

# NORTH ALABAMA *FUTSAL* LEAGUE

## CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

### SECTION A – NAME & COLORS

The name of this league shall be “North Alabama Futsal League” but also may be referred to as “North Alabama *FUTSAL* and “N.A. *FUTSAL*”. The league will also be referred to in this document often simply as “the League”.

The official colors of North Alabama *FUTSAL* shall be pale light blue, medium blue, and cranberry red. The League logo exists in three forms.

Full Logo:



Ribbon Logo:



Thumbnail Logo:



### SECTION B – OBJECTIVES

1. To teach, organize, regulate, advance and promote the game of futsal through a safe, fun and competent program.
2. To host seasons of games and tournaments
3. To conduct player camps, coach clinics, and referee clinics to increase the understanding of the game of futsal
4. To encourage the development of the ideals of sportsmanship and fair play.
5. To allow the opportunity for participation in this League at any level.
6. To support the physical, mental and emotional development of the youth players in this League.
7. To establish futsal as a separate sport in its own right in North Alabama.

### SECTION C - AFFILIATION & LEAGUE DEFINITION

1. North Alabama *FUTSAL* is a member of the United States Futsal Federation (USFF), which is an “Other Affiliated Member” of the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), which, in turn, is an affiliate of the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA). North Alabama *FUTSAL* and the games it sponsors are governed by the USFF and must conduct itself within the guidelines of the USFF and its affiliations.

2. North Alabama *FUTSAL* shall be a sport league which is defined primarily as an organized group of three (3) or more teams joined together for the purpose of inter-team play under a common set of administrative and competition rules. Additionally, the League is a coaching entity to teach the rules and how best to play futsal. North Alabama *FUTSAL* exists to host seasons, tournaments, camps, clinics and more.

## SECTION D – TERRITORY

North Alabama *FUTSAL* shall provide services to cities of North Alabama, including but not limited to Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, Tusculumbia, Rogersville, Athens, Decatur, Hartselle, Cullman, Arab, Huntsville, Madison, Monrovia, Meridianville, Owens Crossroads, Scottsboro, Stevenson, Bridgeport, and cities in between.

## SECTION E – PARTICIPATION

Application for participation in this League must be accompanied by:

1. A roster of players which includes the required pertinent data and the names of any coaches of that team, and must be provided to the registrar of the League on or before the first scheduled play date.
2. The appropriate fees as stipulated by the League and must be paid before the person(s) will be allowed to participate in practice and/or playing in games. Exceptions to this will only exist in promotional events to attract more participation.
3. The completion of the required registration form(s), fees and proof of age. Any person, or persons, who have not fulfilled all registration requirements will not be allowed to participate until all requirements are fulfilled and in possession of the League Registrar.
4. A completed and signed "Kid Safe" form or any other form required by North Alabama *FUTSAL*, for all coaches, assistant coaches and trainers (basically those who will be responsible for and/or left in the presence of youth players) which will be provided to the League for a background check. If a team has only one (1) coach who has not completed and submitted the required background check, that team will not be allowed to play and games will be forfeited.
5. Teams and/or coaches accepted as a participant of the League shall be furnished a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of this League. This shall be deemed sufficient notice of their responsibilities and liabilities.

***Failure to comply with the Constitution and By-Laws of this League shall lead to the revocation of that individual or teams' participation in the League.***

## SECTION F - OFFICERS

1. The Officers of the League shall consist of the following:
  - A. President – oversees league activities, presides over board meetings, liaison w/USFF, sales to sponsors and public relations (charitable fundraising; scholarships (to futsal camps))
  - B. Director of Programs – designs programs offered by the league. Promotes and schedules seasons, tournaments, clinics, camps, etc. This officer is 2nd in command.
  - C. Director of Education – trains futsal referees; conducts coach futsal rules clinics. This officer is 3rd in command.
  - D. Director of Coaching – defines coaching methods, leads same and monitors coaches in coaching futsal. Recruits youth soccer coaches and their players to play futsal. This officer is 4<sup>th</sup> in command.
  - E. Director of Marketing – promotes the league. Prepares flyers, makes announcements on social media, posts signs around sports parks, possibly designs artwork for t-shirts, writes newsletters and prepares the simple paper program handouts each season. This officer is 5th in command.
  - F. Secretary/Treasurer – keeps meeting minutes; keeps finance accounting records; pays bills; prepares tax forms.
  - G. Registrar – oversees registration of players, coaches, teams and referees.
  - H. Manager of Assets – similar to a quartermaster or a sgt of arms; responsible for tracking assets, equipment transportation, setup and teardown, and storage; rents facilities.
  - I. Webmaster
  - J. Photographer

2. The Officers of the League shall constitute the Executive Board. Each officer, except for the president, shall be awarded one vote on matters of business. The president shall not vote unless a board member is absent from the vote and there is a deadlocked vote from the board members present.

