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### (1) APPLICATION

- 1.1 These Rules shall apply to all Provincial Championship Competitions managed by the Manitoba Soccer Association (MSA). Any variances for specific competitions shall be as noted in these Rules.
- 1.2 The MSA Futsal Provincial Championship Competitions Coordinator is responsible for the management and control of all Provincial Competitions and shall maintain these Rules.
- The Competitions Coordinator decisions at the Competition, on any matter not covered in these Rules, shall be final, as far as the Competition is concerned.
- 1.3 Where these Rules are silent, the matter is subject to the MSA Rules and Regulations; in any absence in the MSA Rules and Regulations, the Canada Soccer (CS) Rules for Regional/National Competitions take precedence.
- 1.4 **Within the constraints of 1.3, the MSA may make such temporary rules governing specific situations not otherwise provided for as are necessary.**
- 1.5 The necessary discipline and fines, where applicable, will be imposed during the Competition and any follow-up discipline will be referred to the MSA Disciplinary Committee.
- 1.6 Failure to comply with any of the requirements within these Rules may render any organization or individual subject to disciplinary procedures.
- 1.7 The MSA has a formal policy regarding volunteer screening. The Association requires that any Club Official listed on the Official Roster Form must be CPIC cleared. For this purpose a CPIC clearance is valid for a maximum of 36 months. A copy of this policy may be obtained from the MSA Office.
- 1.8 The MSA has an official Anti-Doping Policy. Any athlete who is a member of a Provincial Sport Organization or National Sport Organization or League or Club so registered shall be eligible for unannounced testing. A list of banned substances can be obtained from the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport at [www.cces.ca](http://www.cces.ca) or the CS.
- 1.9 It is the team's responsibility to read, follow and adhere to the Rules; not the MSA's on behalf of the team.





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### (2) TEAM ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1** The MSA Futsal Provincial Championship Competition is open to registered members of the MSA. Teams do not necessarily have to play in a member league but must be a registered member of the MSA. All teams must complete the corresponding registration forms and pay the annual registration fee.
- 2.2** Within the deadlines established, all teams must be registered with the MSA, submit the corresponding entry form, and satisfy the entry fee to be eligible to participate. Teams must submit a completed letter of intent and entry fee of \$300.00 in order to reserve a spot in the competition by **November 8, 2022**. Once teams are accepted into the tournament, rosters must be submitted to the MSA by **December 31, 2022**. Failure to submit rosters by this date will result in an automatic disqualification from the tournament.

### (3) PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1** Only players registered with the MSA or an Association/League in membership shall be eligible to compete in the MSA Futsal Provincial Championship Competition.
- 3.2** A minimum of 10 players on the final submitted roster shall be either:
- A Canadian Citizen; or
  - A Permanent Resident (as defined by the Government of Canada);
  - A Protected Person (as defined by the Government of Canada).
- 3.3** No Team shall register new players after qualifying for the Regional/National CS Championship (**CS**). Teams may register players for league competitions based on league rules, but those players are not eligible for the Club National Championships.
- 3.4** Teams are not permitted to have any 'guest players' or 'call ups' participate with their team during the MSA Futsal Provincial Championship Competition.
- 3.5** Each player and Team Official listed on the game sheet is required to have an approved MSA Photo ID card.
- 3.6** Any player registered as a professional player shall only be eligible to play when reinstated as an amateur player. An amateur player who is registered with a professional club shall not be eligible to play in the MSA Futsal Provincial Championship Competition.





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- 3.7** A player moving from one Provincial/Territorial Association to the MSA must receive written clearance from the Provincial/Territorial Association with which s/he was last registered in order to be eligible.

### **(4) TEAM RULES**

- 4.1** In each game of the competition, a team shall be permitted to dress and play up to 14 players.
- 4.2** Only the 14 “dressed” players, and the four team officials included on the team sheet may sit on the bench or in the area designated for that team.
- 4.3** Unlimited substitutions shall be permitted in accordance with the *FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game*. Substitution of players may be made at any time during the game.
- 4.4** The games will be played by two teams, each consisting of not more than five players, one of whom is the goalkeeper.
- 4.5** Each team participating in the MSA Futsal Provincial Championship Competition must use the Official Roster Form prescribed by the MSA Provincial Championship Competitions Coordinator which certifies that each player and team official is eligible.
- 4.6** For the purpose of competing in the MSA Futsal Provincial Championship Competition, all teams are required to electronically submit a completed Official Roster Form no later than seven (7) days prior to the competition’s opening match, to the MSA office.
- 4.7** Players and team officials may be listed on the team’s Official Roster Form while under suspension, however, they are not permitted to participate until the suspension is served.
- 4.8** Injured players may occupy a position in the technical area as long as they are listed on the Official Team Roster, the game sheet and hold an ID Card.
- 4.9** Any team not participating in a scheduled game without just cause may be expelled for the remainder of the competition and may be subject to disciplinary action. In cases where the actions of said team impact the integrity of the competition, the Competitions Coordinator may declare all matches played by the team in question null and void and/or the Competitions Coordinator may designate a Representative or Committee to make a different decision that will maintain the integrity of the competition. All decisions of the Competitions Coordinator, Representative or





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Committee are final and binding as far as the competition is concerned.

