



2026 EAST ARNHEM FUTSAL - REGIONAL TITLES



11-13 SEPTEMBER 2026 - Nhulunbuy High School Gym

Registration information

- Teams may be mixed, or all boy or all girls. Players in each age group must be within that age group as at 31 Dec 2026 (e.g. u9s players must be 9yo as at 31 Dec 2026)
- All teams and players must be ready to start at their nominated game times with their shin pads, long socks, gym/futsal shoes on time.
- A competition draw for each age group will be prepared and emailed out (and put on Facebook) by **9 September 2026**.
- There will be limited allotted time for warm ups, so coaches/team coordinators should ensure all teams have warmed up and stretched before each game.
- Generally, teams should have 5 players on the court at all times and no more than 2 substitutions (7 players total). **Teams that play 3 or more female players on the court at any one time can have 6 players on the court for that time.**
- Teams can make their own team uniform or can be provided coloured playing bibs for the duration of the competition and must return these afterwards washed and dried.
- A round robin type format will be played over **Friday 11 September 2026, Saturday 12 September 2026 & Sunday 13 September 2026**.
- The rules will be simplified FIFA (QLD Football) rules which can be found below.
- There will be a short break at half time and between each game so players can get a drink and have a short rest.
- For junior players, please make sure all players have their drink bottles with them so that they can take them to each court they are playing on.
- A Gove Junior Football Club/East Arnhem Futsal nominated officials will keep the score and referee the games.
- Teams must have a coach/parent coordinator to assist with coaching, team management and substitutions.
- Food & non-alcoholic refreshments will be available at event for the three days.
- No food or drinks (except water) is to be consumed inside the gym or on the outdoor court. Please respect the facilities and the hard working volunteers!

Simplified FIFA Futsal Rules

- The game of Futsal is played on an indoor or outdoor court or field, and it will measure from 15mtrs wide to 30mtrs long, or for International Standard it will be 40mtrs x 20mtrs with 3mtrs x 2mtr goal posts.
- A team consists of 5 players, 4 court players and 1 goalkeeper, the maximum number of players in a team is up to 12.
- Unlimited substitutions. Players can re-enter the game as many times as they like. It is running subs where players must enter and leave the court at the same time, from in the substitution zone. The game can be stopped for substitutions of the goalkeeper.
- There is NO offside, and players can score from anywhere on the court of play.
- When the ball goes out of play, it is to be kicked in from the sideline or corners. The player who is to kick the ball in, will place the ball on the touchline with their hand ensuring that it is stationary.
- For a ball to be out of play or a goal scored, ALL of the ball must be over the line.
- A goal cannot be scored directly from a sideline kick, unless the ball touches one of the attacking or defending players before the ball enters the goal. However, a goal can be scored directly from a corner or the start of play.
- The goalkeeper can throw the ball anywhere on the court on the full. They can't score directly from the throw unless the ball touches another player before going into the goal. If ball goes over the goal line, it must be thrown by the goalkeeper. If they save the ball, they can throw, kick or play the ball for themselves to clear it. If they kick it and it goes into the goal, it is awarded as a goal.
- The goalkeeper has 4 seconds time limit to control the ball and release it from their possession.
- Goalkeepers are not allowed to pick up the ball with their hands from a deliberate back pass (by feet) from any of their teammates.
- Each team has 15 seconds to get the ball into the oppositions half unless touched by the opposition, if not done so then a sideline kick will be awarded to the opposition nearest where the ball was when time elapsed.
- Once the goalkeeper has played the ball, they cannot touch the ball again until it touches the opposition.
- No tackling from behind or dangerous slide tackling is allowed.
- The game has a 4 second time limit for all kick ins, corners, and free kicks. Referee will count to 4 with their hands visible to players. If play isn't restarted, possession is surrendered.
- Free Kicks - the opposition must be back 5 mtrs from the taking of any free kicks.
- Dangerous play is not allowed.
- Each team has 5 team fouls per half. Any fouls after the fifth will be penalised with a 9 mtr penalty shot by the opposition.

- During the game, a referee has the option of using 2 cards, Yellow and Red (yellow is a warning and Red is a send-off with suspension and potentially will have to front the judiciary).
- Referees have the right to warn, ask to leave or eject from the Stadium, any Coach, Manager, spectator, or player whom they feel is bringing the game into disrepute.
- There are slight adjustments to some rules for the adult mixed competition. A copy of these rules can be found on our website or at our front counter.
- Players Infringements
 - Referees will be officiating with the 2 card system. YELLOW CARD – Cautionable Offences (2 yellows = 1 Red)
 - RED CARD – Player is sent off. Player will not participate in remainder of the game and will have an automatic suspension of 1 game in that competition, and possibly front the judiciary & further suspensions.
 - All players sent off for disciplinary actions can be replaced after 2 minutes by another player in their team if nominated to play in that game or when the opposition scores a goal.
 - Should a player be sent from the field for a red card offence, the referee will record the players Name and fill out the SEND OFF report.
- Serious Foul Play Constitutes
 - Stopping an obvious goal scoring opportunity by tripping, impeding, or handball.
 - Deliberate kicking an opponent.
 - Deliberate elbowing an opponent.
 - Violent tackle from behind.
 - Over the ball tackle.
 - Is guilty of serious foul play.
 - All these are cautionable offences with a yellow or red card depending on the severity of the infringement (referees' discretion).
- Serious Violent Conduct Constitutes
 - Striking an official or player.
 - Spitting at an official or player.
 - Threaten an official or player with physical violence.
 - Attempting to strike an official or player with ball or another object.
 - Threaten the safety of an official or player.
 - Pushing an official with open hand, shoulder, or hip.
 - All these are red card/suspension and must appear at judiciary.
- Use of Foul and Abusive Language Constitutes

