



**BC SOCCER**

**2026 FUTSAL PROVINCIAL  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
REGULATIONS**

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## 1) Introduction

### a. Application

- i. These rules shall apply to the Futsal Provincial Championships managed by the British Columbia Soccer Association (BC Soccer). Any variances for specific competition shall be as noted in these Regulations.

### b. Management of Competitions

- i. BC Soccer shall control the operation of these competitions. The draws and the scheduling of matches up to the time League winners are declared may be delegated to the associations having jurisdiction.
- ii. The Competitions Committee shall have the authority to order any match that has been suspended or abandoned replayed or played to a finish.
- iii. Within the constraints of 1) c. i., BC Soccer, through its Competitions Committee, may make such temporary rules governing specific situations not otherwise provided for, as are necessary to achieve the objectives of BC Soccer. *Such changes shall be communicated to all affected teams and their Leagues, and whenever possible prior to the commencement of the competition so altered.*

### c. BC Soccer Constitution/Rules and Regulations Precedence

- i. In the event of any discrepancy between this document and the rules and regulations of the British Columbia Soccer Association, the latter shall have precedence.
- ii. All matches shall be played under BC Soccer's Competition Rules and Regulations as adopted by the Board each year.

### d. BC Soccer Representatives

- i. BC Soccer, through its Competitions Committee, shall appoint a BC Soccer Representative to the competition whose decision at the competition, on any matter not covered in the rules, bylaws and policies of BC Soccer, shall be final and binding on all parties. Unless otherwise stated, this person shall be the Chair of Futsal Competitions for BC Soccer.

### e. Risk Management and Harassment

- i. Participants in any BC Soccer Provincial Championship must adhere to BC Soccer's Criminal Record Policy.

## 2) Team Eligibility

### a. Performance Bonds

- i. All Futsal Leagues shall post one Performance Bond of \$1,500, or \$500 per team, whichever is less, to BC Soccer prior to any team entering or



participating in any Futsal Provincial Cup Qualifier matches for the current playing season.

- ii. Performance Bonds must be on file with BC Soccer by December 1.
- iii. If the bond is depleted during cup play, the club must forthwith replenish the bond.
- iv. Interest will not be paid on bond deposits.
- v. It is the responsibility of all leagues to ensure that its affiliated teams fulfill their commitments once they have entered either League or Provincial Championships up to the time a Provincial Champion is declared, and the Canada Soccer Futsal Club Nationals is complete.
- vi. It is the responsibility of league to ensure that its member teams fulfill their commitments once they have entered the Provincial Championships up to the time a Provincial Cup Champion is declared, and the National Club Championship is held.
- vii. BC Soccer's Competitions Committee may place any additional bonds on teams as specified within these rules for just cause as they see fit.

**b. Team Allocation**

- i. Provincial Cup allocations will be determined by the Competitions Committee following the qualification process and number of requested spots submitted by each participant league by November 1<sup>st</sup> of the year preceding the Provincial Championship
- ii. Leagues must confirm they will fulfill their allocations by November 25.
- iii. A league will lose a berth in a Provincial competition if a team from that league withdrew from that competition past the allocation declaration deadline without a replacement team in place and a fine may be issued.
- iv. Team names are to remain as they are declared on the team roster forms.

**c. Coaching Qualifications**

- i. A Head Coach must, at a minimum, hold a valid "Soccer for Life" Coaching License.
- ii. Teams failing to meet this qualification will forfeit the match.
- iii. A qualified team official must be present on each match day.

**d. League Qualifying Competitions**

- i. All team entries to a BC Soccer Provincial Cup Competition must have been received by no later than December 1.
- ii. Each League shall determine their own qualifying processes into the Provincial Championship to fill their yearly allocations.
- iii. All league qualifiers must be completed by February 1. League qualifiers held after this date may result in a fine and/or disqualification from the competition at the discretion of the BC Soccer Competitions Committee.

