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UAE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL CIRCULAR FOR COMPETITIONS 2025/2026 SPORT SEASON

(FUTSAL, BEACH SOCCER, WOMEN'S FOOTBALL)



First: Competitions Rules and Conditions

1. Competitions Format, Match Starting List and Substitutions

No.	Competition	Format	Match Starting List				Number of Substitutions	
			Starters	substitute	Residents & Foreigners		Number	Opportunities
					Number	Limit during Match		
1	Futsal	As stated in annex (1)	5	9	3	2	Open	
2	Beach Soccer		5	9	Open for residents without foreigners		Open	
3	Women Football		11	7	Open		5	3

2. In the event that Residents and Foreigners are not registered on the match list, the club is entitled to complete the list with citizens, Sons of UAE Women, Passport Holders and Born in UAE, in all competitions.

3. For each match in futsal or women football, three points shall be awarded for the win, one point for the draw and zero points for the loss.

4. For each match in beach soccer, three points shall be awarded for the win in normal time, two points shall be awarded for the win in extra time and one point shall be awarded for the win in penalty kicks.

5. If two (2) or more clubs are equal in number of points, their position in the table shall be determined according to article (21) of Competitions Regulations (for women football and futsal).

6. Substitutions made during the halftime break in women football do not count towards the three opportunities for substitutions indicated in the table.

7. Cup Competitions

7.1 UAE Cup

7.1.1 The competition is mandatory for participating teams.

7.1.2 The competition format shall be as per annex (1).

7.2 The above table shall apply to the match starting list.

7.3 Substitutions made during the halftime break in women football do not count towards the three substitution opportunities indicated in the table.

8. Minimum Number of Players to Start the Match

8.1 The Match may not be started with less than the number mentioned in the below table.

8.2 The number of players in the team may not decrease during the match below the number mentioned in the below table.

8.3 If, during the match, the number of players decreased below the number mentioned in the below table, the referee must give the club 15 minutes to complete the number of players. If the number is not completed, the referee must end the match.

No.	Competition	Minimum Number of Match Starters	Decrease in Number of Players during the Match
1	futsal		3
2	Beach Soccer		3
3	Women Football		7

8.4 If a decision is taken from Disciplinary Committee on considering one of the competing clubs in futsal or beach soccer as to have lost the match, such a club



shall be considered to have lost the match with a 0-7 score, unless the actual score is greater.

Second: Duration of Match

No.	Competition	Duration of Match	Number of Periods	breaks
1	Futsal	40 (actual play)	2	15
2	Beach Soccer	36	3	3
3	Women Football	90	2	15

Third: Participations of Players

No.	Competition	Citizens, Sons of UAE Women, Passport Holders, Born in UAE, Residents and Foreigners
1	Futsal league	All players registered in the club lists at UAE FA, provided they have completed 16 years (for citizens, passport holders and born in UAE) or 18 years (for foreigners and residents), at the time of participation.
2	Beach Soccer League	
3	Women Football League	All players registered in the club lists at UAE FA, provided they have completed 16 years, of age at the time of participation (for Citizens) or 18 years of age (for foreigners and residents).
4	UAE Cup	As outlined in Competitions Rules and Conditions

1. A goalkeeper from any category may take part in any competition.
2. If the goalkeeper is sent off or leaves the field of play due to an injury and all substitutions have been exhausted, the club is allowed to field any outfield player from the registered match list as a substitute goalkeeper.
3. If a club participates with two teams (A, B), players registered in team (A) competitions are not allowed to participate in team (B) competitions and vice versa. If this rule is violated, the violation shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee and the offending club is considered to have lost the match with a 0-3 score (for women football) and a 0-7 score (for futsal and beach soccer). In addition, a fine of AED 10,000 will be imposed on the club.

Fourth: Match Organization

1. The host club is responsible for providing ambulance, security, ball kids and flag bearers for each match played in its venue, as well as the kids who escort the players to the field of play.
2. The coordinator and ball kids should be present two hours before kickoff.
3. The ball kids and flag bearers should wear a uniform that is different from the players' and referees' attires.
4. The required numbers during the match are as follows:



No.	Competition	Ambulance	Security (police – Private)	Ball Kids & Flag Bearers	Laborer
1	Futsal	1	4	4	2
2	Beach Soccer	1	4	4	2
3	Women Football	1	4	4	2

Fifth: Pitch Dimensions

- The matches of UAE FA competition shall be played in pitches with the following dimensions:

No.	Competition	Field of play		Goal		Ball size	Offside
		Length	Width	Height	Width		
1	Futsal	38-42	20-25	2	3	4	Not apply
2	Beach Soccer	35-37	26-28	2.5	5.5	4	
3	Women Football	100-110	64-75	2.44	7.32	5	Apply

- Suitable rooms shall be provided for participating teams and match officials, closer to the field of play.
- The goal shall be fixed, not movable (in women football and beach soccer).

Sixth: Members of Technical, Administrative and Medical Staff Allowed to sit in Substitutes Bench

- The following numbers of members are allowed to sit on the substitutes bench, provided they are registered on the match list.

Competition		Futsal	Beach Soccer	Women Football
Numbers		6	5	7
Mandatory Designations	Technical	Technical Manager, Coach, Assistant Coach or Goalkeeper Coach		
	administrative	Administrator, Manager, or Supervisor		
	Medical	Doctor, physiotherapist, paramedic or nurse		

Seventh: Awards

- At the end of the season, the club that finishes in first place shall be crowned champion. The following awards are granted:

No.	Competition	Awards		
		Trophy	Golden Medal	Prize Money
1	Futsal	1	30	Decided by Board of Directors
2	Beach Soccer	1	30	
3	Women Football	1	35	



2. For cup competitions (UAE Cup + Super Cup), the number of medals mentioned in the table above will be awarded to the champion and runners-up, along with a trophy for the champion.

Eighth: General Provisions

1. The Department may change the competition format if a club withdraws prior to commencement of the competition.
2. The Department may reschedule the matches if a club withdraws after the commencement of the competition.
3. No club may request to be transferred from a group or object to the distribution of participating clubs.
4. The provisions of Competitions Regulations and other relevant UAE FA regulations shall apply to any matters not provided in this circular.
5. The Department may change the match schedule, if it approves the participation of a club or more.
6. All violations shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee or Quality Control Officer, as the case may be.



[Annex \(1\)](#)

[Competitions Format](#)

[Futsal, Beach Soccer and Women Football](#)