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Future of Futsal in South Australia

Futsal has been identified by Football Federation Australia (FFA) and Football Federation SA (FFSA) as a priority for the development of players and a major contributor to the future participation growth in Football nationally and within the state of South Australia.

Futsal is a product that can cater for players wishing to develop their skills and players who wish to compete at a high level or recreational level within the State.

Futsal

- ***Futsal provides boys and girls with an important opportunity to develop technical skills***
- ***Futsal must be a key component of any player development pathway, particularly, at the introductory program level***
- ***In the long term Australian Football will develop a separate pathway for talented FUTSAL players which allows them to focus on this format of the game and compete at the highest level***

Reference – Whole of Football Plan

In the past 18 months FFSA has undertaken a number of developmental Futsal Programs that have seen;

- The introduction of a Futsal competition at the recently renovated Parks Community Centre
- The establishment of Under 12 and Under 14 academies in the north, south, east and west
- The hosting of coaching courses involving the National Futsal Coach
- Gala days at the Ingle Farm Recreation Centre and
- Primary School introductory programs scattered throughout the state

Opportunities that exist for the future expansion of Futsal in South Australia are substantial. Participation growth using Futsal as a catalyst is at the forefront of our planning.

Futsal will be a key component of the growth in social football. Futsal's small sided and dynamic nature makes it a perfect match to Australia's increasingly urbanised cities. The formats flexibility also means it can be efficiently delivered to Australia's more remote areas. Quote - Whole of Football Plan

The Future of State Futsal Representative Teams

Football Federation SA is pleased to confirm that state representative teams participating in the National Futsal Championships in NSW in January 2016 and beyond will be administered and managed by the FFSA.

The highly respected FFSA Game Development Officer, Cristiano Dos Santos will be appointed the State Futsal Director of Coaching and will select, mentor and guide all Futsal Coaches in the lead up to and at National Championships

Affiliation of Futsal Providers

FFSA is committed to participation growth and offering all players with the same opportunity to represent South Australia at National Championships. To ensure that participation numbers increase and those players have the opportunity to be selected for state representative teams, the FFSA will offer affiliation to all Futsal competition providers operating in South Australia. An affiliation fee of \$25 per player will be set and offered to all competition administrators for Futsal in the State. Players will need to register through the National Data Base www.myfootballclub.com.au. The fee will cover the National Registration Fee, offer Player Insurance and affiliation to the FFSA. Only players who are registered with the FFSA will be eligible for state selection as is the case with the outdoor game.

There is no doubt that Futsal SA have been the pioneer of the game in the State and the FFSA is pleased that Futsal SA will continue to run competitions in their zone and offer participant opportunities.

FFSA acknowledges the work Futsal SA has undertaken in the development of Futsal in South Australia and we thank Arthur DiFede, Tony LaScala and the committee for their commitment to Futsal.

For further information please do not hesitate to contact Michael Carter (CEO Football Federation SA, Cristiano Dos Santos (State Futsal Director of Coaching) or John Mundy (Game Development Manager) for further information on (08) 8340 3088.