- Making obscene gestures.
 - Offensive insults or abusive language.
 - All these are cautionable offences with a yellow or red card depending on the severity of the infringement (referees' discretion).
- PLEASE NOTE: REFEREE'S DECISION IS FINAL EAF Code of Conduct



CODE OF CONDUCT

The Players - understand and agree to:

- play in accordance with the rules of the game;
- never argue with an official. If a player disagrees with a decision, they should ask the team captain to approach the officiating referee during a break;
- control their temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport and may be a breach of our Member Protection Policy;
- never engage in any type of violence either on or off the field;
- work equally hard for themselves and their team. The team's performance will benefit, and so will the Player's;
- be a good sport. Applaud good plays whether they are made by their team or the opposition;
- treat all participants as they would like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor;
- cooperate with their coaches, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition;
- participate for their own enjoyment and benefit and for the enjoyment and benefit of their teammates;
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of the gender, ability, cultural background or religion;
- not take part in any form of bullying including via the use of social media.
- be prepared to be responsible for their actions.

Coaches Code of Conduct

This Coaches Code of Conduct is intended to reinforce the elements of enjoyment and satisfaction to junior players and coaches involved in Futsal.

- To make adults including parents and coaches aware that young players play football to satisfy themselves and not necessarily to satisfy adults or team mates.
- To improve the health and fitness of Northern Territory's youth by encouraging participation in Futsal and making it attractive, safe and enjoyable for all to play.
- To remind coaches and parents that football must be managed and coached, for the good of those young people who wish to play football, as ultimately "It is their game".

The Gove Junior Football (East ARnhem Futsal) Coaches Code of Conduct:

- respect the decisions of the Match Officials and refrain from arguing with a referee over a decision as a role model for players
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their race, colour, religion, language, national or ethnic origin and ensure that everyone is treated equally and without harassment
- ensure that the players are involved in a positive environment, and that training and game day is a positive and enjoyable experience
- respect all player's individuality and help them reach their own full potential.
- be fair, considerate and honest with all players
- be as professional as possible and accept responsibility for my actions and encourage players to demonstrate the same qualities
- commit to my team to continue to improve knowledge of the game through coach education and various training opportunities through East Arnhem Futsal and AFA
- coach my players to play within the rules and in the spirit of the game of Futsal

- avoid any unnecessary physical contact with the players, and should it be required it would be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development
- refrain from any form of personal abuse towards players. Shouting may be necessary to gain the attention of the players and to encourage and congratulate and not demean players
- provide a safe environment for training by ensuring the equipment and training area used meet basic safety standards
- show concern and caution towards sick and injured players and allow for further participation in training and competition only when appropriate
- not engage in the use of crude, foul or abusive language that may be determined offensive or engage in any conduct detrimental to the image of the game when on or off the field
- treat participants, officials and spectators with courtesy and respect
- not consent to the use of any banned substance or drugs of dependence by players
- act in a responsible manner and accept responsibility for my actions.

Parents and Carers Code of Conduct

- Cooperate with the sport administrators to achieve the best outcomes for your child
- Support team and event officials in maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment for all players
- Maintain positive relationships with team officials regarding your child's learning, well-being and behaviour
- Encourage participation by your children
- Provide a model of good sportsmanship for your child to copy
- Be courteous and constructive in your communication with players, team officials, game officials and sport administrators
- Encourage honest effort, skilled performance and team loyalty
- Make any new parents feel welcome on all occasions
- Do not interfere with the conduct of any events
- Do not interfere with any accommodation/billeting arrangements. Once requested, you must accept the accommodation/billet allocated by the host centre
- If you consider there are problems with your child's accommodation/billet consult with the team manager
- Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others regardless of mediums of communication used e.g. digital mediums such as Twitter, Facebook, email and texts.

Spectators' Code of Conduct

- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour
- Remember children play for enjoyment. Don't let your behaviour detract from their enjoyment
- Let game officials conduct events without interference
- Support skilled performances and team play with generous applause
- Demonstrate respect for opposing players and their supporters
- Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others regardless of mediums communication used e.g. digital mediums such as Twitter, Facebook, email and texts.