

# Interim Futsal Grading Protocol

**Match Officials Development**

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## Preamble

The goals of the Ontario Soccer Futsal Grading Protocol are to:

- Ensure that grades are meaningful and standardized.
- Provide effective tools to Districts and Assignors.
- Standardize assigning.

It is important to understand that grades are based on Futsal Match Official standards. It is also imperative to understand the Grading Protocol and the requirements for each grade. This document should be reviewed in its entirety.

Ontario Soccer reserves the right to re-evaluate and adjust grading as required. No additional requirements may be mandated by Districts, Clubs, or Organizations without prior approval of Ontario Soccer.

## Timelines to Review Grades

As important as it is to establish requirements for each grade, it is also necessary to ensure that grades are updated within a specific timeframe that allows Futsal Match Officials to meet requirements and prepare for the next developmental stage.

The following timelines will be enforced to review and correctly adjust grades:

1. November 1<sup>st</sup> to November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Adjustment of Futsal 1 and Futsal 2 Match Officials based on registration exam results obtained by October 31<sup>st</sup>.
2. November 1<sup>st</sup> to November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Review of grades based on fitness standards obtained by September 31<sup>st</sup>.
3. February 3<sup>rd</sup> to February 7<sup>th</sup> – Review of grades based on assessment marks obtained by January 30<sup>th</sup>.
4. March 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> – Annual review of grades.

Futsal Match Officials that request an upgrade after October 31<sup>st</sup> deadline:

- The Futsal Match Official must provide a game log for the previous season and their assessment (if required by the grade into which the official is moving).
- Fitness test results will be confirmed by Ontario Soccer staff.

The District Referee Coordinator will have the opportunity to request “Consideration to Decline” if serious circumstances exist. This will be filed on an official form and forwarded to Ontario Soccer staff.

Serious circumstances could include, but are not limited to:

- Returning from injury.
- Official discipline records.
- Reported and tracked Code of Conduct breaches.
- Tracked history of declines, no-shows, or late arrivals.



# Futsal Grades

## Match Officials Development



## Futsal 1

### Overview

Futsal Match Officials in this grade have met the criteria for Futsal 1 accreditation and are eligible to officiate local futsal leagues only. There is a potential opportunity to officiate Regional U13 games.

### Accreditation

Futsal 1 is obtained through accreditation on the Futsal Entry-Level Course.

### Age Requirement

Minimum 14 years old as of April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

### Examination

To obtain Futsal 1, students in the Futsal Entry Level Course are required to achieve at least 80% mark on the course exam.

A Futsal 1 status is maintained if a mark less than 80% is achieved on the annual registration exam.

### Fitness Testing

No fitness testing is required for this grade. Club Head Referees and District Referee Coordinators may implement fitness education.

### History

To obtain Futsal 1, the student is expected to have elementary Futsal experience/knowledge. To maintain Futsal 1, the Futsal Match Official is required to have a minimum of one-year experience as an active Futsal 1 Referee.

### Assessment

No assessments are required for this grade. Mentoring is strongly advised.

To Obtain Grade	
Accreditation	Futsal Entry Level Course.
Age	14 or older as of April 1 <sup>st</sup> of current year.
Examination	Minimum 80% on the Futsal Entry Level Course Exam.
Fitness	Not required.
History	None.
Assessment	Not required.

To Maintain Grade	
Accreditation	Futsal Entry Level Course – Completed in previous year.
Age	15 or older as of April 1 <sup>st</sup> of current year.
Examination	Complete the annual registration exam or by achieving a mark of <80 on the registration exam.
Fitness	Not required.
History	At least 1-year experience as an active Futsal 1 Match Official.
Assessment	Not required.



## Futsal 2

### Overview

Futsal Match Officials in this grade have successfully completed a District Fitness Test and have passed the annual Futsal registration exam with a mark of 80% or higher. Futsal 2 Match Officials are eligible to be assigned to Ontario Cup Youth, Regional and Provincial Leagues.

### Accreditation

Accredited from an Entry Level Course for minimum of 2 years.

### Age Requirement

Minimum 16 years old as of April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

### Examination

To obtain or maintain a Futsal 2 status, Futsal Match Officials must receive a minimum 80% mark on the annual registration exam.

### Fitness Testing

To obtain or maintain Futsal 2 status, Futsal Match Officials must successfully complete a District Fitness Test by October 31<sup>st</sup>. [\(Review Futsal Fitness Test Protocol for requirements\)](#)

### History

Minimum 1 year of experience as an active Futsal 1 Match Official.

### Assessment

No assessment is required for this grade. Mentoring is strongly advised.

To Obtain Grade	
Accreditation	Entry Level Course – completed in previous years.
Age	16 or older as of April 1 <sup>st</sup> of current year.
Examination	Minimum 80% on annual registration exam.
Fitness	Successfully complete a District Fitness Test.
History	At least 1-year experience as an active Futsal 1 Match Official.
Assessment	Not required.

To Maintain Grade	
Accreditation	Entry Level Course – completed in previous years.
Age	17 or older as of April 1 <sup>st</sup> of current year.
Examination	Minimum 80% on annual registration exam.
Fitness	Successfully complete a District Fitness Test.
History	At least 1-year experience as an active Futsal 2 Match Official on competitive games.
Assessment	Not required.



