1. See General Regulations Governing Sporting Competitions

2. Futsal is conducted under the rules of Football Victoria unless otherwise stated.

3. **Duration of Games:** Games shall consist of two twenty minute halves with a two minute half time break. The match clock will start at the scheduled commencement time irrespective of whether the two competing teams are ready for a start. Teams are asked to be ready for play at the commencement time.

4. **Team Sizes:** The size of teams shall be:
   Firsts: Five players and three substitutes
   All Other teams: Five players and up to five substitutes

5. **Equipment:** Both teams shall provide for the match a suitable ball for play.

6 **Shin Guards:** Players are required to wear shin guards while playing and will be excluded from play if they do not wear them. It is recommended schools and teams have several spare guards in their competition kit.

7. **Goalkeepers:** Goalkeepers should wear a distinctively different coloured top to differentiate themselves from other team members and their opponents.

8. **Uniforms:** In the fixture of matches, the first named team shall be considered the "home" team and the second named team the "away" team. Where there is a similarity or clash of uniform colours, the "away" team has the onus of wearing an alternate strip or practise bibs. It is recommended all school have a set of bibs in their competition kit.

9. **Levels:** Competition will be conducted at the following levels. Open (Firsts – 5ths), Yrs. 9/10, Yr 8 and Yr7.

10. **Fixtures:** At Firsts level, there should be sufficient rounds to enable all teams to play each other once during the season. Where there is insufficient Saturdays to accomplish this, midweek round(s) will be fixtured.

11. **Goal Throw:** For APS Futsal, the Goalkeeper is not permitted the throw the ball over the two-thirds line of the court (where marked) or a two-thirds length of the court where not marked on a goal throw. Should the goal throw not touch the floor or a player within this two-thirds section of the court, the opposing team will be awarded a free kick from the centre of the court. Coaches are asked to inform officiating referees of this rule prior to the game.

12. **Pass Back:** After a goal throw, the ball may not be passed directly back to the goalkeeper without it having touched another player.

1. **Conduct:** Players, coaches and spectators are reminded of the high standards of both on-court and off-court behaviour expected in APS sport - higher than those found in other forms of sport. Criticism of referees and their decisions is not acceptable in any form. Players should play the game in the best possible spirit.

2. **Results:** Schools are required to enter scores in Clipboard at the conclusion of the match and SMS/phone results through to APS CEO.

15. **Incomplete teams:** A game cannot commence unless a team or teams have a minimum of four players ready to take to the pitch. Where a team has insufficient players to commence a game, they will be penalised a goal for every two minutes the game is delayed. If, at half time, a team still has insufficient players, the game will be abandoned, and a forfeit recorded against the offending team and Regulation 19 applied to the game.
    In keeping with the spirit of APS sport, we would recommend that when teams have insufficient players for a game to commence, that some form of game be conducted by amalgamating teams etc.

16. **Abandoned Games:** If a game having commenced, for any reason, is not able to be completed, the game shall be determined to have been drawn and each team given 1 point.

17. **Forfeits:** If a team forfeits a match, the score for the purpose of the premiership ladder will be 5 to 0 in favour of the non-forfeiting team.

18. **Semi Finals: Semi Finals will be conducted following the conclusion of the regular season**
    a. **Allocation of Premiership Points: Win: 2 points; Draw: 1 point.**
    b. **Should any two or more teams be equal on Premiership Points and played each other, the team winning that fixture shall take precedence, otherwise refer to General Regulation 19 for determination of ladder position.**
    c. Extra Time: In the event of a drawn result at the conclusion of regulation time in the Semi Final match, there will be two periods of additional time played of five (5) minutes each way, plus time on. Teams do not change ends from the last quarter during the first period of additional time. If scores remain level thereafter, the team that finished higher on the ladder at the end of the home and away season will progress to the Grand Final

19. **Grand Finals/Premiership – Extra Time**
    Extra Time: In the event of a drawn result at the conclusion of regulation time in the Grand Final match, there will be two periods of additional time played of five (5) minutes each way, plus time on. Teams do not change ends from the last quarter during the first period of additional time. If scores remain tied at the end of additional time, the Premiership will be shared.

20. **APS Merit Team Selection:**

An APS Futsal Merit team of 7 players, based on results and performance, will be selected annually. The APS Merit Team players will receive an APS Badge and certificate each

Selectors:
2027: BGS & CY
2028: SKC & SC
2029: XC & Caul