**3) Player Eligibility**

**a. Registration**

- i. No player shall be allowed to play for more than one team in any one



Futsal Provincial Cup competition or qualifier under the jurisdiction of this Association in one competition season.

- ii. Players are registered to the age category and calibre of competition that they have competed in/declared for during the current season.
- iii. Only players properly registered for the current season with a League in Membership shall be eligible to compete in the Competition. Each player on the final submitted roster must be a resident of British Columbia and shall be either:
  1. A Canadian Citizen; or
  2. A Permanent Resident (as defined by the Government of Canada);
  3. A Protected Person (as defined by the Government of Canada).
- iv. No team entering a Futsal Provincial Cup competition may register a new player after January 15 of the current playing season.
- v. Any team proven to have played an ineligible player shall be disqualified from further participation in the competition and subject to fines and discipline.
- vi. Teams may permit a maximum of three (3) players to replace players registered with the Team (Roster) who are unable to take part in a Provincial Championship match.
- vii. Teams may only permit players that have participated in a minimum of four (4) matches on permit for that same team, during the current playing season.
- viii. Teams may not release a player from their roster to make room for a permitted player.
- ix. Any disciplinary action applied while playing in a match under permit shall apply to all future matches of the team for which the player is registered and shall be handled in accordance with BC Soccer Discipline, Complaints and Appeals Procedures.
- x. A copy of the discipline decision shall be forwarded to the Member League where the player is registered and to the team official of the team to which the player is registered.

**b. Declarations/Entry Forms**

- i. Each League is required to submit entry forms and payment to BC Soccer on behalf of their respective teams no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>. This date is to be determined annually.
- ii. Any League that does not submit entry forms to BC Soccer on behalf of their respective teams will be fined \$250 per team that was not received.

**c. Age**

- i. Futsal Provincial Men's and Women's competitions are for Open Age players who are currently competing in BC Soccer member Adult Futsal Leagues.

**d. ID Cards**



- i. All players and team officials will be required to upload player/official photos into the competition management system which will be checked by the referee before each match.
- ii. Electronic forms of ID cards must be officially validated by the league the team participates in.

#### 4) **Team Rules**

##### a. **Roster**

- i. A complete Futsal Provincial Cup Roster must be submitted with uniform colours specified and players clearly identified by uniform number. These roster submissions must be verified on COMET by league officials and are due to BC Soccer no later than February 1.
- ii. A minimum of ten (10) and a maximum of eighteen (18) players may be entered on each Futsal Provincial Championships roster. Players may not be changed after the submission of the Futsal Provincial Cup Roster.
- iii. Teams may dress a maximum of fourteen (14) players at each match.
- iv. Only players listed on the match day Provincial Cup Match Roster on the BC Soccer Competitions Management System for the match in question are eligible to be seated on the team bench or in the team technical area.

##### b. **Team Officials**

- i. A team roster can include a maximum of four (4) team officials. Only team officials listed on the team roster on COMET are eligible to be seated on the team bench and technical area during the match.
- ii. One (1) member of the team officials must be the same gender as the team. This team official must always be present on the bench and in the change rooms. This team official cannot be a player.

##### c. **Uniforms**

- i. Teams participating in Provincial Championships are required to have two sets of uniforms (including socks and shorts) of different colours to avoid colour conflict.
- ii. Unless a conflict is identified by the Match Officials and a change is required, uniforms allocated by BC Soccer no less than 24 hours before each match must be used.
- iii. Where the uniform colours of competing teams are similar, the home team must change.
- iv. Goalkeepers must wear colours that distinguish them from the other players and the officials.
- v. In case of conflicts, the Match official shall determine any changes.

##### d. **Meetings**

- i. All teams must have at least one team official attend a pre-competition meeting, if applicable. Failure to attend will result in



a fine.

**e. Events and Ceremonies**

- i. If there are any social, civic and official functions associated with the competition all teams must attend. Each team must also have in attendance one (1) team official from those listed on the Team Roster. Failure to attend an official function will result in a fine.