- 4.10** All teams will be held responsible for the conduct of their players, team officials and spectators during the competition. Refer to Rule 1.9.

### (5) MATCH RULES

- 5.1** Team credentials (photo ID) shall be checked prior to the start of each match.
- 5.2** One representative from each team may inspect the ID cards of the opposing team. It shall be the responsibility of a team representative to notify the referee of any discrepancy prior to the match. A team that wishes to question the validity of a player's registration must notify the MSA Representative at the match or failing that, contact the MSA Futsal Provincial Championship Competitions Coordinator within 24 hours after the scheduled start of the match.
- 5.3** The minimum number of players to start a match is four (4). The match is abandoned if either team has fewer than three (3) players on the pitch.
- 5.4** For Round-Robin games played in the Preliminary Round, the duration of play shall be 40 minutes (two equal periods of 20 minutes). Games will be played with a 'running time format' until the final two (2) minutes of each half which shall be played with a stopped time.
- 5.5** For the Playoff Round games, the duration of play shall be 40 minutes (two equal periods of 20 minutes). The game will be played entirely with a stopped time.

**Note:** "Running Time" means the game clock is not stopped when the ball is out of play unless specified by the referees or during a time-out. Stopped time means the game clock is stopped whenever the ball is not in play or if the match is interrupted. The clock only starts again once play resumes.

- 5.6** All games will observe a halftime of five (5) minutes.
- 5.7** Each team will be permitted one (1) timeout per period of one (1) minute in length. The timeout must be requested by the coach to the referee when the ball is out of play and in their possession.
- 5.8** Players who receive a red card during the match are not permitted to remain in his/her team's technical area and must leave the gymnasium.





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- 5.9 Fouls accumulated by each team are recorded in the match report by the referees and by the timekeeper at his/her table.
- 5.10 Team uniform colors will be determined by the Competitions Coordinator for each game. It is the responsibility of the teams to know and wear the assigned colors provided. If necessary, the Competitions Coordinator will determine the team who is responsible for changing colors. All teams must have an alternate set of uniforms (jersey/socks) at the competition.
- 5.11 Goalkeepers must wear playing uniforms that distinguish them from the other players and match officials.
- 5.12 Players are not permitted to wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or other players. This includes any kind of jewelry, regardless of the material, such as: rings, bracelets, earrings, necklaces, or other visible body piercings are strictly forbidden and must be removed. Medical alert bracelets are permissible but must be either made of Velcro or a similar soft material or covered with a sweatband. The practice of taping jewelry is not acceptable (**CS Rule**).
- 5.13 Any player who intends to wear a cast, brace or any other medical equipment is to present the equipment to the MSA Competitions Coordinator at least 24 hours prior to kick off. If cleared to play the player must report to the referee of the match prior to the match for inspection. The referee will assess the player's eligibility to play in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game and CS Policies on medical matters.
- 5.14 If undergarments are worn, the color of the sleeve must be the same color as the main color of the sleeve of the jersey. If undershorts or tights are worn, they must be of the same main color as the shorts. Players not complying will not be allowed to enter the field until the referee of the match is satisfied that the equipment conforms to the FIFA Laws of the Game. All players must wear the same color undergarments and undershorts or tights.
- 5.15 The MSA Futsal Provincial Championship Competitions Coordinator shall reserve the right to order a replay or any variation of a replay, cancel, postpone, terminate or make any decision for the best interest of the competition, for any match that is cancelled, suspended or not completed for any reason. The Competitions Coordinator may also designate a Representative or Committee to make a ruling. The decision is final and binding as far as the competition is concerned.
- 5.16 Where a match is abandoned as a result of discipline issues from one or both competing teams, the matter shall be reported to the MSA Futsal Provincial





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Championship Competitions Coordinator who will decide the appropriate course of action. The Competitions Coordinator has the authority to designate a Representative or Committee to make a ruling. All decisions of the Competitions Coordinator, Representative or Committee are final and binding as far as the competition is concerned.

- 5.17** Disposition of all yellow cards and red cards received during a match that was subsequently abandoned shall be dealt with by the MSA Futsal Provincial Championship Competitions Coordinator, Representative or Committee.

