



Technical Regulations Futsal (Men) Main Round

Montesilvano, Italy
13 – 22 October 2022

Please refer to EDSO General Sports Regulation, where no ruling is stated in this Technical Regulation
Click here [EDSO-General-Sports-Regulations](#)

1. EVENTS

Team tournament competition will be conducted for men.

1.1. EDSO European Futsal Championship

The Main Round of the competition counts as the European qualifying tournament for the 2022 EDSO EUROPEAN FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIP (Men) in Montesilvano, Italy. The EDSO will communicate the qualifying details to the 24 teams, which have qualified to the final tournament prior to the final draw.

1.2. Only 16 teams, including host team, Italy are to qualify to the Final Tournament.

1.3. From each Main Round with 4 participating countries the first 2 will qualify for the Final Tournament. From those Main Round with less participating countries only the number 1 will qualify. The other countries to take part in the Final Tournament will follow from the EDSO-Futsal ranking and only for the countries participating in the Main Rounds.

2. PARTICIPANTS

2.1. Age Eligibility

For the minimum age for the Main Round to be held in 2021 the player must be born before or on 31.12.2005. For the Main Round to be held in 2022 the player must be born before or on 31.12.2006.

The National Federation should obtain parental authorisation and education authorisation for athletes sixteen (16) years and under in the same year as the Main Round.

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)

2.3.0. Number of players

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

2.3.1. Each national federation that qualifies for the Main Round 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.

- 2.3.2.** 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 Main Round. 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 Main Round.
- 2.3.3.** 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.
- 2.3.4.** 14 players shall be included in the starting list for the match (5 selected players and 9 substitutes.).
- 2.3.5.** 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).
- 2.3.6.** 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 (Form 1) with an indication of the probable number of teams must be submitted to EDSO Representative no later than **4 August 2020**. [Not less than one (1) year before the competition.]

3.2. Final Entry

The deadline for final registration (Form 2) for team sports is **4 April 2021**. (Not less than three (3) months before the competition.)

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 one (1) month prior the Main Round. Such submissions will be made via official digital registration.

3.3.0. The preliminary entries with the names of each athlete indicating event entered must be submitted to the EDSO Representative no later than thirty-one (31) days before the Main Round. Such submissions will be made via official digital registration.

3.3.1. The final entries with the names of each athlete indicating event entered must be submitted to the EDSO Representative no later than fourteen (14) days before the Main Round. Such submissions will be made via official digital registration.

3.3.2. No changes or additional entries will be accepted after the commencement of the Main Round.

4. COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

4.1. Technical Organisation

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

4.2. Committee

4.2.1 Technical Committee:

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

Carlo Melfi	EDSO Futsal Technical Director
Luuk Ruinaard	EDSO Director of Football
Andre Brändel	EDSO Football Women Technical Director

4.2.2 Protest Committee:

The Protest Committee shall consist of:

	EDSO Representative
Luuk Ruinaard	EDSO Director of Football
Carlo Melfi	EDSO Futsal Technical Director
Andre Brändel	EDSO Futsal Women Technical Director

4.3. 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 Main Round 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'.

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 one (1) month prior the Main Round. 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.
- 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 Main Round, 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 Main Round is to be held on **22 May 2021**.

4.7. Competition Plan

- 4.7.1. Main Round** If the numbers of the participating team exceed sixteen (16) teams shall take part in Main Round. See Annexe I.

4.7.2. 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 the Main Round, 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).

- 4.7.3.** 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 4.7.2 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 4.7.2 apply.
- 4.7.4.** Each match shall last 40 minutes (two periods of 20 minutes with stoppage time), with an interval 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 of the Main Round 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 the recommend venue by the host of the Main Round.

5.2. Training Venue

The training venues are available at the recommend venue by the host of the Main Round

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Competition Schedule

Refer to the competition schedule on the hosting competitions website.
www.edso.eu

6.2. Training Schedule

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6.3. Technical Meeting

6.3.1. Date and Location

The Futsal technical meeting will be held in office at the recommend venue by the host of the Main Round.

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 as per Article 4.5.1.

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 current 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 €100 within sixty (60) minutes after official posted results.

8.1.1. The EDSO Technical Officer will decide whether the protest is sporting related eligibility related. The Protest Committee will review all sport related protests, and the EDSO Executive Committee will review all eligibility protests. The deposit of EURO €100 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 the recommended venue by the host of the Main Round at a time decided upon by the EDSO Representative or Technical Director.