**5) Game Rules**

**a. Laws of the Game**

- i. All matches are to be played in accordance with Futsal Laws of the Game published by FIFA.

**b. Substitutions**

- i. During the match, substitutes must wear bibs of a different colour than the players on the pitch. Coaches and team staff must also wear a colour different from the colours of the players on the pitch.

**c. Duration of Play**

- i. Each match shall last forty (40) minutes, comprising of two periods of twenty (20) minutes with an interval of fifteen (15) minutes in between. Matches will be played with stoppage time. Time shall be kept by the Timekeeper who will be positioned at the timekeepers table situated at the halfway line.
- ii. Teams will be afforded a thirty (30) minute warm up period on the pitch before each match, subject to the condition of the pitch. The General Coordinator/Assistant General Coordinator will monitor the warmup period and teams abusing the privilege will be subject to sanction. If the warm- up sessions would negatively affect the state of the pitch for the match, or if the pitch is to be used for ceremonies related to the Competitions, BC Soccer may shorten or cancel the warm-up session.
- iii. The teams are entitled to one (1) one-minute time-out in each period.

**6) Competition Rules**

**a. Scheduling**

- i. After the Futsal Provincial Championship Draw, the top team listed on the official bracket is deemed the Home Team

**b. Format - Men's**

- i. The competition is organized as a three (3) team round robin in a single (1) day tournament
- ii. Any match that is tied after regulation time will proceed to a penalty shootout in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game.
- iii. Three (3) points will be awarded for a win (in regulation time), one (1) point will be awarded to each team for a draw, and one (1) additional point will



- be awarded for the winner of a penalty shootout;
- iv. Standings will be determined by points won at the completion of the round robin.
  - v. The following criteria will be used to determine the final standings:
    1. Greater number of points across all matches
  - vi. If two (2) teams are tied on points after all matches concerned, then:
    1. Greater number of points in the match between the teams concerned (head-to-head competition);
    2. Greater goal differential in all group matches (goals scored minus goals conceded);
    3. Greater number of goals scored in all group matches;
    4. Drawing of lots to determine ranking.
  - vii. If three (3) teams are tied on points after all group matches, then only the following tie-breaking scenario will be used to rank those teams:
    1. Greater goal differential in matches concerned between the three (3) teams tied on points (goals scored minus goals conceded);
    2. Greater number of goals scored in all matches concerned between the three (3) teams;
    3. Drawing of lots to determine ranking.
  - viii. Team representatives will be required to attend a Pre-Competition Meeting. Details of said meeting will be provided to each team no later than one week prior to the date the Competition is due to commence.
  - ix. Provincial Championship Format may be revised upon review of 'Open Call for Expression of Interests.

**c. Format- Women's**

- i. The competition is organized as a best of one (1) match
- ii. If the two (2) teams are tied at the conclusion of the match, the winner will be determined by kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game.
- iii. Team representatives will be required to attend a Pre-Competition Meeting. Details of said meeting will be provided to each team no later than one (1) week prior to the date the Competition is due to commence.
- iv. Provincial Championship Format may be revised upon review of 'Open Call for Expression of Interests'



**d. Pitch, Stadia, Balls**

- i. BC Soccer shall ensure that the venue and its facilities in which the matches are to take place fulfill FIFA requirements and comply with the standards of safety and security required for hosting matches. The pitch and the ancillary equipment shall comply with the provisions stipulated in the Futsal Laws of the Game. The pitch and the facilities shall be in optimum condition.
- ii. The Organizing/Host Committee for the Competition shall guarantee that the pitch complies with the Futsal Laws of the Game. This shall be subject to the approval of the appointed BC Soccer representative and the Match Officials.
- iii. The match balls for the Competition shall be supplied by BC Soccer. All balls that may be used are to be provided to the Referee one (1) hour before kick-off for inspection.
- iv. A scoreboard may be provided by the Organizing/Host Committee for the Competition in the venue to display remaining time in the period, score, foul count, and period. This scoreboard must be able to be controlled by the Timekeeper situated at the halfway line on the pitch, if applicable.