### **(6) COMPETITION RULES**

- 6.1** The format for each competition shall be determined by the MSA.
- 6.2** The MSA shall be responsible for assigning all match officials.
- 6.3** In all competitions (or parts thereof) organized on a round robin basis the following rules shall apply:
- 6.3.1** All round robin matches shall be played to regulation time only unless unforeseen circumstances apply as determined by the MSA.
- 6.3.2** Three (3) points shall be awarded for a win and one (1) point for a tie and zero (0) points for a loss. Final standings shall be determined by points accumulated at the completion of the round robin, with tie breaking as outlined in rule 6.3.4.
- 6.3.3** The top group winners will advance to the Finals, along with the top second place based on the criteria below in rule 6.3.4
- 6.3.4** The following criteria shall be used, in order, to determine the final standings:
- (a) Most points in all group matches
  - (b) If two (2) teams are tied in points in all group matches:
    - (i) Greater goal difference in all group matches.
    - (ii) Greater number of goals scored in all group matches.
    - (ii) A drawing of lots.







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- (c) The following must be used if three (3) or more teams are tied in points in all group
  - (i) Greater goal difference in matches between the teams concerned.
  - (ii) Greater number of goals scored in all matches between the teams concerned.
  - (iii) Greater goal difference in all group matches.
  - (iv) Greater number of goals scored in all group matches
  - (v) Drawing of lots to determine ranking at a time and place decided by the Competition Coordinator.

**6.4** The Cup Final will require a winner, the following rules will apply:

- 6.4.1 The team with the higher score at the end of regulation time shall win the match.
- 6.4.2 Should the score be tied at the end of regulation time, there will be two (2) equal Extra Time periods of five (5) minutes played in their entirety with an interval of five (5) minutes at the end of normal playing time, but not between the two periods of extra time.
- 6.4.3 Should the score remain tied at the end of Extra Time; the winner shall be decided in accordance with the “kicks from the penalty mark” procedure specified in the Futsal Laws of the Game.

## **(7) DISCIPLINE**

- 7.1** The MSA Provincial Championship Competition Manager will deal with (or arrange to deal with) all discipline cases involving Players, Team Officials, or Spectators. The Competition Manager may designate a Representative or Committee to deal with discipline cases. Misconduct by Players, Team Officials, or Spectators reported by the Match Officials or MSA Representative(s) shall be dealt with by the MSA Provincial Championship Competition Manager, Designate, or Discipline Committee prior to the next match. An appeal may be submitted within two hours of the decision being communicated to the party (or parties). If leave to appeal is granted, the Competition





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Manager (or Designate) will, at that time, establish timelines for the appeal process and appeal fee submission. The decision of the Competition Manager (or Designate) is final and binding as far as the competition is concerned, unless it is appealed, in which case that decision is final and binding.

- 7.2** The Competition Manager, Designate, or Discipline Committee may decide to conduct a hearing for misconduct (on or off the field of play) involving Players, Team Officials, or Spectators. The hearing time and location shall be determined by the Competition Manager, Designate, or Discipline Committee. Any accused and/or witness(es) who are unable to attend the hearing may submit a written statement. The Competition Manager, Designate, or Discipline Committee has the authority to make a decision even if the accused (having been given notice of hearing and the option to respond in writing) is not present. If attending the hearing, the Player or Team Official must be accompanied by a Team Representative. An appeal may be submitted within two hours of the decision being communicated to the party (or parties). If leave to appeal is granted, the Competition Manager (or Designate) will, at that time, establish timelines for the appeal process and appeal fee submission. The decision of the Competition Manager (or Designate) is final and binding as far as the competition is concerned, unless it is appealed, in which case that decision is final and binding.
- 7.3** In most cases, suspended Players or Team Officials shall serve their suspension in the competition in which it was received for the specified number of games. However, time suspensions and suspensions from all soccer activities in any other competition shall be enforced during the MSA Provincial Championship Competition.
- 7.4** Any player who receives a third caution during the MSA Futsal Provincial Championship Competition (except in his/her team's final match) shall receive a one-match suspension to be served in his/her next MSA Provincial Championship Competition match.
- 7.5** If the third caution is received on his/her team's final match, it will be referred to the MSA Discipline Committee.
- 7.6** Any Player or Team Official who is dismissed during the MSA Futsal Provincial Championship Competition (except in his/her Club's/Team's final match) shall receive a minimum, automatic, one-match suspension to be served in his/her next MSA Provincial Championship Competition match and any additional suspension determined by the MSA Disciplinary Committee.
- 7.7** Any Player or Team Official who is dismissed in his/her team's final match of the MSA Futsal Provincial Championship Competition will be referred to the MSA Discipline Committee.