- 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 to 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 single cautions in the Main Round that have not resulted in a suspension expire on the completion of the Main Round. 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 sending off are carried through from the group matches to the Final Tournament. 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 €20
- (b) Yellow - red card €40
- (c) Red card €70



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ANNEXE I:

MAIN ROUND

Instructions for the Organisation and Staging of Main Rounds as Qualification Stage.

This annex sets out the requirements for hosting a Main Round in the EDSO European Deaf Futsal Championship.

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

If there is any concern in relate to MAIN ROUND Regulation below, please ask EDSO Technical Director or EDSO Representative.

1. CHOICE OF A MAIN ROUND HOST

On the entry form, it is possible for an association to indicate its interest in hosting a Main Round in the qualifying phase. Some specific questions with regard to hosting have been included on the entry form to assist EDSO in its selection of hosts should more associations be interested in hosting a Main Round than there are Main Rounds to allocate.

EDSO representatives may conduct site inspections. In principle, the EDSO Futsal administration will decide on the Main Round hosts before the draw.

If there are more associations interested in hosting a Main Round than there are Main Rounds to allocate, the EDSO Futsal administration will choose hosts according to the following criteria:

1. Quality of the infrastructure (tournament hotel, halls, etc.)
2. Travel distances
3. Promotional concept
4. Previous experience as a host
5. Development of Futsal

If there are fewer associations interested than there are Main Rounds to allocate, the EDSO Futsal administration will designate hosts, applying the same above-mentioned criteria.

Should it not be possible to allocate the Main Round hosts before of the draw, the teams in a given group have to agree, by a set deadline following the draw, which of them will host the Main Round. If the associations cannot agree, the EDSO Futsal administration will conduct a draw to determine the host.

2. CHOICE OF A MAIN ROUND HOST

2.1. Local Organising Committee

The host is responsible for setting up a Local Organising Committee (LOC) 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

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

2.2 Tournament office

A tournament office must be installed in the hotel or one of the hotels where the teams 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.

3. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The host is considered as Team 1. Teams 2, 3 and 4 (for Main Rounds 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.

3.1. Main Round with five teams (Two courts required)

In principle, the five-team Main Round must be organised according to the following schedule.

Day 1:

Arrival of all teams
Arrival of all referees
Arrival of the EDSO representative(s)
Tournament organisational meeting

Day 2:

1st match: Team 1 v 3 and 2 v 4
2nd match: Team 5 v 3 and 2 v 1
3rd match: Team 2 v 5 and 1 v 4

Day 3:

4th match: Team 4 v 3 and 1 v 5
5th match: Team 5 v 4 and 3 v 2

Day 3 or 4:

Departure of all teams
Departure of all referees
Departure of the EDSO representative(s)

3.2. Main Round with four teams

In principle, the four-team Main Round must be organised according to the following schedule.

Day 1:

Arrival of all teams
Arrival of all referees
Arrival of the EDSO representative(s)
Tournament organisational meeting

Day 2:

1st match: Team 1 v 3 and 2 v 4
2nd match: Team 3 v 2 and 1 v 4

Day 3:

3rd match: Team 4 v 3 and 2 v 1

Day 3 or 4:

Departure of all teams
Departure of all referees
Departure of the EDSO representative(s)

3.3. Main Round with three teams

In case EDSO has to form a Main Round with three teams, it must be organised according to the following schedule.

Day 1:

Arrival of all teams
Arrival of all referees
Arrival of the EDSO representative(s)
Organisational meeting

Day 2:

1 match: Team 1 v 3
2 match: Team 3 v 2

Day 3:

3 match: Team 2 v 1
Departure of team 3

Day 3 or 4:

Departure of team 2.
Departure of all referees
Departure of the EDSO representative(s)

3.4. Main Round with one match per day

If ALL teams in the same Main Round agree, there is also the possibility that there is a maximum of one match per day. Otherwise the article no. 3.1, 3.2 or 3.3 stands. The host for Main Round is obliged to inform TD Futsal beforehand.

4. 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.

4.1. 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).

4.2. 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).

5. 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.

5.1. 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.

5.2. 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.

6. 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 38 – 42 m x 20 – 25 m.
- The hall should provide a main seating stand at least 250 individual seats.
 - The halls must be equipped with two benches at pitch level. Each bench must provide seating room for 13 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.

7. TRAINING SESSIONS

One hall must be made available for the entire duration of the MAIN ROUND, to be shared by all four or three 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 60 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.

8. MATCH ORGANISATION

The following principles apply.

8.1. 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.

8.2. 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)

- 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 10.00h 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.