



Technical Regulations Futsal (Women)

Sofia, Bulgaria
19 - 29 November 2014

1. EVENTS

Team tournament competition will be conducted for women.

1.1. ICSD World Futsal Championship

The final tournament of the competition counts as the European qualifying tournament for the 2015 ICSD WORLD FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIP (Women) in Bangkok, Thailand. The EDSO will communicate the qualifying details to the nine teams, which have qualified to the final tournament prior to the final draw.

2. PARTICIPANTS

2.1. Age Eligibility

There is no age limit for either male or female athletes to participate at international level in Futsal and the National Federation should obtain parental authorisation and education authorisation for athletes sixteen (16) years and under in the same year as the Competition.

2.2. Eligibility of Deafness

Deaf, defined as a hearing loss of at least 55dB pure tone average (PTA) in the better ear (three-tone pure tone average at 500, 1000 and 2000 Hertz, air conduction, ISO 1969 Standard)

2.3. Number of Teams

Each National Federation may enter one (1) team. Participation in the EDSO Competition is limited to a maximum of sixteen (16) women's teams.

Teams (16): Russia Federation (Defending Champion), Belgium, Denmark, England, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, and Turkey. (Spain)

2.4. Number of players

Each team may have a maximum of fourteen (14) players.

2.4.1. Each national federation that qualifies for the final competition shall enter 14 players (at least two (2) of whom shall be goalkeepers) numbered from 1 to 14. The numbers on the back of the shirts shall correspond with the numbers indicated on the official player's list. The number 1 must be worn by Goalkeeper. No number may be used by more than one player.

2.4.2. The list of thirty (30) players (showing the full last name(s), every first name, popular name, date of birth and country) shall be submitted to the Secretariat, using the official form for this purpose, no later than thirty one (31) full days before the opening match in the final competition. Only these 14 players (except in the case of force majeure recognised by the Organising Committee for the EDSO will be permitted to compete in the final competition.

- 2.4.3.** A listed player may only be substituted in the event of serious injury leading up to 24 hours before his team's first match, after EDSO has received a detailed medical assessment in the official languages (English), and only after acceptance and confirmation by the Sports medical Committee that the injury is sufficiently serious to prevent the player from taking part in the competition. The national federation shall then immediately nominate the substitute and inform EDSO accordingly.
- 2.4.4.** 14 players shall be included in the starting list for the match (5 selected players and 9 substitutes.).
- 2.4.5.** The Organising Committee will publish the official lists of 14 players from each country on paper to be handed out to all countries at the first Technical meeting. This information shall include the players' shirt numbers, family names, first names and the names of the team coaches/managers (including background staff).
- 2.4.6.** Any team found guilty of fielding an ineligible or suspended player will forfeit the match. A win and three points and/or a score of 5-0 will be awarded to the opposing team, or greater, depending on the score of the match.

3. REGISTRATION

3.1. Preliminary Registration

The preliminary registrations with an indication of the probable number of teams must be submitted to EDSO Representative no later than **30 June 2013**. [Not less than one (1) year before the competition.]

3.2. Final Entry

The deadline for final registration for team sports is **19 November 2013**. (Not less than three (3) months before the competition.), except for teams still playing in qualifying rounds. Such teams have to confirm their participation immediately after having completed the qualifying rounds. Such submissions will be made via official online registration form or telefax followed by the official registration form.

3.3. Player Registration

The name Registration with the names of each athlete indicating event entered must be submitted to the EDSO Representative no later than **30 July 2014**. [Not less than one (1) month before the competitions.] Such submissions will be made via official online registration form or telefax followed by the official registration form.

3.4.1. The preliminary entries with the names of each athlete indicating event entered must be submitted to the EDSO Representative no later than **19 October 2014**. (Not less than thirty one (31) days before the competition). Such submissions will be made via official online registration form or telefax followed by the official registration form.

