



Team Naming Policy

Melbourne University Futsal Club

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1. Objectives

- 1.1. The objectives of this policy are to:
 - 1.1.1. encourage team names that contribute to a fun, social and welcoming competition environment, including creative football or futsal puns;
- 1.2. set clear expectations that all team names must remain appropriate, respectful and non-offensive.

2. Scope

- 2.1. This policy applies to:
 - 2.1.1. all teams entering or participating in any Melbourne University Futsal Club social futsal competition;
 - 2.1.2. all team names submitted during registration, scheduling, promotion or administration of the competition; and
 - 2.1.3. all players, team organisers and officials involved in submitting, approving or displaying team name.

3. Authority

- 3.1. This policy is made under the Melbourne University Futsal Club Constitution and supports compliance with the:
- 3.2. The University of Melbourne's
 - 3.2.1. [Student Conduct Policy](#) (MPF1324)
 - 3.2.2. [Sexual Misconduct and Gender-based Violence Prevention and Response Policy](#) (MPF1359)
 - 3.2.3. [Freedom of Speech Policy](#) (MPF1342)
 - 3.2.4. [Branding Policy](#) (MPF1193)
 - 3.2.5. Football Victoria's [Inclusion Charter](#)
- 3.3. Football Federation Australia's [Inclusivity Principles for Club Identity](#)

4. Policy

- 4.1. The Melbourne University Futsal Club encourages team names that contribute to a fun, social and welcoming competition environment, including creative football or futsal puns and light-hearted names.
- 4.2. Team names are encouraged to celebrate multiculturalism and diversity and help support the club purposes to welcome people from all cultural backgrounds.
- 4.3. Team names must remain appropriate for a university-affiliated social sporting competition and must not be offensive, discriminatory, intimidating, sexually explicit, defamatory, or otherwise inconsistent with the values of respect, inclusion and community participation.
- 4.4. The Competition Director reserves the right to refuse, remove, or require the change of any team name that does not meet the requirements of this policy.
- 4.5. Where a team does not provide an acceptable alternative within a reasonable timeframe, the Competition Director may determine an appropriate replacement name for competition administration purposes.
- 4.6. The Club will not consider any appeals on the basis of a determination of requiring a team name to change.

5. Procedural principles

- 5.1. Team names should be reviewed at the time of registration or as soon as practicable after submission to ensure they are consistent with this policy.
- 5.2. Where the Competition Director considers that a team name may not meet this policy, the team captain should be notified and asked to provide an alternative name within a reasonable timeframe.
- 5.3. The Competition Director may determine that a team name must be changed immediately where necessary to prevent the display or use of a name that is inappropriate, offensive, or inconsistent with the values of the competition.

- 5.4. If a team does not provide an acceptable alternative name within the required timeframe, the Competition Director may assign a replacement name for competition administration purposes.
- 5.5. Decisions made under this policy should be applied reasonably, consistently, and with regard to the social, inclusive and community-focused purpose of the competition.

6. Roles and Responsibilities

<i>Role/Decision/Action</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>
Reviews submitted team names, determines whether they meet the requirements of this policy, and may require a team name to be changed before or during the competition. May assign a replacement name where a team does not provide an acceptable alternative within the required timeframe.	Competition Director
Submits a team name that complies with this policy and responds promptly to any request from the Competition Director to change or replace a team name.	Team Captain

7. Definitions

Appropriate means suitable for a general university-affiliated and community sporting environment, and not likely to cause offence, intimidation or harm.

Competition Director means the person appointed by the Club to administer the social futsal competition and oversee operational decisions, including the review and approval of team names.

Offensive means a team name that is abusive, discriminatory, harassing, vilifying, sexually explicit, defamatory, or otherwise likely to offend, intimidate or demean a person or group.

Team Name means the name used by a team in registration, fixtures, ladders, results, communications, promotional materials and other competition records relating to the social futsal competition.

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