



# Community Futsal Referee Program

## Community Futsal Referee Program – Fact Sheet

Football Queensland (FQ) is proud to launch the Community Futsal Referee Program, designed to support and formalise referees across affiliated futsal competitions. This initiative provides a clear and accessible pathway for both new and existing referees to become recognised and registered under FQ guidelines.

### Referee Pathways

- **Existing Referees:**

No longer required to complete the conversion course. Instead, they must complete Football Australia's online Futsal Laws of the Game (LOTG) course to be recognised as FQ Futsal Referees (Level 3), eligible to officiate at both FQ and Community levels.

- **New Community Referees:**

Must complete the online Futsal LOTG course and be assessed by their Competition Manager to become FQ Community Futsal Referees (Level 5), eligible to officiate at Community level only.

- **New FQ Referees:**

Must attend a full in-person Futsal Referee Course to be eligible to officiate at FQ level. These courses are offered periodically and are separate from outdoor referee pathways.

Note: Referees may also attend optional in-person or online courses delivered by Competition Managers or FQ using standardised materials and quizzes.

### Program Features

- Access to Football Australia's online Futsal LOTG course – free, self-paced, and interactive (2–3 hours).
- On-court assessment and endorsement by local Competition Managers.
- Free registration via Squadi, including insurance, Member Protection, and Safeguarding coverage.

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## Steps for Competition Managers

1. Promote the opportunity to become a Community Futsal Referee at your centre.
2. Take Expressions of Interest from interested individuals.
3. Share the online Futsal LOTG course link: <https://bit.ly/3VtgFy1>
4. Schedule and conduct assessments of new referees.
5. Endorse successful candidates.
6. Ensure referees complete their free registration on Squadi: <https://bit.ly/3VxzWhK>
7. Begin appointing registered referees to matches.

## Additional Information

- Competition Managers may deliver their own referee courses using FQ-developed materials and quizzes (fees set locally).
- FQ can also deliver referee courses upon request (fees apply).
- Centres are encouraged to provide referee uniforms branded with your competition and/or the title 'FQ Community Futsal Referee'.

Any questions regarding this program should be directed to [futsal@footballqueensland.com.au](mailto:futsal@footballqueensland.com.au).

Kind Regards,

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