## SECTION G - EXECUTIVE BOARD DUTIES

The Executive Board shall:

1. Transact all business of the League either directly or by delegation of its authority to a person or persons as the need arises.
2. Have the power to enforce the "Laws of the Game" (FIFA), the Constitution and By-Laws of this League, and Rules of North Alabama *FUTSAL*, USFF, and USSF.

3. Have the power to handle and settle all disputes or complaints from league participants.
4. Establish registration fees and any other fees or fines found necessary for the operation of this League.
5. Pass upon and approve all bills against the League.
6. Impose sanctions or penalties upon any participant, team, coach, or assistant coach for violation or breach of the Rules of the League.
7. Have absolute power to schedule or reschedule games at any and all times.
8. Fill vacancies as may arise on the Executive Board.
9. Within USFF limitations, investigate and correct or demand corrections to unfavorable conditions which may develop within this League.
10. Do anything and everything it may deem necessary to promote and enforce the purpose for which this League was organized.
11. Make no promises, financial or other, or enter into binding contracts in the League's name, without the approval of the Executive Board, except as otherwise noted herein.
12. Not accept gifts for their own personal use except those from their own team(s) or sponsors.
13. In the course of handling its business, the Executive Board will meet semi-annually unless notified by the President.
  - a. All meetings shall be for Executive Board members only.
  - b. Guests may be permitted to attend and/or speak only with the permission of the Executive Board.
  - c. A simple majority of the board members present shall decide all questions arising at any meeting and will be binding upon all teams in this League except otherwise provided.
  - d. A quorum is necessary for any changes to the Constitution, By-Laws or Rules.
  - e. A quorum shall exist when 2/3 of the board members are present
  - e. Meetings will follow "Robert's Rules of Order" to the best of their ability.
14. Be responsible to handle anything not heretofore mentioned.

## **SECTION H - EXECUTIVE BOARD DECISIONS**

The Executive Board may suspend any participant, team, coach, assistant coach, or player and shall have the power to expel any participant, team, coach, assistant coach or player from this League in any of the following events:

1. If such a participant fails, refuses, or neglects to fulfill their obligation as a participant, or violates any of the provisions of the Constitution or By-Laws of this League or Rules of North Alabama *FUTSAL*, USFF, USSF, or FIFA
2. If such a participant fails, refuses or neglects to fulfill any of the League's agreements or other obligations.
3. If such participants shall commit any action which contravene or are inconsistent with the principles or standards of good sportsmanship or the purpose of this League.

## **SECTION I - REMOVAL OF OFFICERS FROM OFFICE**

1. Any officer who is absent, without excusable cause, three (3) consecutive scheduled Executive Board meetings or, for any reason, a total of five (5) Executive Board meetings, shall forfeit, without additional formality, their rights to hold their respective office for the un-expired term.
2. A 3/4 vote of the Executive Board is required to remove an officer from duty.

## **SECTION J – GENERAL**

1. The Constitution and By-Laws can be amended or repealed at any meeting of the League by a 2/3 majority vote of the Executive Board. All amendments, proposals or motions that carry must be presented in writing to all coaches at the pre-season meeting.
2. In an emergency, and for the good of Futsal, any rules may be suspended or edited by 2/3 vote of the Executive Board.
3. Should a situation arise that is not covered in the League's Constitution or By-Laws, then the League may refer to USFF, USSF, or FIFA for a ruling.

4. This Constitution and By-Laws shall be ratified and immediately considered to be in effect upon approval of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the board.

#### **SECTION K – DISSOLUTION**

This League was founded on a trial basis for a single year starting on August 1, 2013. At the end of one year a choice was to be made to (1) continue the League with or without modifications, (2) discontinue the League, or (3) sell the League and its assets to another organization. It was chosen to continue the League with minor modifications.

#### **SECTION L – RULES**

League rules shall be kept in separate documents readily accessible by players, coaches, managers and other interested parties.