



## **FUTSAL REGULATION**

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### **1. Organization**

- a. The Sports Department of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Maccabiah will be responsible for the Futsal competitions of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Maccabiah.
- b. The Futsal competitions shall be subject to the Futsal Rules and Regulations of the F.I.F.A., and the English text will be binding.
- c. Participation in the competition is open to any athlete who is in possession of a Participant Card, issued by the Organizing Committee of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Maccabiah and registered the Futsal competitions.
- d. Each country may enter one team only for each of the following competitions:
  - 1) Open Male
  - 2) Open Female
  - 3) Masters 35+ Male
  - 4) Masters 45+ Male.
- e. Each country – except Israel – may enter two teams only for each of the following competitions:
  - 1) U16 Boys (2009-2010)
  - 2) U18 Boys (2007-2008)
- f. Each team may consist of up to 12 certified players. In addition to eligible players, a maximum of three (3) registered coaches for the participating team in the game and a maximum of two (2) medical personnel are allowed to sit on the bench during the game.
- g. Prior to each game, a list containing the names of all eligible players, and which designates the starting 5 players, shall be submitted to the appropriate official. Any player on a team's roster, subject to game eligibility (i.e., discipline sanction, red card, etc.), may play in each game and sit on the team bench.
- h. Each team must bring two sets of game shirts in different colors to each game.

### **2. Venues and Times**

The Sport Department Committee of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Maccabiah will determine the venues and times of the Futsal competitions and teams will be notified accordingly.

### **3. Game Ball**

The games will be played with "FIFA approved" Futsal balls.

### **4. Discipline**

Players will automatically be suspended as follows (no appeal will be allowed):

- a. Receiving a second caution in the same match: the next game.
- b. Receiving a direct sent-off sanction in a match: the next 2 games, except in the following cases, where the suspension will be only for the next game:
  - 1) Denying the opposition, a goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball.
  - 2) Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick.
- c. Being reported by the referee for misconduct after the match: the next 2 games



- d. The number of yellow cards accumulated during the group stage will be reset before the beginning of the knockout matches.

**REMARK:** A player who has been sent off from the pitch must leave the vicinity of the field of play and the technical area and may not sit on the bench.

## 5. **System of Competition**

### **SYSTEM A: With the participation of 3 teams.**

- a. The competitions will be played on a league basis of a double round robin.
- b. The winner of each game will be awarded three points, the loser no points and in case of a draw, each team will be awarded one point.
- c. The ranking shall be determined as follows:
  - 1) Greater number of points obtained.
  - 2) Goal difference in all matches.
  - 3) Greater number of goals scored in all matches.
- d. If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the above three criteria, their place shall be determined as follows:
  - 1) Greater number of points obtained in the matches between the team concerned.
  - 2) Goal difference resulting from the matches between the teams concerned.
  - 3) Greater number of goals scored in the matches between the teams concerned.
  - 4) Drawing lots by the Sports Department.
- e. The first two teams in the league will compete for the title: "22nd Maccabiah Champion".

### **SYSTEM B: With the participation of 4-5 teams.**

- a. The competitions will be played on a league basis of a single round robin.
- b. Teams will be ranked in their groups according to their achievements, as described in SYSTEM A.
- c. The semi-final games will be played on the Cross system, i.e., the team placed 1st plays against the team placed 4th and the team placed 2nd will play against the team placed 3rd.
- d. The two winning teams in the Semi-Finals will play in the Final game for 1st and 2nd places, and the two losing teams in the semi-finals will play for 3rd and 4th places.

### **SYSTEM C: With the participation of 6-7 teams.**

- a. The competitions will be played on a league basis of a single round robin.
- b. Teams will be ranked in their groups according to their achievements, as described in SYSTEM A
- c. The first two teams in the league will compete for the title: "22nd Maccabiah Champion".
- d. The teams placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the league will compete for the bronze medal.
- e. The teams placed 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> will compete for 5<sup>th</sup> place.

### **SYSTEM D: With the participation of 8-12 teams:**

- a. The teams will be divided into 2 groups: The first team in the 21st Maccabiah will head group A. The second team in the 21st Maccabiah will head group B.
- b. The teams placed third and fourth in the 21st Maccabiah will be drawn for second place in the groups. All the other teams will be placed in the groups by a draw.