3.4.2. The final entries with the names of each athlete indicating event entered must be submitted to the EDSO Representative no later than **10 November 2014**. (Not less than seven (7) days before the competition). Such submissions will be made via official online registration form or telefax followed by the official registration form.

3.4.3. No changes or additional entries will be accepted after **18 November 2014**.

4. COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

4.1. Technical Organisation

EDSO is responsible for the technical organisation of the Futsal competitions.

4.2. Committees

4.2.1 Technical Committee:

The technical committee will be composed of the EDSO Technical Officer and members appointed by the Organising Committee:

Andre Brändel	EDSO Futsal Technical Officer
Guido Zanecchia	EDSO Representative
Valentin Chakarov	Referee Representative
Eli Zaharieva	Sports Liaison Officer
Nikolay Bozev	Deaf Representative

4.2.2 Protest Committee:

The Championship Protest Committee shall consist of:

Guido Zanecchia	EDSO Representative (Chair – NO VOTE RIGHT)
Andre Brändel	EDSO Technical Officer
Valentin Chakarov	Head Referee
Name	UEFA Representative

4.4. Competition Rules

4.3.1. The Futsal competitions will be conducted in accordance with the current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game. In case of disagreement in the interpretation of the Rules and Regulations, the English text shall prevail. Unforeseen incidents not covered by the Rules and Regulations shall be dealt with as follows:

4.3.2. Cases of a general nature will be resolved in accordance with EDSO Regulations, EDSO General Technical Rules and this Futsal Technical Regulations.

4.3.3. Technical questions related to competition rules shall be resolved according to the UEFA Rules and Regulations.

4.3.4. Only athletes who comply with the EDSO Regulations are entitled to take part in the EDSO Futsal competitions.

4.4. Competition Equipment

4.4.1. The Futsal chosen for the preliminary and final competitions shall conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game and bear one of the following three quality standard designations licensed by FIFA: 'FIFA Approved', 'FIFA Inspected' or 'International Match balls Standard'. The competition official match balls shall be SELECT.

4.4.2. The goals and nets will comply with the current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.

4.5. Competition Clothing

4.5.1. Each team shall wear its official colours as identified on the official final entry by **19 August 2014**. If the two teams colours might cause confusion, team A of the official match schedule shall be entitled to wear its official outfit and team B shall use its reserve outfit or, if necessary, a combination of the official and the reserve outfit; EDSO - Technical Committee decides the matter.

Please note that team shirts predominantly of black colour are forbidden, as it may clash with the referee's uniform.

4.5.2. In addition to the official outfit, each team shall have a reserve outfit (reserve colours), which shall also be declared on the final entry form. The colours of the reserve outfit

(shirt, shorts and socks) shall be noticeably different from and contrast with the colours of the official outfit (shirt, shorts and socks). The reserve outfit shall also be taken to every match.

4.5.3. Throughout the final competition, each player shall wear the number allocated to him on the official players' list. The colour of the numbers must contrast clearly with the outfits (light on dark or vice versa) and be legible from a distance for spectators in the stadium and possibly television viewers. These numbers shall be between 25cm 35cm in height in the centre of the back of the shirt, between 10cm and 15cm in height on the front of the shirt in any position at chest level, and between 10cm and 15cm in height in any position on the front of either leg of the shorts.

4.5.4. The national federation's emblem may also be worn as a badge on the shirt.

4.5.5. The manufacturer's authorized trademark may be used once as a graphic logo or name, or graphic logo and name combined (in accordance with the EDSO Regulations).

4.6. Draw

The draw for teams participating in the Group Stage of the Final tournament is to be held on **19 July 2014**, in Sofia, Bulgaria.

4.7. Competition Plan

4.7.1. Group Stage

The participating sixteen (16) teams will be divided into four groups of four (4) teams each. During the preliminary round, each team will play the other teams in its group.