**e. Official Match Reports**

- i. The Provincial Cup Match Report/Roster on BC Soccer's competition management system (COMET) is the official record of each Provincial Cup match. A match is not finalized until confirmed on the competition management system.
- ii. It is the referee's responsibility to finalize the completed Match Report/Roster forms on *COMET* for each team and each match within 12 hours of the completion of the match.
- iii. If a team fails to complete or produce the appropriate *COMET* submissions for a match, it may result in a fine and/or disqualification from the competition at the discretion of the Competitions Committee.

**7) Discipline**

- a. Any disciplinary offence during Provincial Cup play will be handled as required by the Judicial Chair of BC Soccer. Team officials will be notified if a player is required to appear before a BC Soccer Judicial Panel for a hearing.
- b. For simple match related offences, automatic sanctions will be sent to the team and individual based on the referee report, and the Judicial Code & Policies of BC Soccer. Individuals always have the right to request an in-person hearing for any offence or sanction. In this case the result of the hearing will override the automatic sanction.



- c. Suspended Players**
  - i. Suspensions carried over from league play do not apply to Provincial Cup matches. However, if the suspension is from All Futsal related activity, this will carry over to Provincial Cup matches.
  - ii. For match related offences, any suspensions must be served during the player's next Provincial Cup match or primary season league match, whichever comes first.
  - iii. Suspended players may not sit on the bench or be present in the technical area while serving a suspension.
  
- d. Red Cards**
  - i. Expulsion or Red Cards during Provincial Cup play shall result in an automatic one (1) match suspension and additional matches if warranted based on the Judicial Code & Policies of BC Soccer. At BC Soccer or the accused request, a disciplinary hearing will be conducted.
  
- e. Cautions**
  - i. If applicable, Cautions (Yellow Cards) received during all rounds of the Futsal Provincial Championship Competition will accumulate and apply during that competition only and are as follows:
    - 1. Two (2) cautions (Yellow Cards) in one match is cause for dismissal plus an automatic one (1) match suspension.
    - 2. Accumulation of further cautions (Yellow Cards) is cause for performance review and additional disciplinary action as determined by the Judicial Chair of BC Soccer.
  
- 8) Administration of the Competition**
  - a. Travel Assistance**
    - i. All teams travelling between the Greater Vancouver Region and Vancouver Island or Interior for Provincial Cup matches and Finals are eligible for a travel grant of \$500.00 per team for every eligible Provincial Championship match a team participates in.
    - ii. Travel grants will be paid to the team's league upon completion of the Provincial Championship.
  
  - b. Protests**
    - i. For the purpose of these Regulations, protests or objections of any kind related to events or matters that have a direct effect on matches, including but not limited to the state of and markings on the pitch, accessory match equipment, eligibility of players, facilities, and equipment.
    - ii. Any protest arising out of any match must be made in writing to the BC Representative appointed to the competition within 1 hour of the



match report having been finalized online.

- iii. The protest fee for any match is \$250.00.
- iv. If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the BC Soccer Representative may impose a sanction.
- v. The referee's decision regarding facts connected with play, including whether or not a goal is scored and the result of the match, are final. There can be no protests against a decision of the referees as outlined in the Laws of The Game.
- vi. Protests or challenges in respect to player eligibility not ruled upon, or requiring further investigation, will be dealt with by the appropriate BC Soccer Judicial Committee and may result in the overall standings or results being amended.
- vii. After the completion of the Provincial Championships, any protest in regard to player eligibility already ruled on by the appropriate authority, will not change the results of the Competition.
- viii. If any of the formal conditions of a protest as set out in these Regulations is not met, such protests shall be disregarded by the competent body. Once the final match in the respective Provincial Championship has ended, no further protests under this article will be received.
- ix. All protest decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

**c. BC Soccer Match Commissioner**

- i. BC Soccer will appoint one (1) Match Commissioner to act on BC Soccer's behalf for each final match of the Provincial Cup Finals.