**REMARK:** If any of the top four (4) seeded teams (according to standings of the 21st Maccabiah) do not participate in the relevant competition at the 22nd Maccabiah, then the vacancy or vacancies will be filled by a draw among the remaining teams in the competition. The rest of the teams will be seeded into the groups by a draw.

- c. In the event that after the draw, one or more teams will not appear and a situation arises whereby a group is short of two teams, the team drawn last will be moved from one group to another.
- d. Each group will play a single round robin, and Teams will be classified in their groups according to their achievements, as described in SYSTEM A.
- e. The semi-final games will be played on the Cross system, i.e., the team placed first in Group A will play against the team placed second in Group B and the team placed second in Group A will play against the team placed first in Group B.
- f. The two winning teams in the semi-finals will play in the final game for 1st and 2nd places, and the two losing teams in the semi-finals will play for 3rd and 4th places.
- g. The teams placed 3rd and 4th in each group will play on the same system for places 5-8.

**SYSTEM E:** With the participation of 13-14 teams

- a. The competitions will be played on a league basis of a single round robin.
- b. The teams will be divided into 2 groups: The first team in the 21st Maccabiah will head group A. The second team in the 21st Maccabiah will head group B.
- c. The teams placed third and fourth in the 21st Maccabiah will be drawn for second place in the groups. All the other teams will be placed in the groups by a draw.

**REMARK:** If any of the top four (4)\* seeded teams (according to standings at the 21st Maccabiah) do not participate in the relevant competition at the 21st Maccabiah, then the vacancy or vacancies will be filled first by moving up the participating seeded teams and then the remaining vacancies of the top four seeded placements will be filled, in order, in accordance with the final standings at the 21st Maccabiah up to 8<sup>th</sup> place. Should there still be any vacancies the places will be filled by a draw among the remaining teams in the competition.

- d. In the event that after the draw, one or more teams will not appear and a situation arises whereby a group is short of two teams, the team drawn last will be moved from one group to another.
- e. Teams will be ranked in their groups according to their achievements, as described in SYSTEM A
- f. The first team in each group the league will compete for the title: "22nd Maccabiah Champion".
- g. The teams in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in each group will compete for the bronze medal.
- h. The teams in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each group will compete for the 5th place.
- i. The teams in 4<sup>th</sup> place in each group will compete for the 7th place.





**SYSTEM F: With the participation of 15 teams:**

The first round will be a one-round league system, and the teams will be placed accordingly in each group as described in SYSTEM A (a + b)

- a. The teams will be divided into 3 groups.
- b. The teams will be divided into 3 groups. Groups A, B and C will consist of 5 teams each.  
Group A: 1st and 6th from the 21st Maccabiah.  
Group B: 2nd and 5th from the 21st Maccabiah.  
Group C: 3rd and 4th from the 21st Maccabiah.

The rest of the teams will be seeded in the groups by a draw.

**REMARK:** If any of the top six (6)\*seeded teams (according to standings at the 21st Maccabiah) do not participate in the relevant competition at the 22nd Maccabiah, then the vacancy or vacancies will be filled first by moving up the participating seeded teams and then the remaining vacancies of the top six seeded placements will be filled, in order, in accordance with the final standings at the 21st Maccabiah up to 8th place. Should there still be any vacancies the places will be filled by a draw among the remaining teams in the competition.

- c. The Quarterfinals will include 8 teams as follows:
  - 1) The winners and runners up of each group (=6), plus the two (2) best 3rd placed teams according to their record as described in System A.
  - 2) The Quarter Finals will be played on a knock-out system to be drawn as follows:  
The winners of Groups A (QF 1), B (QF 2), C (QF 3) and best runner-up (QF 4)\* according to System A (a + b), will each be drawn against the remaining 4 qualifying teams in such a way that they cannot be drawn against a team from the same group.
  - 3) The procedure to be followed is as follows:  
The names of the 3 group winners plus the best runner up will be put in bowl #1 and the remainder in bowl #2. One team is drawn out of bowl #1 and the team(s) in bowl #2 from the same group will be removed and the drawn made. The names of the team(s) removed from bowl #2 will then be replaced and the procedure repeated until all 4 games are drawn.
- d. In the Semi Finals teams will play as follows:
  - 1) Winner Quarter Final 1 – Winner Quarter Final 3
  - 2) Winner Quarter Final 2 – Winner Quarter Final 4
- e. Games for places 1 to 4 will be held as follows:
  - 1) Loser Semi-final 1 – Loser Semi-final 2 for places 3-4.
  - 2) Winner Semi-final 1 – Winner Semi-final 2 in the Final game for places 1-2.
- f. Parallel to the final games, losers in the quarterfinals will play for places 5-8, as described in paragraph (c + d). In the event that a team does not fulfill its play-off game, the game will be awarded to its opponent.



