Futsal Stadium Technical Requirements
2014/15 Competitions
SECTION 1: ADMINISTRATION, SCOPE AND BREACH

1. Scope and Application

The Football NSW (FNSW) Futsal Stadium Technical Requirements (the Requirements) are applicable to all Clubs competing in the FNSW Futsal Premier League, State League and F-League.

Unless stated otherwise, the articles of the Requirements are applicable to all Leagues and Grades of the FNSW Futsal Club Competitions.

Breach of any article of the Requirements may result in disciplinary action.

2. Stadium Non-Compliance

Should a Club allow the degradation of their Stadium to a condition where the criteria is no longer met, or should a Club not meet a schedule of work warranted in an Application Form submitted for entry to a FNSW League, FNSW shall determine one of the following courses of action;

a) All or part of the Club’s matches shall be played at the opponents Stadium, where available
b) FNSW shall nominate an alternative Stadium for the Club’s matches
c) A combination of a) and b) shall be employed
d) Removal of all or part of the Club from FNSW Competitions and incorporation of a Bye, and where applicable forfeits for any concluded matches in accordance with the FNSW Competition Regulations

In all cases of a) through d), the non-compliant Club whose Stadium has not met the required criteria will be responsible for the full costs incurred by FNSW or the opponent Club for the staging of all aspects of their “home” matches.

3. Dispensation

FNSW may grant special dispensation to a Club in the process of upgrading their facilities but for no longer than one (1) season.

Should the required renovations not be completed prior to the season following granting of the dispensation, the Club may not be admitted to the League however may be placed in another League at the discretion of FNSW.

4. Field and Facility Report

Each Club must submit a Field and Facility Report upon request by FNSW.

The Field and Facility report must be completed in its entirety and submitted by the stipulated date.

Failure to lodge, or failure to complete the Report in its entirety, may lead to disciplinary action.
SECTION 2: SAFETY, SECURITY AND ACCESS

1. **Responsibility**

   It is the responsibility of each individual Club to ensure the safety and security of all individuals participating in, officiating at, working at or otherwise attending matches at the Club's nominated Stadium.

2. **Enclosed Stadiums**

   All Stadiums in the FNSW Futsal Club Competitions must be completely enclosed.

3. **Prohibited Items**

   Clubs, Officials, Stadium Operators, Spectators and/or Players are prohibited from using and/or displaying in logos, letterheads, clothing, programs and/or newsletters, any of the following items:

   a) National Flags other than the Australian Flag
   b) Emblems or symbols which promote a political objective or movement
   c) Maps other than a map of a geographic area of Australia or parts thereof
   d) Any slogan or message of a political nature
   e) Anything of any nature that does not positively reflect the image of the Club, FNSW or the game in general

   At any fixture under the jurisdiction of FNSW the following items are prohibited:

   i) Flares
   ii) Fireworks
   iii) Other flammable objects
   iv) National Flags other than the Australian Flag
   v) National or Political Emblems other than the Australian Emblem
   vi) Loudhailers
   vii) Banners or placards displaying political messages or slogans
   viii) Instruments prohibited by law
   ix) Anything of any nature that does not positively reflect the image of the Club, FNSW or the game in general

   Each Club shall be required to take steps to ensure that its supporters (at both home and away matches) and patrons (at home matches) are aware of Prohibited Items. FNSW or any FNSW appointed official may request the immediate removal of any Prohibited Item at their discretion.

   Each home Club is to ensure that such Prohibited Items are not brought into their Stadium by any spectator or individual. Failure of Individuals, Clubs and organisations to comply with the Prohibited Items requirement may result in disciplinary action.
4. Emergency Exit Plan

All stadiums must have an Emergency Exit Plan. The Emergency Exit Plan must be clearly displayed at all points of entry and exit as well as at other strategic points around the Stadium.

5. Emergency Exits

All Emergency Exits must be clearly signposted and adequately lit, in accordance with Australian Standards, and must be free of any form of obstruction.

6. General Access Security

All access points must be manned by appropriate personnel (i.e. Club Officials or Security Guards) and have an identified area for examining objects brought into the Stadium.

7. Emergency Services Access

There must be direct access for Emergency Service personnel to the court.

8. Fire Prevention

The Stadium must be equipped with all fire prevention devices as required by Government and Australian Standards.

9. Stadium Security Plan

FNSW may from time to time, due to actual or perceived possibility of disturbance, require Clubs to submit a Stadium Security Plan for any match played at its Stadium.

