incur a 6-0 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.

Disciplinary Sanctions for Players

- Disciplinary Sanctions from other FQF Competitions may affect a player's eligibility to compete in GCFA match. All suspensions from other FQF Competitions which affect Players in the GCFA will be enforced. The FQF Decision regarding suspensions is final
- 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
- Should any player be involved in any fighting within the facility, whether during a match, inside the venue or on the venue grounds including the car park, could face de-registration from their representative club, may no longer be permitted to participate in the GCFA League 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.

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 Equipment through dissent by action

Red Cards

- A player that receives a red card during a match must leave the field of play and will not be able to rejoin their bench and maybe requested to leave the venue entirely.
- A player receiving a red card can be replaced 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 Managing Director Gold Coast Futsal Association with a fee of fifty (\$50) dollars

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 Behavior 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 GCFA League, 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 Futsal season. Sanctions may include no further participation in the GCFA League, 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
- No Spectators at anytime what so ever will be allowed to enter onto the courts unless permitted by the referee or venue manager

Forfeits

- Forfeits relate to the following:
 - Teams that can't produce Three (3) registered players on the field of play in full strip ready to play at the scheduled kick off time.
 - Teams that play unregistered or suspended players.
 - Teams forfeiting a match will lose the game 6-0.

Disputes and 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 GCFA may impose a fine. GCFA 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.
- All complaints must be in writing , completed ONLY by a team official (not parent or player) in the prescribed form.

Special Circumstances

- GCFA in conjunction with FQF, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances that may arise during the League. 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 GCFA these decisions shall be final.
- Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Host Club of the GCFA from taking a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the Rules of Competition contained herein.

Substitutions (FIFA Law #3)

- Goalkeepers – All Substitutes must be made via his/her own teams substitution zone.
- The players entering the pitch does so via his/her own teams substitution zone BUT NOT until the player leaving the pitch has completely crossed the line.
- There will be NO on field goalkeeper changeovers.
- There will be NO stopping of play or time for the substitutions to take place.
- In the event that a substitute enters the field of play prior to the player leaving the game crossing the line, then the substitute will be ordered off the field to re-enter the field as per Fifa Law #3 and be issued with a yellow card.
- All substitutes/players sitting on the team bench must be wearing a bib consistent in colour with the rest of their team

GCFA Player/Parent/Coach Agreement

Please detach this agreement from handbook and must be returned by the coach or manager with the team nomination form at registration before the start of the competition.

This agreement is enforceable upon all parties signed herein acknowledging the terms and conditions upon a) entry is given, b) the conduct of player/parent/coach is understood.

By signing this agreement you have read the “Player Handbook” which is posted on the website www.goldcoastcityfutsalassociation.com.au and agree to be bound by and abide by all its rules and regulations.

The coach/s and manager/delegate agrees to be responsible for the team/parents/players both severally and jointly in this regard.

Players will not be permitted to participate until this document is signed by both themselves and parent/guardian.

All parties acknowledge and accept that players will not be permitted to participate unless fully financial to Gold Coast City Futsal Association prior to commencement of the League.

Players Name	Players Signature	Parent/Guardian Signature
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COACH: _____

MANAGER: _____