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- 7.8** The MSA Provincial Championship Competition Manager, Designate, or Discipline Committee shall rule on any alleged breach of the competition rules by an individual or organization. An appeal may be submitted within two hours of the decision being communicated to the party (or parties). If leave to appeal is granted, the Competition Manager (or Designate) will, at that time, establish timelines for the appeal process and appeal fee submission. The decision of the Competition Manager (or Designate) is final and binding as far as the competition is concerned, unless it is appealed, in which case that decision is final and binding. The MSA may impose further disciplinary sanctions.
- 7.9** Generally, any team that is found guilty of fielding an ineligible player for whatever reason (e.g., under age limit, omission from the Official Roster, omission from the game sheet, etc.) may forfeit the match. Victory and the resulting three points may be awarded to the opposing team, as well as the score of 3 – 0 (or greater, up to a maximum of five, depending on the score of the match). The Competition Manager may designate a Representative or Committee to make a ruling and/or take further action as deemed appropriate based on unique circumstances.
- 7.10** Any Player or Team Official who is suspended during the MSA Provincial Championship Competition and is unable to serve the full length of the suspension during the MSA Provincial Championship Competition shall be required to serve the remainder of the suspension during Member League play.
- 7.11** A Player or Team Official dismissed during the final match may participate in the closing ceremonies and medal presentation. Any additional misconduct that occurs during the closing ceremonies will be dealt with by the MSA Discipline Committee.
- 7.12** All participants are expected to follow the Canada Soccer Code of Conduct and Ethics policy ([http://manitobasoccer.ca/files/csa\\_code\\_of\\_conduct\\_and\\_ethics\\_final\\_22\\_09\\_17.pdf](http://manitobasoccer.ca/files/csa_code_of_conduct_and_ethics_final_22_09_17.pdf)) approved by the MSA Board of Directors.
- 7.13** Every team is responsible for the actions of its Players, Team Officials, and Spectators.
- 7.14** Every team is required to take all precautions necessary to prevent its players, Team Officials and Spectators from threatening or assaulting anyone at games, especially the Match Officials.



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### (8) ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMPETITION

#### 8.1 Protests

Any protests arising out of any match in the MSA Futsal Provincial Championship Competition shall be made in writing to the MSA Futsal Provincial Championship Competitions Coordinator within three (3) hours of the completion of the match, accompanied by a protest fee of three hundred and seventy five dollars (\$375) in cash, money order or cheque payable to the MSA. The protest must be submitted to the MSA Futsal Provincial Championship Competitions Coordinator or Designate at the playing venue. The timeline established takes precedence over the MSA Appeal Rule Timelines. The Competitions Coordinator may designate a Representative or Committee to rule on the protest.

The protest must contain the details of the protest, including the rule that was allegedly breached, and the evidence to support the claim. Protests can only be considered on the grounds of the eligibility of a Team or Player(s), or on breaches of the Competition Rules and Regulations.

**NOTE:** Decisions of a Match Official on points of fact in a match cannot be protested.

- 8.2 In most cases, the MSA Futsal Provincial Championship Competitions Coordinator or Designate shall rule on the protest, including the disposition of the protest fee.
- 8.3 An appeal may be submitted within two hours of the decision being communicated to the party (or parties). If leave to appeal is granted, the Competition Manager (or Designate) will, at that time, establish timelines for the appeal process and appeal fee submission. The decision of the Competition Manager (or Designate) is final and binding as far as the competition is concerned, unless it is appealed, in which case that decision is final and binding.
- 8.4 Game day protocols must be followed by the teams participating and fines will be imposed when such protocols are not followed.
- 8.5 All teams that win their respective MSA Provincial Championship Competition are required to participate in the Canada Soccer Regional/National Championships. Failure to participate in the Regional/National Championships will result in discipline and/or sanction.





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### **(9) SCHEDULE OF FINES**

- 9.1** Team fails to appear for a scheduled match without just cause.
- Forfeiture of the game, \$500 fine, plus field and Match Official costs per match that is forfeited. The Competition Manager, Designate, or Discipline Committee may take further action, as deemed appropriate.
- 9.2** Team withdraws from the Competitions after the entry deadline.
- Forfeiture of the competition entry fee and the Competition Manager, Designate, or Discipline Committee may take further action as deemed appropriate (which may include further fines and/or sanctions).
- 9.3** Team not attending the medal presentation.
- \$500 fine. The Competition Manager, Designate, or Discipline Committee may take further action, as deemed appropriate.
- 9.4** Team Official not accompanying player attending a hearing.
- \$250 fine. The Competition Manager, Designate, or Discipline Committee may take further action, as deemed appropriate.
- 9.5** Failure to return a trophy.
- \$500 fine plus the cost of a trophy up to \$500. The Competition Manager, Designate, or Discipline Committee may take further action, as deemed appropriate.