4.7.2. Quarterfinals, Semi-Finals and Classifications

After the Group Stage, the 1st and 2nd placed team of each group shall play quarterfinals: (A1 v B2) (B1 v A2) (C1 v D2) (D1 v C2).

The winners of the quarterfinals will play semi-finals: (A1/B2 v D1/C2) (B1/A2 v C1/D2). The losers of the quarterfinals will play for the 5th to 8th places.

4.7.3. Consolidation Classifications

After the Group Stage, the 3rd and 4th placed team of each group shall play consolidation quarterfinals: (A3 v B4) (B3 v A4) (C3 v D4) (D3 v C4).

The winners of the consolidation quarterfinals will play semi-finals: (A3/B4 v D3/C4) (B3/A4 v C3/D4). The losers of the consolidation quarterfinals will play for the 12th to 16th places.

The teams placed 3rd and 4th in the groups will play for the places 5th to 8th.

4.7.4. Finals

The winners of the semi-finals will play for 1st and 2nd places, the losers of the semi-finals for 3rd and 4th places.

4.7.5. Classification of Teams

1. The system of competition shall be similar to the league system, each team playing a match against each of the other teams in the same group, with three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw and no (0) point for each match lost.
2. Ranking in each group shall be determined as follows:

If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of all the matches in their group, the following criteria are applied, in the order given, to determine their ranking:

- a) higher number of points obtained in the matches among the teams in question;
- b) superior goal difference resulting from the matches among the teams in question;

- c) higher number of goals scored in the matches among the teams in question.
- d) If, after having applied criteria a) to c), teams still have an equal ranking, criteria a) to c) are reapplied to determine their final ranking. If this procedure does not lead to a decision, criteria e) to g) apply:
- e) results of all group matches:
 1. superior goal difference;
 2. higher number of goals scored;
- f) fair play ranking of the teams in question;
- g) Toss of coin by the EDSO Organising Committee (If two teams tied).
- h) Drawing of the lot by the EDSO Organising Committee (If more than 3 teams tied).

4.7.6. If two teams which have the same number of points and the same number of goals scored and conceded play their last group match against each other and are still equal at the end of that match, the rankings of the two teams in question are determined by kicks from the penalty mark, and not by the criteria listed under 4.7.6 a) to g), provided no other teams within the group have the same number of points on completion of all group matches. Should more than two teams have the same number of points, the criteria listed under paragraph 4.7.6 apply. This procedure is only necessary if a ranking of the teams is required to determine the team which qualifies for the quarter-finals.

4.7.7. Each match shall last 40 minutes (two periods of 20 minutes), with an interval as laid down in the current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.

4.7.8. If the result of a match in the quarterfinals, semi-finals or the finals at the end of the prescribed time is a draw, and if extra time must be played, this must always consist of two periods of 5 minutes each, with an interval of 5 minutes at the end of the prescribed time, but not between the periods of extra time. If, with extra time played, the match is still a draw, the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the provisions as laid down in the current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.

4.8. Match Officials

4.8.1. Referees

Allocation of four (4) officials per match (a Lead referee, Assistant referee, third Referee and a Timekeeper) to conduct the matches shall be made by the technical committee. Where possible, referees shall be in possession of an FIFA international referee license valid for 2014. However, referees with National or State accreditation may be used. A copy of all referee's qualification shall be submitted to the EDSO Futsal Technical Officer a minimum of fourteen (14) full days before the first Technical meeting.

4.8.1.1. If the referee or one of his assistants is prevented from carrying out his duties before or during a match as a result of injury, indisposition etc... S/he shall be replaced by the third Referee.

4.8.1.2. At the conclusion of each match, the referee shall fill in an official match report form and he shall hand it over to the tournament Officer of the competition at the venue immediately after the match.

4.8.1.3. On the report form, the referee shall note all occurrences before, during and after the match in as much detail as possible such as:

- a) Misconduct of players, leading to caution or expulsion.
- b) Unsporting behaviour of officials, supporters and any person acting on behalf of a national team.
- c) Any other incidents.