**SYSTEM G: With the participation of 16 or more teams:**

- a. Teams will be divided into 4 groups with the 8 leading teams from the 21st Maccabiah heading the Groups as follows:
  - 1) Group A: 1st and 8th from the 21st Maccabiah.
  - 2) Group B: 2nd and 7th from the 21st Maccabiah.
  - 3) Group C: 3rd and 6th from the 21st Maccabiah.
  - 4) Group D: 4th and 5th from the 21st Maccabiah.

The rest of the teams will be seeded into the groups by a draw.

**REMARK:** In the event that there are vacancies due to the non-participation of any of the top 8 placed teams, the vacancy will be filled by moving up the existing seeded teams and any further vacancies will be filled by open draw.

- b. Competitions will be played on a league basis of a single round robin in each group.
- c. The Quarterfinals will include 8 teams (the two first placed in each group) and will play in a Knockout System as follows:  
1st Group A – 2nd. Group C  
1st Group B – 2nd Group D  
1st Group C – 2nd Group A  
1st Group D – 2nd Group B
- d. In the Semi Finals teams will play as follow:
  - 1) Winner Quarter-final 1 – Winner Quarter-final 2
  - 2) Winner Quarter-final 3 – Winner Quarter-final 4
- e. Games for places 1 to 4 will be held as follows:
  - 1) Loser Semi-final 1 – Loser Semi-final 2 for places 3-4.
  - 2) Winner Semi-final 1 – Winner Semi-final 2 in the Final game for places 1-2.
- f. Parallel to the final games, losers in the quarterfinals will play for places 5-8, as described in paragraph b + c + d. In the event that a team does not fulfil its play-off game, the game will be awarded to its opponent.

**6. Draw**

The draw of the teams in the groups will be a public draw.

**7. Duration of Game**

- a. Each game will last 40 minutes – two periods of 20 minutes (net) with a break of 10 minutes.
- b. In the final stages (Quarterfinals, Semi-finals and Finals), if after 40 minutes a game will end in a draw, extra time – 2 periods of 5 minutes (net) each – will be added. A break of 5 minutes will be given after the 40 minutes, but not between the two periods of the extra time.
- c. If after the extra time the draw still exists, the winner of the game will be decided by a free kick competition from a 6 meters mark. Each team will take five kicks alternately. The team to kick first will be decided by a draw.
- d. If both teams scored the same number of goals after 5 free kicks each, the free kicks would continue until such a time that both teams have kicked the same number of kicks, and one team scored a goal more than the other.





- e. Before the free kicks start, both teams need to agree on an equal number of players that will take part in the free kicks. All the players that listed on the match form are eligible to participate in the free kicks and all of them can take part in the first five free kicks and each kick will be taken by a different player. If the game is still undecided the rest of the players in the list, subject to game eligibility, will take part in the competition as well. A player will be allowed to kick a second time only after all the players in his team, including the goalkeeper, have taken their kicks.
- f. Each player who was actually playing the game when it ended, including the extra time, is allowed to replace the goalkeeper when penalty kicks are taken.

## **8. Referees**

The Sports Department will select a Referees' Committee, which in turn will appoint the referees of the competition.

## **9. General**

- a. These regulations are but one part of the complete 22nd Maccabiah Regulations and must be read along with the instructions found in the Maccabiah Basic Regulations.
- b. In the event of a discrepancy between the Regulations written here and those appearing in the Maccabiah Basic Regulations, the regulations written here will prevail, apply and be binding.