The Stadium Security Plan must at a minimum consider and define;

a) Projected crowd figures
b) Stadium Access points for players, officials, spectators, media etc.
c) Pedestrian flows into and out of relevant areas of the Stadium for Teams, Match Officials, Media and Spectators
d) Access and flows for Emergency Services and Security
e) Modes of control of access to restricted areas
f) Position and numbers of Security and Police at strategic points around the Stadium and Stadium precinct
g) Signposting of entry and exit points
h) Emergency Exit Plan
10. **Restricted Access Areas**

Clubs are required to implement Restricted Access to the following areas as a minimum:

a) Player’s Dressing rooms for Players, Club Officials and Match Officials only
b) Referees’ Dressing Rooms for Match Officials only
c) Technical Area for Players, Match Officials, Security Personnel, Emergency Services and Club Officials only
d) Court for Players, Team Officials, Match Officials, Security Personnel and Emergency Services only

All Restricted Access Areas must be signposted, clearly indicating the identification, pass or ticket required to access the area.

All Clubs are encouraged to further define restricted points of access to the Stadium for players, media, staff etc. to promote more efficient and professional coordination of their match day operations.
SECTION 3: FIELD OF PLAY

1. Court Dimensions

The follow diagrams detail the minimum, maximum and compulsory dimensions for Court markings. All Courts used in FNSW Futsal Club Competitions must conform to these dimensions.

FIFA recommendations for Court dimensions in International football are 40 metres in length and 20 metres in width. Clubs are encouraged where possible to mark their Courts in accordance with this standard. F-League matches will be conducted in accordance with international dimensions which are as follows, 38-42 metres in length (touch line) and 20-25 metres in width (goal line).

There must be buffer zones between the Court line marking and any Advertising Boards or structure (i.e. fencing, seating or wall). The recommended minimum distance for a buffer zone from the touch line or goal line is 3 metres, with the exception of the touch line on which side the Technical Area is located, which must extend five (5) metres to allow for the Team Benches. Should this be unachievable, buffer zones should be no less than 2 metres.

Diagram 1 – Court Dimensions
2. **Playing Surface**

The court must be a flat, smooth non-abrasive surface, made of wood or approved artificial surface.

3. **Line Markings**

The Court must be rectangular and marked with lines. The longer lines are called touch lines, the shorter lines are called goal lines.

Line markings must be in accordance with the Court Dimensions, be 8cm’s in width as per FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game, and be clear and accurate.

4. **Goal Posts**

Securely fixed goal posts that meet FIFA regulations and are in accordance with the FNSW Goal Post Safety Policy and Australian Standards must be provided.

Width of posts must not exceed 8cm, and the goal line must be the same width as the posts.

Goal nets must be attached to the posts and ground behind the goals in a manner that conforms to Australian Standards and does not obstruct the goal keeper in any way.

![Diagram 2 – Goal Post Dimensions](image)
5. **Technical Area**

It is recommended that the Technical Area is line marked as per the dimensions in Diagram 3 below. At the very least, 2 metre buffer zones must be maintained between the touchlines, goal lines and any wall.

The Technical Area must;

a) Contain two (2) team benches, capable of seating eleven (11) people in each bench for Futsal Premier and State League, capable of seating up to fourteen people (14) for the hummel F-League.

b) Contain a table and chair for the time keeper.

![Diagram 3 – Technical Area line marking and recommended dimensions](image)

6. **Substitution Zone**

The substitution zones are the areas on the touch line in front of the team benches.

The substitution zones may form part of the pitch marking or may be identified with non-slip tape.

The substitution zones are situated in front of the technical area and are 5 metres in length. They are marked at each end with a line 80cm in length, 40cm of which is marked on the court, 40cm off the court.

A team’s substitution zone is situated in the half of the Court defended by the team, and changes in the second half and periods of extra time when applicable.
SECTION 4: PLAYER AND REFEREE FACILITIES

1. **Player Dressing Rooms**

   Separate Dressing Rooms located near to the Court, must be provided for the home and the visiting Team.

   Each of the home and visiting Team Player Dressing Rooms must;
   
   a) Be permanent structures  
   b) Be well ventilated  
   c) Be able to seat 12 people comfortably for Futsal Premier and State League  
   d) Be able to seat 14 people comfortably for F-League  
   e) Have a minimum of two (2) showers with hot and cold water  
   f) Have a minimum of one (1) toilet

   Player Dressing Rooms and the associated facilities are to be maintained in a clean and workable condition and be checked immediately prior to each match day.

2. **Referee Dressing Rooms**

   A separate Dressing Room located near to the Court, must be provided for the Referees.

   The Referee Dressing Rooms must;
   
   a) Be a permanent structure  
   b) Be well ventilated  
   c) Be able to seat five (5) people comfortably  
   d) Have a minimum of one (1) shower with hot and cold water  
   e) Have a minimum of one (1) toilet

   The Referee Dressing Room and the associated facilities are to be maintained in a clean and workable condition and be checked immediately prior to each match day.
SECTION 5: LIGHTING

1. Court Lighting
   The Court for all matches must be lit to a maintained average horizontal floodlighting illuminance of 500 lux.