4.8.1.4. All referees and assistant referees shall use a flag (and a whistle at their discretion) to indicate the commencement or restart of play, to stop or delay play due to an infringement or injury, or to indicate that time has expired in the half. The flag is an important tool for the referees along with verbal, body and eye communication.

4.8.2. Appointment

The Organising Committee shall appoint an appropriate number of referees, timekeepers, etc.

4.9. Withdrawal

4.9.1. If a team withdraws after the EDSO Competition have begun or is disqualified during the group matches, the group must continue without this team or a replacement. The matches played by the team concerned will not be taken into consideration and all scores and points earned will be rescinded.

4.9.2. If a team does not report for a match – except in cases of force majeure recognised by the EDSO Organising Committee - or if it refuses to continue to play or leaves the stadium before the end of a match, the team will be considered as having lost. The match and three points will be awarded to its opponents with a score of 5-0 or more if, in the case of an abandoned match, the winning team has already reached a higher score at the time the guilty team leaves the field.

5. VENUES

5.1. Competition Venue

The Futsal events will take place at Arena Armeec (2 pitches) for Group Stage and knockout stages.

5.2. Training Venue

The training venues are available at NSA (1 pitch).

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Competition Schedule

Refer to the competition schedule on the hosting competitions website.
(Website address to be confirmed)

6.2. Training Schedule

Refer to the training schedule on the hosting competitions website.
(Website address to be confirmed)

6.3. Technical Meeting

6.3.1. Date and Location

The Futsal technical meeting will be held on **18 November 2014**.

6.3.2. Attendance

Each participating National Federation may be represented by two (2) officials, of whom at least one (1) must be deaf and, if necessary, an interpreter.

Each National Federation must bring two (2) sets of uniforms to the meeting for review and approval.

7. CONTROL AND SANCTIONS

7.1. Hearing Devices

The use of any hearing aid(s)/amplification or external cochlear implant parts is strictly forbidden from the restricted zone area.

7.1.1. Restricted Zone Area

The restricted zone area is in effect from the time athletes enter on the match zone (pitch) during the warm-up and competition period.

7.1.2. Violation and Penalty

Refer to [Audiogram Regulations](#), *Article 8: VIOLATIONS and PENALTIES*.

Article 8.1.3 is exempt and replace as follow:

If an offending player in the football team wears hearing devices during play, the offending player shall be dismissed from field of play as Red card offence and shall receive automatic one match suspension; substitution shall be replaced after 2 minutes as per *current FIFA Futsal Laws of the Games, Law 3*; the offending team shall continue, until the match is complete. The result of the match shall stand.

If the offence is repeated by the same offending player in the team, the offending player shall be dismissed from field of play as Red card offence and shall receive full tournament suspension and shall have the Accreditation card removed; the offending team shall continue, until the match is complete. The match result shall stand.

If more than one player in the same team is found to have committed an audiogram rule violation at any time during the competition, the team will be subjected to disqualification from the Tournament.

8. PROTESTS

8.1. Procedure for lodging a protest

All sport related protests will be resolved in accordance to the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game and will be managed by the Futsal Protest Committee. Any official protest must be submitted in writing in English on the Official EDSO Protest Form. The form must be given to the EDSO Technical Officer with EURO €50 within sixty (60) minutes after official posted results.

8.1.1. The EDSO Technical Officer will decide whether the protest is sport related eligibility related. The Badminton Protest Committee will review all sport related protests, and the EDSO Executive Committee will review all eligibility protests. The deposit of EURO €50 will be returned to the appellant only if the protest is considered valid.

8.2. Procedures for reviewing a protest

The Futsal Protest Committee will meet in the Technical Officer's office at Arena Armeec at a time decided upon by the chairperson of the committee.

