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2019 Northwestel Futsal Championships *Tournament Details - Advance*

1. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

1. U7 - Jamboree Style

The U7 age group is jamboree style based on the Long-Term Player Development (LTPD) model of the Canadian Soccer Association. This Division will have no standings, medals or playoffs/finals to ensure the experience emphasizes fun for this age group.

2. U9 and Older – Recreational Division

The main tournament is targeted at the youth recreational level of futsal, as calibrated by the WFC league teams and community teams. Community teams will communicate in advance and flexibility will be applied to place these teams in appropriate age divisions by age and/or ability to provide meaningful games and competition for all.

Gold, silver and bronze teams in age divisions U9 and older will receive medals.

3. U9 and Older – Development Division

Performance/selective teams are encouraged to participate in the championships to showcase the full spectrum of futsal in Yukon. If interest is sufficient a competitive format will be developed, balancing age, gender and skill of teams if required. Community teams may enter this division in addition to the Recreational Division.

If team's interest or ability is insufficient to formulate a full competitive format, teams are encouraged to participate in exhibition games as can be arranged.

2. TEAM COMPOSITION

Games are 5-a-side including the goalkeeper, with unlimited substitutions. Team rosters may be up to 12 players for U9 and younger and up to 11 players for U11 and older. Coaches should be playing players with equal playing time regardless of ability. Unlimited underage (by 1 year) players are allowed and community teams are allowed up to 1 overage player per team.

Upon advance application only, in special circumstances of low community age group registration, players of the opposite gender and other exceptions such as a second overage player may be allowed if required for teams to be formed.

3. PLAYING RULES

This competition will be conducted under the most recent Futsal Laws of the Game produced by FIFA and modified by the following rules.

Time

All games are 30 minutes running time comprised of two 15-minute halves. U9 and under age divisions at the Canada Games Centre do not change ends.

All games will be allocated a 45-minute timeslot. When games are running to schedule, teams will have 5 minutes warm up time, referees will provide a 5-minute half time and teams are given 5 minutes to leave the field after the game. If games are behind schedule, time reductions are made in this order only:

1. Post-game time allowance
2. Half time
3. Warm up time
4. Game time (only upon instruction of Tournament Marshal)

Field Size

U13 and above age division games played at Vanier School will use the basketball court dimensions of 28x15m, noting that this is smaller than standard international Futsal dimensions of 40 x 20m. The same sized nets will be used while games are being played at Vanier.

U11 age division will play at the Canada Games Centre or at Yukon College if necessary. While at Canada Games U11 will use half the field while on the field house. The same sized nets will be used while games are being played at any of the facilities.

U7 and U9 age divisions will play at the Canada Games Centre or at Yukon College if necessary and play on field dimensions using one-third of the Fieldhouse or Flexihall, or using half the gym each while at Yukon College. The same sized nets will be used while games are being played at any of the facilities.

Retreat Line

U9 and younger will be subject to a Retreat Line. The Retreat Line is to allow younger players to learn and gain confidence in how to play the ball out from the back and play forward to attack, as opposed to the goalkeeper sending the ball down the field.

When the goalkeeper has the ball in hand, the opposing team is required to drop behind the Retreat Line. The Retreat Line will be the center line of the field where kick off takes place. While using their hands, the goalkeeper shall then roll-pass the ball to a teammate behind the Retreat Line without the pressure of an opposing player nearby. Once a teammate has touched the ball, the play resumes as normal and the opposing team can attack past the Retreat Line.

4. POINT SCORING DURING ROUND ROBIN PLAY

Win = 3 points

Tie = 2 points

Loss = 1 point

The referee of each match shall report the score immediately after the game to the event kiosk. The kiosk attendant will fill in the scoreboard.

All forfeit games will be recorded as a 3-0 victory for the winning team.

5. EXCESSIVE SCORING

In games where one team wins by more than 6 goals, that team will be credited with a 6-goal victory. For example if a team wins 13 -2, that result will be recorded as 8-2 and the 6 goal differential would be used when calculating tie- breakers where necessary.

6. BREAKING TIES AFTER ROUND-ROBIN PLAY TO DETERMINE STANDINGS FOR PLAYOFFS

1. Results between tied teams - winner places higher.
2. Team with the most wins.
3. Goal Differential (goals FOR minus goals AGAINST).
4. Least goals against.
5. Coin toss.

7. BREAKING TIES IN SEMI-FINALS OR FINALS FOR ALL DIVISIONS ABOVE U7

A shoot-out will determine the winner. Three players from each team will shoot penalties at the appropriate penalty mark indicated by the Referee. The Referee will also indicate which goal will be used. The winner of the coin toss chooses to shoot first or second. If after each team's three kicks taken and the score is still tied, teams will alternate penalty kicks using different players than the original 3 kickers. Each team continues to shoot until one team has scored more goals than the other with both teams having taken the same number of kicks. The three players used for the initial shootout cannot take a second kick until all players, including goalkeeper, from each team have taken a penalty kick. If one team possesses more players than the other team - the team with extra players only allow the same number of players as the opposite team to take kicks and must identify the player(s) to the match official.