## Futsal 3

### Overview

Futsal Match Officials in this grade have successfully completed a FIFA Futsal Regional HI Test and have passed the annual registration exam with a mark of 80% or higher. Futsal 3 Match Officials are eligible to be assigned Ontario Cup Adult, Provincial Leagues, and National competitions

### Accreditation

Accredited from a Futsal Entry Level Course for minimum of 3 years.

### Age Requirement

Minimum 18 years old as of April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

### Examination

To obtain or maintain a Futsal 3 status, Futsal Match Officials must receive a minimum 80% mark on the annual registration exam.

### Fitness Testing

To obtain or maintain Futsal 3 status, officials must successfully complete a FIFA Futsal Regional HI Test. [\(Review Futsal Fitness Test Protocol for requirements\)](#)

### History

A minimum 2 years of experience as an active Futsal 2 Match Official.

### Assessment

To obtain a Futsal 3, one assessment at or above competency must be completed.

To maintain a Futsal 3, one assessment at or above competency must be completed annually. Eligible assessments must be District competitive or higher.

To Obtain Grade	
Accreditation	Entry Level Course – completed in previous years.
Age	18 or older as of April 1 <sup>st</sup> of current year.
Examination	Minimum 80% on annual registration exam.
Fitness	Successfully complete FIFA Futsal Regional HI Test.
History	Minimum 2-year of experience as an active Futsal 2 Match Official.
Assessment	Complete a District competitive U16 or higher assessment at or above competency.

To Maintain Grade	
Accreditation	Entry Level Course – completed in previous years.
Age	19 or older as of April 1 <sup>st</sup> of current year.
Examination	Minimum 80% on annual registration exam.
Fitness	Successfully complete FIFA Futsal Regional HI Test.
History	At least 1-years experience as an active Futsal 3 Match Official.
Assessment	Complete a Regional assessment or higher at or above competency.



## Futsal 4

### Overview

Futsal Match Officials in this grade have successfully completed a FIFA Futsal Provincial HI Test and have passed the annual registration exam with a mark of 80% or higher. Futsal 4 Match Officials are eligible to be assigned Ontario Cup Adult, Provincial Leagues, National Leagues, and National competitions

### Accreditation

Accredited from an Entry Level Course for minimum of 4 years.

### Age Requirement

Minimum 18 years old as of April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

### Examination

To obtain or maintain a Futsal 4 status, Futsal Match Officials must obtain a minimum 80% mark on the annual registration exam.

### Fitness Testing

To obtain or maintain Futsal 4 status, Futsal Match Officials must successfully complete a FIFA Futsal Provincial HI Test. ([Review Futsal Fitness Test Protocol for requirements](#))

### History

A minimum 1 year of experience as an active Futsal 3 Match Official.

### Assessment

To obtain a Futsal 4, one provincial assessment at or above competency must be completed.

To maintain a Futsal 4, one provincial assessment at or above competency must be completed annually. Eligible assessments must be District competitive or higher.

To Obtain Grade	
Accreditation	Entry Level Course – completed in previous years.
Age	18 or older as of April 1 <sup>st</sup> of current year.
Examination	Minimum 80% on annual registration exam.
Fitness	Successfully complete FIFA Futsal Provincial HI Test.
History	Minimum 2-years of experience as an active Futsal 3 Match Official.
Assessment	Complete a Provincial assessment at or above competency.

To Maintain Grade	
Accreditation	Entry Level Course – completed in previous years.
Age	19 or older as of April 1 <sup>st</sup> of current year.
Examination	Minimum 80% on annual registration exam.
Fitness	Successfully complete FIFA Futsal Provincial HI Test.
History	At least 1-year experience as an active Futsal 4 Referee.
Assessment	Complete a Provincial assessment at or above competency.





## Futsal Match Officials Age Requirements

Futsal Match Officials 18 years of age or under, can only officiate age groups up to two (2) years younger than their current age.

For example, a 15-year-old Futsal Referee can officiate games up to U13, a 16-year-old Futsal Referee can officiate games up to U14.

## Futsal Registration Exam

If the required standard for current grade on the yearly exam is not achieved and all other requirements for the new grade are met, a Match Official will be re-graded as follows:

Evaluation mark	New Grade
79% and below	Futsal 1
80% and over	Futsal 2 – 4

If the required standard for current grade on the annual Registration Exam is not met, a Futsal Match Official may request **ONE** retake by emailing Luis Paredes at [lparedes@ontariosoccer.net](mailto:lparedes@ontariosoccer.net). Each case will be reviewed by the Ontario Soccer Match Officials Development Program individually.

## Downgrading Process

If a Futsal Match Official fails to complete the requirements of their grade outlined in the Grading Protocol, Ontario Soccer will downgrade that Futsal Match Official to a Futsal 1 or a Futsal 2 for the season based on the situation.

If a Futsal Match Official does not remain active for more than two seasons, they will be required to complete the Futsal Entry Level Course and will be graded at a Futsal 1.

If a Futsal Match Official wishes to downgrade, they must first contact their District Referee Coordinator. The DRC will first verify the request of the Futsal Match Official to Ontario Soccer. The Futsal Match Official will then have to complete an online form, which will be reviewed by the Ontario Soccer office. The downgrade will be finalized once it is approved by Ontario Soccer.


## Reinstatement

If a Futsal 2 Match Official wishes to reinstate their previous grade, they must meet the fitness and registration exam requirements.

For Futsal 3 and Futsal 4 Match Officials not only will they have to meet the fitness and registration requirements, a reinstatement assessment at or above competency must be successfully completed by October 31<sup>st</sup>.



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