**d. Trophies**

- i. Annual trophies presented to teams at the Provincial Championship are the property of BC Soccer and are not to be kept after the medal ceremony.
- ii. Gold medal winning teams will receive a 'keeper trophy'.

**9) National Championships**

**a. Club Nationals**

- i. Men's and Women's Futsal Provincial Cup Champions qualify for the Canada Soccer Club Nationals held each year.
- ii. Teams must notify BC Soccer within two (2) days of winning Provincials if the team cannot meet its commitment to attend a Canada Soccer competition.
- iii. It is the responsibility of all Futsal leagues to ensure that its member teams fulfill all Championship commitments once they have entered Provincial Championships up to the time a Provincial Champion is declared, and the Canadian Futsal Club Championship is held.
- iv. It is also a league's duty to monitor the progress of any member team(s) which qualifies as a result of their victory in the Provincial Championship for the Canadian Futsal Club Championships. Teams failing to attend a



National competition will be fined.

- v. Competition details shall be released and communicated annually by both BC Soccer and Canada Soccer.

**10) Competition Location and Schedule Information**

- a. Schedule and location of the Provincial Championship Finals is to be determined on an annual basis by the Competitions Committee.



## Appendix 1: Schedule of Fines

This section provides an outline of some general infractions that may be dealt with by the BC Soccer Competitions Committee, made up of no less than 3 persons or an adjudicating body appointed by the Committee. This section does not cover all instances in which a fine may be assessed, or a bond imposed upon a player, team, team official or spectator for a violation of the BC Soccer Rules and Regulations. BC Soccer reserves the right to independently review each situation and use their discretion regarding all fines listed below.

1. A League fails to fulfill berth allocation by the deadline  
Penalty: \$1,000 fine.
2. Team fails to appear for a scheduled match without just cause  
Penalty: Forfeiture of the match, up to \$1,500.00 fine, plus field and match official costs
3. A Team fails to comply with all pre-match requirements without just cause, including line-up submissions  
Penalty: \$100.00
4. Failure to return a trophy after awards presentation  
Penalty: \$500.00, plus the cost of replacing the trophy (if necessary).
5. Team fails to commence a match or withdraws from the match after it has started  
Penalty: Forfeiture of the match, \$1,500.00 fine plus field and match official costs
6. Team or teams held to be at fault for abandonment of a match  
Penalty: Forfeiture of the match, up to \$1,500.00 fine plus field and match official costs.  
May be referred to the Judicial Chair of BC Soccer.
7. Team fails to send a representative to pre-competition meeting  
Penalty: \$200.00 fine
8. Team fails to have a team official with sufficient coaching qualifications  
Penalty: \$100.00 fine
9. Team fails to provide a team competition roster by the deadline  
Penalty: Each league is fined \$100 per team found in non-compliance
10. Breach of competition regulations  
Penalty: \$100.00 fine
11. Team is at fault for losing or damaging an Annual Provincial Cup trophy.  
Penalty: The cost of the repairs, or to replace the trophy, whichever is less.
12. Team fails to fulfill Provincial or Club National commitment  
Penalty: \$3,500.00, plus the CSA fines that are assessed to BC Soccer



## Appendix 2: 2026 Key Dates

Date	Item
November 1, 2025	Leagues to submit expression of interest, qualification process and berth allocations requests submitted to BC Soccer
November 15, 2025	BC Soccer to announce berth allocations
November 25, 2025	Leagues must confirm fulfillment of berth allocations
December 1, 2025	League Entry Forms, Performance Bond, Team Declarations and payments due
January 15, 2026	New Player Registration Deadline
February 1, 2026	League qualifiers must be complete and reported to BC Soccer
February 1, 2026	Provincial Championship team rosters due
March 7, 2026	Provincial Championship