8. PLAYOFFS

The top four teams will advance to semi-finals. A bronze medal game will be played by the defeated semi-finalists.

9. PROPER SOCCER ATTIRE

All players must wear the appropriate colour shirt or pinnie for their team. Casts and jewelry are not permitted. Jeans, jean shorts, or pants/shorts with metal buttons or straps hanging, or any street clothing is not allowed to be worn during games.

Shin guards are mandatory. Coaches/teams are responsible supply their own shin guards. Players must wear indoor or turf soccer or running shoes. Outdoor soccer shoes with cleats are not allowed.

The Referee makes the final decision whether or not a player can play.

10. CODE OF CONDUCT

YSA has a Zero Tolerance Policy as regards to harassment and abuse as defined below.

Coaches, parents and family, caregivers, and supervisors, must consistently demonstrate the spirit of fair play, sport leadership, and ethical conduct. Coaches are to show appreciation to all competitors, and to other coaches and officials, and other volunteers who give their time to futsal in Yukon.

Parents and others are NOT to approach, harass or abuse any of the Referees, Coaches, Parents, players or other persons in any way. If a Parent or other is harassing or abusing any person, the Referee may ask the Coach to speak with the offending person. If the harassment or abuse continues, the Referee may abandon the game, reporting the incident accordingly to the Tournament Marshall. If the game is abandoned, the offending team loses by default.

Violations of the Zero Tolerance Policy should be reported immediately to the Tournament Marshall and designated Tournament Officials by the victim(s) and/or by those close to them (a parent, a teammate, a coach etc.).

Coaches, parents and any spectator are reminded:

1. **Verbal Abuse** – Verbal abuse includes remarks that are rude or threatening in nature and that tend to demoralize or demean another person. Words that degrade another person constitute a form of verbal abuse and includes racial or ethnic insults. All complaints of verbal abuse will be investigated by the Tournament Marshall and designated Tournament Officials. Officials *may* report an incident to police with the consent of the victim or, in the case of a minor, a parent.
2. **Physical Abuse** – Physical abuse refers to inappropriate behaviour such as punching, pushing, slapping, kicking, spitting or pinching another individual. All complaints of physical abuse will be investigated by the Tournament Marshall and designated Tournament Officials. Officials *may* report an incident to police with the consent of the victim or, in the case of a minor, a parent.
3. **Emotional Abuse** – Emotional abuse signifies the lack of sensitivity on the part of anyone associated with YSA tournaments. In particular, Club officials (Board members, coaches, and managers) should be aware of the power that is inherent in such positions and strive for sensitivity in dealing with individuals in positions of supervision (players, volunteers) and with parents. Emotional abuse includes racial, physical or ethnic insults. All complaints of emotional abuse will be investigated by the Tournament Marshall and or designated Tournament Officials.

11. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Referees will uphold the time guidelines, supported by the Tournament Marshal, and the designated Tournament Officials.

All coaches are required to read and understand the Coach email prior to the first game. All coaches are reminded to respect the decisions of the Referees, the Head Referee, the Tournament Marshal, and the designated Tournament Officials. Coaches are to encourage athletes to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.

If a Coach feels the Referee is calling a game in such a way that the safety of the children is in jeopardy, the Coach should abandon the game, noting the reason on the game sheet. The result should be forwarded to the Tournament Marshall who under their direction may convene a Discipline Committee and will review any incident of a Coach abandoning a game in this manner. If the Coach's actions are found to be without merit, the abandoning team will forfeit the game in question.

Questions and concerns on all disputes should be directed to the designated Tournament Officials who will report the concern to the Tournament Marshal or, in their absence if necessary, appropriate YSA personnel.

APPENDIX

Expected Divisions and Entries (as of October 24, 2018)

1. U7 - Jamboree Style

U7 Mixed 2012 and younger (WFC expects 8 teams)

2. U9 and Older – Recreational Division

U9 Boys & Girls	2010/2011	(WFC expects 5 in boys & 3 in girls)
U11 Boys & Girls	2008/2009	(WFC expects 6 in boys & 3 in girls)
U13 Boys	2006/2007	(WFC expects 4 teams)
U16 Boys & Girls	2003 and younger	(WFC expects 4 in girls & 2 in boys)

3. U9 and Older – Development Division

TBD

Many Yukon communities do not have affiliate clubs and are too small to support the formation of teams to enter. YSA will reach out well in advance to schools and/or recreational leaders in these places to promote the tournament and identify if there are enthusiastic and suitable players interested in participating. If so, YSA will work to facilitate their placement with teams from other communities to maximize participation and support of the game throughout Yukon.