



Cornwall County FA

The Pokémon Futsal Youth Cup

Competition Rules 2022/23

Pitch - Futsal is played on a marked pitch and the ball can go out of play.

Head Height - There are no height restrictions.

Ball - A Futsal ball will be supplied.

Equipment - All players must wear shin pads and trainers (non-marking shoes). Any player without the correct equipment will not be allowed to play.

Eligibility and Number of Players - It is crucial that you adhere to the following eligibility criteria as any teams that qualify for the Regional and then National finals but do not meet the criteria will be removed from the competition:

- All categories are open to football clubs affiliated to Cornwall FA only.

Player age qualification is as follows:

Category	School Years
Under 10's	4 & 5
Under 12's	6 & 7
Under 14's	8 & 9
Under 16's	10 & 11

The competition is open to boys/mixed and girls teams at U10, U12, U14 and U16 age groups. As per FA regulations for this competition, players may not play outside of their age banding as these strands allow sufficient scope of competitions to provide for all.

All sections will play 5v5 - one player shall be the Goalkeeper. A squad of up to 14 players may be used in the Regional/National competition (Registered Club Players).

Substitutions - up to 14 players can be used in one match and there is no limit on how long a player must stay on or off the pitch. Players must enter and leave the field of play from in front of their respective team's bench/gates.

Kick In - In order to restart the game, the ball is kicked back into play from the touchline and from corners. The ball must be placed stationary on the touchline.



Four Second Rule - For kick ins, free kicks, goal clearances and corner kicks; the player in possession of the ball has four seconds to restart play, which the referee will count with their fingers in the air. If play isn't restarted within four seconds an indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team. The goalkeeper is not allowed to control the ball for more than four seconds in their own half.

Five Metre Rule - Players are required to keep 5m from the player in possession of the ball on free kicks, corners, goal clearances, kick ins and penalties.

Goalkeepers - Goalkeepers are allowed to come out of and players are allowed to go into the penalty area.

Goal Kicks and Back Passes - A goal clearance must be thrown out and the goalkeeper cannot touch the ball again, unless a member of the opposition has touched the ball, the ball has left the field of play since the goalkeeper last touched the ball or the goalkeeper is in the opponent's half.

Sliding Tackles – are not permitted unless to keep the ball in play.

Accumulated Fouls - Each team will be allowed to give away five direct free kicks in each game, then on the sixth foul (and all subsequent direct fouls in that half) a direct kick will be awarded to the opposing team and the defending team is not allowed to position any players (other than the goalkeeper) between the ball and the goal. The kick may be taken from the 10m mark or, if the foul was committed closer to the goal than the 10m mark, then the kick may be taken from the position where the foul took place.

Duration of Game for Festival - All matches will be played with a running clock whereby the clock will not be stopped whenever the ball out of play. The duration of the match will be determined by the age group schedule.

Determining Places - At all competition pathway stages prior the Final match a mini-league principle will be applied. Mini-league winners will be decided by:

- i. Points attained, if teams are equal on points then by;
- ii. Goal difference, if teams are still equal then by;
- iii. Goals scored, if teams are still equal then by the;
- iv. Head to head results, and if that result was a draw then by the;
- v. Drawing of lots, under the control of the LQC Competition Director

Please note – Due to the duration of the day, quick turnarounds are essential, please ensure your team is waiting to enter the field of play once the previous game has finished. Benches are provided for competing teams (pitch side).

Due to site constraints no spectators are allowed in the hall. No one is permitted within the hall other than Coaches registered with that team and Players.

Team Managers are responsible for this arrangement and conduct of their club members and supporters.