



## **East Arnhem Futsal (Gove Junior Football Club Inc.)**

### **Welcome Kit (2026)**

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 2026 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.) Committee decided to focus mainly 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 Federation of Australian Futsal (FAF) and 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 and/or runners up and final results in 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025 at the FNQ Futsal Tournament.
- Between 2021-2025, we held successful regional tournaments in Gove that showcased our sport to the community and had the participation of many regional teams.

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

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## Registration and Fees

Please note: submitting a registration does not guarantee placement. Player acceptance is subject to coach availability, age-group capacities, overall numbers and operational changes through-out the season.

Registration forms for players are available at the Club Sign On days, on our website and/or by emailing the Club for a copy.

The \$300 annual registration fee is to be paid up-front and before your child plays their first game for the club (unless using sports vouchers). This fee covers:

- Two school terms of futsal with two sessions per week (one for training and the other for games) – please refer to the 2026 Season Calendar for further details;
- 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.

Please be aware that the club (Gove Junior Football Club Inc.) is a not-for-profit organisation registered with the Northern Territory Government. The club does not and will not profit from the fees. All of our coaches and committee members are volunteers and do not get paid for the many hours they spend running the club and coaching the players. All fees will be invested for the benefit of players, coaches and the longer-term sustainability of the sport in our East Arnhem region.

The \$300 registration fee can be paid via EFTPOS, bank transfer, cash or sports voucher. For bank transfers, please use your child's surname as the reference. Our Club's bank details are:

Acct Name: Gove Junior Football Club Inc.

BSB: 035304

Acct number: 167360

*Use player surname as reference*

Payment options include EFTPOS, direct bank transfer (details above and also on registration form), valid sports voucher or cash.

## Sports Voucher/s

Families using a **Semester 2 \$100 Sports Voucher** are not required to have the full registration fee paid before their child's first game. A payment defer will be put in place until the S2 voucher is made available. Once you have applied for the voucher, please forward it too [eastarnhemfutsal@gmail.com](mailto:eastarnhemfutsal@gmail.com) to finalise fees.

## Age groups

The club offers the following age groups for the 2026 season. Depending on the number of registered players and ages, these age groups may vary from season to season.

- U6s - children turning 5, 6 (beginners) by 31 Dec 2026
- U7s- children turning 7 (beginners) by 31 Dec 2026
- U9s – players turning 7 (intermediate +), 8 and 9 by 31 Dec 2026
- U11s - players turning 10 & 11 by 31 Dec 2026
- U12s – players turning 12 by 31 Dec 2026
- U13s - players turning 12 (intermediate +) & 13 by 31 Dec 2026
- Youth (U14-16s)/Opens – players 14, 15 & 16+ by 31 Dec 2026



**Please note:** Age groups are a guide only and are confirmed once registrations close. Final team structures may vary and age groups may be combined, adjusted, or expanded depending on registration numbers, player ages, and coach availability.

## 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 receiving coaching training and will be developing their 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 our coaches are unpaid volunteers.

If you are interested in joining the coaching team, or would like to be an assistant coach/volunteer, please contact the club @ [eastarnhemfutsal@gmail.com](mailto:eastarnhemfutsal@gmail.com). All are welcome providing you have a valid NT Ochre/Working with Children's card. Coaching development will be provided.

## Key season dates (Indicative Only)

Our 2026 season is planned as follows:

### **Training & Games**

Training is held on **Monday and Wednesday afternoon/evenings** (as per the 2025 season structure). Game nights is anticipated to be held on **Friday afternoon/evenings** (as per the 2025 season structure). This will be confirmed once team numbers and coaches are finalised.

### **Regional Titles (Round Robin) - 11-13 September 2026.**

East Arnhem Futsal hosts an annual **Regional Titles tournament**, which is separate from our regular weekly season games and training.

It is a **short, tournament-style competition** where teams compete across a weekend rather than over a full season.

This competition is open to registered club players & non-registered players

**Age groups range from U7 through to Youth/Opens.** For our younger U6 p7layers, we generally run a smaller, fun-based competition on the Friday afternoon.

The competition is played in a **round robin format**, ensuring all teams play multiple games across the event.

**Teams are self-organised**, with players and families encouraged to form their own teams (for example, with friends, school groups, or existing teammates).