- The EDSO Representative will be the chairperson of the committee.
- The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will be responsible to book the meeting room and interpreters.
- The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will contact all committee members to inform them of the meeting time and location.
- The EDSO Technical Officer will be responsible for liaising with the State Sports Association's Competition Manager.
- The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will be responsible for informing the hosting Deaf Sport Federation and the EDSO Technical Officer will be responsible for informing EDSO Executive Committee about the protest and also the outcome of the protest.

9. CAUTIONS

A yellow caution (yellow card) is a warning from the referee to a player during a match to sanction unsporting behaviour of a serious nature.

A red caution (red card) is a sending off offence from the referee to a player during a match to expel a player from the match.

Two cautions received during the same match incur an expulsion (indirect red card) and, consequently, automatic suspension from the next match.

The two cautions that incurred the red card are wiped clean;

The following incur an automatic suspension from the subsequent match;

- Two yellow cautions received in the same match of the same competition.
- Two yellow cautions received in two different matches of the same competition.
- One yellow caution and one red card received in the same match of the same competition.
- One red card received in the same match of the same competition.

All cautions that incurred an automatic suspension from the next match are wiped clean after suspension.

The Disciplinary Committee (EDSO) may extend the duration of this suspension.

If an abandoned match is to be replayed any caution issued during that match shall be annulled.

If the match is not be replayed, the cautions received by the team responsible for causing the match to be abandoned are upheld and if both teams are responsible then all cautions are upheld.

If a player is guilty of serious unsporting behaviour as defined (direct red card), any other caution he has previously received in the same match is upheld.

A match suspension deprives the player or team official's rights to enter a team's dressing rooms and/or the area immediately surrounding the field of play, and in particular to sit on the substitutes' bench. The suspended player or team official is permitted only to a designated area behind the spectators or outside the stadium.

9.1. Carrying Over Cautions (Yellow card)

One single Cautions received during one competition are not carried over to another competition.

They are, however, carried over from one round to the next round in same competition. All cautions are carried through from the group matches to the knockout stages. The Disciplinary Committee may exceptionally depart from this rule before the start of a particular competition.

In any case, the committee may do this only once in any competition.

9.2. Carrying Over Sending Off offence (Red Card)

One single Sending Off offence (Red Card) received during one competition is carried over to another competition.

They are, however, carried over from one round to the next round in same competition. All cautions are carried through from the group matches to the knockout stages. The Disciplinary Committee may exceptionally depart from this rule before the start of a particular competition.

The following fines have been determined:

- (a) Yellow card €15
- (b) Yellow - red card €30
- (c) Red card €50

The Disciplinary Committee's decision is final.

ANNEXE I: Instructions for the Organisation and Staging of Tournament

This annexe sets out the requirements for hosting a tournament in the EDSO European Deaf Futsal Championship.

For the sake of simplicity, the term host refers to the association hosting a Tournament.

1. CHOICE OF A TOURNAMENT HOST

1. Organising Committee

The host is responsible for setting up a Organising Committee (OC) composed of at least:

- a) Tournament Director (who should not have a leading role with his own team)
- b) 1 Manager for Accommodation
- c) 1 Manager for Transport
- d) 1 Manager Sports Facilities and Match Organisation
- e) 1 Referee Liaison Officer (RLO)
- f) 1 Team Liaison Officer for each visiting team
- g) 1 Medical Officer
- h) 1 Media Officer

Each person may do no more than 2 roles.

The host must ensure that the members of the OC are duly authorised to fulfil their various tasks.

2. Tournament office

A tournament office must be installed in the Sports Hall and/or one of the hotels where the OC and EDSO are staying. This must serve as the tournament's centre point, where any information can be obtained on the tournament itself, on other tournaments, etc. and where the EDSO representatives can carry out administrative work. Consequently, it should be centrally located and easily accessible.

This office should be equipped with a photocopier, fax machine and a telephone, both with international lines, and a high-speed internet connection.

2. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The host is considered as Team 1. Teams 2, 3 and 4 (for Group of four teams) are ranked according to their coefficients. The host is responsible for notifying the other participating teams and the EDSO Futsal administration of all match details (dates, venues, kick-off times and hotel accommodation) by the set deadlines. In match halls without any proper warm-up area, and in the case of two consecutive matches, the organisers must leave at least 2 hours between each kick-off.

The host is requested to provide a sufficient number of training balls to all participating teams which must be the same type as the ones which will be used for the competition matches. All balls must be FIFA-approved balls.

Group formation – final tournament

By means of a draw, the EDSO administration allocates the 16 teams that qualify for the final tournament into four groups (A, B, C, D) of four teams each. The defending champion team will be automatic place as A1.

The four groups are formed as follows:

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
A1	B1	C1	D1
A2	B2	C2	D2
A3	B3	C3	D3
A4	B4	C4	D4

Match system – final tournament

Each team plays each of the other teams in the same group once, according to a league system (three points for a win, one for a draw, none for a defeat). The final tournament group matches are played according to the schedule below. The last two matches in each group must both kick off at the same time. The first-named team is considered as the home team.

	Match day 1	Match day 1	Match day 1
Group A	A1 v A2	A1 v A3	A4 v A1
	A3 v A4	A2 v A4	A2 v A3
Group B	B1 v B2	B1 v B3	B4 v B1
	B3 v B4	B2 v B4	B2 v B3
Group C	C1 v C2	C1 v C3	C4 v C1
	C3 v C4	C2 v C4	C2 v C3
Group D	D1 v D2	D1 v D3	D4 v D1
	D3 v D4	D2 v D4	D2 v D3

1. ACCOMMODATION

All tournament participants must be accommodated in a high standard three star hotels. All hotel rooms must have en-suite bathroom and toilet facilities and adequate wardrobe space. Rooms must be cleaned daily.

1. Rooms for the delegations

The following facilities must be provided and be paid for by the visiting for a maximum of 21 persons per delegation:

- a) Twin rooms for the players (14 players = 7 rooms).
- b) Single or twin rooms for the seven delegation officials (7 rooms) in the same place of accommodation as their team. If possible, each delegation should be accommodated on a different floor.
- c) One room for medical treatment equipped with a massage table.
- d) One room for equipment storage preferably located on the ground floor for ease of access from the car park (unless requested otherwise by the team concerned);
- e) As an alternative solution, a suite can be booked and used as a storage and massage room.
- f) One meeting room for a minimum of 20 persons, equipped with TV/DVD set, overhead projector and flip chart.
- g) A 24-hour laundry service for the match kit of the participating teams (kit which has been worn for matches, i.e. shirts, shorts and socks, but not tracksuits)

2. Rooms for the referees and EDSO representatives

The host is responsible for providing:

- a) Single or twins rooms for the referees, the EDSO representatives and, if applicable, the Tournament Administrator, preferably all on the same floor, separate from the teams.
- b) A 24-hour laundry service for the match kits of the referees (i.e. shirts, shorts and socks but not tracksuits)
- c) High Speed Internet connection

2. MEALS

The host must provide each delegation with three meals per day, served in buffet style. The hotel restaurant must be flexible with regard to the meal times, with timings based on the match and training schedules of the teams in question. The menus must follow sports nutritional guidelines and, in addition, must take into account the special dietary requests of the participating teams.

1. Drinks

The host must ensure that a sufficient supply of still mineral water, juices, soft drinks and tea/coffee is available for the teams, free of charge at meals. In addition, the host must provide each team with a sufficient supply of still mineral water in their bedrooms, at all training sessions and at matches. The participants themselves must pay for all other drinks.

2. Mini-bar and pay TV in the players' rooms

The mini-bar in the players' rooms should be emptied. Pay TV should not be available in the players' rooms.

