## Futsal: Event Guidelines

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This example applies to all kinds of events from organizing a one day Futsal festival or tournament or a Futsal league that spans weeks or months. It is not an exhaustive list
of actions that need to be undertaken, as every event and league will have slightly different requirements, but it should at least provide an outline for the event organizer.

The number of teams entering the tournament or league has a significant impact on determining other factors related to organizing the event, such as size of the facility, number of referees, format of the tournament, etc. Initially the organizer needs to consider the desired number of teams that they would wish to take part in the event. The size of the facility that you plan to use, particularly in regards to the number of pitches that are available, will often give you a good gauge as to the maximum number of teams that you can include in the event. It is worth noting that too many teams quickly makes a one day Futsal tournament unworkable; spending time looking at the structure of the Festival and how the format of the fixtures will be managed will help in deciding the optimum number of teams to be involved. In general, if you only
have one pitch at your disposal for the day then $8-10$ teams will be the optimum number in most cases for a one day event. However, for a league or larger competition, the organizer can be a little more flexible over the number of teams that participate.

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## Example tournament fixture schedule:

Outlined below is an example of how a one day festival or tournament could be coordinated for eight teams using one pitch. This example is based around organizing the eight teams into two groups, and during the group stages playing two halves of 7 minutes and in the knock-out stages playing two halves of 10 minutes.

## Event Rules:

These need to be finalized and circulated to the teams and the referees before the event or before the start of the season so that all parties have time to understand how the tournament or league will be played. Where possible, stick to the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game, but you may need to modify them in order to fit the specific circumstances of your event, particularly in a one day Futsal tournament.

| Game \# | Time | Bracket | Team | vs | Team |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $9: 00$ | A | Blue | V | White |  |
| 2 | $9: 15$ | A | Gold | V | Silver |  |
| 3 | $9: 30$ | B | Red | V | Green |  |
| 4 | $9: 45$ | B | Yellow | V | Black |  |
| 5 | $10: 00$ | A | Blue | V | Gold |  |
| 6 | $10: 15$ | A | White | V | Silver |  |
| 7 | $10: 30$ | B | Red | V | Yellow |  |
| 8 | $10: 45$ | B | Green | V | Black |  |
| 9 | $11: 00$ | A | Silver | V | Blue |  |
| 10 | $11: 15$ | A | Gold | V | White |  |
| 11 | $11: 30$ | B | Black | V | Red |  |
| 12 | $11: 45$ | B | Yellow | V | Green |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | $12: 45$ | SF \#1 | Bracket A Winner | V | Bracket B 2nd Place |  |
| 14 | $1: 15$ | SF \#2 | Bracket B Winner | V | Bracket A 2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ Place |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | $2: 00$ | FINAL | SF \#1 Winner | V | SF \#2 Winner |  |

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