If you are unable to form a team, players can still register their interest and we work closely with players and families to ensure everyone is included and placed in a team.

Player registrations are completed externally to the club (unlike FNQ titles below).

***As with all events, this is subject to sufficient player numbers and volunteer support.***



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## **FNQ Futsal Titles (Cairns) - 7-8 November 2026.**

East Arnhem Futsal has attended the FNQ Titles in Cairns each year since 2019.

Each year, we organise teams to travel to Cairns in November to compete in the FNQ Futsal Club Championships at Redlynch Stadium.

- An **Expression of Interest (EOI)** will be released during the season
- All players are welcome to nominate (age group minimums may apply)
- Teams will be formed based on player numbers, parent/player and coach input, age groups, and most important volunteer availability.

### **Costs (based on previous years):**

- Club covers team/player registration and local transport (e.g. bus hire)
- Families are responsible for flights and accommodation (Accommodation is typically at Cairns Colonial Club, however this is not mandatory.)
- We will explore group flight bookings with Airnorth where possible

**Please also note that ADA dance rehearsals fall on the same weekend, which may impact some families' decision to attend or require alternative arrangements for futsal players. We wanted to share this early so families have time to consider and plan ahead**

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### **End of Season Presentations**

EAF host an end-of-season presentation event where players are recognised across various categories and receive player gifts.

Further details, including venue and timing, will be shared later in the season.

### **Club uniform and Club Shop**

When playing indoor Futsal, players must wear:

- Shinpads
- Long black soccer socks
- Black shorts
- Closed in Futsal gym shoes or gym shoes (no tags)
- 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.***

### **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:**



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- Players under 11 years of age must have an adult accompanying them to each session. Parents must collect their children on time at the end of each session. Parents are welcome to see the coach and get involved in the training sessions providing they have a current Working With Children card.

### Player and parent conduct:

- Please refer to our code of conduct below.

### Merchandise

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

### Club sponsors

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

- Woolworths Gove, Northern Territory Government, Nhulunbuy Corporation, Rio Tinto, Peninsula Bakery and Café, Sea Swift, Ernie Smith and Associates, BP Nhulunbuy, Litchfield Green Waste Recycling (LGWR), Morningside, JBM Gove, Goodline.

If your business is interested in providing in-kind or financial support to our club, please send an email to [eastarnhemfutsal@gmail.com](mailto:eastarnhemfutsal@gmail.com) and we will forward you a sponsorship proposal.

### East Arnhem Futsal contact information

Please direct enquiries to [eastarnhemfutsal@gmail.com](mailto:eastarnhemfutsal@gmail.com), visit our East Arnhem Futsal Website or East Arnhem Futsal Facebook page to stay up-to-date with our club's information.

# EAF Code of Conduct

## The Players - understand and agrees 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 (trading as 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.



### **Discipline procedure at training and game sessions:**

All registered players are expected to show their volunteer coaches and referees respect and behave in an appropriate manner during all EAF training and game sessions. If the coach/referee feels any player's behaviour is inappropriate, unsafe or rude, the following disciplinary actions will be taken by the coach/referee:

- First misbehaviour = player will be given one verbal warning,
- Second misbehaviour = player will be required to sit out of training/game for five minutes,
- Third consecutive misbehaviour in one session = player's parents will be asked to take the child home (or pick them up if they have been dropped off).

### **More serious breaches of the Code**

Team Managers and committee members may deal immediately with any breaches of this code by imposing appropriate consequences, including not playing remaining fixtures, notification of parents, and being sent home at your parent's cost. FAF is responsible for imposing any longer term of consequences. Team Members will be afforded natural justice in respect of breaches of this code and for any disciplinary sanctions.

### **Indemnity**

By participating in the East Arnhem Futsal (EAF) events, training and games, each EAF participant (and their guardian) agrees not to bring any claim or proceeding of any nature whatsoever against EAF for any damage, loss, injury or liability of any nature whatsoever that the participant may suffer, incur or sustain in participating in, or being excluded from, EAF activities. Except for liability that by law cannot be excluded, EAF excludes all liability of any nature whatsoever to the EAF participant in tort (including negligence), contract, bailment or otherwise for acts or omissions of EAF or its directors, officers, servants, employees, contractors, agents and volunteers arising out of or in relation to the EAF activities or otherwise.

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