3. HALLS

Halls must be in good condition in terms of both their playing surface and facilities and fully comply with the current *FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game*. They must conform to the safety and security directives of the competent civil authorities.

In addition to the provisions stipulated in the competition regulations, the following requirements must be met:

General requirements

- The halls must be located within a one-hour bus ride of the team accommodation.
- Pitches must measure at least 38m x 18m.
- The hall should provide a main seating stand at least 150 individual seats.
- The halls must be equipped with two benches at pitch level. Each bench must provide seating room for 21 people in total. These benches must be positioned at least two meters from the touchline and must not pose a risk to the safety of the players. In addition, a table with two seats must be provided between the substitutes' benches.
- One replacement goal must be available in the hall.

- Each hall must provide adequate public first aid and fire-fighting equipment as well as sanitary facilities for both sexes.
- Each hall should be equipped with a public address system including a tape recorder and/or CD player.
- At least one massage table must be provided in each dressing room.
- It should be possible to suspend a minimum of four flags in the interior of the hall.
- A doping control station meeting the requirements of the *WADA Anti-Doping Regulations* must be provided at the hall.
- Halls have to be equipped with an electronic scoreboard

The teams and the referees must be provided with the necessary facilities in order to enable them to take a hot shower after the match.

4. TRAINING SESSIONS

One hall must be made available for the entire duration of the mini tournament, to be shared by one or two teams, which should have the same playing surface as in the match hall. The teams must be given the possibility to use this hall at any time and as often as requested. The training hall can be the same hall as the match hall. In this case, the host must arrange a training schedule, taking the visiting teams' wishes into account as far as possible.

The training hall must be located near the team accommodation. Travel time by bus from a team's accommodation to the training hall must not exceed 20 minutes.

The dressing rooms at the training hall should be of an adequate size, and bathroom and toilet facilities should correspond to normal standards of hygiene.

The host must provide a sufficient number of training balls to the team in question, if so requested. The same type of ball must be provided as for the matches.

The teams are entitled to hold a training session the day before the match in the hall in which the match will be played. The host, in cooperation with the referee and EDSO match delegate, will take the final decision in case of any uncertainty.

5. MATCH ORGANISATION

The following principles apply.

1. Match organisation

Please refer to the competition regulations (Article 12).

A minimum of four ball kids and two floor cleaners should be provided for each match.

Six FIFA-approved match balls should be made available per match.

In case of consecutive matches, and if there is no proper warming-up area, there must be a minimum of 2 hours between kick-off times.

2. Pre-match procedure

The following principles apply.

Day before the match:

Training session for both teams if possible

Matchday:

Arrival at the hall:

- 75' Teams, referees, EDSO match delegate and/or referee observer

Match sheet to be completed and signed by:

- 60' Both teams

Match timetable:

- 50' to -15' Warm-up on the field of play (or in a dedicated area)
- 10' to 7' Teams hand in Player's accreditation card to Referees, before entering.
- 5' Teams enter the field of play and stand in line facing the VIP box (home team on referee team's right)
- 3' Hand-shaking procedure (visiting team starts) and team photos
- 1' Coin toss
- 0' Kick-off (no earlier than 09.00h and no later than 22.00h local time, unless an exception has been granted by the EDSO Futsal TO or Assistant TO).

This timetable may be adapted to take account of the distance between the dressing rooms and the playing field.

Half-time interval:

Maximum 15'

After the final whistle:

Both teams and referees gather in the centre circle, say goodbye to each other, wave goodbye to the spectators and leave the pitch.

9. TRANSPORT

The teams, international referees and EDSO representatives must be welcomed upon their arrival in the host country and transported from their point of arrival to the hotel. They must also be provided with transport from their accommodation to their point of departure on the day they leave.

The host is responsible for providing the vehicles for each team or shared:

The host is responsible for providing the vehicles for the referees and EDSO representatives:

As a rule, the EDSO representatives will travel with the referees.