2. Stadium Lighting
   All Stadiums general lighting to seating and pedestrian pathways must be provided.
   General lighting must conform to all applicable safety standards.
   It is the Club’s responsibility to ensure the Stadium lighting, including emergency lighting in case of loss of power or evacuation, meets the required standards.
SECTION 6: SPECTATOR FACILITIES

1. Canteen

Every Stadium must have a canteen.

The canteen facility must:

a) Be maintained and operated in a clean condition that meets Local Government Standards and Health Regulations
b) Have available goods to satisfy the needs of spectators, including a variety of food and drinks
c) At a minimum be in operation from 30 minutes prior to the first match until 15 minutes prior to the final whistle of the last match at the Stadium on any given match day

2. Sale and Consumption of Alcohol

The following conditions will apply to Club's seeking permission to sell alcoholic beverages at fixtures under the auspices of FNSW:

a) The Club must obtain a license as required under the Liquor Licensing Act and supply to FNSW a copy of the licence
b) The point of sale must be separate to other food or beverage and to which minors are restricted
c) Consumption must be restricted to an area that is not in the vicinity of the player’s race or team benches
d) Under no circumstances must alcohol be served to people who are intoxicated
e) Alcohol cannot be sold in any closed glass or plastic bottles, aluminium cans or any other type of closed container
f) No Club is entitled to sell alcohol, or to allow it to be consumed at their ground without the consent, in writing, of FNSW
g) The sale, provision or consumption of alcohol is not permitted at any Youth League fixture under the control of FNSW
h) No Club may permit the sale or consumption of alcohol at their ground where the conditions listed above have not been met in their entirety
i) Clubs are obligated to adhere to all items above regardless of any conflicting allowance granted within the liquor License
3. Seating

Following are the seating requirements for Stadiums:

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Seating can be either bench or individual bucket style.

In calculating the numbers of spectators a bench seat accommodates, the equation of two (2) people to every one (1) metre of bench seating is to be used.

All seating must be elevated and tiered.

4. Disabled Seating

Dedicated seating must be made available for disabled spectators.

Disabled Seating must;

a) Provide easy access to the car park and / or main entrance
b) Provide easy access to disabled toilet facilities
c) Provide an unobstructed view of the Court

5. Toilets

Adequate public toilet facilities must be made available for male, female and disabled spectators.

It is the home Club’s responsibility to ensure the toilets, washrooms and wash room products must be maintained in a good and clean condition, especially on match days.

As a guide there should be one (1) toilet for every 100 potential spectators.
SECTION 7: MEDIA FACILITIES

1. Press Seating Area

All Stadiums used for the F-League and FNSW Futsal Premier League must have an identified Press seating area.

The Press seating area must;

a) Be located in the main grandstand, or adjacent to the half way line should there be no grandstand
b) Have seating with a writing surface for at least one (1) journalist
c) Have a clear and unobstructed view of the Field of Play
d) Provide power access to the journalist

2. Broadcast Camera Positions

All Stadiums used for the F-League and FNSW Futsal Premier League must have an identified broadcast camera position.

Broadcast Camera Positions may be provided by either;

a) Permanent camera platforms positioned in the main grandstand
b) Temporary camera positions positioned on the opposite side to the grandstand
c) The positions listed in a) and b) must be located at half way of the field and in an elevated position offering an unobstructed view of the field of play
SECTION 8: MEDICAL FACILITIES

1. Medical Room
   Each Stadium must have a dedicated Medical Room equipped with a physiotherapy / massage table. The Medical Room must be located in close proximity to the Court.

2. Medical Supplies
   Each Stadium must provide basic Medical Supplies.
   Basic Medical Supplies are defined as the contents of a general purpose First Aid Kit, and must comply with Australian Standards.

3. Stretchers
   Each Stadium must have one (1) first aid stretcher available for every match.
   The stretcher must be placed beside the pitch near the half way line in a safe and accessible location prior to the commencement of each match.
   Clubs must ensure that their stretcher complies with all applicable Standards.

4. Doping Control Room
   In the event that Doping Control is conducted the Medical Room is to be made exclusively available to the Doping Control Officers.
   In the event a Medical Room does not meet the Doping Control Officers requirements, another room must be made available within the facility that satisfies the Doping Control Officers requirements.
SECTION 9: OTHER STADIUM FACILITIES

1. **Scoreboard**
   
   An elevated Scoreboard is required at all Stadiums.
   
   The scoreboard must be visible from all areas of the relevant Court.

2. **Public Address System**
   
   A Public Address System is required at all Stadiums.
   
   Sufficient speakers must be installed to ensure messages are heard clearly at all sections of the Stadium.
   
   The Public Address System must be capable of spoken announcements and playing of compact discs.