



Gove Junior Football Club

East Arnhem Futsal

Welcome Kit 2025



Futsal is a fast growing sport in our region and we are pleased to welcome you as a new or returning member of our club. In this document, you will find advice about the 2025 season, our club's code of conduct and other important information including club fees etc.

Why Futsal and not soccer?

Here are some reasons why the East Arnhem Futsal (Gove Junior Football Club Inc.) focussed on Futsal:

1. Futsal is a great skill developer – the game demands quick reflexes, fast thinking, and pinpoint passing. Futsal uses a smaller, heavier, low bounce ball. Ground control and first touch are essential to success in the game. The game is played on a hard court so the ball travels much faster than on grass.
2. Futsal is more technical and less physical – Futsal rules encourage technical play and do not permit the aggressive physical play that soccer allows – this suits all developing players.
3. Futsal has more of everything that kids love – more shooting, more goals, more action! Players rotate positions, so every player is 100% involved in every game.
4. Futsal is played in smaller teams of 5 players (+up to 5 substitutions). This allows for us to build a competition with a smaller number of players in the club.
5. The game provides more opportunity for player touches of the ball and involvement in play. More touches mean better skill development, and if players want to move onto soccer in the future, the skills are highly relevant....Many of soccer's greatest players like Messi, Pele, Ronaldo, Iniesta, and Neymar all grew up playing futsal and credit futsal with developing their skills.... we might just have a Messi in our midst!
6. It can be played indoors and outdoors – so when the temperature rises or the rain falls, we can use some of the great indoor or covered facilities in town.
7. Lastly, there are opportunities for high quality regional and national competitions. East Arnhem Futsal is affiliated with the Australian Futsal Association and we are working with them to develop pathways for players to move through to region, state and national competitions.

Some of our club's recent achievements include:

- Grand final wins in both 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2023 at the FNQ Futsal Tournament;
- In 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 we held successful regional tournaments in Gove that showcased our sport to the community and had the participation of regional teams.

We look forward to your positive contribution to East Arnhem Futsal (EAF) and to your participation in another successful season.

Jim Rogers
2024/25 President
on behalf of the 2024/25 Committee

Registration and Fees

Registration forms for players are available at the Club Sign On days and by emailing the Club.

There is a \$300 season registration fee for all junior and youth age groups and is to be paid up-front and before your child plays their first game. The Adults/Open season fees are \$150 but only include one session per week.

These fees cover:

- For all junior and youth age groups - two school terms of futsal with two sessions per week on Mondays and Fridays (one for training and the other for games) – please refer to the 2024 Season Calendar for further details;
- For opens/adults - one session per week on Friday nights.
- Court, hall and venue hire;
- Insurances and affiliation costs;
- Equipment and club house and storage maintenance and upkeep;
- Club administration and finance costs; and
- Coaches development and upskilling including for youth coaches.

Please also be aware that the Club is a not-for-profit organisation. The Club or its Committee does not and will not profit from the fees. All of our senior coaches and committee members are volunteers and do not get paid for the many hours they spend running the club and coaching the players. We do pay junior coaches an incentive to encourage development and participation. All fees are invested for the benefit of players, coaches and the longer-term sustainability of the sport in our East Arnhem region.

Payment options

The \$300 registration fee can be paid via EFTPOS, bank transfer, cash or NT Sports Vouchers (including second semester vouchers which are available after June 2024). Details are in the player registration process. Any questions, just email the Club or see our Committee and Coaches.

Age groups

The Club runs the following age groups on Mondays and Friday nights. Depending on the number of registered players and ages, these age groups may vary from year to year.

- u7s- children turning 5, 6, 7 (beginners) by 31 Dec 2025
- U9s – players turning 7 (intermediate +), 8 and 9 by 31 Dec 2025
- U11s - players turning 10 & 11 by 31 Dec 2025
- U14s - players turning 12 & 13 by 31 Dec 2025
- Youth (U14-17s) – players 14, 15 & 16+ by 31 Dec 2025
- Adults Opens - Friday nights only 7.30-9pm

Coaches

It's important to note that whilst we are looking to develop star Futsal players, the club is also looking to develop coaches, referees and officials. Age group coaches are volunteers may be developing their knowledge and skills 'on the job'. The Club has a program of foundational skills and training and will be developing player knowledge and skills throughout the year. Parents and players are asked to be understanding that this is an important part of the club's development as all of our coaches are unpaid volunteers. All coaches have Working With Children (Ochre) cards and must abide by the Club Code of Conduct.

If you are interested in joining the coaching team, or would like to be an assistant coach/volunteer, please contact the club @ easternhemfutsal@gmail.com. All are welcome providing you have a valid Ochre card or have applied (the Club can sponsor this to obtain a reduced rate for applying). Coaching development will be provided by senior coaches.

Key season dates

Please refer to the attached 2025 Season Calendar for this year's schedule key dates and events.

Refer to separate Cairns Far North Queensland Title information sheet.

Club uniform and Club Shop

When playing indoor Futsal, players must wear:

- Shinpads
- Long soccer socks
- Black shorts
- Closed in Futsal gym shoes or gym/running shoes
- T-shirt/shirt or Club shirt

Caps, singlets, bare feet and thongs are not acceptable. Hats and jewellery must not be worn during any training or game session.

Under 7s player train and play on grass and they can wear studded football boots if they want, but gym shoes are also fine.

What to bring to each training session and game:

- A full water bottle (with name)
- Appropriate uniform and equipment (as outlined in Club uniform section)
- Any necessary personal medication (eg. Asthma puffer)

Parental supervision and involvement:

- Players under 9 years of age must have an adult accompanying them to each session.
- Players are encouraged to arrive 10 minutes before their allotted training or game times and leave directly afterwards. The Gymnasium can get crowded and noisy and it becomes difficult for coaches and players if the next group of players is disruptive and playing on the sidelines.
- Parents are very welcome to observe and support all sessions and see the coach to get involved in the training sessions providing they have a current Working With Children card.

Player and parent conduct and Member Protection Policy:

- The Club has a strong commitment to our Code of Conduct for players, coaches, Committee and parents and carers.
- Please read to our Code of Conduct and Member Protection Policy on the <https://www.easternhemfutsal.com.au/> .
- All player registrations require a commitment to abide by the Code of Conduct, Club Terms and Conditions and Member Protection Policy.

Merchandise

EAF black shorts, club shirts, shin pads and socks are all available to purchase from the Club. Please email easternhemfutsal@gmail.com or see the volunteers on game night to order/purchase.

Club sponsors

EAF thanks the following organisations local businesses for supporting Futsal in our community:

- Northern Territory Government, Nhulunbuy Corporation, Rio Tinto, Peninsula Bakery and Café, EC Smith and Associates, John Bedwell Management, Airnorth

Our club has over 150 member players and over 500 associated family members. If your business is interested in providing in-kind or financial support to our club, please send an email to eastarnhemfutsal@gmail.com and we will forward you a sponsorship proposal.

East Arnhem Futsal contact information

Please direct enquiries to eastarnhemfutsal@gmail.com or visit our East Arnhem Futsal Association Facebook page to stay up-to-date with our club's information.

